

Weather  
Full U. S. Weather  
Bureau report  
inside  
Forecast: Partly cloudy to-  
night and Saturday. Continued  
cold.  
Temperature:  
Highest yesterday 51  
Lowest this morning 33  
Precipitation past 24 hrs. .00

# MEDFORD

Full Associated Press



# TRIBUNE

United Press

Cost So Little  
Why not turn the discarded  
articles around the home into  
Christmas money. Things you  
no longer need or use may be  
of value to others. Leave it  
to the Want Ads to find the  
buyers. They cost so little.

Thirty-sixth Year

MEDFORD, OREGON, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1941.

NO. 209.

# AMERICAN TANKS WIN DESERT CLASH

## News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Nov. 21.—British officials here are informally (and indiscreetly) suggesting the U. S. send pilots, ground crews and air force technicians to the Libyan front. They even want us to take over the whole air campaign there.



This is one subject they should not have brought up. All American officials to whom the idea has been broached ask why the British have not been fighting on that front. The whole matter has started a wave of sub-official wisecracks for example: "The British have used up the last Frenchman and are waiting for the next American."

Nothing more than a token of an air squadron is likely to go to Libya and that will not go soon. Problem of supply around the Cape of Good Hope would make a full air expeditionary force unfeasible.

RUMORS imply we already have a military contingent in the Near East; also that our "tourists" are visiting foreign fields of possible future action. They are premature. They have grown no doubt out of the departure of several official military missions abroad. Ordinance Brigadier General Maxwell is on his way to Cairo to coordinate plane unloadings and repairs. Brigadier General Wheeler is at Basra, Persia, unloading point for American supplies destined to the Russian Caucasus.

Quieter missions may have been slipped in and around Dakar, although this is denied. Bathurst, just south of Dakar.

Continued on Page Eight

## Radio Highlights

The Oregon-Washington football game in Seattle Saturday will be broadcast by KUIN, Grants Pass (1340 kcs.), starting at 1:45 p. m. The Oregon State-Montana game in Portland will be broadcast by KEX, Portland (1190 kcs.), starting at 1:45. KMED, Medford, will broadcast the latter portion of the Notre Dame-U. S. C. game in South Bend, Ind., starting about 12:15, but will not air a Pacific coast contest.

By Associated Press  
(Time is Pacific Standard)  
Football for Saturday will total six games, under this schedule: NBC-blue-east 10:15 a. m. Pennsylvania vs. Cornell; NBC-red and CBS 10:45 Ohio State vs. Michigan; NBC-blue-west 11:15 Notre Dame vs. Southern California; MBS 10:45 Fordham vs. St. Mary's, to be followed at about 1:30 by Minnesota vs. Wisconsin and then by U. C. L. A. vs. Santa Clara.

NBC-blue-7:45 Santa Claus lane parade in Hollywood. MBS-7 boxing, Ken Overlin vs. Al Hostak; 8:30 Buffalo variety show.

NBC-red-8 a. m. Geo. Jesse and Sophie Tucker in Lincoln highway; 10 a. m. round table on "U. S. and Its Aims in Peace and War." NBC-blue-9:30 Farm's Union.

NAZIS SINK TANKER  
Berlin, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Two vessels, including a 4,000-ton tanker, were sunk by German speedboats from a convoy at an undesignated spot, a military spokesman said today.

## SIDE GLANCES BY TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Gene Thorndike telling what his listeners thought were pretty tall stories about Minnesota and its people.

Emil Mohr doing some valiant work for Tom and Jerry.

## NAZIS LOSE 130 MACHINES IN BIG LIBYAN BATTLE

British Force Enemy Withdrawal—Climactic Engagement In Progress.

New York, Nov. 21.—(AP)—British and German tanks are fighting two miles from the garrison of Tobruk, the British radio, heard by CBS, reported tonight.

Cairo, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The battle of Libya is at its height and was going "very well" for the British this afternoon, military sources said tonight.

London, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Reuters, British news agency said today it was understood that British and native "patriot" forces are closing in on Gondar and that a continuous stream of refugees was leaving that Italian stronghold in Ethiopia.

Cairo, Egypt, Nov. 21.—(AP)—British-driven American tanks have crashed head on with strong German armored detachments in the desert, destroyed 130 German tanks and 33 armored cars and forced the enemy to withdraw, a communiqué said.

The communiqué said the battle, for which Churchill had asked in demanding the destruction of the axis forces, was "joined in earnest" yesterday afternoon.

Two Actions  
The battle was composed of two actions, one near Rezegh and another between Rezegh and Omar where the British tackled a concentration of German tanks which had moved south from the Bardia-Gambut area.

This fight began November 19 when the Germans lost 26 tanks and the British 20. It continued the next morning and, the British said, the German force finally was driven off in a northeasterly direction after losing 34 more tanks.

The communiqué said the situation in the Bir El Jebel area was not clear except that an Italian armored division originally in this area "apparently exerted no influence on the battle now proceeding." This was the division attacked and "severely handled" by British forces November 18, the British added.

Tobruk Contact Near  
Meanwhile British tank formations were reported steadily making ground northward in a movement west of Omar.

British forces may already have made contact with the long-encircled defenders of Tobruk, it was indicated unofficially.

Official sources made no secret that such contact was the aim of one of two main British columns which started to the west from the Egyptian frontier four days ago, but said they were unable to confirm that the Tobruk garrison actually had been reached.

A second British column was declared officially to have started to by-pass Tobruk over the high escarpment to the south of the port.

Meanwhile, an RAF communiqué said "intensive operations were carried out in support of the land forces" and claimed 24 axis warplanes were shot down yesterday with a loss of nine British aircraft.

Raiders ranged the airways all the way across Libya, bombing Bardia, Derna, Bengasi and Tripoli as well as Italian Naples, Messina and Brindisi.

Rome, Nov. 21.—(AP)—British attacks in north and east Africa have been stopped and axis forces, rebounding to the offensive, have inflicted heavy losses in counter attacks, the Italian high command declared today.

Italian and German mechanized forces "firmly sustained new British attacks in Libya," the communiqué declared, then "passed to the counter attack and repelled enemy armored formations, destroying numerous tanks and capturing prisoners."

## Promoted



Maj. Gen. A. E. Nye (above) is the new vice chief of the British imperial staff. Only 45, he is one of the youngest generals Britain has known. Up from the ranks, he was elevated to a generality only a year ago. This picture was cabled from London.

## NAZIS REPULSED IN BLOODY CLASH BEFORE MOSCOW

London, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that "a serious situation" had developed in the battle for Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, where the Russians had reported the Germans halted for the past few days.

The broadcast said that Soviet troops had tried to avoid a German maneuver southwest of Tula aimed at ringing of that manufacturing city.

Moscow added that the defenders were "mobilizing all forces to smash the attempt to encircle Tula."

By the Associated Press  
London, Nov. 21.—A big new German push on the Moscow front, which the Russians declared was launched last Tuesday by strong German forces, "was declared by the Moscow radio today to have been beaten off in bloody fighting."

German losses in men and machines were described in the broadcast as "tremendous sacrifices." In at least one place Russian counter attacks were said to have dislodged the Germans from their early gains.

The Moscow radio broadcast a dispatch by Tass, official Soviet news agency, saying "bloody fighting is now in progress in the central, northern and southern sectors of our defenses where the enemy, having massed large numbers of tanks and motorized infantry, launched an offensive on the night of November 18."

Store at Beatty  
Goes Up In Smoke

Klamath Falls, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Jack Harrison's Sycan general store at Beatty on the Lakeview highway 35 miles from here was destroyed by fire yesterday.

## Yankees Cultureless Barbarians; Roosevelt a Poor Fool, Says Nazi

Berlin, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Calling Americans "cultureless barbarians" and President Roosevelt a "poor fool," Dr. Robert Ley, head of the German labor front, told 15,000 laborers from 14 European countries today that unless Europe "finds herself" she will be crushed by America.

Gesturing vigorously from the rostrum of Berlin's gaily-decorated Sportpalast, Ley told the foreigners in his audience that they were the messengers of the new Europe and assured them that "Moscow will fall in one way or another."

Peasant women from eastern Europe, mustached workers from the Balkans, rouged young

## Quit Training Strike Breakers, CIO Tells Roosevelt

### ROOSEVELT WAITS LEWIS' REPLY ON PEACE PROPOSAL

President To Take No Action Until Answer Received In Alternative Action.

Washington, Nov. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that no federal action might be expected in the captive coal mine dispute before he receives a reply tomorrow from John L. Lewis stating the position of the United Mine Workers policy committee on the chief executive's latest appeal for a settlement.

Mr. Roosevelt had asked for either maintenance of the status quo on the issue of a "closed shop," as he phrased it, or an agreement to arbitrate with any resulting decision being accepted in advance.

Rejection Seen  
While Lewis gave a clear cut indication that the appeal would be rejected by the United Mine Workers, Mr. Roosevelt said he did not think there would be any developments in the coal situation until tomorrow.

Ten men, three of them saying they were pickets, were shot and wounded in a new clash between pickets and non-striking miners in Fayette county, Pa., center of the captive mine industry in that state. Three men were wounded there yesterday.

Asked at his press conference whether he meant "developments on your initiative," Mr. Roosevelt said no, he expected to hear from Lewis and his policy committee tomorrow and that was what he had meant.

Decision Withheld  
"Have you decided what to do on labor legislation?" a reporter inquired.

There is no news on that, the chief executive responded. The new Pennsylvania disorders came after 50 or 75 carloads of United Mine Workers pickets had driven from nearby Washington county to the vicinity of the H. C. Frick company's Edensboro mine. Volley after volley of shots could be heard.

## RAIL OFFICIALS, UNIONISTS TALK

Washington, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Representatives of the railroads and the 19 railroad brotherhoods met briefly today to discuss the threatened railroad strike but adjourned until further notice without reporting progress.

F. G. Gurley, of Chicago, chairman of the western carriers conference committee, told reporters that the group would arrange a future meeting, probably tomorrow. Meanwhile, he said, the management and union representatives would consider what each side had said.

## "The Duchess" Spinelli Ruler of Murder Gang Executed in Gas Room

San Quentin, Calif., Nov. 21.—(AP)—"The Duchess," a haggard, grim-faced woman who ruled a gang of killers and robbers, was executed today in the state's gas chamber.

She was Eileta Juanita Spinelli, 52, the first woman to die by the law in California. The woman was half carried into the death cell by two guards whom she never seemed to see. Her lips moved in prayer as she stumbled into the room.

There was an electric light just outside the gas chamber upon which her eyes were fixed constantly, as though she never wanted that light to leave her sight.

The execution was delayed as several petitions were filed in her behalf in San Francisco courts. As quickly as they were filed they were denied, but Warden Clinton Duffy delayed the death minute by minute as calls came from each successive court.

The gas was turned on at about 10:14 a. m. The duchess was pronounced dead at 10:25 a. m.

Constantly she had proclaimed her innocence. About 60 persons witnessed her death.

The duchess was convicted of directing the murder of Robert Sherrard, young, spineless member of her gang who they feared would tell police of previous escapades.

Sherrard, only 19, was drugged with knockout drops before being thrown into the Sacramento river in April, 1940.

## JAP VIOLATION OF THAILAND CLAIMED

New York, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Bangkok press carried reports today of a violation of the Thailand frontier by planes and troops from Japanese-controlled French Indo-China, the British radio said, quoting a message from Bangkok relaying the reports.

"French planes were mentioned as having been seen reconnoitering on the northeastern Thai border," the London broadcast went on.

"Reports that the Japanese authorities want to use air-dromes in eastern Thailand as well as at Bangkok are believed in London to represent Japan's aspirations accurately, but there has been no evidence of any direct demand on the Thai government."

## TURKEY RECIPE ON 3,000 MILE RADIO

Spokane, Nov. 21.—(AP)—A "navy gal" in Honolulu, stuck with a Thanksgiving turkey she didn't know how to fix, called her mother here on short wave radio yesterday for the proper instructions.

The "gal," Miss Lesley Frazier, clerk at Pearl Harbor, and her mother, Mrs. E. C. Frazier of Spokane valley, were the principals in the 3,000-mile conversation, aided and probably hindered too, by Brother Philip, home from college for the holiday. Papa Frazier and sundry girl friends in Hawaii, all anxious to talk to the United States.

"I'm sure Lesley understood how to fix the turkey," Mrs. Frazier said after the hour-long talk. "I explained it carefully."

## ASYLUM GUARD KILLED WITH BUTCHER KNIFE

Jamestown, N. D., Nov. 21.—(AP)—An inmate of the state hospital for the insane here killed a guard and seriously wounded another inmate with a butcher knife today and fled. He was recaptured two hours later by a posse.

## FLETCHER FISH IS SEVERELY BRUISED WHEN HIT BY CAR

Fletcher Fish, 55, of Phoenix, well known county resident, suffered extremely painful but probably not critical injuries about 6 p. m. Thursday when he was struck by an automobile operated by Alvin Chapman, 21, of route 1, on the Anderson creek road a quarter of a mile south of Phoenix.

Mr. Fish sustained an extensive laceration of the left thigh, a wound his attending physician described as "very nasty," multiple lacerations and abrasions, and a sprained right ankle and right wrist. The doctor said he was resting as well as could be expected today, and that he probably wasn't critically hurt.

Chapman, in his report of the accident, said that he took his eyes from the road momentarily while driving north on the Anderson creek road, and struck the victim just as the latter started to walk across the road in front of his ranch home.

Chapman, who said he didn't see Mr. Fish in time to swerve to avoid the accident, stopped immediately after his car's front fender struck the pedestrian, knocking him to the ground. Chapman helped carry the injured man into his own home, from where a telephone call brought the Perl ambulance to the scene to remove Mr. Fish to Community hospital.

## PRICE CONTROL TO GET RIGHT OF WAY

Washington, Nov. 21.—(AP)—The house rules committee voted today to give price control legislation right-of-way to the house floor Monday and members said the decision followed the Democratic leader's agreement to let legislation to curb defense strikes follow.

One committee member said he expected "a very early announcement" on the subject of labor legislation but declined further details.

FWA HEAD NAMED  
Washington, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Brigadier General Philip B. Fleming, now wage-hour administrator, was nominated today by President Roosevelt to be federal works administrator. Fleming would succeed John M. Carmody, who has been nominated to membership on the maritime commission.

## Army Needs Armored Divisions Declares Congressman-Colonel

With Army in the Field Nov. 21.—(AP)—The army needs at least 40 armored and motorized divisions "if we are going to participate in affairs overseas," a congressman-colonel serving in the Carolina maneuvers said today.

Col. Charles I. Faddis, U. S. representative from Pennsylvania and a member of the house military affairs committee, made the statement in an interview as orders went out for three such divisions to rip again into the advancing first army.

"Eighteen months ago I proposed that we create 10 armored divisions like the first and second in these maneuvers," said Col. Faddis, temporarily on the

## Red Casualties Now Ten Million Berlin Asserts

Berlin, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Authorized German sources said today that 10,000,000 Russians had been killed, wounded or captured in the five months of war with the Soviet union, ended today. The figure was cited in what they termed a "survey of Hitler's strategy of destruction."

The Germans listed 3,792,060 prisoners. The Germans said that 15,877 Russian planes had been captured or destroyed, 27,452 tanks destroyed or captured and 27,129 guns seized or smashed. Also listed as destroyed were 52 Russian warships, with 59 damaged, and 138 merchant ships sunk and 137 damaged.

## AIR CORPS EYES WASHINGTON SITES SENATOR IS TOLD

Washington, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Sites at Ellensburg, Yakima, Wenatchee, Walla Walla and Pasco are among 84 being considered for eight to 15 new army air bases, aides of Senator Wallgren (D., Wash.) said they were informed today by the war department.

Until selections have been made, cost estimates and types of construction cannot be announced, the department said.

San Francisco, Nov. 21.—(Sp.) Plans are in preparation for enlarging housing and facilities for approximately 9,300 additional officers and enlisted men at Camp Haan and Camp Calian, it was announced today at the office of the ninth zone constructing quartermaster here. Cost of these additions, if authorized, are expected to amount to a total of about five million dollars.

## U. S. ENVOY APOLOGIZES FOR ARTICLE IN 'TIME'

Santiago, Chile, Nov. 21.—(AP)—United States Ambassador Claude Bowers expressed the regret of his government today over an article in the Nov. 17 Latin American issue of Time Magazine referring to circumstances under which President Pedro Aguirre Cerda retired temporarily from office early this month to recover from ill health.

## GERMANS IN PORTUGAL RETURNING FOR DUTY

Lisbon, Nov. 21.—(AP)—A number of Germans under 31 years of age—some born in Portugal of Portuguese mothers—left for Germany yesterday to join the army upon orders from Berlin.

## A. L. BARBUR DIES

Portland, Nov. 21.—(AP)—A. L. Barbur, 80, former Portland commissioner, died today a week after suffering a heart attack. He was city auditor from 1907 to 1917 and commissioner of public works from 1917 to 1933. He was a native of Polk county.

## UNION CONVENTION CHARGES ARMY IN BREACH OF FAITH

Draftees Taught How To Break Strikes Says Resolution Directed at F.D.R.

Detroit, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Philip Murray of Pittsburgh today was re-elected to his second term as president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations. The CIO national convention had greeted his nomination with an enthusiastic demonstration that lasted 34 minutes. Murray was unopposed and his election was by acclamation.

The Congress of Industrial Organizations, in a resolution adopted by its annual convention today, called upon President Roosevelt "to direct that the training of selectees and other service men for strike-breaking be immediately stopped."

"It has been widely reported," the resolution asserted, "that the United States army has been giving training in strike-breaking tactics to draftees and other service men in training camps. Such training is contrary to the intent and letter of the selective service act and a breach of faith with labor. This convention wholeheartedly denounces such a practice and calls upon the president, as commander-in-chief of the army, to direct that it be immediately stopped."

The resolution was one of a host of measures adopted in a rush to complete the rest of the convention's business in advance of its election.

## SPECIAL VENIRE REPORTS MONDAY

To bring the circuit court jury list up to 24 names, the sheriff's and county clerk's offices today drew the following special venire:

Paul Anderson, Central Point; William J. Warner, Medford; C. H. Andrews, Medford; Allen M. Brower, Ashland; and Marquis P. True, Ashland.

They will report for duty next Monday when the \$21,000 damage suit of Waldo Green against J. N. Adams, Puyallup, Wash., will be called in circuit court. The case is based on an auto accident in the Siskiyou area a year ago in which Green, a motorcyclist, crashed into the rear of an auto and sustained alleged injuries. Negligence is charged against Adams and Adams charges Green with contributory negligence.

The trial is expected to require two or three days.

## FRENCH, NAZI LEADERS PLAN CONFERENCE SOON

New York, Nov. 21.—(AP)—Reliable advices reaching the Associated Press from Europe tonight said French and German leaders possibly even Adolf Hitler and Marshal Petain, would meet in the near future to discuss relations between their countries.

The informants said they believed that the outcome would be some new form of collaboration. Some persons even predicted France might make out-and-out capitulation and become a full-fledged member of the axis.

## NEW PLANE TENDERS

Bremerton, Wash., Nov. 21.—(AP)—Between 300 and 400 invited guests, including many high army officers, the officers of the British warship Warspite and the mayors of Bremerton, Seattle and Tacoma today witnessed the launching of the seaplane tenders Casco and Mackinac. The sponsors were Mrs. William J. Giles and Mrs. Ralph Wood, wives of navy captains.