

ROMMEL'S FORCES FACING DESTRUCTION

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DEMOCRATIC HOUSE MAJORITY CUT TO 2

Republicans Score Net Of 41 Representatives, Victors to Senate Strength

Prominent New Deal Stalwarts Retired by Votes Of "Repudiation;" Corruption Charge Hurled in Kentucky Contest That Reelected Sen. Chandler

Nearly complete returns from Tuesday's elections today disclosed the republicans had drained off the once formidable democratic majorities in congress to a level that might ebb in their favor on important legislation and had about divided the 48 state governorships equally with the democrats. Their gains in the congressional and state contests exceeded the brightest hopes of republican forecasters and almost turned the democrats out of even nominal control of the house. Late returns showed that the democrats had taken 219 house seats, one more than a bare majority, but had suffered a net loss of 41 members as compared with the present house. Republicans had elected 206 representatives, a net gain of 41. In the minor parties, the progressives had elected two representatives, a net loss of one seat, and the farmer-labor parties had held to one seat each.

Six house races still were undecided today. In the present house, which continues until the end of the year, the democrats have a majority of 93 over the republicans and five minor party members. Their peak was in 1937, with 333 to 89. G. O. P. Gain 9 In Senate

With only one senate contest outstanding, that between Senator Murray (D-Mont) and Wellington D. Rankin, (R), the republicans had gained nine new senate seats without losing one to the democrats, and the latter had lost eight. Independent George W. Norris, Nebraska, also lost out to a republican, Kenneth S. Wherry. The democrats elected 15, which, with 41 holdovers, gave them a total of 56 in the new senate starting January 3. Republicans elected 18 and 20 incumbents not up for reelection gave them a total of 38. The senate's lone progressive, LaFollette of Wisconsin, was not up this year.

This democratic majority of 17 or plurality of 18 over the republicans compares with an existing majority of 34 or plurality of 36. Lowest majority in recent years was in 1933, when the division was 59 democrats and 36 republicans. Highest was in 1937 when it was 75 democrats to 17 republicans.

Of the 33 governorships at stake, including that in Maine which elected Sept. 14, the republicans won 17, the democrats 13, and progressives one. Two were still in doubt—in Idaho and Wyoming. Counting holdovers, the democrats now will have at least 23 governors, the republicans 22, and progressives one.

Technically of course the democrats retained control of both houses of congress. However, dependable working majorities cannot be counted on by the administration at all times when it is considered that party members do not vote solidly, particularly on domestic questions.

New Dealers Ousted Besides the veteran Norris, the new deal lost in the elections such supporters as Senator Herring of Iowa, Lee of Oklahoma, Brown of Michigan, Smathers of New Jersey and Schwartz of Wyoming. Other democratic seats won by the republicans were in

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Uniform Pay Scale for Plywood Crews Studied

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 5—(AP)—The west coast lumber commission will attempt to establish for the first time a uniform wage scale in the plywood industry.

CIO demands for a wage increase were heard yesterday by the commission and immediately afterwards Chairman Ben H. Kizer asked the AFL, which is pressing a separate claim, to present arguments Nov. 12. A decision will follow.

Kizer said about 32 plants and 5000 members of each union will be affected. The CIO demands included a new minimum of 95 cents an hour, plus increases of 5 cents an hour for swing and 10 cents for graveyard shifts.

Learns Welding Job in One Day



Chalk up a record for Mrs. Ethel Kitchen Brown, above, of Portland, Ore. She learned to weld in 24 hours—a task that usually requires at least 60 hours. She's now a welder in a shipyard.

Hub Cigar Store Robbery Admitted By James Shouse

Sentence Postponed in Court Here; Drunken Driver Drives Jail Term, Fine of \$200

A plea of guilty to a charge of grand larceny was entered in circuit court Wednesday by James E. Shouse, 42, who was arraigned on a district attorney's information. Shouse was alleged to have robbed the Hub Cigar store in Roseburg early last month and to have returned to Roseburg two weeks later when he forced an entrance into the McKean and Carstens Furniture store and then cut an opening through a partition into the Morgan Lawson jewelry store, District Attorney J. V. Long told the court.

Circuit Judge Wimberly postponed the imposition of sentence until a later date. A sentence of one year in the state penitentiary was imposed upon William E. Briggs, 20, who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny several days ago. Briggs, reportedly an army deserter, was accused of stealing guns and personal property from a Glendale residence. He was released to the civil authorities by the army.

In the local justice court, Justice of the Peace Ira B. Riddle imposed a fine of \$200, and a 30-day jail term upon Charles E. (Red) Hensley, recently convicted at a jury trial on a charge of drunken driving. The court also ordered suspension of Hensley's driver's license for a period of one year.

Greer Garson to Wed Man Who Had "Son" Role

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 5—(AP)—Ensign Richard Ney, who was Greer Garson's son in the movie "Mrs. Miniver," will become her husband in a marriage at the actress' Bel-Air home over the week-end.

In applying for a marriage license at Santa Monica yesterday, Miss Garson said she was 31 and Ney gave his age as 29. Ney, a former New York stage actor, received his navy commission Oct. 29 and is on a two weeks furlough, so their honeymoon will be brief. It will be the second marriage for each.

Majorities Increase in Oregon Count

Victory of Republican Candidates Taking on Avalanche Proportions

PORTLAND, Nov. 5—(AP)—Republican candidates for national and state offices continued to increase their margins of victory in Oregon as late reports on Tuesday's election trickled in. With 1715 of the state's 1770 precincts accounted for Charles L. McNary had been returned to the senate by 208,902 votes over his democratic rival, Walter W. Whitbeck, Portland, who had 61,796.

Secretary of State Earl Snell piled up more votes on his already-overwhelming lead over Lew Wallace, democrat. The same number of precincts gave Snell 215,950 to 63,247. Homer D. Angell, republican congress incumbent from the third district, inched ahead of Thomas R. Mahoney, democrat, 54,598 to 50,772. All 443 of the district's precincts had reported.

In the second district Lowell Stockman, Pendleton rancher, widened his margin over incumbent Walter Pierce, democrat, to 25,764 to 15,994. In the first district James W. Mott topped Earl A. Nott, democrat, 48,827 to 27,021 with 297 of the district's 500 precincts reported.

In the new fourth district Republican Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg publisher, was far ahead of Edward C. Kelly, democrat, with 377 of 394 precincts in. The count:

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Wife, Child of School Teacher Perish in Fire

BONNERS FERRY, Idaho, Nov. 5—(AP)—The wife of a school teacher and their six-year-old son, who came to Idaho in September from Osceola, Neb., burned to death early today when fire destroyed their home.

The dead were Mrs. Sarah Cox, 32, and her son, Roy, 6. The father, W. K. Cox, manual training and orchestra instructor at the Bonners Ferry high school, was severely burned.

Cox said that he was awakened by the barking of the family dog about 4 a. m. and dashed out to try to check the flames. He was unable either to stop the fire or later to break into the bedroom where his wife and son were trapped. Cause of the fire was unknown.

Japs Given Dose of Their Own Medicine



Repaying the enemy with interest, U. S. marines on Guadalcanal turn a captured Japanese machine gun on the invaders with deadly effect.

Death Lowers Curtain on Cohan, Song-Dance King



George M. Cohan.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5—(AP)—George M. Cohan, greatest song and dance man of them all, died today. He was 64 years old.

With him when he died were his wife, his three daughters, and his friend, Gene Buck. Cohan, who called himself "a song and dance man," was just that and king of them all. Since he was 7 years old he sang and danced on the stage.

In New York he was "the man who owns Broadway." To the theatergoers of a generation ago in other cities he was the embodiment of his "Yankee Doodle Boy" song in "Little Johnny Jones." To his countrymen generally he was the composer of the world war song "Over There."

All told he wrote some forty plays, collaborated in the framing of thirty more, turned out more than 100 songs, close to 200 vaudeville sketches and about a score of poems.

19 Idlers Choose Jail To Good-Paying Jobs

PORTLAND, Nov. 5—(AP)—Police recruited 24 workers for construction projects yesterday, but also picked up 19 more jail lodgers.

Under the "work, fight or go to jail" edict of Detective Chief J. J. Keegan, detectives picked up 51 men in the Skidroad district. The nineteen refused to work. Twenty-one others took \$1.10 an hour jobs, eight were released and three went to emergency hospital for rest.

Battering of Japs Goes on In Solomons

Allied Land Forces Gain Fresh Ground in New Guinea and Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5—(AP)—Persistent battering of the Japanese by land and air gave American and Allied fighters fresh ground gains today in besieged Guadalcanal and New Guinea.

Further widening an attempted Japanese vise that threatened to close on the American-held airfield in Guadalcanal, United States marines and soldiers forced back the enemy's western flank, capturing about 20 machine guns and two small field artillery pieces in the process.

In New Guinea, westward of the Solomon Islands, allied troops under Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Australian command overcame "strong enemy resistance" and plunged on through the jungles toward the Japanese coastal base at Buna.

The navy reported the continued American advances in Guadalcanal last night. Supported by army and navy planes that strafed and bombed the Japanese troops and positions, the United States forces inched forward along beaches and through the dense underbrush Monday to relieve the pressure on the important airbase.

At the other end of the newly installed enemy vise, east of Henderson airport, recently landed Japanese troops presumably were

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Trial Continuance Plea Of Chambers Denied

L. R. Chambers, who has appealed to the circuit court from conviction in the justice court on a charge of drunken driving, and whose case has been set for trial at the term beginning next Monday, today was denied a continuance to the February term of court. Chambers pleaded in a motion for continuance that two of his witnesses are in army service and that a third is ill and will be unable to appear. The court, however, contended that an insufficient showing was made that the witnesses now in service would be available at the February term and that the testimony of the witness now ill would not cover some of the essential charges in the complaint. The motion was overruled and the case set for trial.

Ward, charged with larceny in a dwelling, is accused of having stolen three guns from the home of Binger Mumpower at Drain. Ex-Treasurer Accused

Ray W. Reynolds is accused by the grand jury of misappropriating funds amounting to \$8,435.36, while serving as treasurer of the city of Myrtle Creek. He is at liberty on bail.

W. C. Hohnstein is alleged by the grand jury to have issued a worthless check in the sum of \$10 in procurement of supplies. He provided bail pending grand jury investigation.

Wells, against whom a similar charge of non-support was filed previously, is still at liberty. Complaints were against those for whom the grand jury returned not-true bills, were ordered dismissed.

Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly discharged the grand jury following the filing of their report, after thanking the members for the services given over the past year.

PUD Proposal Wins in 2nd Union County Vote

LA GRANDE, Ore., Nov. 5—(AP)—The second attempt apparently was successful for proponents of a \$925,000 bond issue for the Union county people's utility district. Complete unofficial election returns gave the proposal an 87-vote margin, 2286 to 2199. The measure was defeated by 26 votes in the primary election.

Remnants of Axis Army Flee Across Desert After Defeat By British in 12-Day Fight

Routed Foe Strafed Continuously by Allied Planes; One Nazi General Slain, Another in Bag of 9,000 Prisoners; Rommel's Supply Ships Also Blasted.

...CAIRO, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Weakened by the loss of thousands of men captured; killed, wounded or isolated in their desert strongholds, a once-proud axis army was in full flight today across western Egypt in a frantic hunt for position to avert destruction. Only a rearward moving screen of anti-tank guns and tanks shielded the bulk of Marshal Rommel's African corps from the pressing advance of a united nations army—the eighth British—while a comparatively impotent air force sought to parry the combined blows of American and British airmen.

While 9,000 prisoners (by a count already 24 hours old) streamed to the British rear, the allied air force blasted furiously at the foe, and the main coastal line of retreat was described as a veritable graveyard of smoking, twisted tanks, armored cars and trucks.

As the axis staggered in retreat, fighting only rearguard actions, Lieut.-Gen. Montgomery sent the following message to his troops: "The enemy is in our power and he is just about to crack... We have the chance of putting the whole panzer army in the bag and we will do so. Complete victory is almost in sight."

(The axis, with Rome acknowledging severe losses, said that Italian and German armies had withdrawn to new lines in the west. The Germans denied that their front had been breached.

(The Italian communique, however, indicated the depth of the eighth army's drive—at least its tank spearheads—when it told of "fierce and bloody fighting" by tank and infantry forces of both sides between El Alamein and Fuka. (Fuka is about 70 miles to the west of El Alamein. The British have not announced their present positions.)

It was believed that Rommel has no larger reserves behind him, either in western Egypt or Libya. Most military observers among the British held that his full force had been marshalled on the now crumpled El Alamein line where Rommel had pushed nearly to Alexandria and the Nile.

(Reuters, British news agency, reported from Cairo that some of the axis advance posts in the western desert were found unmanned in the first lunge of the eighth army, indicating that the offensive caught the axis forces by surprise.

(There also were reported that Rommel himself was not on the job at the time and authoritative sources said he might not have arrived there until after the offensive started on October 23.

(He had been in Berlin for consultation with Hitler and was present there when the fuhrer on September 30 pledged that Stalingrad would be captured. The German press reported that Rommel left Berlin on October 15.)

Axis Collapse Pictured. The sudden collapse of the axis (Continued on page 6.)

Reds Repel Nazis In Three Sectors

MOSCOW, Nov. 5—(AP)—The Russians have broken up all the latest nazist efforts to expand the invasion salient in northern Stalingrad and, in some places, have forced the Germans to abandon several basic points, dispatches said today.

While bitter attacks and counterattacks developed about the ruined Volga river city, red army troops were credited with local gains northwest of Stalingrad, on the Black sea front and in the Mozdok sector of the central Caucasus.

A successful soviet holding action was indicated before the Caucasian slopes and passes southeast of Nalchik. Dispatches from Greece said the Germans were frantically rushing three or four divisions from the Russian front in an attempt to reinforce Rommel's battered legions in Africa. Four trainloads of nazist troops were said to have passed through Athens en route to embarkation points.

Cities League Meeting In Roseburg Scheduled

Officers from all Douglas county municipalities have been invited to attend the regional meeting of the league of Oregon cities in Roseburg Friday, Nov. 6, at the Umpqua hotel. The mayors and council members from the various towns will meet at 6:30 o'clock for a dinner in the civic room, this to be followed by discussion of various municipal problems. The meeting at Roseburg is one of 17 such gatherings to be held throughout the state by the officers of the league.

Bow-and-Arrow Hunters Get First Try at Deer

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 5—(AP)—A deer herd numbering about 1,000 awaits bow and arrow and rifle hunters in the Blue ridge area of the Chattahoochee national forest in northeast Georgia. Archers will try their luck from Nov. 10 to Nov. 14. Groups of riflemen will follow from Nov. 16 to Nov. 21.