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In The Day's News

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THE week's weirdest news: General MacArthur, from his headquarters in Australia, denies that he is or MIGHT BE a candidate for president—in 1944 or later.

HE says: "I have noted the statement quoted in morning papers from the Christian Science Monitor's Washington correspondent that 'political Washington was largely responsible for two separate commands in the Pacific, partly because of the conservative opposition which launched the MacArthur-for-President campaign.'"

HE then adds: "I started as a soldier and I shall finish as one. The only hope and ambition I have in the world is for victory for our cause in the war. If I survive the campaign, I shall return to that retirement from which this great struggle called me."

THIS question immediately arises: Why does General MacArthur find it necessary to make such a statement?

This answer occurs: HE DESPERATELY needs help in the face of SUPERIOR enemy forces. In order to GET IT, he feels that it is necessary (or at least advisable) for him to REMOVE HIMSELF as a possible contender for high political office.

IT is hard to believe. But that is what it sounds like.

MEANWHILE this ominous paragraph appears in the Pacific war dispatches: "Superior numbers of enemy ships, planes and men were reported to be mobilizing at the approaches to American bases in the New Hebrides and the Fiji Islands, whence they could strike at allied communication lines to Australia."

ALSO ominous: With superior Japanese forces menacing our life lines in the Pacific, another tempest breaks in Washington over farm prices and parities. What will such things as

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Roseburg Indians End Clean Sweep of League Bill by Downing Cottage Grove

The Roseburg high school Indians walloped Cottage Grove 26 to 0 at Finlay field last night to complete their season's conference schedule without a defeat and thus take first place in the Tri-County league. Roseburg's claim to championship can be contested only by Lebanon, which trounced Sweet Home, 19 to 0, last night, thus remaining undefeated in a schedule much lighter than that played by the Indians. Last night's victory was Roseburg's fifth consecutive win in conference play and fans saw a vastly improved team which displayed championship form.

At no time was the Roseburg goal line threatened except in the last few minutes of play when, with the Roseburg regulars replaced by second string, Cottage Grove marched to the five-yard line only to suffer a penalty which delayed the last play and brought the game to a close as the Indians successfully defended on the last play of the game.

The Indians dominated the play all of the way. The sensational kicking of Bert Young was cannily used defensively and paved the way for three of Roseburg's four touchdowns.

Foe's Stars Stymied

Coach Hod Turner had drilled his team to bottle up the running and passing of Minor and Kruse,

AXIS COUNTRIES ATTACK FAILS TO REPEL BRITISH IN EGYPT; REDS BRACING IN CAUCASUS

Desert Onset By Rommel Ups His Loss

Battle Also Sees U. S. Fliers Shoot Down or Damage Enemy Planes

CAIRO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The eighth army maintained its gains in the Egyptian desert yesterday and beat off a number of axis counterattacks with losses to the enemy, a British communiqué announced today.

Allied airmen, meanwhile, continued to hold control of the skies and blazed repeatedly at enemy airdromes, fortified positions and other targets, the bulletin said.

One formation of allied heavy bombers was reported to have winged its way across the Mediterranean to attack Crete.

At least four enemy planes were shot down over the Egyptian battlefield yesterday and many others were damaged, headquarters said. Four large enemy aircraft were reported destroyed by fighters which attacked the airdrome at El Adem.

The British put their own air losses in the Mediterranean theater at three planes.

United States fighters took part in a number of dogfights yesterday to contribute to the maintenance of allied air superiority. U. S. air force headquarters reported one Messerschmitt 109 definitely shot down and several others damaged while all American planes returned.

As the British campaign to smash Marshal Rommel's axis armies entered its second week

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Motorist Perishes in Blizzard in Cascades

ALBANY, Ore., Oct. 31.—(AP)—A blizzard in the high Cascades was blamed today for the death of Tom Stout, Dallas, whose body was found in a wrecked automobile on the Santiam highway near Hoodoo Butte lodge.

Stout was reported missing five days ago. Coroner E. C. Fisher said the car apparently skidded off the road during the storm.

Convoy Battles Rage in Atlantic, Germans Claim

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Germans broadcast today a special announcement, without any allied confirmation, that great convoy battles were raging in the Atlantic and that in one attack yesterday U-boats sank 18 allied merchantmen totaling 131,000 tons near the Canary Islands.

These ships were en route to Britain from a South African port with raw materials, according to a Rome broadcast, which credited the claim to the German propaganda ministry.

Later Rome broadcast a special German communiqué which set the number of ships claimed sunk at 14—instead of 18—and the total tonnage at 101,000 tons.

Today's Nazi claims followed others broadcast yesterday and repeated today reporting—also without allied confirmation—that 15 ships totaling 100,925 tons had been sunk in the north Atlantic on the shipping lanes between Britain and the United States.

The German announcements said the attacks were pressed home despite "continuing heavy autumn storms" and that "more operations against convoys are proceeding."

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—One woman was killed and several persons were injured today when a German daylight raider dove through the clouds over an East Anglian village and dropped several bombs.

Another plane machinegunned the district near a coastal village. There were no casualties, but a cow was killed.

Death Toll in Arkansas Tornado Mounts to 29

BERRYVILLE, Ark., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Burial of the dead and rehabilitation of the homeless commenced today in this small Ozark mountain community, where a tornado late Thursday night killed at least 29 persons and injured more than 200 others.

The Red Cross, quickly coordinating the efforts of state and local welfare agencies with its own, estimated there were more than 500 persons homeless, that 130 homes were demolished and another 150 heavily damaged.

Harpole punted out to his own 37-yard line, where Bill Hohnstein took the ball and drove back to the 24. Young gained six yards to the 18-yard stripe, and then swept around end for another nine yards. As he faked a pass on the next play, Hohnstein took the ball on a Statue of Liberty sweep and easily raced around the flank to score. Young kicked the extra point.

Fumbles Costly For Lions

Cottage Grove was again set back in its own territory a short time later, when caught off guard by a beautiful quick kick by Young to the visitors' 17-yard line. Roseburg gained possession of the ball on the 25-yard stripe, when Hamilton again fumbled Young's punt and Shapero recovered, but the scoring threat failed when four successive forward pass attempts were incomplete and the first half ended with Roseburg in possession of the ball on the Cottage Grove 27-yard stripe, after Young had tossed a long bullet pass from midfield to Wimberly for a gain of 22 yards.

As the third period opened Roseburg again punted after a failure to gain in the first series of plays from the kickoff, and for the third straight time the kick, a quick boot from close be-

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Nazis Hurlled Back in Fight For Nalchik

Fresh Attacks on City Of Stalingrad Are Also Repulsed on 68th Day

MOSCOW, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Reformed lines of the red army were reported holding in fierce fighting for the Nalchik plateau of the central Caucasus today while German attacks were repelled again by the defenders of Stalingrad in their 68th day of siege.

A battalion of submachine-guns, supported by 60 tanks and armored cars, were reported during attack after attack upon a community in the Nalchik area and 22 of the machines were destroyed, the soviet information bureau announced.

"In another sector," it said, "a soviet unit repulsed two German attacks, killing 240 of the enemy. Twenty German trucks with ammunition were destroyed by soviet artillery."

These defensive accomplishments were reported chalked up after three successive retreats by outnumbered red army forces.

The Germans were reported to have withdrawn their light tanks from the battle of Stalingrad. Red Star said heavy losses inflicted on the machines by Russian anti-tank guns had forced the enemy to substitute heavy tanks which rolled into the streets in groups of five to eight, firing their guns while in motion.

Tank Units Smashed.

The Russians said three Ger-

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New Excise Taxes Start Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The nation's biggest Halloween hobgoblin—the new excise taxes aimed at hiking the treasury's take by \$50,000,000 during November alone—scared customers to the counters in last-minute buying sprees across the country today.

But the semi-luxury nature of most articles hit by the heavy federal levies which take effect tomorrow kept the purchasing lines reasonably short as compared to the pre-rationing runs on such commodities as coffee and sugar.

Under terms of the record tax bill which became law less than two weeks ago, Nov. 1 heralds increases in excise taxes on liquor, beer, wines, cigarettes, cigars, lubricating oil, slot machines, photographic apparatus and train, bus and plane fares.

In most cases, machinery to shift the burden off the shoulders of manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers was already set up, ready to hand the burden of price increases directly to the consumer. However, the former were warned by the office of price administration not to tack any additions to the exact amount of the tax increases.

OPA announced the new taxes would be passed on to smokers and drinkers at rates revolving around a half cent a package on cigarettes and 50 cents a quart on 100-proof whiskey. Buyers must be permitted enough purchases to even out the penny where possible—such as two packs of cigarettes.

Only in the case of cigars, where a contemplated OPA regulation will approve a 20 per cent price increase which will include rising labor and raw material costs, is any new expense other than the tax to be charged to the consumer.

Leading Marines On Guadalcanal



No behind-the-lines strategist, Maj. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commander of the marines on Guadalcanal, directs operations in the open on the banks of the bitterly contested Matanikou river. (Passed by navy censor.)

Local Men Urged For Council Seats

A campaign was being conducted throughout the city today by friends of F. L. Crittenden and Andrew (Andy) Townsend to secure the election of the two men to the city council at the city election to be held Tuesday in connection with the general election.

The city ticket has two vacancies, one from Ward No. 2, which would be served by Townsend in the event of his election, and the other in Ward No. 4, where Crittenden is a resident. The vacancies will be filled by write-ins as no regular candidates have been nominated.

Townsend, proposed as the write-in candidate from Ward No. 2, is employed with the Douglas County Farm Bureau Exchange. Crittenden, recommended by his friends as a write-in candidate from Ward No. 4, is manager of the local telephone exchange.

Little Fines in Dim-Out Violations Stir Censure

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The small fines assessed against dim-out violators by local courts on the Pacific coast drew a strong protest today from James C. Sheppard, director of the ninth civilian defense region. "It is amazing," Sheppard said, "to note the easy unconcern with which certain courts are treating violations of the dim-out on the Pacific coast. Some courts are imposing fines of \$1 and \$2.50."

"This is not law enforcement; this is pitching pennies."

"The public realizes—and the courts should be aware of the fact—that one illegal light may become the reference point by which enemy planes destroy the continuity of production essential to the maintenance of operations in the Pacific."

"To treat violations of the dim-outs as if they were parking violations is incomprehensible."

Manpower Conference Asked of Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Senator Thomas (D., Utah) said he asked President Roosevelt today to call a manpower conference to plan a sound war mobilization policy that might avert the compulsory drafting of workers.

He was acting, he said, on the suggestion of President Phillip Murray of the Congress of Industrial Organizations that the president summon leaders of congress, government, management, labor and agriculture within the next few days.

President Roosevelt has let it be known that manpower legislation still is in the study stage, as far as the administration is concerned, with an effort under way to meet a possible crisis in 1943.

Apathy, War To Slash Vote Next Tuesday

U. S. Balloting Total Forecast at 65 Perct. Of Eligible Citizenry

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A canvass of the best available sources indicated today that because of the war and an apparent general apathy toward politics only between 33,000,000 and 35,000,000 persons are likely to vote in next Tuesday's elections. War developments could change the estimate.

This is 15,000,000 or more under the record-breaking turnout in the presidential year of 1940 and is also below the total vote for congress in the off-year elections of 1938. Some estimates placed this year's probable vote even lower—at the level of the congressional elections of 1934, when only 32,800,000 cast ballots.

An associated press compilation of official registrations and unofficial estimates of eligible voters by states showed that 53,613,052 had qualified to vote Tuesday. Allowing for more than the usual number of stay-at-homes because of the war, it was calculated that 34,826,841, or about 65 per cent of the eligibles, would vote.

This 65 per cent compares with about 75 per cent in normal off-year voting and 80 to 85 per cent in presidential elections.

Officials based their light vote predictions on the fact that hundreds of thousands have joined the armed forces and few will take the trouble to vote, although where possible they may do so by mail.

General disinterest, migration of workers who have not lived in their new states long enough to qualify and may not trouble themselves to vote by mail in the old; gasoline and tire rationing—all will serve to keep the balloting light, officials said.

President Roosevelt yesterday

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Hensley Convicted Of Drunk Driving

Charles E. (Red) Hensley was convicted in justice court today on a charge of drunken driving, following a hearing conducted Friday and this morning. The jury returned a verdict on the first ballot. Jurors were C. W. Wharton, Alice Houser, Guy Chamberlain, George Weber, C. H. Meusch and Charles Barker. Judge Ira B. Riddle postponed imposition of sentence until Wednesday, Hensley remaining at liberty on cash bail.

Hensley was the driver of a logging truck which allegedly struck an automobile which had been overturned on the highway and drove the wrecked car into a state police automobile, which, in turn, was badly damaged. In addition to the charge of drunken driving, he was charged with reckless driving, illegal possession of a pheasant, and operating a truck without proper clearance lights.

The prosecution charged that Hensley was intoxicated and unruly. The defense contended that he was dazed by the collision, which, it was claimed, was due to absence of signals, and contended that Hensley was mistreated by the arresting officer.

Pay Boost Brings End To Loggers' Walk-Out

An agreement for a wage increase, which would add about \$1 per day to the wages of men employed in loggingwoods east of Sutherlin, has been agreed upon between officials of the Smith Wood Products company and workmen employed at the Sutherlin plant, it was announced today. Workmen earlier this week walked out for one day only in protest against the wages being paid but returned to work the following morning when negotiations were undertaken between company officials and labor representatives.

The company, it was reported, has agreed to make the wage increase, subject to the approval of the national labor relations board, and has filed an application for the change in wage scale.

Allied Air Fleet Damages Three Nipponese Warships, Fires Fourth in Raid on Base

U. S. Forces Retain Full Control of Guadalcanal Position, Navy Secretary Knox Announces, Adding Presumption That Reinforcements Are Being Sent

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Uncle Sam's grip on the vital Guadalcanal airfield clenched tighter today as Japan's fighting vessels disappeared from the Solomons battle scene with at least two more of her ships, and probably four, heavily damaged by allied aerial bombs.

The threat of a major Nipponese naval assault to recapture the stubbornly-held island airbase was dispelled temporarily even as bombing planes under Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Australian command again plastered an enemy shipping base with explosives, hitting a warship twice, setting another vessel ablaze and probably damaging an aircraft carrier and a cruiser.

Proudly, Secretary of the Navy Knox told yesterday of the retirement of the Japanese warships from the Guadalcanal area leaving a gallant force of United States marines and soldiers in possession of "every inch of ground we ever controlled" on the battle-ridden island.

Some of the Rising Sun's ships had returned to their bases, Knox said, and others departed to undisclosed destinations. But he made it clear there was no telling when they would return for a stab at Guadalcanal or at American bases in the New Hebrides, New Caledonia and the Fiji Islands.

While cautioning against regarding retirement of the Japanese fleet too optimistically, the navy secretary expressed "a great feeling of pride in the way our men have met the onslaught."

"They have done a superb job," he said, adding that "we are in as complete control of the situation in Guadalcanal as we ever have been."

Some quarters expressed belief the Japanese battleships, cruisers, destroyers and transports had left the embattled Solomons area to bring back more troops for reinforcement of their Guadalcanal forces, whose efforts thus far have failed to retake any of the ground the marines captured in early August.

The U. S. navy has announced 14 vessels sunk and one damaged. Japanese losses in the Guadalcanal ground fighting and aerial combats about the island also have been reported much heavier than that of the Americans.

Meanwhile, Knox declared "there has been no interruption in our communications" to the island and presumably American forces were taking advantage of the absence of the enemy's fleet to rush reinforcements and supplies to the Guadalcanal garrison.

Not a Plane Lost

The latest raid of MacArthur's bombers was accomplished last night (Australian time) without the loss of a plane, and was regarded as the most damaging aerial blow to the Japanese in many days.

Twenty-seven tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy shipping concentration at Buin harbor at the southern tip of Bougainville island in the northern Solomons, some 300 miles from

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Schools Asked to Join Scrap Drive

Douglas county schools were invited today by Fred A. Goff, county chairman of the scrap metal drive, to join in the scrap metal salvage campaign.

In letters addressed to teachers and pupils of all Douglas county schools, the chairman suggests that each school conduct a campaign to last for a week or ten days, and that pupils arrange a scrap metal depot on school lots, or arrange transportation direct to a dealer. Proceeds from sales could in such cases be used for school benefit, Goff stated.

He also issued the information that bodies and fenders of automobiles or other thin metals, papers and rags cannot be used at the present time on account of shipping regulations. Auto tires, tubes, copper, and brass should be kept separate from iron and steel, as they bring higher prices when sorted, Goff stated.

U. S. Food Czar Request Studied by Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has under consideration the appointment of a national food administrator, but has reached no decision.

WPB Chief Donald M. Nelson has recommended setting up an office of food director within his organization with a status similar to the office of rubber director, a WPB official disclosed.

At the same time, other sources said that Secretary of Agriculture Wickard, informed of Nelson's move, voiced no objections but expressed concern as to who might head the new office.

Annual Institute Of Douglas County Teachers Slated

Speakers on 2-Day Program Will Include Several State Educational Leaders

The annual institute of Douglas county teachers will be held in Roseburg Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 2 and 3, on which days students in the various schools of the county will enjoy vacations.

Mrs. Lula C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, reports that Dr. O. R. Chambers, professor of psychology, Oregon State college; Mrs. Laura P. Wells, consultant in nutrition for the state board of health; Mrs. W. F. Blum, supervisor of the "Schools at War" program; Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and Frank W. Parr, secretary of the Oregon State Teachers association, will be among the principal educators present for the two-day meeting.

Exhibits also will be made a part of the program, with an instructive display concerning school lunches being arranged, together with an exhibit concerning the "Schools at War" program. The institute will be held at the Junior high school building.

The program is announced by Mrs. Gorrell as follows:

Monday

8 a. m.—Breakfast for work-shop staff, Umpqua hotel.

Opening session—Mr. R. R. Brand, presiding.

9:15 a. m.—The National Anthem. Salute to the flag. Invocation.

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Tongue Point Naval Air Base Will Be Expanded

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Tongue Point naval air station will be expanded in a \$5,500,000 program to enable land-based fighters, interceptors and bombers to use the Oregon base.

So announced Representative Mott (R., Ore.) yesterday. He said Secretary Knox had approved the expenditure.

Mott added that immediate development of satellite air bases at Astoria and North Bend is included in the plans.

Registration for Gas Rationing Postponed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Public registration for gasoline rationing outside of the east was postponed today until November 12, 13 and 14.

Officials of the office of price administration, disclosing this today, said rationing would begin on a nationwide basis, however, as scheduled, on November 22.

The original registration dates were November 9, 10 and 11. On the new dates, all car owners outside of the east, where gasoline rationing is already in effect, will go to schoolhouses to file applications and get their "A" ration coupons. Persons who feel entitled to additional gasoline will then apply to local ration boards for supplemental allotments.