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In The Day's News

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AFTER all, what happened in Italy over the week-end isn't too surprising. It has been obvious for a long time that Italians are sick of the bargain Mussolini made for them, and in recent weeks have been plenty of signs that they were getting desperate enough to REPUDIATE it.

AMONG these signs have been wholesale surrender by Italian military units clear up to divisions — which amounted practically to saying to the government: "If you can't do anything about this mess WE CAN AND WILL."

LET'S be realistic.

Mussolini's gangster alliance with Hitler has been repudiated by the Italian people because it DIDN'T PAY DIVIDENDS. If it had paid, they'd still be for it.

If that is true (as this writer believes) this also must be true:

Whenever the German people come to realize as clearly as the Italian people now do that all this folderol of nazism and fascism and fuhrers and duces and what have you PAYS NO DIVIDENDS (except in blood and suffering and loss of liberty) THEY will revolt against it as the Italian people have.

(TAKE that or leave it. It's only this writer's personal conviction, wholly unbacked by any inside information.)

THERE'S an unexpected and quite unusual note of realism in the comment on Italy's upheaval. It is sounded by Secretary of State Hull in response to an inquiry as to what this country is doing about it. Hull says (in effect, if not in exact words):

"Along with our allies, we're fighting like the devil to put on the increased MILITARY PRESURE that will insure Italian capitulation to the allied demand for unconditional surrender."

THAT'S the way to FINISH UP what has been started in Italy. It's the way to bring the German people to the frame of mind the Italian people have already reached.

Whenever the Germans KNOW THEY'RE LICKED, as the Italians know it, there'll be

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California Desert Endurance Test In Terrific Heat Kills 3 Soldiers

CAMP YOUNG, Calif., July 28.—(AP)—Death in the searing heat of a desolate waterless expanse followed a platoon of soldiers that became lost during a six-day endurance maneuver on the vast, trackless wastelands of the Southern California-Arizona desert.

Two were listed as dead and a third missing and presumed by the army to be dead, in a meager report last night from military authorities which also disclosed the remainder of the platoon had been rescued.

The two died of thirst, army officials stated. Their names were withheld pending notification of relatives. Some of those rescued, the report said, were severely affected by sun, exhaustion and lack of water, but were expected to recover from their trek across the shimmering, sandy wilderness, where temperatures Sunday and Monday soared to the highest in several years.

Thermometers at Imperial, Calif., recorded 124 degrees Sunday and 116 Monday.

Cefalu Netted in Sicilian Sweep; Squeeze on Munda Japs Tightens

British Still Held by Nazis At Catania

Reinforced Foe Puts Up Bloody Defense Against Island Mop-Up Effort

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 28.—(AP)—American troops of the seventh army, sweeping eastward toward the tip of Sicily, have captured Cefalu, 90 miles west of Messina strait, and are advancing against strongly prepared German defenses at San Stefano, it was announced at allied headquarters today.

The Americans are slashing forward on a deep front along the north coast, and have also captured Alimena, 25 miles south-east of Cefalu, and four other towns behind a line from Cefalu to Alimena.

The battle of the bridgehead had reached the "slugging stage" as Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters announced that Canadian troops in the center of the front also had made progress in hard fighting and against bitter opposition.

British Still Checked.

The British Eighth army still was stopped dead before Catania in the eastern sector for the 13th successive day—longer than it was stopped either at El Alamein in Egypt when it took up the offensive, or at the Mareh line in Tunisia.

Announcement of the fall of Cefalu came at least 36 hours later, and while there were no more official reports on progress, it was plain that the heaviest American forces were being drawn up for an all-out blow along the north coast.

The Germans still were getting

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Umpqua Valley Given New Booklet Publicity

Due to the increasing demand for informational literature on the Umpqua Valley, the local chamber of commerce has issued a new booklet, which has been printed and delivered by the News-Review commercial printing department and is now being distributed.

The booklet covers the topics of recreation, timber, farming, climate, scenery, highways, water, fishing, hunting, homes and other such subjects. It is profusely illustrated with photographs and maps.

Featuring Umpqua Indian head, the booklet bears the slogan, "When war ends, enjoy peace in the Umpqua Valley."

Clark Leedy's Name Given To Mountain, Lake

PORTLAND, July 28.—(AP)—A mountain and a lake in the Aleutians perpetuate the name of Lt. William Clark Leedy, Brooks, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leedy said the navy informed them of their son's death in a crash of a patrol bomber he was piloting. The mountain on which he hit, and a nearby lake, were named after him the navy said.

Lieutenant Leedy, a former resident of Roseburg, was the husband of Meredith Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jenkins of Roseburg. Mrs. Leedy is residing at Seattle, where she and Lieutenant Leedy purchased a home when he was assigned to naval air patrol in the Aleutians. His body was found recently in the wreckage of his bomber, which had exploded its bomb load upon striking a mountain peak after apparently having been caught in a down draft.

Changes in Point Values on Food Listed by OPA

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Blue point rationing stamps for August will overlap the September by three weeks, remaining valid until September 29, according to a new OPA ruling.

Simultaneous with that announcement last night, OPA listed several changes in point values which will become effective August 1. These included:

Increases—Frozen fruits and berries from six to nine points; frozen green and lima beans, cut corn, peas and spinach from four to six points per pound; canned tomato juice at the rate of one point per pound, except for small cans up to 14 ounces which remain unchanged.

Decreases—Frozen fruit juices from four to two points per pound. Canned or bottled beans are to be changed in various sizes, with some increases and some decreases, but the average will remain unchanged, OPA said.

U. S. Shares Merchant Fleet With Its Allies

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—The United States, its merchant fleet grown to the world's largest by a 250 per cent gain since Pearl Harbor, has begun a share-the-ships program with maritime allies.

So far agreements have been made for the chartering of ships to Great Britain, Norway, Holland and Greece, and the door stood open today for other United Nations to come in for their share.

Rear Admiral Land, war shipping administrator, disclosing how the fleet has mushroomed since December, 1941, gave no hint of its present size, but left the clear implication that Britain, long the world's No. 1 merchantman, has dropped far behind.

The ships will be operated under the flag of the chartering nation, but title will remain in the United States.

Grocery Store, Bakery Destroyed by Flames

PORTLAND, Ore., July 28.—(AP)—A grocery store and bakery, valued at \$8200, burned to the ground early today, deputy sheriffs reported.

Both Vanport City and Kenton fire engines fought the blaze. Owner of the bakery was Henry Freeman, Portland. Roy Anderson, Vanport City, owned the combination grocery store and fruit stand.

New Rain of Bombs Falls On Hamburg

Relentless Raiding by RAF Also Lashes Ruhr, Holland and France

LONDON, July 28.—(AP)—RAF bombers returned to Hamburg in great force last night, the British announced today, to heap further destruction on the great North German port which has been the object of continuing round-the-clock attacks since Saturday night.

About 5,000 tons of bombs have fallen on the city since Saturday night—within a few hundred tons of the total Germany dropped on all Britain in the fall of 1940 during the worst days of the battle of Britain.

It was the RAF's fourth successive night assault upon the battered city, which in normal times has a population of more than 1,000,000. Sandwiched in between these night raids were two smashing daylight attacks by American bombers on Sunday and Monday.

There was no let-up in the allied attack as strong formations of fighters and fighter-bombers continued the assault in daylight today, shuttling forth and back across the channel to the low countries. The attacks continued past midday.

The German high command, in a communique broadcast by the Berlin radio, said that "strong enemy bomber formations continued their terror attacks on Hamburg last night. There were further devastations and conflagrations caused in several parts of the city. The population again suffered losses."

Eighteen Bombers Lost

Targets in the Ruhr valley, site of many important German war industries, also were bombed dur-

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Russian Villages Burned by Nazis In Orel Defense

MOSCOW, July 28.—(AP)—Retreating Germans are burning villages, impressing the inhabitants into labor gangs and forcing them to dig trenches and dugouts for the last desperate defense of Orel on the central Russian front, red army dispatches declared today.

A Russian communique reported that Marshal Von Kluge's army was continuing to fall back as the soviet pressed in on three sides of the big Nazi base.

Savage battles were being fought on the sector northwest of Orel, where the Russian troops were cutting in toward the Bryansk railway. The exact locality was not identified in the Russian dispatches but it was believed to be in the vicinity of the Orel-Bryansk railway which the Russians have had under artillery fire since the capture of Studenka.

The town is five miles from the railway which is the only avenue of escape for German forces facing encirclement in Orel.

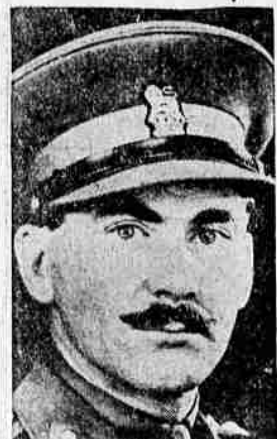
It was believed that the red army artillery barrage has seriously hampered, if not halted traffic on the railway but there is no indication from the Russian reports that the line has yet been cut.

Front dispatches said German losses were rising at a staggering rate.

A Tass dispatch said that rains had greatly hampered offensive operations in the past few days, but that the red army had "overcome all difficulties."

German defenses outside Orel were acknowledged to be extremely formidable, extending to a depth of three or four miles and crisscrossed with anti-tank ditches, barbed wire and trenches, the latter connected by a maze of underground corridors.

Leads Spearhead Attack in Sicily



Major General G. G. Simonds, 40, is commander of the Canadian army's first division now spearheading advances on the central front in Sicily.

Ward Store Asks Reconsideration Of Truck Dispute

WASHINGTON, July 28.—(AP)—Montgomery Ward and company requested the Interstate Commerce commission to reconsider a decision dismissing complaints by the company against 23 trucking firms charging refusal to provide service at a plant involved in labor trouble.

The mail order house contends that the truckers had no right under their contracts to refuse to cross picket lines in order to transport goods from the company's Portland, Ore., plant affected by strike in 1940 and 1941.

The truckers argued that circumstances beyond their control (the strike) prevented them from transporting goods from the plant to points in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California.

Three Candidates File To Succeed Englebright

SACRAMENTO, July 28.—(AP)—A three-way fight for the congressional seat of the late Harry L. Englebright in the second district was definitely set for Aug. 31 today.

Mrs. Englebright, Nevada City, widow of the republican whip in the lower house, and State Senator Clair Engle, Red Bluff, beat the deadline for qualifying for the special election that day by filing the required number of names with the secretary of state yesterday, last day to file.

State Senator Jess Mayo, Angels camp, had qualified the day before.

Food Preservation School to Open At Roseburg Junior High August 2

The Roseburg Woman's club, assisted by various civic organizations of women here, will sponsor the educational program on food preservation, which is the first of this type of project to be held in Oregon, and will open at the junior high school home economics laboratory next Monday, August 2. Miss Betty Johnson, from the state department of vocational education, will be here for the week and with the assistance of Homer Grow, vocational agriculture instructor, will conduct the school for both rural and urban residents.

Monday afternoon will be the first session and the class will be held from 2 to 4 o'clock. Miss Johnson plans to demonstrate the latest methods used for freezing and dehydration of foods.

Tuesday afternoon's meeting will open at 2 o'clock and emphasis will be given to the canning of vegetables and meats with the pressure cooker method. At least 30 pressure cookers are needed

Yankees Gain 500 Yards in New Thrust

Jap New Guinea Bases Again Bombed; Kiska, Wake Also Hammered

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 28.—(AP)—Jungle-wise American fighting men are squeezing the Japanese at Munda, New Georgia, into an ever-shrinking finger of land.

New progress in the bitter campaign against the vital strategic Central Solomons airbase was reported in today's communique from General MacArthur's headquarters. The announcement did not give the extent of the advance but a spokesman said it was "considerable" along the entire line of battle.

The drive through strong enemy defenses east of Munda carried the Americans past the coastal village of Tere to within 2100 yards—less than one and one-fifth miles—of the airbase. Strong pressure was exerted against enemy "centers of resistance"—probably dugouts so placed their machineguns could meet assaults with strong crossfire.

During the first few days of the general offensive launched in the Southwest Pacific June 30, the Americans moved swiftly upon Munda, located on a tapering point of land on western New Georgia. As the Japanese were compressed within their long-prepared defenses, however, resistance stiffened and for nearly three weeks positions remained virtually unchanged. Then yesterday General MacArthur announced an advance of 500 yards and today another forward thrust.

Bombers again supported the troops, plastering 35 tons of bombs against enemy positions. The bombers, which were escorted by a strong cover of fighters, reported many hits on Japanese gun emplacements despite intense anti-aircraft fire.

New Guinea Bases Bombed. Meanwhile, on New Guinea, allied bombers heavily pounded the Salamaua area and Lae, and

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Canyonville Logger Suffers Injury to Eye

John Byman, employed in the Fred Cooper logging woods near Canyonville, suffered a severe eye injury yesterday while engaged in trimming a log. A flying limb struck the eye. His physician, Dr. A. C. Seely, removed a half-inch sliver of wood from the eyeball. Vision probably will not be permanently impaired, Dr. Seely reported.

Blood Flows in Clashes as Populace Demands Liberty, Peace, Eviction of Germans

Badoglio's Government Dissolves Fascist Party, But Makes No Peace Bid; Negotiations Said Under Way Through Assistance of Turkish Diplomat

(By the Associated Press)

A popular insurrection verging on revolution, marked by gunfire, an attempted prison break and bloodshed, was reported to have broken out at Milan in Northern Italy today, according to unconfirmed advices received at the Italian frontier.

Dispatches said mobs swept the streets of Milan, birthplace of fascism, shouting:

"Liberty!"

"We want peace!"

The newspaper Il Corriere Della Era reported that fascists in the Milan suburbs barricaded themselves in buildings and fired on crowds of civilians and soldiers.

The newspaper said the fight to wipe out nests of fascist defiance was "long, difficult and bloody," with some of the followers of ex-Premier Mussolini's regime still battling authorities.

Inmates of the great Milan prison of Cellulare mutinied and burned part of the prison in an attempted break. One prisoner was killed and many were wounded.

Bomb-torn Naples was also the scene of fights in which several were killed and wounded as the people celebrated the fall of fascism.

Turin, Bologna, Genoa and other northern Italian cities reported disorders as the populace cheered the downfall of Mussolini, demanded the ouster of nazi troops in Italy, and clamored for peace. Many fascists were placed under arrest.

The day's developments also included an announcement by the Rome radio that "complete dissolution of the national fascist party" had been ordered at the first meeting of the new Italian cabinet, held yesterday under the presidency of Marshal Badoglio, new premier.

The broadcast said that the cabinet also decided to abrogate the 14-year-old law under which the fascist grand council became an organ of the state, the law being "incompatible with the return to constitutional normality."

Another Rome "broadcast" repeatedly interrupted programs to warn the people against "sensational" rumors and urged patience, declaring that it was not possible to make peace in two days.

Conflicting Reports Rise. Meanwhile the status of Italy under Premier Badoglio's new regime was clouded by a host of conflicting reports:

1. In London, Prime Minister Churchill replied with a crisp "no, sir," when asked in the house of commons whether any reply had been received to requests for the unconditional surrender of Italy.

2. Dispatches from Istanbul told of a hasty and mysterious conference at sea between the Italian and Turkish foreign ministers, suggesting that Turkey might serve as a go-between in peace or armistice negotiations.

Nazi Activity Noted. 3. Madrid heard that Italy

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Hurricane Batters Texas Coast; Loss Reaches Millions

HOUSTON, Tex., July 28.—(AP)—A hurricane that cut a multi-million dollar swath along the Texas gulf coast was subsiding today.

No loss of life or serious injuries have been reported. The damage yesterday was heavy at Houston, estimated at \$1,000,000 at Galveston and at the same figure for Goose Creek, Baytown, Pelly tri-city area.

Terrific winds averaged 75 miles an hour, bettered 100 miles an hour in gusts and even reached a velocity of 132 miles an hour at the Houston municipal airport.

Streets of the storm-hit cities were littered with wreckage and broken glass. Hundreds of pine trees were uprooted and crashed into houses.

Men, women and children who were made homeless when wind wrecked trailer camps and shacks found refuge in public buildings.

Some downtown streets of Galveston were filled hip-deep with bay water. Broken power lines blacked out the entire city last night.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Ralsenstela

First mistake of Italy's new premier, Badoglio, was appointing a new minister of the navy. Why carry on the government payroll a person with nothing to do?—like our own Madame Perkins.