

### U. S. Tanks Held Supreme; Plane Output Leading

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 11.—(AP)—Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said here today that the nation's tank production had reached "an impressive figure," and that the nation turned out more war planes last month than Germany, Japan and Italy combined. Patterson added that tank production would be doubled in December and "we are putting our best efforts into bringing out new planes of designs far superior to any that we have now."

Praising the type of men in the armed forces, their training, equipment and leadership, the under secretary declared the Japanese "already know that they counted on Americans being soft, selfish and easy-going."

"Our soldiers can take it and they can hand it out," he added. "They are men resolved to win this war."

Patterson said that in speed, range, toughness of armor and hitting power, the U. S. medium tank "is superior to the best German tank" as "proved in combat in Egypt."

Combat records also, he declared, have proved the Curtiss P-40 Hawks better than the Japanese zero plane. Performances of American heavy bombers were "impressive" on all battle fronts, the under secretary said, and in pursuit ships, the Republic P-47 is superior in the air.

#### Riddle

RIDDLE, Sept. 10.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Inlay and daughter, Kathleen, of Reedville, Ore., visited over Labor day with Mrs. Inlay's mother, Mrs. I. A. Dean. E. P. Meagher who has been attending to business matters at Ventura, Cal., the past week returned home Sunday. He was accompanied by his nephew, Bill Moore of Bakersfield, who will visit at the Meagher home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stacks of Eugene were calling on old acquaintances here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stacks formerly resided here when he was proprietor of the local drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Green of Canyonville were business visitors here Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nichols motored to the coast Sunday where they visited with their daughter, Mrs. Carl Fisher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Ledgerwood and son, Grant, were guests at the G. L. Grant home Labor day.

Ernest Riddle, who has been in Mercy hospital at Roseburg the past two months recuperating from a broken hip was able to return to his home here Friday. His condition is improving.

Mrs. Grace Becker returned to her home here Saturday after visiting friends at Grants Pass the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cripps and sons, Kippy and Gary, and Alvin Walker, of Klamath Falls, spent the Labor day holiday here visiting relatives.

Carl Faulkner and a party of workers from Roseburg conducted service at the Baptist church here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt and son, Ronald, of Sacramento, Mrs. Clyde Sackett and son, Douglas, of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Ivy Sackett of Astoria visited at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Crow Thursday of last week.

Miss Covie Robbins who is employed at Medford spent last week end here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Robins.

Edward Hart has been spending the past week at Vancouver, B. C., visiting with his sister and Burrell Ball.

Mrs. Elmer Starnes and son, Ned, of Ashland are visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie Parsley in Missouri Bottom.

Mrs. E. P. Blundell motored to Roseburg last Thursday and visited at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earl Agee. On her return home she was accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Bertha Beedle and her cousin, Mrs. Ida Choruzansk, who were visiting here from Dickinson, South Dakota. The eastern ladies left Monday for Tacoma to visit other relatives before returning home.

Mrs. Blanche Van Dellen of Cal., has been the guest of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Victor the past week.

Mrs. Bessie Harry and two children of Okanogan, Wash., are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nixon, on Council Creek.

Pat Becker of the United States navy, whose ship is being repaired at a navy yard is enjoying a fourteen day furlough here with his mother, Mrs. Grace Becker and with relatives at Gold Hill. Pat enlisted in the navy after graduation from the Riddle high school in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy of Compton, Cal., are spending several weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Nixon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sackett left for Portland Saturday to

### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

**CAMELS ARE CALLED "SHIPS OF THE DESERT."** YET THEY ARE AMONG THE FEW ANIMALS THAT CANNOT SWIM!

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### Bloody Toll Checking Nazis at Stalingrad

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ed more than 2,000 Germans were killed and 90 tanks burned out in a five-day battle to destroy axis bridgeheads in the Terek river valley.

In this deep Caucasian region, the Germans had advanced within less than 50 miles of the Grozny oil fields and more than half way down the land bridge to the middle east, but it was apparent that they were running into stiffened resistance.

In the northwest Caucasus, the Russians acknowledged the fall of the Black sea naval base at Novorossiisk, 70 miles below the Kerch strait, and indicated that the Red armies were withdrawing toward the port of Taupse, 75 miles farther down the coast.

Bitter fighting continued on the central (Moscow) front, where the Russians reported they were storming "the outskirts of a large inhabited locality"—presumably the key German base at Rzhev, 135 miles northwest of Moscow.

#### Nazis Threaten Revenge

In the western air war, Germany bitterly threatened reprisals for the RAF's devastating assault on Dusseldorf, asserting that the Luftwaffe would deliver counter-raids surpassing the Blitzkrieg on Britain in the winter of 1940-41.

"We shall not fail to give the answer to our enemy," a Nazi air force spokesman said in a broadcast, and declared that heavy German bombers would strike back "on an unprecedented scale."

Despite the German threats, the British said there was no sign of increased Nazi aerial activity overnight. Only a few enemy planes flew over the coast.

On the Egyptian front, British headquarters reported artillery battles on the southern sector of the 35-mile El Alamein line, 80 miles west of Alexandria, but said there was little ground fighting.

### Northwest Lumber Put On 48-Hour Weekly Basis

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ing has seriously reduced the common labor pool available to war industries on the Pacific coast," General Winsor said in an interview.

"The situation is decidedly serious and we are going to do everything in our power to see that from now on the labor supply is distributed equitably."

**Logs Not Always Available.**

Col. W. B. Greeley, general manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, said the lumber industry "very largely adopted the 48-hour week since the first of the year, but a considerable number of mills have not been able to work even a normal five-day week because they can not get logs."

Camps that have the men and mills that have the men and logs are already working six days a week, John M. Christensen, president of the Northwest Council of Lumber and Sawmill Workers (AFL) said.

One Seattle mill closed yesterday because the union could not furnish enough men, Christensen admitted, and another mill has been shut down several days for lack of logs.

"Skilled men have already gone out of the industry into the shipyards and other war work," he explained. "We now have to depend on the drifters from the midwest."

An Oregon-Washington management labor advisory committee will be set up, General Winsor said, to assist undermanned war industries to get workers from those which have too much manpower.

One management representative each from the shipyards, Boeing Aircraft Co, the lumber industry and agriculture will be on the committee. The AFL and CIO each will have two representatives. A subsidiary committee will be set up for Oregon alone.

**Union Heads Back Plan.**

In Portland, Oregon AFL and CIO leaders endorsed the 48-hour week for the lumber industry.

About 70 per cent of the industry still is on a 40-hour week, Worth Lowery, president of the CIO International Woodworkers of America district council, said. "The operators should have voluntarily adopted the 48-hour week months ago, but if even at this late date they immediately comply with the order it will go far toward building up sufficient log inventories," Lowery added.

Bert Slesman, secretary of the

### AFL district council, said his organization advocated the 48-hour week long ago and welcomes it.

### DRAFT BOARDS TO AID IN "FREEZING" LABOR

SALEM, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Oregon's local selective service boards will help enforce the war manpower commission's "freeze" of labor in the lumber, copper and other critical nonferrous metals industries by reclassifying men who leave such jobs, Col. Elmer V. Wootton, state director, announced today.

The boards have been instructed to advance from class II-A or II-B to I-A and from III-B to III-A any worker involved in the federal order if he leaves employment in the listed critical industries.

A worker in these industries, may, however, change jobs within such fields without jeopardizing his draft classification, Col. Wootton said.

### Andrew W. Fridlund, Local Student, Dies

Andrew William Fridlund, 14, son of Herman S. Fridlund of this city, died last evening at his home, following a long illness. He was born in Roseburg July 10, 1928, and was a former News-Review carrier boy. He was a star scout and member of Scout troop, No. 4, and a student of Roseburg junior high school.

Besides his father he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Petty Officer, Second Class Harman K. Fridlund, U. S. N., Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; Mrs. Viola Hastings, of Modesto, Calif., and Joseph F., James and Beatrice Fridlund, all of Roseburg, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Poirot, of Douglas, Wyo.

The body has been removed to the Douglas Funeral home and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

### Mop-Up of Madagascar Proceeding Steadily

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government radio station at Tananarive, the capital, were described by British listeners at Port Louis, on the island of Mauritius, as "curiously impartial and restrained."

Indignation was evident, however, in radio messages from both Vichy, where Pierre Laval said the United States shared equal responsibility "with the British, and Nazi-occupied Paris. Some axis collaborationists in France demanded blow-for-blow reprisals and Jacques Doriot's French popular party urged adoption of "an active policy in the Mediterranean."

Doriot's followers also called for immediate closing of U. S. consulates in both unoccupied France and her colonies.

### JAP DESTROYER OFF NEW GUINEA SET AFIRE

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Allied bombers, including a number of flying fortresses, slashed at Japanese supply lines on land and sea in the New Guinea war theater yesterday, setting one enemy destroyer afire and leaving her to sink as both sides reorganized their forces for a showdown battle on the road to Port Moresby.

The destroyer was observed sinking by the stern with life rafts and Japanese sailors in the water about her after the allied bombers finished their attack off Normanby island, a communications island, a communications island, a communications island said. The bombers also scored a "very near miss" on a second destroyer, which was believed to have been damaged.

Normanby island is north of Milne bay on the southeastern tip of New Guinea, where a Japanese invasion force was ambushed and destroyed recently. All of

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### allied planes returned safely from the mission.

For the second successive day, General MacArthur reported that "the enemy has made no further advances" in the Owen Stanley mountains 44 miles from Port Moresby, the vital allied base on the southern coast of New Guinea.

The positions of the opposing forces apparently remained the same as on the previous day when bitter fighting was reported south of Elogi, on the south slope of the mountains.

### Train-Auto Crash Sends Publisher to Hospital

KENNEWICK, Sept. 12.—(AP)—Ralph E. Reed, Kennewick, publisher, woke up yesterday in a hospital to learn his automobile had hit a railroad freight engine. Reed apparently went to sleep at the wheel of his car at 2 a. m. He suffered rib fractures and bruises, was unconscious a half hour and was unable to recall the accident.

### VITAL STATISTICS

**DIVORCE COMPLAINTS**

SMITH—Helen Smith vs. Barney Smith, married at Roseburg Sept. 1, 1938. Plaintiff charges desertion and asks \$50 a month support money for two minor children.

CLARK—Merritt L. Clark vs. Elsie E. Clark, married at Reno, Nev., Nov. 1, 1934. Desertion.

**Pickle Picking Pays**

PORTLAND, Ore.—Portland parsons' pickle picking's proving plenty profitable.

The Rev. Ernest Ralston and his three children, 8, 10 and 13, earned \$25 in one day picking cucumbers.

And the Rev. Harry Raley organized a whole group of his congregation to cash in on pickers' pay—the highest in years.

### Sportsmen Urged to Aid Fight for Steelhead Bill

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of wildlife in several western states by William L. Finley, nationally known conservationist, who, in a brief talk, stressed the urgent need of protection of natural resources. He scored the pollution of rivers by uncontrolled sewage and the increase of dams. The spring runs of chinook salmon, greatest of all our food fishes, he declared, were threatened with extinction, and steelheads lacked proper protection for unimpeded propagation.

He summed up the reason for lack of proper wildlife conservation by saying there was "too much politics and not enough business."

Impromptu speakers at the meeting were Representative Carl Hill and State Senator-Nominee Thomas Parkinson, with

### Harris Ellsworth presiding over the program. Hill advised a thorough campaign of education of the public to combat the propaganda against the steelhead bill, which, he declared, was necessary to halt the serious depletion of that fish by intensive commercial operations. Parkinson declared his adherence to the principle of the greatest good to the greatest number as against special privilege for any particular interest.

A Dutch lunch followed the business session, which saw the election of the following as new officers of the Rod and Gun club: Vernon Orr, president; Fred Kueck, secretary; Ivan Pickens, treasurer; J. L. Pounds, vice president; Roy Hebard, Charles V. Stanton, Earl Powell, Ray Carico and Roy Sullivan, directors for two years, to serve with an equal number of holdovers for one year.

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