

African Army Traps Germans

Tobruk Forces Slash Way Out; Nazis Now Shifting to Capital

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used by the Germans themselves in conquering most of Europe. "The aim of the British command is to destroy the German tank force in Libya, and that is what we are doing at the moment," a high British officer declared.

Sun-bronzed Australians and British Tommies who stormed in to Tobruk last January 22 to the lusty chorus of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" were reported slaughtering with enthusiasm into the rear of German and Italian troops who, in turn, had beleaguered them for so long.

Latest advice said the Tobruk forces had cut their way through three miles of axis positions, driving to join units of the main imperial armies at Regezh, 10 miles south of Tobruk's outer defense perimeter.

British middle east headquarters said repeated German attempts to break through the British encirclement were defeated in a big battle and that the area of entrapment, originally more than 60 miles deep, had been compressed into a 4-mile square zone.

While Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham's 5-day-old counter-offensive in North Africa thus presented Adolf Hitler with the possibility of his first defeat in two years of war, Britain's soviet ally suffered a major setback in the reported fall of Rostov-On-Don, described by the Germans as "the spigot to the Russian oil barrel."

The German command announced the fall of Rostov, a city of 500,000 population guarding the northern route to the great Caucasus oil fields.

Moreover, apparently in a desperate attempt to offset the British drive in North Africa, Hitler is now hurrying tanks, planes and men by the tens and hundreds of thousands into a climactic smash toward Moscow.

Soviet front-line dispatches said the Germans, under orders to capture Moscow by Christmas, were attacking with "probably the largest concentration of forces ever seen in modern warfare."

Stalled in week-long assaults against the north and south flanks of Moscow's 200-mile defense arc—at Tula, 100 miles south of the capital, and Kalinin, 95 miles northwest—the Germans were reported to have shifted their attack to the center, striking their heaviest blows in the Moshaisk sector, 57 miles west of Moscow.

Meanwhile, reliable quarters in Europe was spurring Hitler to exert strong new pressure on France for air bases and supply routes to combat the drive.

These quarters said Hitler was prepared to change the armistice with France into a formal peace settlement—presumably including the return of 1,000,000 French soldiers now imprisoned in Germany—in return for sweeping concessions in French North Africa.

From Vichy it was reported that Marshal Petain would soon go to occupied France to meet a high German personage, possibly Hitler himself, a move giving credence to recent rumors that the Associated Press that France was about to accept a full partnership in Hitler's "new order" in Europe.

A Rome radio broadcast heard in New York said Premier Mussolini would attend the Hitler-Petain meeting.

A further strain on French-United States relations appeared following the state department's accusation that the Vichy government's removal of General Maxime Weygand from command of French troops in Africa was at "the express demands of Hitler." A semi-official French reply Saturday said, "It would seem hard to believe that relations between America and France could undergo a total alteration because of that change."

Authorized French sources stressed that events in Vichy were linked with the British offensive on the Libyan desert.

Besides Libya, another bit of Premier Mussolini's African empire was receiving crushing British blows. The British announced from Nairobi, Kenya Colony, the surrender of the Italian defenders of "strong positions" at Culquabert and Ferrober on the road to Gondar, which remains the last important Italian stronghold in East Africa.

The British said that 800 Italians and 1000 natives were captured. They estimated that 10,000 or 11,000 more Italians and Ethiopians were holding out in Gondar.

Honor Roll Lists Few

WOODBURN — The honor list of the Torch Honor scholarship society for the last six weeks period was the shortest ever compiled. Kathleen Jensen was the only scholar to attain all "A's."

Others who made an average of "B" or better included: Luther Asper, Robert Austin, Arville Becker, Jean Bentley, Boyce Cannon, Arlene Coleman, Jean Cornwell, Dorothy Davis, Marjory Davis, Donna Dean, Millicent

They Work for Success of Christmas Seals Sale



Hard at work are a group of American Legion auxiliary members, who each year take charge of mailing tuberculosis Christmas seals to thousands of Marion county residents. From left to right are Mrs. Phillip Shobar, Mrs. Guy Weaver, Mrs. Frank Jirak, standing, Mrs. L. S. Dotten, Mrs. Lew Stanley and Mrs. W. H. Lorenz.

Captive Coal Strike Ended

Lewis Overruled by Policy Committee; Men Resume Work

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Lewis and the CIO union before Saturday's policy committee meeting, and named the arbitrator in advance of the union's concurrence.

He was Dr. John R. Steelman, head of the labor department's conciliation service, a man of long and varied experience in the settlement of labor disputes. Technically, Mr. Roosevelt appointed a board of arbitration with Steelman as its chairman, Lewis as a second member and Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel, as the third.

Under the circumstances, however, it was obvious that the decision would be reached by Steelman, alone, after hearing Lewis and Fairless present their cases. Secretary Perkins immediately relieved Steelman of all duties in the labor department so that he might devote his full time to the captive mine case.

The captive mines are owned by the steel companies, and their product is used exclusively as fuel for the manufacture of steel, as distinguished from the commercial mines which produce coal for sale on the public market.

The strike began Monday, after a series of futile efforts to bring about an agreement on Lewis' demand for a "union shop" in the captive mines, a system under which all employees must join the union. The union shop was already in effect under contracts between the union and all commercial mines of the Appalachian region.

Sympathy strikes spread into the commercial. The steel companies quickly began to feel the pinch and steel production for the defense program had to be curtailed. Numerous elements in congress were demanding action by the government through force or legislation to end the strike. A senate committee had already begun hearings on anti-strike bills.

Vandals Drop Montana State By 39-0 Count

By PHILIP HARDING
BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 22.—(AP)—With Bill Micklich scoring five touchdowns, the University of Idaho's Vandals submerged Montana State's Bobcats 39-0 Saturday in the first southern Idaho appearance of a Vandal crew tutored by Francis Schmidt.

Displaying power more than the magician's touch, Idaho's white-shirted club crossed the goal line three times in the second quarter and once each in the other three periods. At the final gun the Vandals were on the Montana four-yard line.

Micklich pushed over his first tally in the first quarter from the two-yard line. In the second period he galloped 43 yards and 42 yards respectively to score and polished off the first half with three lunges good for 11 yards and another six points.

In the third quarter he scored from the 15. End Milo Anderson's block of a Montana State punt on the 17 set up the tally.

Fire Destroys Cotton

SPARTANBURG, SC, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Fire swept through three cotton-filled bonded warehouses on the edge of Spartanburg Saturday night, causing damage unofficially estimated at \$500,000.

Evenden, Marjory Evenden, Geraldine Hanuska, Muriel Haroldson, Edwin Hayden, Colleen Hempel, Rita Henkes, Edna Herman, Kathleen Jensen, Elsie Johnson, Betty Jones, Ina Leighty, Marvin Mattson, Rodney Mills, Elvorne McCormick, Wilma McHolic, William McHolic, Norma Nowack, Bruce Nelson, Helen Nusser, Loren Olsen, Madonna Prinslow, Audra Rich, Jean Roysse, Joan Sargent, Arlene Smolinsky, Marguerite Stewart, Al Stone, Frances Titik, Grace Warwick, Alleen Wayne, Donna Wengert, Virginia Williams, Florence Willig.

Bowling Scores

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Parrish & Straw	21	12	.636
Straw & Straw	21	12	.636
Sundin's	21	12	.636
Paulus Taggers	17	16	.515
Mastel	17	16	.515
Pittsburgh	17	16	.515
General	16	17	.485
Coyale	15	18	.455
Hartman	15	18	.455
Woodworth's	15	18	.455
Copeland	13	20	.394
State Street	10	23	.303
Krech 187, Tope 183, Kertson 183, Cherrington 178, Perry 177, Peterson 176, McMullen 175, Lhamon 173, Kenyon 174, Scales 174.			

MERCANTILE LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Bosler	19	11	.633
Richfield	19	11	.633
Semler's	18	12	.600
Glenn's	17	13	.567
Valley	16	14	.533
Labish	16	14	.533
Stanton	14	16	.467
Peppers	14	16	.467
Monmouth	14	16	.467
Board, Walk	14	16	.467
Capital	11	19	.367
Solo	11	19	.367
Schwab 173, Thompson 167, Brown 161, Kirechner 160, Schunk 160, Doerflinger 159, Olwell 159, Erdstarg 157, Simons 157, Densmore 157.			

MAJOR LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Cline's	23	10	.697
Boiler	19	14	.576
Acme	17	16	.515
Ramages	15	18	.455
Clayton	14	19	.424
Friesen's	11	22	.333
Coe 185, Poulin 183, Haman 180, Clifton 180, Page 188, Tope 187, Olinger 187, Kertson 186, Murdoch 186, Thrush 185, Hartwell 185, Young 185.			

LADIES' LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Hubbard	22	8	.733
Capital	19	11	.633
Glenn's	18	12	.600
Coca Cola	13	17	.433
McKay's	11	19	.367
Wilson 156, Poulin 154, Clark 154, Kennedy 152, McCarroll 148, Garbarino 146, Foreman 145, Meyer 144, Bowlsby 140, Lloyd 138.			

CHERRY CITY			
	W	L	Pct.
Boiler	6	3	.667
Paulus	4	2	.667
PGE Salesmen	4	2	.667
Reinhold & Lewis	3	6	.333
PGE Linemen	0	6	.000
Thompson 210, Warner 181, McCarroll 177, Farnen 168, White 166, Giron 162, Van Houten 157, Duffus 157.			

Hopster Grid Eleven Feted

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence chamber of commerce entertained the Hopster football squad at a banquet this week. The team completed its season's play Armistice day when the Hopsters defeated Dallas 6 to 0, to win the Polk county cup and second place in the Polk-Yamhill league.

M. M. Nelson was toastmaster of the evening. Responses were given by Paul E. Robinson, principal of the high school; Ray Scott, Hopster coach, and William McKelip, a member of the coaching staff at Oregon State college. There were 16 members of the team present.

Bill Alderson was also a guest. He told of his recent trip to the Future Farmers convention at Kansas City.

William Darling, president of the chamber, announced E. E. Addison and E. D. Alger as attendance committee for the next meeting. Grover G. Mattison was introduced as a new member.

J. R. McCulloch, FBI representative of Portland, was announced as the guest speaker at the December 16 meeting, and Earl Snell, secretary of state, at the meeting of January 20.

Fifteen dollars was voted by the chamber for the Christmas cheer fund.

Pioneer Family Patriarch Dies

ELDRIDGE — Louis Aral, 67, the last member of a pioneer family of this community, died in Portland November 15, at the home of Mrs. Matson. He spent most of his life in this community and was well known here.

Remains were brought to St. Louis Monday where requiem mass was held and burial followed in the St. Louis cemetery.

Survivors include Mrs. Al Nickles, Portland, a cousin, Mrs. Frank House, Portland, a niece, and a niece and nephew in California.

TVA Geologist Dies

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 22.—(AP)—Major Edwin C. Eckel, 67, chief geologist of the Tennessee valley authority died Saturday night. Major Eckel was a veteran of the World war, having served with the United States army engineers in France.

Japan Peace Plans Mulled

ABCD Powers Study Proposals; Refuse Hint of Outcome

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another meeting of the ABCD envoys.

Halifax added that Secretary Hull had kept them fully informed of all developments in the Japanese-American discussions.

While without official confirmation, there were authoritative indications that Saturday's discussions had revolved around economic aspects of the situation in the Far East.

The United States, Great Britain and The Netherlands have embargoed oil shipments to Japan, imposed export restrictions on shipments of other goods vitally needed in Japan's daily life, frozen Japanese assets, and taken other economic measures designed to block Japan's threatened expansion southward.

Japan has repeatedly stressed opposition to the "economic blockade" and is understood to have made proposals which—if accepted by the United States and other powers—would permit at least a partial resumption of normal trade.

A demand that the government make a statement on the Japanese-American situation was made in a statement issued Saturday night by the National Council for Prevention of War, a peace organization.

"The American people want to know what the points of difference are between us and Japan," the statement said. "Our government is not taking us into its confidence and yet we are told that we are on the brink of war."

Marriage Cops Tanforan 'Cap Over Bulwark

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Marriage, with Charley Corbett up, came through for a surprise win in the \$15,000 added Marchbank handicap at Tanforan Saturday. Time was 1:49 for the mile and an eighth.

The R. A. Coward horse from New York City beat out Bulwark by a length in a thrilling stretch drive, with a favorite, Sweepida, three lengths back of Bulwark to take third honors.

More than 20,000 fans saw the events on the last day of the regular Tanforan meeting. The weather was clear and track fast.

The winner paid \$21, \$8 and \$4.20 and Sweepida \$3.20.

Corbett, a Glendale, Calif., rider, held Marriage back early in the race, but moved up quickly from fourth place near the stretch. The race was worth \$12,500 to the winner.

SF Stockshow Ends

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Officials of the Grand National Livestock exposition, pleased with attendance figures for the eight-day show, viewed packed galleries Saturday night for the wind-up program in the \$2,500,000 "cow palace."



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Winter Peace Feelers Told

White House Warns Nazis Plan Series Of Puppet States

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many is going to be forced by losses and depletion of reserves to summon such a conference."

"The idea," he continued, "is to dress up some high-sounding formula of economic rehabilitation and restoration of independence for all European nations, carefully providing for leaving the door open for German violations later on and for German control of all these governments in practice; that is, what would be essentially a series of puppet states throughout Europe with Germany always holding the strings."

The secretary went on to say that "the fact that Germany is studying such a conference is a matter of some interest and should be discounted well ahead of time by people who really believe in democracy and oppose military domination not only of Europe but of the entire world."

Responding to further questioning, Early said he did not believe the proposal had gone far enough for reaction to be reserved from nations which are supposed to participate in the continental meeting.

His statement that some belligerents would be invited was interpreted as meaning Russia as well as Italy, and possibly Finland, Rumania and Bulgaria who are helping the nazis in their attack on the soviet. Hungary also would come under the category of axis powers.

The "some neutrals" mentioned could be drawn from only five nations still in a non-belligerent status on the continent—Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, and Turkey. Vichy France also might be included.

Early said the sources of this government's information could not be revealed for "obvious reasons," but he did say the reports were from "within Europe."

Alaska Dentist Dies

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Nov. 22.—(AP)—Dr. Ole A. Branfladt, famous dentist whose experience in the frozen north spanned development of the territory from the days of dog-team mushing to modern airplane transportation, died at his home here Saturday. He was 54 and had spent most of his adult life in the northland.

County Civil Police Reserves Seen Best Organized on Coast

One of the best-organized civilian police reserves on the coast is in the making in Marion county, believe members of Sheriff A. C. Burk's staff, who have witnessed initial class-meetings in countywide police schools.

With 1600 volunteers enrolled under 400 squad leaders, those leaders receiving training courses provided indirectly by the FBI, the "home guard" is already a fact, deputies declare.

One of the first tasks outside the attendance at training schools is to be a survey of the county. The police reserve, organized in the county outside Salem under authority from the sheriff's office as a part of the civilian defense setup, is to conduct the study to determine what accommodations could be provided for evacuees in case Portland and Bonneville should become targets.

In Salem the reserve is handled by the regularly-constituted police department which has enlarged its group of volunteer trainees since start of the civilian defense movement.

Squad leaders of the county are required to attend training classes, open also to squad members, and to pass examinations in various phases of defense activity. They then will be expected to offer to their own squadrons the same schooling.

Classes in Salem are scheduled for the second and fourth Fridays of each month for members of the Hunters and Anglers' club corps and of veterans organizations.

At Stayton classes are held the first and third Fridays. At Woodburn the first and third Tuesdays, and at Mt. Angel and Silverton for men from those districts alternately on the fourth Tuesdays.

Each class accommodates representatives from communities in outlying districts.

Hitler, Duce Plan Parley With Petain

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—(AP)—The Rome radio said Saturday night that Premier Mussolini would participate in a conference with Adolf Hitler and Marshal Petain to be held "somewhere in France."

NBC heard the broadcast. (Authoritative French sources disclosed Saturday that Petain would leave Vichy shortly for an unoccupied France for talks with a high Nazi, possibly Hitler himself.)

Civil Defense Talks Finance

County Committee to Seek Sum Necessary To Carry Out Plans

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tee and the special committee Wednesday night at defense council offices in the county courthouse, the luncheon group indicated, although declaring themselves individually as favoring the suggestion.

No one connected with the civil defense office has received or expects to receive pay for his services; one man has not only contributed considerable time from his business but has driven more than 1500 miles without getting a cent of mileage, Colby pointed out, but some cash outlay will be required for materials and for work of technical nature, it was declared.

The budget approved by the finance committee includes items for cards and files, mimeographing and printing, insignia, postage, special files, a small general office allowance and entertainment and recreation of soldiers.

The last-listed item would remove from its lone-financing position the United Hospitality association and place it, as a branch of the civilian defense organization, inside the one budget, it was declared.

Members of the special committee are Tom Hill, O. D. "Frosty" Olson, B. E. "Kelly" Owens, Phil Ringle, W. L. Phillips, Bill McAfee and Floyd Emmerson. The finance committee, named by County Chairman Douglas McKay at a staff meeting early this fall, consists of Jake Fuhrer, Dr. Henry Morris, Allan Carson, Senator Ronald Jones and George Duncan.

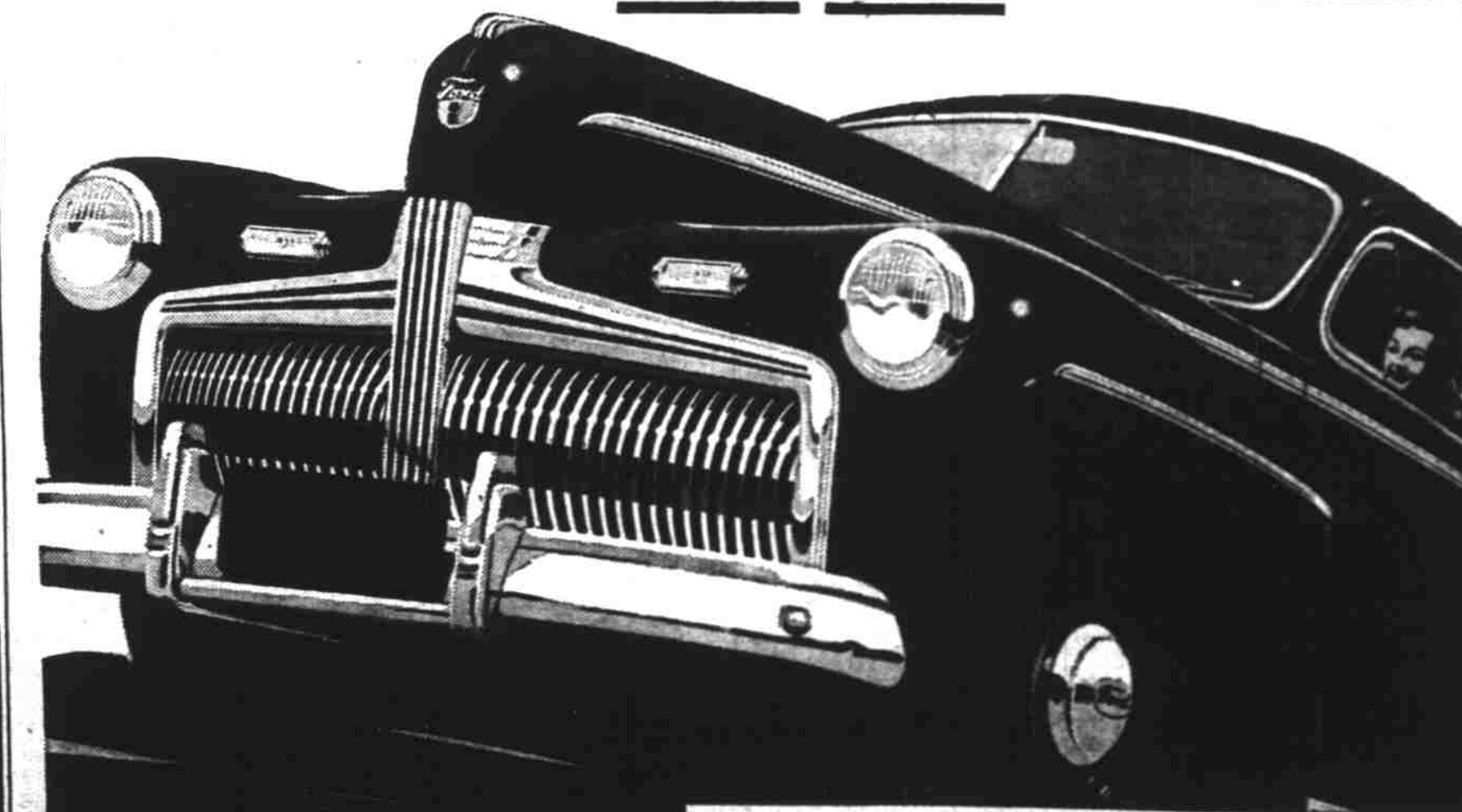
Fordham Bops Gaels, 35-7

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—(AP)—The bells of St. Mary rang early Saturday but Fordham's football powerhouse came back to give the Gaels the gong and wallop the Californians 35 to 7.

Sailing four times through the air to touchdowns, and putting on a finishing touch with a six-pointer by way of the old Statue-of-Liberty play, the Rams ran over the far westerners for the worst beating either has taken since this series began 11 years ago.

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