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break through Rommel's line at
El Alamein, where the present
battle of Africa started. But
Montgomery broke through. Rom-
mel has been working for months
to strengthen his Mareth posi-
tions. It stands to reason, that it
will take some time to crack
them.

He says we don't need to weep
over the Mareth setback.

At El Alamein, Rommel had all
Africa to retreat through. If
Patton can hold his position on
the heights dominating the escape
corridor along the Mediterranean,
Rommel will be in a tough spot
if he is defeated and tries to run
again.

For that very reason look for
Patton's men to be hit with every-
thing the Germans have at their
command. Their hardest job is yet
to come.

THERE'S little news from the
rest of the world.

The Russians, driving from
three directions, are approaching
nearer to Smolensk. The Ger-
mans, hard hit by their losses,
have slackened the fury of their
assaults east of Kharkov.

Moscow says they have been
beaten back in every attempt to
cross the Donets.

NEW Russian activity, incident-
ally, is reported from the area
back of Novorossisk, away down
in the Caucasus, which has now
been a quiet area for weeks.

There have been German re-
ports for several days of hard
fighting to the south of Lening-
rad, but no reports of this battle
have come from the Russians.

THERE'S nothing new, as this is
written, from the Pacific today.
MacArthur's planes continue their
hammering of the Japs in the
ring of islands to the north of
Australia.

The Japs are up to something
there, and our planes are giving
them no rest.

ON the home front these days,
we're all talking about how
and what we're going to eat.

On the battlefronts, eating is a
minor matter, sandwiched in with
fighting the enemy, which is the
big job.

Aides of Laval Go Over to Giraud

(By the Associated Press)

The Berlin radio, nazim-
trolled stations in France and dis-
patches to Spanish newspapers
have combined in the past 36
hours to indicate a major shake-
up in the Vichy government of
Pierre Laval and political align-
ments in France.

The Berlin radio announced dis-
missal of five of Laval's cabinet
ministers last night in what it
called a harmonious move "insur-
ing unconditional support of the
Laval government" and which it
said was designed to give the
French government a greater
concentration of power.

But the government shake-up
came on the heels of the revela-
tion that French diplomats and
officials aboard were dropping
away from the Vichy regime in
important numbers.

Chief defection was at Vichy's
largest foreign establishment at
Madrid, where 14 diplomatic and
consular officers resigned and
switched their allegiance to Gen.
Henri Giraud, French high com-
missioner in north and west
Africa.

There are 6,350 registered hos-
pitals of various types in the
United States.

SITTING ON A MINE FIELD

EDITORIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

It may seem peculiar to be speaking of fire dangers when
snow blankets the higher levels and fogs and rains are of fre-
quent occurrence, but it is not too early to be thinking of the
dangerous position we residents of the Pacific coast now occupy.
A bulletin recently issued by the West Coast Lumbermen's
association compares our forests to axis mine fields.

A retreating army leaves buried mines in its wake. These
concentrated high explosive are fired by the vibration set up
by marching feet or by rumbling vehicles and spew forth death
and destruction. Ingenious "booby traps" also are left behind.
They may appear to be fountain pens, watches or pocketbooks,
which explode when moved killing or mangle the finder. Booby
traps have been known to be in the form of apparently un-
damaged tanks or trucks which exploded violently when sal-
vage crews attempted to move them. Their purpose is to cause
delays in the enemy advance, to destroy morale and slow down
offensive action.

Here on the west coast we have great areas covered with
ferns, dead forest growth and other combustible matter. In dry
weather these areas will ignite from a spark. When fires oc-
cur in our forests, men must be withdrawn from useful occu-
pations to fight them. Many of these fire fighters are men who
normally are employed as loggers or mill workers. Right now
these men are vitally needed in getting out lumber and forest
products for the war effort. Even one day's loss of time is
costly in our all out production schedule. Yet a forest fire may
keep woods crews inactive for days at a time.

The west coast lumber industry is being urged by the war
production board for a great increase in volume of forest prod-
ucts for 1943 as compared with 1942. Compliance with this
request will be impossible if the men in the woods are forced to
leave their jobs to fight forest fires.

Enemy powers are not responsible for the powder keg or
the mine field on the Pacific coast, but the fact exists that the
condition could be no more favorable to the axis powers if they
had arranged it. We can explode the powder keg with one
carelessly tossed match. We are to be more severely self-cen-
sured if our lack of caution explodes a "booby trap."

The Japanese proved to us last year they could reach our
coast. Then they had the proclaimed belief they would soon
be able to occupy this country. They perhaps were not anxious
at that time to cause too much destruction. We believe they
are rapidly losing faith in their ability to seize United States
territory and consequently will not be hesitant to spread fire
along the Pacific coast in the future.

It will be sufficiently difficult to keep our enemies from de-
stroying our forests and controlling the fires set by natural
causes without the added task of combating incendiarism and
carelessness. There perhaps is little danger today or tomor-
row, but the next week may bring clear and dry weather. We
must be constantly on the alert.

KRRR

Mutual Broadcasting System,
1490 Kilocycles.

BEST BETS FOR TODAY

SATURDAY

7:15—Saturday Night Bond-
wagon.

8:00—This is the Hour.

SUNDAY

12:30—The Rumi Plan.

2:00—Answering You.

3:00—First Nighter.

5:00—American Forum of the
Air.

7:30—Halls of Montezuma.

8:30—Wings Over the West
Coast.

MONDAY

1:30—Nobody's Children.

3:00—Educational Confer-
ence.

4:30—The Magic Carpet.

8:00—San Quentin on the Air.

8:30—Double or Nothing.

(REMAINING HOURS TODAY)

4:00—American Eagle Club.

4:30—Saturday Serenade.

5:00—U. S. Army.

5:15—Song Spinners.

5:30—Norman Nesbitt With The
News, Studebaker.

5:45—Edith Lorand's Orchestra.

6:00—Dinner Concert.

6:30—Treasury Star Parade
presents Noel Coward's
"In Which We Serve."

6:50—Copco News.

7:00—John B. Hughes, Anacin.

7:15—Saturday Night
Bondwagon.

7:45—Melody Hall.

8:00—This is the Hour.

8:30—Tommy Tucker's Orches-
tra.

9:00—Ben Carter's Orchestra.

9:15—Alka Seltzer News.

9:30—The Charloters.

9:45—Dance Music.

10:00—Dance Music.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

8:00—Wesley Radio League.

8:30—Mutual's Radio Chapel.

9:00—Detroit Bible Class.

9:30—The Chaplain Speaks,
Rev. Perry Smith.

9:45—Songs for Sunday.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—Romance of the Highways,
Greyhound Bus Lines.

10:30—Canary Chorus.

11:00—Baptist Church Services.

12:00—Floyd B. Johnson, and
King's Ambassadors.

12:30—The Rumi Plan.

1:00—The Lutheran Hour.

1:30—Young People's Church
of the Air.

2:00—Answering You.

2:30—Murder Clinic.

3:00—Campana's First Nighter.

3:30—Treasury Star Parade
presents "County
Auction."

4:45—Voice of the Farmer.

American Dairy Association

4:00—Bulldog Drummond.

4:30—The Angelus Hour,
Douglas Funeral Home.

5:00—American Forum of the
Air.

5:45—Evening Melodies.

6:00—Old Fashioned Revival.

7:00—John B. Hughes.

7:15—Rabbi Magnin.

7:30—Halls of Montezuma.

8:00—Hancock Ensemble.

8:30—Wings Over the West
Coast.

9:00—Alka Seltzer News.

9:15—Voice of Prophecy.

9:45—Eddie Heckscher's Orches-
tra.

10:00—Old Fashioned Revival.

11:00—Sign Off.

MONDAY, MARCH 29

7:00—Rise and Shine.

7:25—Roseburg Auction Mart.

7:30—State and Local News,
Boring Optical.

7:35—J. M. Judd Says
"Good Morning."

7:40—Bhaskard in Wax.

8:00—Breakfast Club,
Mentholatum.

8:30—Yankee House Party.

9:00—Boake Carter.

9:15—Man About Town.

9:40—Black and White.

10:00—Alka Seltzer News.

10:15—Shopper's Guide.

10:30—Cheer Up Gang.

11:00—Codic Foster.

11:15—Wheel of Fortune.

12:00—Interlude.

12:05—Sports Review, Dunham
Transfer Co.

12:20—Parkinson's Information
Exchange.

12:25—Rhythm at Random.

12:45—State News, Hansen
Motors.

12:50—News Review of the Air.

1:05—Treasury Song Parade,
Interlude.

1:15—Sweet and Sentimental.

1:30—Nobody's Children.

2:00—Don Lee Newsreel
Theatre.

3:00—Educational Conference.

4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., Plough
Chemical Co.

4:15—Johnson Family.

4:30—The Magic Carpet.

5:00—U. S. Army.

5:15—Superman, Kellogg's Pop-
corn.

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9:30—Uncle Sam.

9:45—Fulton Lewis, Jr.

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Oregon Will be Taught How To Fight Air Raids

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against enemy air attack.

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with defense regulations. Each
home will be inspected by air
raid wardens.

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