Saturday's sunset, 5:41 p. m., Sunday's sunrise, 8:12 a. m. Weather: Thursday's request, weather forecasts

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Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, November 14, 1942

# French Battle German Troops in Tunisia

### 6 Bodies Found In Fire

#### **Dormitory Razed** In Shipyard, Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 13-(AP)-Shipyard workers recovered six bodies tonight after a roaring fire destroyed a dormitory at the Henry J. Kaiser shipbuilding plant here.

Coroner R. E. Durfresne said other bodies might yet be found, but he would have to wait until more of the wreckage cooled before continuing the search.

Forty others were injured in the blaze, which swept through the two-story wooden structure with explosive speed. Only three were severely burned, however, and none is in a serious condi-

The six bodies were burned beyond recognition, but Dufresne said one was identified as that of a woman. All were found in the ruins of the dormitary's halls, evidently overcome as they ran from their

The blaze evidently started in a wastebasket, and spread through the building almost as fast as a man could run. Many escaped only by jumping from windows or braving flames on the stair-

The building was a total loss with damage estimated between

to be that of Mrs. Agnes Johnson, men to the armies battling the the careers of most of their sena negress from New York. The axis, President Roosevelt Friday jors." Large numbers about to body was found near her room, ordered arms, food and clothing enter the armed services and her husband, Fred, said she sped to the people of French was in the room a few minutes North Africa and promised the before the fire started. He has same aid to any other territory training which the armed services been unable to find her since.

Dufresne said there was little chance of identifying the others, especially since the only list of occupants was destroyed in the

The dormitory, housed 320 workers, some of them recently recruited in New York. Eighty

of the occupants were women. The fire was discovered by Deputy Sheriff Fred Greenwood. who ran from room to room warning occupants until the blaze forced him from the building.

Greenwood said he noticed smoke as he went on duty. He unlocked a linen storage room in the center of the building. A wastebasket inside was blazing and as air rushed in, the whole room seemed to burst

into flame, he said. The flames chased him down the hall, and Greenwood said he had no time to sound the fire alarm. He pounded on doors as he ran, shouting to occupants to

### Adair Bugler **Only Record**

CORVALLIS, Nov. 13 -(AP) They've streamlined the bugler pouring into North Africa would right out of the army at Camp provide a promise to the enslaved

The sleeping soldiery here is wax trumpeter, played on a phonograph over a public address the peace." system atop the provost marshal's There was some speculation

office by Pfc Henry Klofkorn. Klofkorn, too young to worry much about tradition of the good French fleet, supposedly still off old days, thinks the arrangement Toulon, France, to come over to is fine and is proud of his col- the united nations side. Supplies lection of bugle calls — all on would presun platters. Besides all the army calls and its men. he has the Boy Scout call, the navy's abandon ship, and torpedo

So the 1942 soldier doesn't have to hate the bugler nor yearn to mputate his reveille and step pon it heavily, as the old song but it. All he need do-if he can-bust Pfc. Klofkorn's records.

#### **Powder Company** Blast Kills 4

COALMONT, Ind., Nov. 13-An explosion Friday at the Liberty ships Henry J. Kaiser's US Powder company's plant here took the lives of four men and left another burned critically.

said a spark apparently caused "We can do it again any time tor, said Friday. nearby and the explosion. He said the plant all the materials are available," Camp asked the press to stress Americans."

### Rickerbacker Search Hope Is Renewed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13.-(A) Surface ships and long-range planes combed a wide south Pacific area Friday with renewed hope that they might find Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, famous World war flier, missing since he reported rapidly dwindling fuel supplies on October

One of his comrades, Capt. William T. Cherry, jr., of Abilene, Texas, has been found on a life raft, and the war department said hopefully, it is "believed possible that other survivors may be on life rafts in the same general vicinity."

Cherry, the department reported, although weakened by about three weeks exposure to sun and sea, is "in good condition." He was the pilot of the Rickenbacker plane.

An intensive search was begun immediately upon receipt of word that Cherry had been picked up. Planes were sent to the area. Army aircraft and surface vessels enroute to the south Pacific fighting zone were ordered to fan out and cover as much of the Pacific's surface as

### Africa Assured Arms and Food

Supplies to Be for All to Fight Axis On Lend-Lease

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 - (AP) to serve. -In a far-reaching move design-The woman's body was thought ed to add new legions of fighting men will be interrupted, as have occupied by the united nations.

"No one will go hungry or them in good stead. without the other means of livlihood in any territory occupied by the united nations, if it is humanly within our powers to make the necessary supplies available to them," he said in a statement. "Weapons also will be supplied to the people of these territories

to hasten the defeat of the axis." The president's statement was not limited to French North Africa, and thus it conjured up pictures of great new armies of liberation springing up as the united nations push their offensives into territory in Europe and Asia now under the heel of

the axis. The president's order, issued to the lend-lease administration, was interpreted to mean that the United States would immediately move to supply weapons to Frenchmen in North Africa, as willing to take up arms against

Germany and Italy. eds in Algeria said that supplies would do more to cement good relations than any number of al-

lied proclamations. Throughout the winter to come, these dispatches said, supplies Adair, which probably will be peoples of Europe what to expect more than the vets of '17-'18 can when the allied invasion of the

continent begins. Secretary of Agriculture Wickroused these chilly mornings by ard has repeatedly said that "food will win the war and write

> here that the president's order might be an indirect bid to the would presumably be given to it

### 80-Hour Ship **Enters Water**

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 -(AP) A new coastal freighter floated in San Francisco bay Friday, 80 hours after her keel was laid. smashing all records for speedy

ship construction.
She was the Samuel Very, 4000 tons, launched in a graving dock by the Pacific Bridge company of Alameda. She is smaller than the yards have been turning out in record time, but her builders em-

## F Signs Draft

### Post-War Plan Study Ordered; Colleges Used

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 -AP)-President Roosevelt Friday night signed the 'teen-age draft bill, and in a statement said he had ordered a study with a view to enabling the 18and 18-year-olds called to service to resume their schooling

and training after the war. The president also promised to announce in the near future a plan to utilize during the war the facilities of certain colleges and universities for the training of a imited number of men for "highly specialized duties" in the armed

"These men," the President said, "will be selected solely on the basis of their ability and without regard to whether or not they are now in college or whether they could otherwise

afford to go to college." In signing the bill; final action on which was taken Thursday by the senate, the President said:

"The time has now come when the successful prosecution of the war requires that we call to the colors the men of 18 and 19. Many have already volunteered. Others have been eagerly awaiting the call. All are ready and anxious

come from schools and colleges. The vocational and teachnical now offer to many will stand

"I am causing a study to be made by a committee of educators, under the auspices of the war and navy departments, for the taking of steps to enable the young men whose education has been interrupted to resume their schooling and afford equal opportunity for the training and education of other young men of ability after

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### Cities League **Asks Greater** Aid by State

Foreshadowing probable demands upon the 1943 legislature, well as to Arabs and other groups members attending a regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities at the Marion hotel in Sa-It was recalled that recent news | lem Saturday night went on redispatches from allied headquart- cord asking for greater state aid

> Liquor and gasoline taxes were proposed as sources of increased financial assistance to their muni-

dinner hour by Mayor W. W. Chadwick of Salem, discussed a first rate organizers could carry wide variety of municipal prob- out such serious war operations

Salem, reported Dr. W. J. may face a milk shortage under petition being given in the local market by Camp Adair and Port-

Dr. Stone said the city might have "to let the bars down on quality." At present, he said. the bacteria count on milk sold in the city averages 20,000 as against the 50,000 minimum permitted under US bureau of public health specifications.

Portland has authorized distribution of "market milk pasteurized." the equivalent of grade C milk, he pointed out. Only grade A raw or pasteurized may be sold for consumption in Salem. Cities may expect soon to he

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### Gasoline Ration Sure December 1

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 13 (AP)-Gasoline rationing definitely will so into effect in the west on

## Stalin Likes African Campaign Enemy

### Collapse Of Axis Nearer

#### **Cassidy Queries** Answered; Reds To Fulfill Task

By HENRY C. CASSIDY Copyright, 1942, by The Associated

MOSCOW, Saturday, Nov. 14 - Joseph Stalin asserted Saturday the American and British campaign in Africa had turned the military and political position in Europe radically in favor of the allies, opening the way for the early collapse of the German and Italian axis.

The soviet leader praised American and British leaders of "firstrate organizers" of the Africa campaign and expressed confidence that it soon would relieve German pressure on the eastern

He pledged that the Russian army would carry out its part of the war task with honor. The statements were made in the second exclusive autographed

letter by the Russian leader to

this correspondent. Stalin in the first letter to front was of paramount importance and declared that allied ald to Russis had been of lit-tle effect compared to the sov-let contribution to prosecution of the war and called on the allies to fulfill their obligations

fully and promptly. I sent a letter to the Kremlin Thursday evening asking the soviet view of the new situation since the American landings in French North Africa and the

British victry in Egypt. Stalin's reply reflecting the soviet appreciation of the campaign was handed to me Fiday at midnight by Nikolai Palgunov, chief of the press department of

the foreign commissariat. The text of Stalin's letter in its authorized English translation

"Dear Mr. Cassidy.

"I am answering your questions which reached me on November

"One. What is soviet view of the allied campaign in Africa? "Answer. The soviet view of this campaign is that it represents an outstanding fact of major importance demonstrating the growing might of the armed forces of the allies and opening the prospect of the dis-integration of the Italo-German coalition in the nearest future.

"The campaign in Africa refutes once more the skeptics who offirm that Anglo-American leaders are not capable of organizing The group, presided over at the a serious war campaign. There can be no doubt that no one but as the successful landings in North Africa across the ocean Stone, city-county health officer, as the quick occupation of harbors and wide territories from existing conditions of price com- Casablanca to Bougie, and as the smashing of Itali-German armies (Turn to Page 2)

### Assassination Tried, Giraud

LONDON, Nov. 14.-(P)-The Paris radio reported Saturday that an unsuccessful attempt was made riday morning on the life of Gen. Henri Giraud, veteran French officer who has allied himself with the American and British forces in Algiers.

Giraud was not injured, the broadcast said.

According to the Paris radio, which is controlled by the Gerlife was made by two young supplies for any government French naval officers who fired on him with their revolvers after ouncing him as a traitor.

Both shots missed their mark, US Charges Spies

Winter Comes to the Caucasus



### Ersatz Rubber **Delay Charged**

Grange's Committee Says Process Ready For Alcohol Use

WENATCHEE, Wash., Nov. 13 (AP)-The chairman of the powerful transportation committee of the National Grange charged in (A)-Russian defenders of Stalin- Tobruk without a struggle Friday a synthetic rubber report Friday grad beat off new German drives and sped on into the Libyan des- to all Frenchmen to lay down night that production had been which in limited sectors devel- ert every axis soldier left in their arms and cooperate with the delayed and complete stoppage the rubber, petroleum and in-

dustries of the nation."

The report was made by E. T. Taylor, chairman of the committee which met to draw up resolutions on the rubber problem for presentation before a general session of the 76th annual National

Grange convention here. In an interview, Taylor promised that the national farm organization would take definite action on the problem.

He declared the "world knows our position today. We are being pushed around some by the Germans who are doing a wonderful job of fighting a war on rubber made from cult pota-

He reported to the committee,

among other things: 1.-Of what he said was a new, heretofore secret and simple process for making synthetic rubber which was now in the hands of the federal government.

2.-That on August 17 last, Sec-

retary of State Cordell

turned down another offer by the Russian government for use of its own rubber industry would interfere with our good neighbor scored a near miss on a destroyer. policy after the war." 3.-That the agricultural industry of the nation was ready and able to start almost immediate

production of synthetic rubber whereby one bushel of wheat. currently selling at around one dollar, could make two 6:00-16 (Turn to Page 13)

### **Girls Allowed** To Take Jobs

NEW YORK, Nov. 13-(AP)-The United States government Friday released another reservoir of power-in this case young manpower -into its war production ma-

The department of labor ruled

that girls of 16 and 17 are now eligible to replace men in industry holding government contracts. The ruling extends to all industry operating under terms of the Walsh-Healey contracts act the privileges of hiring girls who have reached the age of 16, if the Vichy Reports state law permits. The previous limit was 18 except in 15 specified industries previously exemp-

The Walsh-Healey act applies to firms, corporations or individuals engaged in producing \$10,mans, the attempt on Giraud's 000 or more of war materials and

cealment, red army snipers **British Speed** watch for German soldiers as winter settles on the northern Caucasus mountains. Associated Press Telemat via radio from Past Tobruk

All of Axis Force

North Africa. "Good hunting to

Gen. B. L. Montgomery in a

"There is some good hunting

to be had further to the west in

Libya and our leading troops

are now in Libya ready to be-

gin. On with the task and

ing rounded up in the desert.)

aerial bombs.

Salem Flier

Injured in

Bomber Fall

SEATTLE, Nov. 13-(AP)-A navy

patrol bomber's crash on the beach

near a residential area at the

north end of Lake Washington

killed the co-pilot and injured

Ensign W. C. Davis, USNR, who

came to the Sand Point naval air

base from Yakima, was killed.

were expected to recover, were:

Lt. W. R. Stevens, USN, the

Lt. (JG) G. T. Anderson, USNR,

Fernley, Nev.; Ensign Q. M. Bergh, USNR, Redstone, Mont.;

man, third class, Dallas, Tex.;

William A. Morey, Silverton, Ore.;

Lieutenant Stevens, whose skull

The pilot of the crashed ship

G. D. Colette, jr., aviation radio-

eight other navy men Friday.

His widow resides here.

pilot, of Salem, Ore.

The injured, all of

Allied air forces already are

good hunting to you all."

Destroyed or

Caught, Egypt

### Russians Beat Off Germans. Stalingrad

MOSCOW, Saturday, Nov. 14 army occupied the stronghold of to field reports. oped into fighting of great intenwas threatened "by the greed of sity Friday, the Russians an- you all," said the British com-

nounced Saturday.
"Targe populated place" mander. nerthwest of Stidingrad was order of the day said. Marshal stormed by one Russian unit Rommel's army was "completely smashed" with the capture of 30,which dislodged the Germans and 000 prisoners and the destruction "inflicted a heavy defeat on them," a Tass correspondent re- of 12 axis divisions, but added: ported in a dispatch broadcast

by the Moscow radio. The Germans promptly coun-(Turn to Page 2)

### **Bombers Hit** Three Jap Warships

operating from Libyan air fields GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Saturday, Nov. 14 - (AP) - Heavy bombers blasted two light Jap cruisers and set fire to a transport in the same Buin-Faisi area of the north Solomons where only Friday four troop-laden transports were bombed, the allied high com-

mand reported Saturday. Dropping down to within 1000 process, "because to develop our feet, in the face of heavy antiaircraft fire, the bombers also left the 8000-ton transport ablaze and cratered the runway of the Kahili airdrome, then got away

The same communique told of continued success of the allied ground troops fighting their way toward the northeast New Guinea coast. In the Gorari area, where a Jap force was surrounded and annihilated earlier in the week, the bodies of five officers and more than 500 men have been counted in the jungle. At Oivi, where another Jap force was pocketed, several hundred additional

dead have been found. Meanwhile, the advancing allies have moved into the vicinity of Ilinow which is between Gorari and the northeast coastal base of Buna, less than 50 miles away. An enemy force has been sur-

rounded near Ilinow. This latest news bore out earlier dispatches depicting the Japanese as in flight and endangered

## **Naval Battle**

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 14 (A)—Reuters said Saturday that the Vichy radio had broadcast a report that a big naval battle is in progress off Algiers.

The announcer quoted a dispatch from La Linea, Spain, on

the Gibraltar border, as saying confirmation of the report of the

manufactured blasting powder for commented E. J. Fallon, general the date "in order to officially contracts."

(There was no confirmation of details and did not say where the memoranda details and did not say where the date "in order to officially deny rumors that another post-pionage in Argentina.

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## Force Grows

#### Americans Drive Eastward: Allies **Hold Off Planes**

By WES GALLAGHER

US Correspondent with the AEF ALLIED FORCE HEAD-QUARTERS IN NORTH AF-RICA, Nov. 13 - (AP) French garrisons in Tunisia are fighting the Germans in Tunis and other sections for control of the country as the allied forces advance from the west, field reports indicated

Friday. It was reported reliably that the French and Germans were battling in the city of Tunis al-

LONDON, Saturday, Nev. 14 -(P)-Reuters said in a Tangier dispatch Saturday that British troops have crossed into Tunisia from Algeria.

though German parachute troops control the air field outside the

The Germans have landed 12ton tanks in Tunisia by air and CAIRO, Nov. 13 - (A) - The are trying desperately to reinswiftly-advancing British Eighth force their force by sea, according

Vice Adm, Jean Darlan appealed allies, but little hope was held here for the success of that appeal. Nevertheless it was apparent that French hatred for the Germans flared up in Tunisia to precipitate

a battle. ning drive to squeeze Marshal Erwin Rommel's army from Africa, American and British troops occupied Bone, 60 miles from the Tunisian border, under the protecting cover of RAF fighters who shot down 11 axis

planes in violent battles over (Prime Minister Churchill said on Wednesday that the axis suf-Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's fered 59,000 casualties in dead, blitz progressed 150 miles in 48 wounded and captured, but said hours despite furious attempts by there were many Italians still be-

the luftwaffe operating from Sar-

Meanwhile, in the newly-clear-

ed north African harbors of Oran. in the pursuit of the axis troops. Algiers, Casablanca and others, Battle-scarred Tobruk 80 miles American soldiers and French inside Libya, site of some of the workers labored in the hot sun, fiercest and most heroic fighting rushing the unloading of supplies of the war, was abandoned by to support the drive and to has-Marshal Rommel's broken legions ten the turn-round of the ships, after the nazis had salvaged what American soldiers placed guards supplies they could and fled westaround key points, such as radio ward under a torrent of allied stations, harbor installations in all

dinia to interfere.

principal areas, to guard against sabotage or attack by axis airborne troops The allied forces under Lt. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson were engaged in an all-out drive to keep the axis on the run is conjunction with the Eighth army drive from Egypt and the news of the fall of Tobruk was

received at this headquarters with satisfaction. Although the luftwaffe was making strong efforts to halt British and American progress by air alone, one of the most famous fighter squadrons in the battle

of Britain was providing protection and German casualties have been extremely heavy. This fighter group took off for Algiers airfields before they were captured, depending on American troops to take the fields while they were en route. This faith

#### rons landed with Swiss watch (Turn to Page 2) M. A. Blue, Kenesaw, Neb.; A. L. RAF Bombs

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 14was fractured, was listed as the (A)—Home-based British bomber most seriously injured, but his attacked northern Italy again dur

The 13th naval district report-It was the first RAF attack on ed the PBY Catalina flying boat Italy since the night of November was on a routine training flight. 7, when British planes took the long jaunt across the Alps to give

Lt. William B. Stevens, son of war.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Stevens, Neither the targets nor the size 1815 South Church street, where of the force which participated in his wife also resides. His home the raid Friday night were imook the lives of four men and trecord time, but her builders eineft another burned critically.

James Jones, vice president, aid a spark apparently caused as park apparently caused the press to stress aid a spark apparently caused the press to stress aid, and the oflives of four men and phasized that just as much detreeday, December 1, Harry F. Camp, regional OPA administrator, said Friday.

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### McLean, Birmingham, Als., and C. W. Clifton, Dallas, Tex., all aviation machinist's mates, third condition was not considered ing the night, it was annot