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Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday.
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VICTORY
Which side will win the bloody battle being waged in the Libyan desert? The answer will influence the course of the war in Europe. Watch for it in the NEWS-REVIEW.

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SLAUGHTER SLOWS LIBYAN DESERT BATTLE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE are three interesting straws in the news winds of today: (Saturday.)
1. The British are seriously threatening to smash the Germans in Africa. (It is obvious that the Italians there are a negligible quantity.)
2. Petain is going to Paris to meet a "high German personage" —presumably Hitler.
3. Hitler is driving HARDER THAN EVER at Moscow.

Congress Offered Free Hand By Roosevelt in Legislation To Crack Down on Strikes

Twofold Plan Favored At Conference

Cooling off Period, Then Forced Arbitration if Necessary May Be Policy
(Congressional advocates of legal machinery to curb strikes in defense industries were encouraged today by word that President Roosevelt looked favorably upon a statutory cooling off period followed, if necessary, by compulsory arbitration.)
Eleven house members, including speaker Rayburn, majority leader McCormack and minority leader Martin discussed with Mr. Roosevelt and two members of his cabinet last night the possible legal steps which might be taken to prevent work stoppages in plants producing vital defense goods.

Cupid Leaps Barrier of 45 Years



As thrilled as any young bride, Mrs. Raymond Vann (Miss Lou Wilkins, 70-year-old missionary worker and writer of religious pamphlets, smiles tremulously following her marriage to 25-year-old Raymond Vann, Baptist evangelist and graduate of the University of Oklahoma, following their marriage at Fort Worth, Tex. The ceremony culminated a ten-month friendship "of prayer and scripture reading."

Dutch Guiana Move Heads Off Hitler

Dispatch of U. S. Troops Prompted by Pressure Of Germany on Vichy
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The dispatch of a protective force of United States troops to Dutch Guiana won much commendation in the senate today, and general disposition was to link the move with the critical status of Franco-American relations.
Several senators, speaking of the Dutch colony's rich bauxite mines, said that President Roosevelt obviously intended to forestall any threat to this vital supply source which furnishes more than 60 per cent of the bauxite ore required by this country's rapidly expanding aluminum industry.

Confesses Train Wrecking That Erased 24 Lives



Arrested during a spree last week at Susanville, Calif., Clarence Alexander, 24, above, railroad section hand, confessed that he wrecked the \$2,000,000 Southern Pacific streamliner near Harney, Nev., Aug. 12, 1939, killing 24 persons and injuring 108. Alexander told Sheriff O. S. Johnson that he wrecked the train, by removing a section of rail, to rob the passengers, but lost his nerve and fled upon hearing the screams of the victims in the wreckage. Authorities, at first skeptical of Alexander's confession, are now inclined to believe his story because it is said to check "to the smallest detail" with the physical evidence gathered.

British, Claiming Mastery of Air, Pour in More Men; Axis Rushing Additional Planes

Russians Score Heavily in Counter Blows to Regain Rostov Area While Continuing Stubborn Defense of Moscow; British Landing Party at France Repulsed
CAIRO, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The great tank battle which has been raging for three days on an undefined desert battlefield near Rezegh began to die down today as the forces of both sides were reduced by heavy casualties.
Infantry fighting in this region 10 miles southeast of Tobruk was intensified, however, as the British poured reinforcements into the battle against the Germans, who are being gradually cut off from their supplies by the swift British drive westward along the Mediterranean coast.

Nazis Sign Up 12 Countries In Pact Against Russians

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The anti-comintern pact sponsored by Germany was renewed for five years and broadened to include 13 signatories today in a festive ceremony at which Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop declared that the western democracies had become "assistants to world communism."
Concluding the ceremonies in the chancellery where the pact was hailed as a demonstration of continental solidarity against Moscow, London and Washington, Ribbentrop declared the signatories "will never rest" until the destruction of world communism.

Although the Germans were reported to be rushing additional planes to Libya, presumably from Europe, the RAF was declared to be maintaining superiority in the air.
An RAF communique said the British planes attacking axis tanks, trucks, encampments, stores and supply dumps, were especially successful on the road east of El Adem, a few miles southwest of Tobruk, where at least 12 tanks in a motorized column were hit.
As pictured by the British, German General Rommel's tank forces were badly crippled and there was no indication of fresh German troops being sent into action.

AXIS LEADERS DECLARE REVERSES DEALT BRITISH

By The Associated Press
As masses of British and axis tanks swirled in chaotic battle over the sands of north Africa today, Berlin and Rome issued synchronized reports of British reverses.
German military quarters asserted Britain's desert steamproller was "jammed" and that axis leadership had taken the initiative.
In Rome, the high command reported that Italian and German columns had wiped out two British armored brigades in two days and declared the axis was liquidating a large part of imperial forces caught in pockets.
The Italians also denied British claims to the capture of Bardia, 10 miles west of the Egyptian frontier, and the high command asserted that "nothing has been changed in the investment"
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Schoolboy Patrolman Killed by Auto's Blow

BELLINGHAM, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Robert Macatee, 14, a schoolboy patrolman, was fatally injured yesterday, when struck by an automobile near Lake Padden, south of Bellingham on the Lake Samish highway.
Macatee, a student at Whatcom junior high school here, was returning home with other students in a school bus and got out of the bus at an intersection to flag down traffic when he was struck by an incoming automobile driven by Franc J. Lowery, business agent for the Bellingham Meatscutters union. Lowery was not held.
Also seriously injured last night was Ed Gooch, city engineer, who was hit by an automobile while he was crossing a street.
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Motorists Given Warning on Spaces Fixed for Parking

A warning to motorists that failure to observe the parking spaces marked on streets in which parking time is limited constitutes a violation of city regulations was issued today by Wm. Moar, chief of police.
Officer Moar reports that many motorists are failing to observe the lines placed to designate parking spaces, and are leaving their vehicles in such a position that they occupy portions of two such spaces.
Each parking site, Mr. Moar states, is measured so that there will be room for parking the average vehicle and if cars are improperly placed in such spaces the available parking room on the street will be conserved and at the same time drivers will have no difficulty in getting their cars in and out of the spaces provided for them.
The police department now is working to secure compliance with the city's parking restrictions and arrests are being made regularly for violations. Warning also has been given that violators will no longer be permitted to escape with a mere warning but that fines will be collected.

Brockway Man Jailed For Drunken Driving

Harlan D. Parker, 21, Brockway, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in jail today, when he pleaded guilty before City Recorder A. J. Geddes to a charge of drunken driving. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revoked for a period of one year. A fine of \$15 was imposed in city court also on Harvey D. Vallier of Roseburg, who pleaded guilty to a charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct. He lacked money to pay the fine and was committed to jail.

Mrs. Voyt Wins Verdict For Loss of Valuables

SALEM, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Natalie Allien Voyt of Roseburg won a \$4,184.50 judgment today against Bekins Moving and Storage company for loss of several hundred pieces of priceless sterling silver, when the state supreme court upheld circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker in a 4-to-2 decision.
Among the items lost were a snuff box presented to an ancestor by George Washington, and a pearl brooch presented to her grandmother by Princess Eugenie of France when the grandmother was presented to court.
Mrs. Voyt stored the silver in a vault at the Bekins company and the silver was stolen. The company contended its liability was limited to \$250 by a warehouse receipt, while Mrs. Voyt sued for \$7,946.
The opinion by Justice Brand upheld the \$4,184.50 verdict granted in Multnomah circuit court, while Justices Hand and Rossman dissented.

War Machine Of Britain Scored by Admiral Keyes

LONDON, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Admiral of the fleet Sir Roger Keyes, World War hero who recently was relieved of command of the "commando" shock and invasion troops which he had trained, bitterly criticized today "the negative power which controls the war machine in Whitehall."
Making his attack in the house of commons, Sir Roger, who had been called from retirement to train the strategic shock troops, declared that if his men had been allowed to act a year ago they "might have electrified the world and altered the whole course of the war."
The commands, he said, "were ready and eager to act a year ago and the prime minister was as keen as I was to act vigorously and face hazards to achieve results."
During his 15 months of experience as director of the commandos, Sir Roger said, he was "frustrated in every worthwhile offensive action" he "tried to undertake."
"Unfortunately," he said, "the prime minister was handicapped not only by the same kind of machinery that Whitehall enforced in the last war, but now with an apparently even greater force, a constitutional power."
"Until the staff system is thoroughly overhauled," he said, "we shall always be too late in everything we undertake."

Continuance of Winter Program of Umpqua Forest Assured by Increase in South Umpqua Falls CCC Personnel

The personnel at the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp was brought to 150 Sunday by the arrival of 102 men from Louisiana, V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest reported today. The men are experienced in CCC work, having previously been employed in camps in southern states.
As the South Umpqua Falls camp is the only company remaining in this area, the forest service is greatly pleased by the increase in strength, which will permit continuance of the winter work program, Mr. Harpham reports.
The men will be used in reconstructing about four miles of the forest service Roseburg-Glide telephone line, which will be moved to a new location bordering the newly graded Dixonville section of the North Umpqua road. A side camp will be established either at Roseburg or Wolf creek.

Engineer, Fireman Die In Collision of Trains

OMAHA, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Two trainmen were killed and three injured in a freight train collision at Edison, Wyo., last night, the Union Pacific railroad announced today.
Officials said a westbound freight hit another westbound train in the middle as it was pulling out of a switch onto the main line. Twenty-one cars and their contents were destroyed by fire.
Killed were Walter W. Martin of Laramie, engineer on the main line train, and Lewis H. Haberland, Laramie, fireman on the same train.

President First Yule Seal Buyer



First purchaser of this year's National Tuberculosis association's Christmas seals, President Roosevelt gets his supply from Stevan Dehanes, artist who created the design. Income from the national campaign goes toward the nationwide fight against tuberculosis. The annual drive in Roseburg and Douglas county generally began today.

Delivery Truck Owned By Model Bakery Stolen

Theft of a panel delivery truck belonging to the Model bakery was reported to local police this morning. The truck was stolen from the parking area adjoining the bakery building, and is believed by the officers to have been stolen by youths for a joy ride. As the truck is too easily identified to be driven far, officers anticipate that it will be found abandoned in or near the city.

J. N. Bishop of Oregon Highway Dept. Dies

SALEM, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Jasper N. Bishop, 52, chief maintenance engineer for the Oregon highway department, died at a hospital here last night of a heart ailment.
He had been with the highway department for a quarter of a century. A widow survives.

Annual Meeting of Pomona Grange Of Douglas Set Here for Saturday; Program Lists Important Subjects

Douglas county Pomona grange will hold its regular meeting at the I. O. O. F. hall in Roseburg Saturday, starting at 10 a. m. Fred A. Goff, county deputy, reports that the business sessions will be particularly important, as, in addition to the regular work of the grange, there will be consideration of plans for a seed cleaning plant, reports from the meeting of grange masters held at Riversdale, Nov. 5, and the committee on the grange visitation schedule; consideration of a plan to change Pomona meetings from daytime to evening sessions; discussion of the proposal to conserve myrtlewood by protecting it from commercial uses, and discussion of plans for a definite agricultural program for the year of 1942.
There will be a basket dinner at noon, with members furnishing their own lunches and providing dishes. A lecturer's program will start at 2 p. m.
Mr. Goff also reports that plans have been completed for joint installation of officers of the granges of the county. These installations will be conducted by Mrs. Goff and her team. Officers of Evergreen, Camas Valley, Rescue and South Deer Creek granges will be installed at a meeting at Evergreen grange hall at 8 p. m. Monday, December 1. Officers of Azalea, Myrtle Creek and Riddle granges will be installed at a meeting at Azalea, December 6. Riversdale, Melrose, Glide, Nonpariel, Sutherland, Kellogg, Sunnydale and Fred Weatherly granges will unite December 11 for installation of officers at a ceremony at Riversdale grange hall.
Another important grange meeting scheduled for next month will be the annual conference with state officers here on the 16th, Mr. Goff reports.

CHURCHILL DISAPPOINTS PREMIER OF BURMA

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—(AP)—U. S. Saw, premier of Burma, said today his recent visits with Winston Churchill in London had been a great disappointment because his little country was denied dominion status.
"Mr. Churchill's reply was that we could hardly take care of ourselves in a millitary way against German and Japanese aggression," U. S. Saw told interviewers.
"I pointed out that if a military inadequacy was a justification for denial of self-government then, certainly, Canada and Australia —yes, England, herself—were unfit for self-rule. Obviously, without United States and Russian aid they could hardly stand up to the nazis."