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Highest yesterday 49
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BRITISH BREAK LONG TOBRUK SIEGE

Kelly's Comment

From Washington

Northwest Solons
Baited by F.D.R.
Oregon Projects
Depend On Vote
Cheaper Power
Seen For East

By John W. Kelly

Washington, D. C., Nov. 27.—President Delano Roosevelt has conceived a neat device to place congressional delegations of the Pacific northwest on the spot. In the omnibus rivers and harbors bill has been included every project on every stream and harbor of Oregon and Washington. Nothing has been overlooked; everything is authorized in the bill, but no appropriations. On the surface, every member will be delighted to vote for the bill.

The catch in the omnibus measure, however, is that it also contains the St. Lawrence waterway and the Florida ship canal, two projects President Roosevelt wants and upon which he has already expended large sums without the sanction of congress, the money coming from his "blank check." Everything centers on these two projects. Each is highly controversial. With the omnibus bill every congressman must accept these projects or vote against the bill and thereby vote against local projects for his district or state. The president is not interested in a navigation and power dam at Unatilla, development of Gray's Harbor, improving the Columbia at Kennewick, Wash., another project at Yaquina bay, or removing snags from Walla Walla river, what he wants is the St. Lawrence waterway, and particularly the power project.

Reps. James W. Mott, Walter M. Pierce and Homer Angell must make a choice. They must vote for the bill and swallow the St. Lawrence bait if they want Oregon projects (no assurance when these will ever be started) or, if they resent the forcing of St. Lawrence upon them, they must vote

RELIEF COLUMN JOINS SOLDIERS FROM GARRISON

New Zealanders Smash
Northward To Meet De-
fenders—Battle Swirls On

Cairo, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The seven-months siege of Tobruk, one of history's most dramatic, appeared ended today as the British command announced that a relief column which had recaptured the bloody battle-ground of Rezegh en route had joined hands this morning with the Tobruk garrison.

New Zealand forces supported by tanks smashed northward to meet a column from the conglomerate Tobruk defenders this morning, a communique said.

The great tank and infantry battle swirled through its tenth day with both sides throwing in new reserves. The main battle still apparently was about Rezegh, 10 miles south of Tobruk, but was spreading far to the east into Egypt, where the British fought to wipe out an axis column which drove across the frontier yesterday.

British officers said the junction with the Tobruk force meant the British eighth army had won the first round but they predicted heavy fighting still to come.

They admitted that although British advance elements had joined hands there remained pockets of axis resistance between the main British forces.

The main British objective, it was stated, remained the destruction of the axis armored forces and this was being achieved steadily. Therefore the recapture of Rezegh was minimized.

Here is the official British account of the relief of Tobruk: "During the night of November 25-26 New Zealand forces supported by British tank formations recaptured Rezegh and occupied El Bir El Hamed in the face of heavy opposition.

"Stiff fighting continued in that area throughout yesterday and it was not until early this morning that elements of the relieving forces were able to join hands at Ed Duda with the British force from Tobruk which yesterday captured that important locality."

(Available maps do not show Ed Duda but evidently it lies between Rezegh and Tobruk.) British armaments ranged far to the west, raining tons of bombs on axis forces moving toward the front. While big bomber planes smashed at the harbor of Bengasi other planes loosed their loads on transport columns along the coastal road.

Some of them were skirting the Gulf of Sirte, 300 miles west of the Egyptian frontier, indicating that the axis was attempting desperately to move supplies and men from Tripolitania, western Libya, into the Girensaka battle area in the east.

(In London an authoritative source asserted that the junction of the Tobruk garrison with the empire forces would mean a substantial reinforcement of the British troops in the main battle zone by tanks known to have been in Tobruk.)

Danes Demonstrate To Protest Signing Anti-Comintern Pact

Stockholm, Sweden, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Riots in Copenhagen in protest against Denmark's adherence to the anti-comintern pact, with police firing on demonstrators on one occasion and arresting some 40 persons on another, were reported today by Dagens Nyheter, Stockholm newspaper.

Demonstrating Danes denounced Foreign Minister Eric Scavenius, shouting: "Down with Scavenius; down with the traitor," the newspaper said.

The initial demonstration, Dagens Nyheter said, occurred at 2 p. m. Tuesday, the day the anti-comintern pact was extended for another five years and broadened to include 13 signatories in Berlin ceremonies.

German Infantrymen March in Snow



A column of German infantrymen, says Berlin sources, moves through a snow-covered field on the eastern front. Picture radioed from Berlin to New York.

Hitler Planning New Peace Try Is Belief Churchill Government

By the Associated Press.

CORVALLIS CAMP READY FOR BIDS IF ORDER COMES

Albany, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Captain T. E. Dittbrandt, construction quartermaster in charge of the Albany-Corvallis cantonment headquarters here, said last night that plans for the 40,000-acre project are practically completed, appraisals made and the way prepared for letting of contracts.

Accordingly, Captain Dittbrandt said, the contractor-architect offices will be closed December 3, though a small staff will be retained to make any necessary alterations.

John W. Cunningham, contractor-engineer, and Abbott Lawrence and F. S. Allyn, architects, Portland, and their associates will leave.

Captain Dittbrandt revealed that the cantonment plans provide for a power supply line from the Bonneville substation at Albany. He has recommended complete electrical equipment for this camp, he added, and if these recommendations are accepted the Albany cantonment will be probably the first in which electricity is used for cooking, baking and water heating as well as lighting.

Alternate plans provide facilities for either one or two army divisions.

Roosevelt Refuses Accept Resignation Of Murray, Kennedy

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has declined to accept the resignations from the national defense mediation board of Philip Murray, president of the CIO and Thomas Kennedy, secretary treasurer of the United Mine Workers (CIO). Murray and Kennedy and their alternates left the board about two weeks ago in protest against granting the union shop demand of the UMW for the captive coal mines.

By the Associated Press

The special arbitration board named by President Roosevelt to settle the union shop issue in captive coal mines of the nation's major steel companies today asked the companies whether they would accept the board's findings as final after reports were published that two steel firms had not agreed to accept them.

Published reports said Republic Steel corporation and the National Steel corporation had not agreed to abide by the arbitration board's future decision.

London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Churchill government, bolstered today by a new vote of confidence, voiced belief that Germany, seeking respite from the war in Russia, was shaping a peace offensive through the expanded anti-comintern pact.

But in the same breath, the government, speaking through Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, served new notice that the German move would not affect by "one jot" the determination of Britain and her allies to carry the war to a victorious conclusion.

The house of commons overwhelmingly squelched a move by the four-man independent labor party to unseat the Churchill government and, in debate, covered virtually every phase of government operations, including conduct of the war.

The independent laborites moved to amend the house's traditional reply to the message from King George VI which opened the present session of parliament on Nov. 12. They proposed to insert a note of regret that the king's speech contained no definite proposal for changing the economic system.

While the motion was foredoomed to failure, the debate afforded John McGovern, one of the independent laborites, an opportunity to charge, among other things, that the United States was "prepared to use British bodies to blast her way into the markets of the continent."

The amendment was defeated 326 to 2. (Apparently two of the independent laborites had been called on to act as tellers as in the past.)

The house then unanimously adopted the commons' reply to the king's speech, embracing formal approval of government policies as outlined by the king as well as an expression of confidence in Prime Minister Churchill and his cabinet heads of the armed services.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden urged rejection of the independent laborites' amendment asserting "there is a job of work to be done and I hope the house will encourage the government to get on with the job by rejecting the amendment."

Eden denied in passing an assertion yesterday by German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop that Britain had been assured in 1940 that Russia would join the war on Britain's side.

HOW TO SAVE

Portland, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver told State Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean today that use of Bonneville power in state institutions might save the state \$35,000 a year.

BRITAIN'S LOSS TOLD

London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Britain's merchant marine and fishing fleets have lost 9,454 officers and men in action since the war began, a compilation of official casualty lists showed today.

MASSIVE ATTACK ENDANGERS OUTER MOSCOW DEFENSE

Moscow, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Massive German attacks near Volokolamsk, 65 miles northwest of Moscow, endangered outer Russian defenses to the capital today.

The newspaper Izvestia admitted the situation of Soviet troops in this sector was "aggravated." Resistance to the expanding German drive was continuing however, Izvestia said. In the last 10 days the Germans have failed to turn the flanks protecting Moscow although they have driven closer, Pravda, the Communist party organ, added.

Izvestia described the German offensive near Volokolamsk, one of the many spearheads aimed at Moscow, as "enormous."

In one action, the Germans threw six tanks and five infantry divisions into the drive against the Soviet lines, Izvestia reported. The Germans sought to encircle the Russians and push them back into a lake, the newspaper added, "but Soviet resistance thwarted this plan."

In a review of the Russian counterattack which Soviet officials reported had pushed the Germans back 70 miles in the Rostov area, Pravda said over 10,000 Germans were killed and wounded.

More than 50 tanks, 400 trucks, 130 guns and 88 machine guns were captured and 50 planes brought down, Pravda's correspondent continued. In addition, he said, 85 machine-guns, 10 mine thrower batteries, 70 guns, 1,380 trucks and 115 tanks were destroyed.

AIR BASE LOBBY BUSY IN CAPITAL

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Alfred McVay, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Walla Walla, Wash., and Frank Mitchell of the Walla Walla Bulletin suggested today that the war department today that it include that city in its list of additional air bases expected to be established.

Yakima and Ellensburg are also seeking bases. "We were told that a decision probably would not be reached until all field reports are in and were given assurance that every consideration would be given to the Walla Walla site," McVay said.

Second Victim Is Claimed by Slippery Siskiyou Pavement

SANTA GREETED BY HUGE THROG HAS HARD TIME

Progress Blocked By Packed
Street—High School Band
Also Bucks Human Wall.

Santa Claus was last night given the biggest and warmest welcome ever accorded him at a celebration opening the Christmas shopping season here.

For a moment it looked as though Santa was going to meet his doom. He rode down Main street from Oakdale avenue in his candy-laden truck and was to have turned north into Central avenue to take up his

candy-distributing post in a fenced square. But when the truck slowed down to make the turn, the crowd surged forward and in a trice Santa was completely surrounded by the most concentrated throng ever seen in Medford. Police had long since lost any control over the crowd and dear old Saint Nick looked for a moment as though he might be in for a bad time of it as he was completely hemmed in and could not move in any direction. A raid on his candy boxes seemed imminent.

Candy Given Away
But the jolly old fellow from the North Pole was equal to the occasion. He smiled a beaming, cheery smile, outstretched his arms for order, said something calming that could be heard only by those nearest him and presto! the surging ceased.

Then with Jack Matlack, celebration program director, leading the way, the truck bearing Santa Claus gradually made its way to the spot marked off for the welcome guest in the brilliant red suit and long white beard.

There Santa gave away exactly 1,400 separate bags of candy and he could have used a few hundred more without being extravagant, so large was the crowd. But everyone had a good time and all were satisfied.

The Medford senior high school band also had a time trying to march through the crowd. All went well enough until the band, marching east on Main street to Riverside found a solid wall of humanity facing it on Main street just east of the Central avenue intersection. Desperately the drum major waved his baton and shouted for clearance and the crowd separated just in time to let the musicians through.

Band Bucks Crowd
The gap was soon closed, however, and returning from Riverside avenue the band, which ordinarily marches the full width of the street, had to proceed in a column of two, and it was a tight squeeze at that. Police had not kept the band's place on South Central avenue clear and the musicians had to continue westward on Main street and wait until

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Coincidence Rules Arrival Here of Hodges' Daughter

Here is another coincidence to chalk up for the long-legged Stork. Baby Hodges, born this morning at 2:30 o'clock at Sacred Heart hospital decided there wasn't enough celebration in the Hodges household on November 27. So she was born on her mother's birthday and her parents' third wedding anniversary.

Yet unnamed, the new arrival weighed eight pounds and six ounces and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hodges, 826 West Tenth street. Her father is circulation manager for the Oregon Journal in this city.

TWO FAST TRAINS JUMP RAILS ON RUN TO FLORIDA

By the Associated Press

Two fast Atlantic coast line passenger trains, southbound from New York to Florida, derailed within the same hour early today near Hortense, Ga., and Dover, Fla., killing one person and injuring 20.

A middle-aged man tentatively identified as John Carroll, address undetermined, was crushed to death when the stream-lined Champion left the track south of Hortense, spilling seven cars into marshy land near the Satilla river.

Doctors from Waycross and Jesup, Ga., waded knee-deep in roadbed ditches to reach 12 injured passengers in the Champion for emergency treatment, then rushed them to a hospital.

Shortly before 6 a. m., Champion wreck, the Havana Special was derailed just after leaving Dover, near Tampa, Fla., injuring eight persons, only two of whom required hospitalization. The locomotive and all seven cars left the rails but only three cars overturned.

Scenes of the two wrecks are approximately 300 miles apart. There was no evidence of sabotage in either wreck. E. B. Rush, superintendent of transportation in the railroad's southern division offices, said in Jacksonville, Fla.

TANKS PAINTED WHITE AS SNOW CAMOUFLAGE

New York, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The British radio said today that British tanks, now in action in the Moscow battle, are painted white as camouflage against the snow.

The report, heard by CBS, said pictures of the tanks are appearing in Soviet newspapers.

Football Scores

At College Station, Tex., Texas 23, Texas A. and M. 0.

MEDFORD VISITOR SKIDS TO DEATH ON RETURN TRIP

Mrs. Etta Florence Burns,
41, Nurse At Shasta Dam
Mangled Under Upset Car

Wet, slippery pavement on the Pacific highway over the Siskiyou mountains claimed its second fatal accident victim in 10 days yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Etta Florence Burns, 41-year-old nurse at the Shasta Dam hospital near Redding Cal., was crushed under her car after it skidded into a bank and overturned in a ditch 7 miles south of Ashland.

Mrs. Burns, driver of the 1941 Chevrolet coupe, suffered a crushed skull, two broken arms and numerous bruises and abrasions. She was killed instantly. Her companion in the automobile, Chester F. Royse, 31, a reclamation bureau employe at Redding, escaped with only minor scratches and bruises.

Upset In Ditch

Deputy Coroner C. M. Litwiller of Ashland, who removed the body to Ashland, said that the car, traveling southbound, apparently skidded on a wet spot in the road, veered to the right and up on a bank, then overturned and landed in a shallow ditch alongside the highway. Mrs. Burns, he said, evidently was thrown out the driver's window. She was mangled under the car as it came to rest in the ditch. The accident happened about 4:30 p. m.

Mrs. Burns and Mr. Royse had been visiting since Tuesday night with Mrs. Burns' brother-in-law, James B. Faubion, employed here at present on the proposed army cantonment staff. They were en route to their homes in Redding when the accident occurred.

Mrs. Burns' sister, Mrs. J. B. Faubion of Portland, is in Ashland arranging for funeral services. Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Margaret MacMillan of Vancouver, B. C., and two brothers, William J. Browne of Chemus, B. C., and Clyde Browne of Vancouver, B. C. Her husband, Matt, died in Los Angeles in October 1940. The victim was a graduate of Lady-smith general hospital in Lady-smith, B. C.

The accident happened about a mile this side of the spot where Otto J. Boss, Los Angeles diamond appraiser and broker, lost his life November 17 when he was crushed against the rear bumper of his own car by a skidding automobile operated by Mrs. Evangeline Parker Johnson of Claremont, Calif. There have been numerous other accidents in the vicinity thus far this winter, although none of them has been fatal.

Deputy Coroner Litwiller said there would not be an inquest.

Nurse McCalliard Is First to Buy Seals In Jackson Co. Drive

Miss Elizabeth McCalliard, Jackson county public health nurse, was the first purchaser of Christmas Seals in the 1941 campaign in Jackson county. Miss Helen Bullis, county seal chairman, announced today. Miss McCalliard purchased her seals one week in advance of the official opening of the campaign in order to use them on packages, going to England for Christmas.

To fill Miss McCalliard's order Miss Bullis opened the boxes in advance, so the messenger of good health accompanies each package Miss McCalliard is sending abroad.

The mail sale of Christmas Seals opens in this county tomorrow. The letters go into the mail tonight for delivery Friday.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press.
(Time is Pacific standard.)

Tonight, the war—5:55 CBS; 6 NBC-Blue; 7 MBS; 7:45 CBS; 8:30 MBS; 9 NBC CBS.

NBC-Blue; 5:30 Variety from Ft. Meade; 7:15 new series, Metropolitan Opera Guild.

Friday, the war—9 MBS; 10:45 NBC; 11 MBS; 12:55 p. m. CBS; 1:45 CBS, MBS; 3 CBS, MBS; 3:25 NBC; 3:45 CBS, NBC-Blue.

Short waves: DJV Berlin 3:30 p. m. fairy tales; GSC London 5:30 p. m. Wickam Steed in "Britain Speaks"; 2R04 Rome 7:30 p. m. news in English.

San Diego, Calif., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Paul Duncan, U. S. N. retired, died at the Naval hospital yesterday after an extended illness.

SIDE GLANCES

BY

TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Bob McCarthy, aged 8, so excited by the coming of Santa Claus he failed to keep track of Papa and Mama in last night's crush, they getting lost.

City Councilman Clarence Meeker being in the thick of the Christmas opening celebration and apparently having as happy a time as any youngster when Santa Claus arrived.

Pauline Tygart bringing her family all the way in from Sardinia creek to see the Yule celebration.

Laura Dean modestly declining to speak over the Craterian's microphone when being presented with a set of silver.

Bill Warner whistling because it's cold and he's hopeful all the bugs that bite his gladioli will be frozen.