

Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy today, tonight and Wednesday. Few scattered, light showers today and this evening. Not much change in temperature. Highest yesterday — 56. Lowest this morning — 39. Precipitation past 24 hrs. — .7

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IDLE MINERS WAIT LEWIS' WORD

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon



Washington, Nov. 2.—At one point, the British certainly have not outstripped us in publicity. Few people in this country know that nearly three-fourths of the force which has been fighting on the Italian front are British. The American spotlight has been centered, naturally, on our General Eisenhower, in command, and our General Mark Clark, running the Fifth army. However, half of Clark's so-called American army is British, and, of course, the entire Eighth army in action is British. Our total force may be slightly more than one-fourth, however, as it is probable that the Fifth army is larger than the Eighth. But while insisting upon realism regarding British superiority publicly, world business acumen, and eagerness for empire world basis, it also is only fair to report realistically that British casualties were larger than ours in Sicily, as well as Tunisia and Italy. This is important for another reason. It implies the bulk of our armies have been kept available for new or reinforcing actions.

AUTHORITATIVE confirmation that Hitler has removed Marshal Von Kesselring from command of his Italian forces and shipped him to the Russian front naturally has been hard to find, but the Swiss report is no doubt true. The change, however, cannot imply that Hitler let down in Italy to plug the widening holes in Russia. Truth is, Marshal Rommel encountered personal friction with Kesselring, an air (Continued on Page Six)

SHOE SITUATION TO GET TOUGHER

Chicago, Nov. 2. — (U.P.) — Henry M. Spelman, chief of the War Production board's leather products and shoe section, said today that 1944 production of civilian shoes will probably fall below this year's output. Predicting that retailers will be unable to meet demand during the first half of 1944, he told the National Shoe Retailers' association war-time conference to expect "a tough year."

Storm Warnings Fly Along Coast

San Francisco, Nov. 2. — (U.P.) — The U. S. weather bureau today ordered storm warnings posted on the west Oregon coast from Newport to Tatoosh and along the straits of Juan de Fuca and inland waters of Washington. Small craft warnings were posted south of Newport to Cape Franco, where strong winds were expected.

SIDE GLANCES

Jeunesse Butler reciting "Woodman, Spare that Tree" as the march of progress threatens the old almond tree at the Corner of Sixth and Ivy. Cherry McGalliard searching the calendar for Thursdays that aren't holidays or don't have some major event scheduled. Gladys Hughes dissatisfied with her afternoon's work of selling ten lecture tickets. Aileen Peterson shooting a pheasant and almost knocking out her front teeth with one and the same motion. Jack Porter and Hemmerly Conger remembering a Shrine convention they attended together, with all the trimmings.

SHARE-THE-COAL PROGRAM TALKED FOR HOME FIRES

Locks Action May be Necessary to Protect Health—U.M.W. Leaders Silent.

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The United Mine Workers today delayed a scheduled 4 p. m. meeting of their 200-man policy committee while President John L. Lewis conferred with government officials. Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Coal Administrator Harold L. Ickes, who for the second time in six months is undertaking to get striking coal miners back on the job under federal management of the mines warned today that unless production is resumed quickly it may be necessary to institute a share-the-coal program.

Such a program, Ickes said, might have to be instituted among householders to protect the health of war production workers. He added that he hoped it would not prove necessary, but said he was sure persons with more than enough coal would not hesitate to share it.

Talks To Lewis
Ickes issued his statement shortly after conferring with John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, presumably on arrangements for getting the nation's 530,000 coal miners to go back to work.

Lewis and other UMW officials, meanwhile, kept silent about any plans they may have for ending the national strike which caused President Roosevelt to order government seizure of the mines for the second time since May 1. Lewis and the UMW policy committee were to meet at 4 p. m. It was generally expected that the committee would direct the miners to go back to work, but there was no positive word.

Hoarding Banned
The Interstate Commerce commission, meanwhile, prohibited delivery of soft coal from struck mines to any user with more than a 10 days' supply on hand. The ICC did not, however, as in past coal crisis, attach any restrictions to shipments specifically consigned to retail dealers, nor did it restrict shipments to Canada or shipments from mines which did not suspend operations or have resumed them this week.

Ickes appealed to coal dealers and consumers to cooperate in efforts to alleviate suffering in homes or institutions which run out of coal.

ORDER MILK TAX TO AVERT STRIKE

Denver, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Quick legal action by the Office of Price Administration was expected today after the Denver city council raised the price of milk to consumers through a two-cent per quart tax—a case believed the first in the nation in which a city has opposed the federal price control structure. The tax, which is scheduled to go into effect tomorrow, will be collected by distributors, paid to the city and then handed over to milk producers who had announced they would stop deliveries on Wednesday unless they were permitted to raise prices. Clem Collins, OPA regional director, already had warned the agency would take "appropriate action" if the ordinance were passed.

CRUISER DAMAGED IN LANDING AT SALERNO

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The navy announced today that the light cruiser Savannah was damaged when enemy planes attacked it during the landings at Salerno, Italy, and scored a bomb hit on a gun turret. Material damage was sustained and there were some dead and wounded among the crew.

U. S. Planes Bomb Jap-Held Wake Isle



Japs will soon see more of these U. S. Bombers over their Wake Island outpost. The camera catches a bomber from a Navy carrier task force thundering along with its 1000-pound bomb which it is about to loose on the already smoking island. Lt. (jg) Ridgeley D. Hadney, of Gladewater, Tex., is the plane's pilot.

U. S. and Britain Sold Out to Russia Is Nazi Whine on Moscow Conclave

8,362 AIRPLANES BUILT IN OCTOBER SETS NEW RECORD
Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—War Production Chairman Donald M. Nelson revealed today that a new high of 8,362 airplanes were produced in October, including the largest number of heavy bombers ever turned out in a single month. The production record, Nelson pointed out, slightly exceeded a rate of 100,000 planes a year, the goal set by President Roosevelt shortly after Pearl Harbor.

The 8,362 planes represented a gain of 764 over the number produced in September, and 750 over August production. "We are encouraged by last month's showing," Nelson said. "Not only has the total number of planes accepted passed the 8,000 mark for the first time, but the continuing emphasis on bigger and more powerful models, especially bombers, is evidenced by the record total of four-motored bombers."

"The Fortresses and the Liberators—which made up the large bulk of the heavy bombers produced—are the weapons our air force requires for ever-increasing bomber operations over the European continent and in other theaters of war. We are going to produce more and more Fortresses and Liberators, as well as large numbers of super-bombers."

Nelson said the gain in October production was traceable in part to increased labor productivity. He said another reason for the upswing was that some models have "gotten over the hump" of major design changes.

FT. BRAGG FRAUD CHARGED TO FIVE
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—A federal grand jury today returned criminal indictments charging five officers of two North Carolina construction firms with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with contracts for construction of Fort Bragg, N. C., and Camp Davis, S. C.

Those indicted were the T. A. Loving Construction Co., of Goldsboro, N. C., C. B. McNary, vice president, and R. A. Bryan, secretary, and E. W. Grannis, Karl Sloan, and W. R. Jones of the construction firm of Gsannis, Higgins, Thompson and McDevitt of Fayetteville, N. C.

GRIPS HOLM ARRIVES AT PORT ELIZABETH
Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The liner Grips-holm, carrying Americans who were interned by the Japanese back to their homes, arrived here at 9:30 o'clock tonight and will dock tomorrow morning.

A union spokesman said the men had been told to return to work when notified that the WLB would enter the dispute. A mass meeting of the union was scheduled later today, the spokesman said.

MEAT SUPPLY UP BUT NOT FOR CIVIL DIET
Chicago, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—The War Meat board reported today that the nation's meat production increased again last week, but that no more meat was available for civilians. The board said production increased four per cent over the previous week, and attributed the rise to the seasonally large pork slaughter.

Marines Seize Augusta Bay In Bold Bougainville Drive

NAZIS IN FLIGHT BEFORE RUSSIAN DRIVE IN CRIMEA

Estimated 90,000 Cornered on Peninsula—5th Army Cracks Nazi Defense Line

By United Press
Huge German armies were in full flight across the Nogaisk steppelands of southern Russia today, as red army tanks smashed into the Crimea and opened a battle of annihilation against an estimated 90,000 Nazi troops cornered on the peninsula.

While the surging Russian offensive drove the battered wher-macht nearer to its greatest disaster, allied forces in Italy broke through the "little Rommel line" on the road to Rome, and London observers predicted great new land and air blows against Germany in the wake of the successful Moscow tripartite conference.

Defense Line Caves
Moscow reported that the entire German defense line below the Dnieper river bend had caved in before Gen. Fedor I. Tolbukhin's hard-driving Cossacks and armored columns. The Nazis were abandoning huge quantities of equipment in a panic race to evacuate the bulk of 50 to 60 divisions—750,000 to 900,000 men—from the Nogaisk pocket. Behind them they left tens of thousands of men to be chopped down by the advancing red army.

Coinciding with the Russian break-through into the northern Crimean plains, Berlin reported that Soviet forces had crossed the Kerchensk straits from the Caucasus and landed on the eastern tip of the peninsula in an apparent pincer move against the trapped German armies there.

Mop Up Stragglers
Meanwhile, Tolbukhin's main forces drove irresistibly to within 30 miles of Kherson and the mouth of the Dnieper, delivering the death blow to thousands of encircled stragglers abandoned by the retreating Germans on the Nogaisk steppes.

To the north, the Nazis counterattacked desperately in an effort to hold Krivoi Rog and keep open the last two rail escape routes for the embattled German armies in the Dnieper bulge below them.

In Italy, allied fifth army troops broke through the western flank of the German defense line in bloody fighting and began methodically taking apart the strongest German defenses below Rome, now only 90 miles away.

British fifth army forces stormed the Maesico ridge and captured the town of Casanova and the Americans on their eastern flank seized most of the heavily-gunned enemy defenses in the Matese mountain range. The latter victory put the Americans in positions dominating the eastern bank of the Volturno river and brought Venzano, main anchor of the German line on that sector, within artillery range.

San Francisco is now the third largest communications center.

Duce Just Listened While Hitler Did the Talking At Conference

Naples, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Benito Mussolini just listened, with never a chance to get a word in edgewise, during his conferences with Adolf Hitler, Marshal Pietro Badoglio revealed during his two-day visit to Naples. Furthermore, every Italian who attended the meetings was searched for arms before he was permitted to enter the presence of the top Nazis, Badoglio said. During a luncheon with a few Italian and American friends, Badoglio talked freely of his ex-

War Bulletins

London, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Antiaircraft guns threw up a barrage on the outskirts of London tonight during an alarm which lasted less than an hour.

London, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Eight German planes crossed the English south coast last night and dropped bombs at widely-separated points. Two flew a short distance inland and both were destroyed.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Heavy bombers of the newly-created 15th United States air force have bombed the Messerschmitt factory at Wiener Neustadt, south of Vienna, a special communique announced today.

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz has been named commander-in-chief of all American air forces in the Mediterranean zone, it was announced officially today.

ENDORSEMENT OF MOSCOW PACT IS URGED BY DOWNEY

Washington, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Sen. Sheridan Downey, D., Cal., today proposed that the senate substitute an endorsement of the four-power Moscow agreement for its pending resolution on post-war foreign policy.

Downey said that he would offer such a substitute on the senate floor, possibly late today. His proposed substitute read: "Resolved, that the senate approves the findings and declarations of the Moscow conference and recommends that these findings and declarations be made the basis of a treaty or treaties between the United States and such nations as the president may deem advisable."

Downey, in a speech prepared for senate delivery, said that as a result of the Moscow conference "it would appear but one natural course lies before us and that is a simple resolution endorsing and approving the Moscow program."

Most senators acclaimed the results of the Moscow conference but the fate of Downey's resolution appeared in doubt.

ROOSEVELT'S VOTE AS TREE GROWERS

Hyde Park, N. Y., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt, describing himself as a "tree grower," did his part for the Democratic ticket today by casting his ballot in the state election at the old town hall.

The chief executive and Mrs. Roosevelt drove from their nearby estate to the polling place shortly before noon and it was a safe bet that they went down the line for the Democratic nominees.

New York, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Voting got off to a slow start today. Despite generally favorable weather, in New York and New Jersey, which are expected to produce a pre-presidential year test of the new deal-Democratic coalition organization.

Spaniards Home From Red Front

By United Press
The Spanish home radio announced that 604 members of the Spanish Blue Division arrived in Spain from the Russian front today, the second group to be returned in less than a week. The broadcast, reported by U. S. government monitors, said the men had arrived at San Sebastian. Last Friday the German DNB news agency reported the return of 548 Blue Division troops from Russia.

25,000 JAPANESE OUTFLANKED AND FACING ISOLATION

Warship Flotillas Bombard Enemy Areas—Slight Opposition Met by Marines.

(By United Press)
American marines swarmed over Bougainville island today in a surprise invasion thrust that doomed thousands of Japanese troops.

In a powerful blow aimed at completing the reconquest of the Solomons and smashing the enemy's defenses east of Rabaul, Japan's major stronghold in the southwest Pacific, the marines stormed ashore yesterday at Empress Augusta bay on the east shore of Bougainville and fanned out quickly.

Slight Opposition
Only slight opposition was encountered on the beaches, but the enemy garrison at one time numbered 40,000 men and it was believed a major battle was impending.

Navy Secretary Frank Knox said in Washington that the landing had taken the enemy by surprise and Gen. Douglas MacArthur taunted the Japanese for their refusal to risk their fleet against the invasion armada.

The invasion cut off Japanese bases around the southern end of Bougainville and trapped enemy forces now being pressed by American and New Zealand troops in the Treasury islands, 40 miles south of Bougainville, and on Choiseul, 90 miles to the southeast.

Ignored By Japs
Japanese propagandists ignored the Bougainville action, but claimed new offensives are being prepared at Finschhafen, in New Guinea, and on the Burma-China border.

Allied fighter planes, meanwhile, bombed and strafed Japanese river shipping along the Irrawaddy in Burma, damaging 200 small craft and barges, while other raiders bombed enemy-occupied villages in the Chin hills and rail lines in the Mandalay area.

FIND WRECK OF MISSING PLANE

Ontario, Cal., Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Wreckage of a missing four-engine army bomber with 10 persons aboard was located by a search plane today on the south side of Cucamonga peak in the Sierra Madre mountains, eight miles east of here.

Searching parties led by Deputy Sheriff Cecil Myers left immediately for the scene. The pilot of the search plane said he saw no sign of life around the B-24 Liberator. It lay crumpled in the foothills.

The plane left Palm Dale, Cal., Friday night, on a 30-minute flight to March field, and disappeared en route.

KING VICTOR TOLD HIS ABDICATION IS FAVORED

Naples, Nov. 2.—(U.P.)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio has informed King Victor Emmanuel that leaders of resurgent Italian political parties in Naples favor his abdication and that of Crown Prince Humbert because of their former acceptance of Fascism, authoritative reports said today.

Medford district Community Chest subscriptions up to last night were:
\$20,678.40
Quota is \$43,718.40.