

# ALLIES CAPTURE TOBRUK, AXIS IN FLIGHT; TRAP CLOSING ON ROMMEL'S FORCES

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### In The Day's News

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ON the 24th anniversary of the 1918 armistice, (as these words are written) the world is rocking under the impact of tremendous events. If the implications of these events are borne out, the turning point of the war may be here.

ALL northwest Africa seems to be firmly in the grip of Americans and the British. The remnants of Rommel's broken army, hotly pursued, are fleeing into Libya.

Hitler goes into action to save the day, if possible. He scraps the French armistice and sends his armies racing southward through occupied France toward Toulon and Marseilles, on the Mediterranean, and launches his paratroopers and air-borne infantry into French Tunisia—where American troops are already reported.

It looks like the real showdown is coming. On the face of present news, we are justified in hoping that for the first time since he plunged the world into war Hitler's efforts may be too little and too late.

THE air is full of significant rumors.

Petain, bitterly protesting the breaking of the French armistice, is reported to have said it leaves France free to defend herself. That, if true, would mean releasing French forces from their personal loyalty to him.

Petain is variously reported to have left France, taking Weygand (friend of Britain and America) with him and to be planning to remain in France, a prisoner, without making any move to interfere with French resistance to the Germans.

THERE are rumors that the French fleet has left its home base at Toulon and is moving out to JOIN the British and Americans.

A naval battle involving the Italian fleet is reported to be under way in the Mediterranean east of Sicily. British submarines are reported to have inflicted

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### Green School Pupils Give Proceeds From Scrap Metal Sale to Local Companies of Oregon State Guard

An unprecedented and most welcome surprise was experienced last night by the local companies of the Oregon state guard when Mrs. George Hess, a teacher in the Green school, acting in behalf of 48 pupils of that school, presented Major V. J. Micelli, commander of the 17th battalion, with a check for \$33.05, a donation from the school children to the company fund.

The money, Mrs. Hess reported, was raised entirely by the pupils through collection and sale of scrap metal. The 48 boys and girls in the Green school, canvassed the entire community, dismantling several automobiles, dragging old iron from the river and collecting every item of salvage. Included in the scrap pile were several hundred pounds of aluminum, brass and other vital metals aside from the iron and steel. A tractor and trailer, donated by Claude Parkhurst, was used in transporting the metal.

The question of how the money should be used was left entirely to the pupils, Mrs. Hess reports. The question of investing in war

### Capt. Cherry Picked Up In South Pacific

Hunt Goes on For Other  
Possible Survivors of  
Missing Survey Party

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Hope for the rescue of Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, the famous world war ace who has been missing in the Pacific since October 21, was revived today when the war department announced the rescue yesterday of a member of the crew of the plane which was last heard from over Hawaiian waters.

Hopefully the war department said:

"It is believed possible that other survivors may be on life rafts in the same general vicinity."

Days after the plane disappeared, Secretary of War Stimson still held hope of Rickenbacker's rescue, commenting that the flier was "an exception to ordinary rules."

The rescued flier was Captain William T. Cherry, Jr., Ahilene, Tex. The department said he was picked up by the navy yesterday, "in good condition, but weak."

The rescue immediately intensified search of the vast ocean areas south of Honolulu where

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### Minneapolis Soldier First to Enter Algiers

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The first American soldier to enter Algiers probably was Marvin H. Anderson, strapping, pleasant-faced ranger of south Minneapolis.

Anderson came ashore at Sidi Ferruch, engaged briefly in its bloodless occupation and then at 5 a. m. Sunday was detailed to drive two pro-allied French fighters into Algiers.

While his mates were fighting west of the city Anderson caught up on his sleep, ate well and surveyed the city from a window. Monday morning he tired of this life of luxury and, taking advantage of the armistice, rejoined his unit.

### Nazis Move to Counter Allies



In a belated move to counter allied occupation of strategic bases in French north African colonies, Adolf Hitler is now sending his legions into formerly unoccupied areas of France, the island of Corsica and troops by air to Bizerte, in Tunisia. Attempts to grab the French fleet based at Toulon appear to have partially failed as a Vichy report indicated that some warships may have left the harbor for a rendezvous with allied fleets.

### Umpqua Forest's Fire Loss \$9 For Entire Season

A fire season which started with the earmarks of being one of the worst in history ended with recent fall rains as the most favorable on record, according to V. V. Harpham, supervisor of the Umpqua national forest.

Only 21 fires occurred during the entire season on the area protected by the Umpqua, all being caused by lightning except one, which was started by a burning building. This completes the second season with no man-caused fires attributed to forest recreationists as a class of people, which includes hunters, fishermen, campers and other summer vacationists, the supervisor stated. He expressed deep appreciation for the all-out support and cooperation of everyone who made this enviable record possible.

The past season's total of 21 fires is far below the five-year average of 91 fires per year. In 1941, 108 fires occurred, all being started by lightning. Area burned over this year totaled 19 acres, with damage estimated at nine dollars.

### Pullman Cigar Store Purchased by Eddie Barr

Purchase of the Pullman Cigar store by Eddie Barr, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., was announced today. The business formerly was owned and operated by Jay Fulcher, who recently went to Portland to engage in defense work in the procurement department of the Kaiser shipyards. Mr. and Mrs. Barr, the latter the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Baker, together with their infant son, recently came to Roseburg to reside.

### Plywood Mill Worker Is Fatally Crushed

LEBANON, Ore., Nov. 13.—(AP)—Claire Hall, 34, Lebanon, was crushed fatally at the plywood mill of the Evans Products company here yesterday.

### James C. Hume, Retired Engineer Of S. P. Co., Dies

James C. Hume, 71, retired railroad locomotive engineer, died early this morning at his home 116 Blakely street, Roseburg. Mr. Hume suffered a collapse from a heart ailment two weeks ago and had been confined to his home. Death, however, came suddenly and unexpectedly from pneumonia.

Born in Wisconsin, Dec. 22, 1870, he had made his home in Roseburg since 1906. He was retired from employment with the Southern Pacific company several months ago, after more than 40 years of continuous service, being one of the company's oldest engineers at that time.

Mr. Hume was a high ranking member of the Masonic lodge and was very active in the work of that organization. He also had served for many years as senior warden of St. George's Episcopal church.

Surviving are his widow and a daughter, Joanne; a brother, Robert Hume of Rose City, Calif., and a sister, Mrs. Jessie E. Raffan of Portland. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Smith at St. George's Episcopal church at 2 p. m. Monday, and will be closed by the Masonic lodge at the Masonic cemetery.

### Kaiser Ship Launching Record Is Eclipsed

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Another unbelievably fast ship construction record was set on San Francisco bay today when the Pacific Bridge company launched the 8,000-ton freighter Samuel Very, 80 hours after the keel was laid.

This shattered Henry J. Kaiser's record, set yesterday at his Richmond No. 2 yard, of 1114 hours for the larger cargo carrier Robert E. Perry. The Samuel Very was 70 per cent complete when she was floated in her graving dock today.

### 11 Japanese Ships Blasted By Americans

Subs, Bombers Score on  
Supply Line; Mop-Up in  
New Guinea Proceeds

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.—(AP)—American submarines and bombing planes, striking at Japanese supply lines sprawled across the south Pacific yesterday put at least 11 cargo or transport vessels out of action in the battle for the Solomon Islands and New Guinea.

Seven of the equipment and troop-carrying craft were sent to the bottom by torpedoes launched from submarines.

Heavy bombers caught four others in the harbor at the Japanese Buin-Faisi base in the northern Solomons. All were damaged.

The four vessels, totaling about 37,000 tons, were believed loaded with troops and equipment. The returning airmen, dispatched from Australia said, did not claim any of the ships were sunk but were convinced that their bombs wrought great destruction.

A total of 15 tons of bombs was unloaded by flying fortresses and Catalina formations in successive raids on the shipping concentration at the Buin-Faisi naval base and a Japanese airfield there.

These bases lie 350 miles northeast of Guadalcanal.

On land in the Solomons a full apparently has developed in the

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### Confession Clears Motorist Murder

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The murder of Mrs. Abigail Williams, 48, of San Leandro, Calif., Oct. 13 near Vernal, Utah, has been confessed by one of two men held at Bremerton, Wash. Federal Bureau of Investigation agent Jay C. Newman said today.

Newman said James Joseph Roedel, 26, of Oklahoma, told how he and Leroy Edward Ritchey, 25, of Iowa, had killed Mrs. Williams with a hammer after she had picked them up on the highway near Denver and offered them a ride to California.

The pair threw the body in a ditch, Newman said, and drove to Weiser, Idaho, where they worked in a potato field before continuing on to Washington, where Roedel was arrested Nov. 8 near Olympia.

Mrs. Williams' car was recovered at the home of Ritchey's brother at Tracyton, Wash., Newman said.

### West Food Prices Rise Under National Average

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Food prices continued their upward movement during the period from September 15 to October 13 but advances on the Pacific coast were below the national average.

William Bledsoe, regional price economist for the bureau of labor statistics, reported the increase for the nation as a whole during that month was 2.4 per cent, compared with the following advances in four major coast cities: Seattle, 1.7 per cent; Los Angeles, 1.5 per cent; San Francisco, 8 per cent; and Portland, 7 per cent.

The OPA extended price control to various articles of food October 6 and Bledsoe said the major part of the price increase occurred before that date.

### Mayor Harris Urges Action On Milk Price

Increase Requested by  
Roseburg Distributors  
Justified, OPA Told

Mayor W. F. Harris today urged the office of price administration to act immediately upon the application of local milk distributors for increased retail prices on milk. The ultimatum of producers to the distributors, delivered two weeks ago, set a deadline of Nov. 15, stating that deliveries by producers to distributors would cease on that date unless price increases were granted.

Producers were reported today to be calling a meeting Saturday to determine their course of action.

Distributors, at the time the ultimatum was made, announced they would meet the demands of the producers providing authority for retail price in

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### Grange Pledges All Possible Aid In War Program

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 13.—(AP)—The national grange convention dispatched to President Roosevelt today a pledge "to our commander in chief and the American people of our unlimited effort toward achieving victory."

"During the past year," said the message, adopted unanimously in a closed session of the 76th annual convention and sent over the signature of Master Albert S. Gess, "in spite of the industrial and military draft, with shortage of labor and equipment, the American farmer has produced the greatest crop in history."

"We urge priorities on war material and man power policies such that agriculture be given the opportunity to render maximum service in food and fiber production."

"We know our farmers will work to the limit of human endurance so that there may be food for America and her allies."

"We assure you that the patriotic desires and the prayers of rural people everywhere are for divine guidance, that we may attain complete victory over our dictator enemies, and for the preservation of the American way of life."

The resolution followed a cautiously critical expression by the grange master of agricultural policies pursued in Washington, D. C.

Gess told a clergy group that the burning farm issue in the national capital was whether agriculture "shall feed out of the subsidy trough, and thus be held under a stranglehold of Washington bureaucracy, or whether it will stand upon its own feet under a program of fair parity prices."

The national master charged that congressional price ceiling action, under the October 1 deadline ultimatum of President Roosevelt, resulted in "farm ceilings so low agriculture can not produce. Instead of changing those ceilings, they intend to subsidize the farmers so they can increase production."

He asserted that the aim in Washington, D. C., is "to tie American agriculture tight so they can dictate its every move, but I'm saying to you that farmers of America are never going to submit to subsidy."

### Downing of Six Departing Italian Planes Indicates Axis is Abandoning Tunisia

Whereabouts of French Fleet Remains Mystery;  
Hitler Withdrawing Troops From Russian Front  
To Strengthen Defenses in Greece, Yugoslavia

(By the Associated Press)

The great allies pincers sweep against the axis armies in north Africa was fast closing today as British troops captured historic Tobruk, 80 miles inside Libya, and indications arose that the axis might be quitting Tunisia.

From Agadir, westernmost landing place of American expeditionary forces in Morocco, to El Alamein, where the British Egypt offensive started, the distance is approximately 2,500 miles, covering the whole arc of north Africa.

American and British columns are now reported near or on the Tunisian border, 1,200 miles east of Agadir.

With the 305-mile British advance from El Alamein to Tobruk, the gap between the two armies thus stands at less than 1,000 miles.

British headquarters announced that the victorious British desert armies entered Tobruk this morning and the axis was in headlong flight.

They had previously captured Bardia, 15 miles inside Libya, and Halfaya ("Hellfire") pass on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier.

The German radio conceded the loss of the prize Mediterranean citadel within an hour after a special British war bulletin announced its capture.

This was the second time the port, in axis hands since last June 22, had fallen to the British.

Nazi Marshal Rommel's broken armies were now apparently in wild flight as the British reported that waves of RAF planes swept low over retreating axis trucks and troop columns fleeing from Tobruk to Gazala, 30 miles further west.

British mobile columns were reported in hot pursuit of the retreating nazis, who previously had abandoned most of their Italian allies in the Egyptian desert in an attempt to make their own escape.

Normally, an advance in butter price, trade interests said, would provide all the necessary check on consumption. But with prices at major markets holding at ceiling levels in recent weeks, this natural economic brake on butter eating is not effective.

Butter grading 92 score has been quoted at 45¢ a pound here since the 60-day emergency ceiling ruling went into effect Oct. 3.

Although butter is not a commodity which can be hoarded easily, produce dealers said consumers apparently have been ignoring the fact that the price is the highest since 1929. Large scale military and lend-lease requirements for export to Russia and elsewhere are taking a big bite out of supplies coupled with the fact that production is declining seasonally and is smaller than a year ago.

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### Douglas County Teachers Outside Of Roseburg Join Pay Deduction Plan for Purchase of War Bonds

Teachers in Douglas county schools outside the city of Roseburg have authorized payroll deductions for purchase of war savings bonds to provide total monthly purchases of \$1019.58.

Homer Berg, chairman of the payroll committee of the county war bond staff, reported today.

A canvass made at the recent teachers institute, he states, shows that 70 teachers have signed payroll deduction certificates. The average per teacher is \$14.56 per month or approximately 15 per cent of the total salaries.

These figures, Mr. Berg states, are taken from cards actually reported to the committee. It is known that other authorization has been given but reports have not been made to the committee, so that the monthly purchases will be considerably in excess of the sum announced. It is urged by Mr. Berg that outstanding cards be reported immediately so that final figures for the schools can be compiled.

The chairman expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the teachers, and has written a formal letter of thanks to Mrs. Lulu C. Gorrell, county school superintendent, to be transmitted to the various teachers.

The special Armistice day matinee at Hunt's Indian theater resulted in bond and stamp sales amounting to \$680. H. O. Paragon, chairman of the county committee, announced today. The matinee drew a capacity house. Admission was free, but each person was required to purchase a bond or stamp. Bond sales totalled \$550 and stamp sales amounted to \$130.

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