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ROMMEL ROUTED IN DESERT TANK FIGHT

British Win First Major Test in Drive

16-Mile Salient Driven Into Axis Flank, Many Prisoners Captured

(By the Associated Press) Britain's desert armies were reported to have won the first major test in the new campaign in Egypt today, routing the axis in a flaming six-hour tank battle and jeopardizing Marshal Rommel's entire position on the El Alamein front, 80 miles west of Alexandria.

A bulletin from Cairo headquarters said the British 8th army again thrust forward in two sectors along the 35-mile-wide front Monday night and yesterday after defeating Rommel's tank forces Monday.

A communique indicated that the 12-day-old British offensive was now in full swing, with allied planes pounding the withdrawing axis forces.

The communique said British imperials in the last 24 hours advanced to Sidi Abd El Rahman on the north and drove the Germans into retreat further south.

Sidi Abd El Rahman lies 18 miles west of El Alamein on the coastal road.

London quarters declared "the enemy seems to be in full retreat" in the critical struggle, whose outcome may decide the fate of the whole middle east.

An Italian communique said the allies struck yesterday in "repeated powerful attacks, carried out with large numbers of tanks and aviation," but asserted that axis troops "prevented the enemy from getting any result."

Axis Tanks Shattered Large numbers of wrecked axis tanks littered the desert today as the British moved up fresh troops and armored contingents for a possible showdown.

Latest reports said tank-led British infantry had driven a 16-mile salient through Rommel's left flank, slightly inland from the Mediterranean, and established a strong hold extending three miles west of the broken enemy minefields.

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Light Vote Gives Speed to Douglas Election Returns Unusual speed was shown last night in collection of unofficial returns from the various precincts of Douglas county. Facilities of the Roseburg News-Review and Radio Station KRNR were combined to collect and broadcast the reports as rapidly as they were received. Due to the very light vote, the counting boards finished their task early and results clearly evident within two hours from the time the polls had closed.

Glendale precinct had the distinction of being the first to report, with Camas Valley a close second. More than a score of the 50 precincts of the county were reported within the first hour, setting a new record for speed.

Due to lack of telephone facilities into three precincts, Loon Lake, Scottsburg and Gunter, reports were not obtainable, but as all have small registration, the final results were not affected.

The News-Review and KRNR desire to express appreciation to the county officials, the various election board members, telephone operators and others who assisted in the collection of reports. Particular thanks also goes to Attorney and Mrs. Dexter Rice, who appeared at the News-Review with a sumptuous lunch, and to Umpqua post of the American Legion and the newly elected state senator, Thomas Parkinson, who treated the News-Review and KRNR crews to cider and doughnuts, as a midnight snack.

REPUBLICAN TIDE THREATENS DEMO HOUSE RULE

Majority of Seats Already Slashed by 28, With 64 Still in Balance; G. O. P. Gain in Governors Includes New York

(By the Associated Press) A republican party already rejuvenated by spectacular election gains in United States senate seats and state governorships steadily swelled its minority power in the house of the new congress today, and at mid-day a republican sweep to majority control remained a mathematical possibility.

Mounting returns showed that shortly before noon this year's general elections had given republicans 177 house seats—a net gain up to that time of 28 seats wrested from the democrats. The latter by that time had clinched 191 places and 64 contests still were in doubt, three having fallen to minor parties. In the present congress republicans hold 166 seats, democrats 264 and minor parties five.

The republican total was 41 seats short of the 218 necessary for a majority but in the absence of indications as to how all of the undecided contests were going, attainment of those places was definitely not out of question. Democratic leaders, nevertheless, remained confident they would emerge from the final counts with a workable majority control of the house.

Governor M. M. Neely of West Virginia became the latest in a growing list of democratic senate contenders to concede victory to his republican opponent for a senate seat now in democratic possession. He was defeated by Chapman Revercomb, Charleston lawyer.

Revercomb thus joined the ranks of those republicans, in-

Douglas Vote Favorable to Republicans

Hill, Gile, Dixon Win in Races; Peace Justice Job Goes to Hartfiel

Douglas county joined the nation-wide republican parade in Tuesday's general election, the republican candidate being the choice of the voters in every contest on the ballot. The election brought out only about one-half of the registered voters of the county, who, however, favored the republican candidates in all except a very few of the 50 precincts.

Only one democratic candidate was elected, J. Ross Hutchinson, county commissioner being unopposed for reelection.

In the only competition for a county office, Ned Dixon, republican, defeated his democratic rival, Bud Ellison, for the office of assessor. Republican representatives Carl C. Hill and Robert C. Gile won reelection handily from their democratic opponents.

The republican candidate for state senator, Tom Parkinson, of Roseburg, was elected without opposition.

For the office of justice of the peace of Deer creek district, embracing the city of Roseburg, Thomas Hartfiel, local attorney, easily defeated his democratic rival, Rev. John B. Needham, retired minister.

Particularly interesting was the way in which voters supported Charles L. McNary for U. S. senator, and Earl Snell for governor. Snell received slightly more votes in Douglas county than did the veteran senator.

Split Verdicts On Bills In voting on initiative and referendum measures, Douglas county voters approved increased pay for legislators and were very evenly divided on the repeal of the rural credits loan fund amendment. The measure specifying exclusive use of gasoline and motor vehicle taxes was given a substantial majority, but the voters defeated the measure to authorize restoration of voting privileges to ex-convicts. The vote on the bill to tax cigarettes was very close, with a slight edge held by those favoring the act. The vote on the bill to restrict net fishing for steelheads also was very close, but the opponents had the edge in this measure. The bill to distribute surplus income tax funds to school districts was approved by a large majority.

Unofficial totals from all 50 Douglas county precincts were as follows:

U. S. Senator—McNary 5067, Whitbeck 1357.
Representative in Congress—Ellsworth 3797, Kelly 2588.
Governor—Snell 5218, Wallace 1360.
Secretary of State—Farrell 4068, Lambert 1927.
Commissioner of Labor—Hyde 2332, Kimsey 3080.
State Senator—Parkinson 5054.
State Representative—(Two to elect)—Gile 3579, Hedges 1806, Hill 3862, Radich 1868.
County Commissioner—Hutchinson 4217.
Assessor—Dixon 3597, Ellison 2524.
Justice of the Peace, Deer Creek Dist.—Hartfiel 2198, Needham 1156.
Supreme Court Justice, Pos. No. 1—Kelly 3937.
Supreme Court Justice, Pos. No. 2—Brand 4184.
Supreme Court Justice, Pos. No. 6—Belt 3485.
Circuit Court Judge—King 3754.
Superintendent of Public Instruction—Putman 4475.
Increased Compensation for

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Townsend, Fisher Believed Elected To City Council

Andrew Townsend, from Ward No. 2, and Walter Fisher, from Ward No. 4, were believed today to have been elected by write-in votes for the two council vacancies on the city ballot at yesterday's election.

Townsend was given 21 write-in votes in Ward No. 2, to be paired with L. B. Riddle as representative from that ward.

In Ward No. 4 Walter Fisher received 23 write-in votes in Roseburg precinct, and is believed to have been elected to serve with O. J. Feldkamp. However, the counting board of Hermann precinct, which also is included in Ward No. 4, failed to list write-in candidates on the posted statement, and sealed tally sheets in the ballot box so that the names of the write-in candidates will not be officially known until the box is opened by the counting board, which will convene Friday.

Votes for other candidates were: Mayor, W. F. Harris, 1285; recorder, A. J. Geddes, 1288; treasurer, T. J. Brown, 1277; councilman, Ward No. 1, Percy Croft 237, C. W. Wharton, 244; councilman, Ward No. 2, I. B. Riddle, 331; councilman, Ward No. 3, G. M. Kroll 300, C. P. Snoddy, 293; councilman, Ward No. 4, O. J. Feldkamp, 288.

Election No Comfort to Axis, Hoover Comments

NEW YORK, Nov. 4—(AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover, commenting on the election results, said today that "our enemies can get no comfort from this election" because the platform of every single candidate—republican, democratic and labor—was vigorous, efficient prosecution of the war. He added:

"There was a strong element of protest in the vote. But it was the protest of insistence upon more effective organization of the war. And that can be no comfort for the enemy."

Missing Elk Hunter Found Dead of Wound

PENDLETON, Ore., Nov. 4—(AP)—State police today investigated the death of an elk hunter fatally wounded in the Blue mountains 30 miles southwest of here.

A report from Sandy, Ore., indicated he was E. W. Kane, operator of a shoe shop there. He was about 60.

Members of a hunting party found the body after Kane had been reported missing since Saturday.

Plywood Mill Strike At Lebanon Is Ended

LEBANON, Ore., Nov. 4—(AP)—The Evans Products company plywood mill is operating again today, following a brief strike of 715 AFL employees over seniority rights.

After a plea by federal conciliators, the union withdrew their pickets yesterday.

A hearing on the dispute is scheduled for Portland.

Army Cantonment to Be Established Near Bend

BEND, Ore., Nov. 4—(AP)—An army cantonment, housing approximately 5000 engineer troops, will be constructed on the upper Deschutes river above Bend. It will be used as an engineer replacement training center, it was announced.

Snell, McNary Head Landslide Victory; Ellsworth Chosen Fourth District Congressman

Defeat of Pierce by Stockman, Reelection of Mott, Angell Give State Solid Republican Delegation In Washington; Fish Bill Apparently Defeated

By PAUL W. HARVEY
PORTLAND, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Registering one of their most overwhelming victories in the state's history, Oregon republicans apparently captured every major state office in Tuesday's election, while first returns indicated that the G. O. P. even might increase its big majority in the state legislature.

Senator Charles L. McNary, republican leader in the senate, won reelection easily, while Secretary of State Earl Snell, Arlington republican who qualifies as one of the best all-time vote getters, was elected governor by what was believed to be the greatest margin ever given a gubernatorial candidate.

Rep. Walter M. Pierce, La Grande democrat, was far behind Lowell Stockman, Pendleton republican, but Pierce, boarding a train for Washington, D. C., this morning, refused to concede his defeat.

Oregon's two republican congressmen, Reps. Homer D. Angell, Portland, and James W. Mott, Salem, both the target of charges that they are isolationists, were reelected, while Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg republican, was elected by the newly-created fourth district.

If the republican congressional candidates maintain their leads, it would be the first time since 1931 that Oregon, the most predominantly republican state in the west, has had an all-republican congressional delegation.

McNary, republican vice presidential candidate in 1940 and a member of the senate since 1917, piled up 158,731 votes to 47,597 for Walter W. Whitbeck, Portland democrat, in 1219 of 1770 precincts. McNary did not come home to campaign.

Snell Rides Avalanche But Snell, in the same number of precincts, had amassed an even greater total than McNary, getting 162,905 votes to 47,905 for State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland democrat.

In returns from 263 of 433 precincts in the second congressional district, Stockman, a farmer, was leading Pierce, 20,209 to 12,368.

Representative Mott was leading Earl A. Nott, democratic Yamhill county district attorney, 34,151 to 19,024 in 320 of the first district's 500 precincts. Angell was ahead of State Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat, 44,754 to 41,525 in 375 of the 443 precincts in the third district.

Ellsworth, his lead growing hourly, was beating Edward C. Kelly, Medford attorney, 21,596 to 13,063 in 255 of the 394 precincts in the new fourth district.

Robert S. Farrell, Jr., Portland republican, speaker of the state house of representatives, was elected secretary of state. In 1219 of 1770 precincts, Farrell was leading Francis M. Lambert, democratic Multnomah county treasurer, 127,155 to 71,142.

The closest race of all was for labor commissioner, with W. E. Kimsey, Portland republican, now assistant labor commissioner, leading Clarence F. Hyde, Eugene democrat, 91,885 to 86,073 in 1219 of 1770 precincts.

Two Measures Approved. Returns from 1190 of 1770 precincts indicated that measures to increase legislators' pay and to give school districts a portion of income tax revenues were approved, but the outcome on the other five measures was inconclusive.

The legislators' pay amendment was carrying 91,922 to 77,718, while the school fund bill was being approved 97,186 to 69,491.

The bill to tax cigarettes two cents a package to provide bigger old age pensions was behind only 78,722 to 79,027, while the bill to ban commercial fishing in coastal streams and bays was losing 80,578 to 84,443. The amendment to abolish the rural credits provision of the constitution was being defeated 75,174 to 82,157.

A constitutional amendment to (Continued on page 6.)

Tire Inspectors Called To Meet on Rationing

A meeting of all tire inspectors named to handle applications for gasoline rationing were being notified today of a meeting called by the local rationing board for 8 p. m. Thursday at the office of the Roseburg chamber of commerce. All inspectors will be given full instructions regarding the procedure connected with the rationing program, and will be particularly advised how to fill out the required inspection forms. They also will be given the information which they will pass on to motorists who must secure tire inspections prior to applying for gasoline ration cards on the date of Nov. 12, 13 and 14.

Drowning of Worker Widows Bride of Year

WILLAMINA, Ore., Nov. 4—(AP)—Searchers probed the new Grand Ronde Lumber mill's big log pond today for the body of William Surgeon, 22, drowned Monday. He leaves a wife, bride of a year.

Northern California Chrome to Be Developed

MEDFORD, Ore., Nov. 4—(AP)—Chrome mountain claims in northern California owned by Charles J. Fry, Eric Wolf and Eric Anderson of Medford, and Mrs. Emma Robinson, Salem, have been optioned to Mrs. Alice P. Stanton of San Francisco, the owners announced last night.

The option is interpreted as portending speedy development of the chrome area.

The Rogue river national forester has authorized construction of roads into the region and A. R. McDaniel, an engineer, is now building trails for Mrs. Stanton.

Production of safety razor blades next year will approximate 2,750,000,000, a 20 per cent reduction from the record-breaking 1941 production, but an increase of twelve per cent over 1940.

WPB predicted the supply of blades for civilian use would be ample to meet all requirements in 1943.

Douglas County Election Victors



Tom Parkinson



Robert C. Gile



Ned Dixon

With Parkinson as senator and Gile and Hill (incumbents) as representatives, Douglas county will continue to have a solid republican delegation in the legislature as the result of Tuesday's election.

In two other G. O. P. triumphs, Dixon was chosen as next assessor of Douglas county, and Hartfiel was named justice of the peace of Deer Creek district, embracing the city of Roseburg.



Carl C. Hill



Thos. C. Hartfiel

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