

REPUBLICANS CAPTURE OREGON

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS A GAIN today, the news is good. Navy Secretary Knox announces the sinking of two additional Jap cruisers in the Savo Island battle of three weeks ago.

IN the Savo Island battle on October 11 and 12, an American naval squadron came to grips with the Japs in old-fashioned naval fighting, including "capping the T," which is a naval term for crossing the head of the enemy's line of ships so that he is caught by broadside fire but can bring only his own FORWARD guns into play.

(FOR a proper understanding of the news, it is necessary to remember that all this actually took place more than three weeks ago and is being given out now as the details are checked. Unless one reads the dispatches very carefully, his natural inclination is to think of these delayed-news actions as having just been fought.)

SECRETARY KNOX, in announcing the added Jap sinkings, warns against too much optimism. He says: "It is a bitter, tough fight. The Japs have a fleet of formidable proportions left. We have no doubt they'll come back."

THIS writer would like to take occasion to warn again against extreme optimism or pessimism on the basis of ONE DAY'S news, or even the news of several days in a row.

AFTER 11 days of painstaking infantry preparation, during which axis defenses 16 miles in depth had been penetrated, the British seem to have broken through the axis mines, barbed wire and enfilading gun positions. A touch of color is lent by the fact that the break came at Tel el Anakir, "the Hill of Wicked Men."

At this moment, the British tanks (about 500 of them, Reuters' Cairo correspondent says) poured through the breach and caught Rommel's counter-attack in the flank, thus relieving the pressure on the Australians.

HERE the running story of the tank battle, as told by the dispatches, ends about noon today, as these words are written. (Continued on Page Seven)

Pierce Tenure Apparently Ended

KLAMATH GIVES STOCKMAN EDGE OVER VETERAN

'Genial Giant' Takes Large Lead Over Aged Democrat

LATEST Associated Press tabulation this morning gave Stockman 18,410, Pierce 10,774 in 242 out of 433 precincts.

Lowell Stockman, genial giant of Pendleton and republican, held a long lead and was apparently elected today over the veteran Walter M. Pierce in their contest for representative in congress from the huge second Oregon district. Stockman led, 16,445 to 9,314, in 204 out of the district's 433 precincts.

Klamath county, giving Stockman a vote of better than two to one over the 81-year-old incumbent, contributed heavily to the success of the republican candidate, but he was ahead in 14 other counties of the 18-county district.

Pierce usually shows up stronger in the jackrabbit precincts whose vote comes in late. (Continued on Page Seven)

Axis Forces Soviets Back In Caucasus

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Nov. 3 (AP)—A conglomerate force of 50,000 German and Rumanian mountain infantry, armored troops and sailors edged forward today in a narrow sector southeast of Nalchik, but the enemy was reported on the defensive in other parts of that flaming Caucasus battlefield.

The main Nazi thrust, which has forced a red army withdrawal from Nalchik itself, apparently was aimed at Ordzhonikidze, some 60 miles away on the military road leading to the Georgian pass through the Caucasian mountains.

The army newspaper Red Star said the Germans, weakened by enormous losses at Stalingrad, were unable to mount a general offensive in the Caucasus and were throwing their full available strength into the (Continued on Page Seven)

Pope Ahead



Fred L. Pope Jr., republican, led a three-way race for county commissioner early today and was apparently elected. Pope's choice would give Klamath county a fully republican court. He was ahead of Jack Benner, democratic incumbent, who ran a strong second, and William F. B. Chase, independent.



Republican Lowell Stockman, Pendleton wheat grower, held a substantial lead and appeared to be elected second district congressman early today over the democratic incumbent, Walter M. Pierce.

GOP WINS CONTROL OF COUNTY COURT

Fred Pope Leads Over Benner; Democrats Place Assessor

Klamath county republicans had won complete control of the county court in the apparent election Tuesday of Fred L. Pope Jr. as county commissioner, but democrats placed Newton Nelson in office as county assessor.

Pope, on the basis of returns from 68 out of the county's 78 precincts, held a winning lead on Jack Benner, democratic incumbent, while William F. B. Chase, independent, trailed.

The count was: Pope 2538, Benner 2217, Chase 1141. Pope is a young Wood River valley farmer who ran for public office this year for the first time. He will serve on the court with Judge U. E. Reeder of Pine Grove and Commissioner John Reber of Malin, both republicans.

Benner served one term on the county court. Newton Nelson was evident winner by a fair margin over Allen Sloan, republican and former county tax collector.

The vote from 64 out of 78 precincts was: Nelson 2926, Sloan 2748. Nelson is a young real estate man, also a newcomer to county politics. He staged one of the most intensive campaigns of the season. As assessor he will succeed Fred Langell, who has been serving out the term of Charles H. Mack, resigned, and did not seek election.

Nelson has said he plans to retain the same system and possibly the same personnel now in the office. Table on Page 7.

New Charter Turned Down By 500 Votes

Voters of Klamath Falls defeated a new city charter by nearly 500 votes and also turned down a measure to change the park board set-up in yesterday's general election.

The new charter, prepared by a committee of citizens and the council with the aid of the League of Oregon Cities, fell behind from the start of the counting and never caught up.

The final unofficial count was: Yes, 1272; no, 1734. The park board change fared better, but was behind at the finish on this count: Yes, 1460; No, 1546.

NO BLACKOUT SALEM, Nov. 3 (AP)—Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding the western defense command, has refused permission for northwest states to hold a blackout test on December 7, the state defense council said today.

DEWEY VICTORY BELLWETHER OF BALLOT UPSETS

Republicans Gain in Five Important State Polls

By The Associated Press In an upsurge of republican strength, Thomas E. Dewey captured the New York governorship yesterday while a number of republicans elsewhere made marked progress toward upset victories.

In Iowa, California, New Jersey, Nebraska and Michigan republican candidates for senate or governor, or both, took leads over their opponents, although the returns from 1942's wartime election still were too inconclusive to determine just how the new congress would stack up.

White House Eyed Dewey, a new deal critic, who won fame as a racket-buster and tried in vain for the republican presidential nomination in 1940, won hands down in New York over the democratic gubernatorial candidate, John J. Bennett Jr. All hands agreed the result made Dewey a formidable contender for the presidential nomination in 1944.

One of the big surprises of the tabulations was a large margin piled up by Albert W. Hawkes, New Jersey republican, over Senator William H. Smathers, democrat seeking re-election. Hawkes, former president of the U. S. chamber of commerce, was ahead 3 to 2, with the count still inconclusive.

Iowa, home state of Vice President Wallace, seemed bent on going republican on the basis of early returns. In the senatorial contest, Senator Clyde L. Herring, democrat, trailed George A. Wilson, now the state's governor. The governorship contest saw a republican, Bourke B. Hickenlooper, who gets as much fun as anybody out of his name, leading former Governor Nelson A. Kraschel, democrat.

Norris Trails The 81-year-old senator, George W. Norris of Nebraska, independent, running for a sixth term, found himself trailing Kenneth Wherry, midwest manager of the republican party, with the democratic aspirant third. The state's republican governor, Dwight Griswold, was showing his heels to elderly Charles W. Bryan, brother of the great congressman.

Nelson Winner



Newton Nelson, above, was one of the few democrats who won out in Tuesday's election. He apparently beat Allen Sloan for the job of Klamath county assessor.



Earl Warren, republican, leading in every county reporting, claimed victory last night in the race for governorship of California against Culbert L. Olson, incumbent.

COUNTY GIVES GOP CANDIDATES EDGE

Farrell, Snell, M'Nary, Stockman Favored In Klamath Vote

Klamath county, heavily democratic in registration for several years, helped republicans sweep Oregon in Tuesday's general election.

This county went decisively for Senator Charles L. McNary, Earl Snell for governor, Robert Farrell for secretary of state, W. E. Kimsey for labor commissioner, and Lowell Stockman for congress. The county vote early today from 64 of the county's 76 precincts:

- U. S. Senate—McNary 4290, Whitebeck 1364. Governor—Snell 4863, Wallace 1155. Secretary of State—Farrell 3718, Lambert 2044. Labor Commissioner—Hyde 2602, Kimsey 2867. State Representative (2 elected)—Bolvin 4124; Semon, 4234. County Commissioner—Benner 2202, Chase 1139, Pope 2490. County Assessor—Nelson 2926, Sloan 2748. County Surveyor—Howard 4607. Legislators Pay—Yes 2226, No 2875. (Continued on Page Seven)

New York Again Names Hamilton Fish to House

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 3 (AP) Voters of President Roosevelt's home congressional district today reelected Rep. Hamilton Fish (R.), an avowed foe of new deal "blunders, incompetence, bureaucracy, red tape, waste and collectivism."

In a message to Fish, Ferdinand A. Hoyt, democrat and American-Labor candidate who opposed the New York 26th district veteran, said "I sincerely hope that you will now, as you have promised, get behind the effort to win this war."

President Votes At Hyde Park

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Nov. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt momentarily laid aside today the pressing business of a nation at war and voted at the town hall where members of his family have appeared on election day for generations. He was heading his own ad-mo-nition to the American people to defend the institutions of democracy with ballots as well as bullets. Driving into town from his country estate beside the Hudson, Mr. Roosevelt became voter number 175 in Hyde Park's third election district.

EARL WARREN DOWNS OLSON IN CALIFORNIA

Republicans Claim Victory; Incumbent Bucks History

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 3 (AP)—Gov. Culbert L. Olson, California's first democratic chief executive in more than 40 years, late tonight conceded the gubernatorial election to his republican rival, Attorney General Earl Warren.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 3 (AP)—Earl Warren, republican, tonight claimed victory in the race for the California governorship against Governor Culbert L. Olson, democrat.

Although Warren was leading in every county reporting, even

TULELAKE, Calif., Nov. 3 (Special)—Earl Warren carried East Tulelake in the gubernatorial contest in Tuesday's election. The vote was 37 for Warren and 14 for Olson.

This precinct voted on other contests as follows: Lieutenant governor—Paterson 27, Houser 19. State secretary—Peek 22, Jordan 25, Perry 1. Comptroller—Riley 41, Whitney 4. County treasurer—Johnson 41, May 2. Attorney general—Ware 11, Kenny 38. Congressman—Engelbright 38. State senator—Collier 45. Assemblyman—Gunlock 12, Denny 36.

in heavily populated Los Angeles where Olson expected to get his greatest strength, the governor had not yet conceded defeat.

British Tanks In Collision With Rommel

By EDWARD KENNEDY CAIRO, Nov. 3 (AP)—British tanks in force have clashed with Field Marshal Rommel's vaunted African corps in the biggest tank battle of the 11-day-old allied drive in Egypt with fighting swirling around Tel el Akakir—the Hill of Wicked Men—where the British infantry assault has knifed 16 miles deep into the axis defense zone.

(Reuters reported that a Berlin broadcast attributed to DNB said Lieut. Gen. B. L. Montgomery had thrown some 500 tanks into "the greatest tank battle of the whole African campaign.")

The British 8th army announced that many of the enemy surrendered in one sector after a fierce bombardment of axis positions by American and British planes.

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CHICAGO, Nov. 3 (AP)—Republican Senator C. Wayland Brooks apparently was reelected tonight as incomplete but rapidly accumulating returns from the election in Illinois lengthened his lead over his democratic challenger, Raymond S. McKeough. Returns from 5087 of the state's 8709 precincts gave Brooks 859,840 and McKeough 806,817. Brooks, a pre-war isolationist, claimed victory at midnight.

Snell, McNary Lead Parade; Farrell Named Governor

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 4 (AP)—Republicans appeared tonight to have won a clean-cut victory in Tuesday's general election in Oregon, with returns from almost half of the state's 1770 precincts indicating that GOP candidates were swept into every major office of the ballot.

Senator Charles L. McNary, republican leader in the senate, vice presidential candidate in 1940, and Oregon's delegate to the upper house since the beginning of World War I, was reelected 3 to 1. Secretary of State Earl Snell, republican from Arlington, was elected governor by the same margin.

Farrell Elected The republican leads in the four congressional districts indicated that Oregon might send a solid republican delegation to congress for the first time since 1931. In races for the only other two major offices in the ballot, Robert S. Farrell Jr., Portland republican and speaker of the house in the 1941 legislature, was elected secretary of state, and W. E. Kimsey, Portland republican, assistant state labor commissioner, was elected labor commissioner.

Returns from 732 of 1770 precincts gave McNary, who owns a farm near Salem, 78,800 votes to 23,455 for Walter W. Whitbeck, Portland democrat who is in the insurance business.

But Snell, recognized as one of the most efficient vote-getters in many years, even beat McNary's total, getting 79,804 votes to 23,049 for State Sen. Lew Wallace, Portland democrat who also sells insurance.

Even Multnomah county, which has a democratic majority in registration, overwhelmingly rejected Whitbeck and Wallace, her two native democrats.

Wallace Concedes Wallace conceded defeat with a promise to support Snell in the next legislature. Wallace, being a holdover senator, will serve in the session which opens next January.

In the congressional races, Reps. Homer D. Angell, Portland, and James W. Mott, Salem, both republicans, appeared (Continued on Page Seven)

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Earl Snell was swept into office with an early majority over his opponent, Lew Wallace, who conceded the election before midnight.

JAPS BOLSTERED ON GUADALCANAL

Yank Offensive Drives Enemy Backward in Western Sector

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor New lines were drawn on Guadalcanal today for the tough fight which still lies ahead of United States marines and soldiers, with American destroyers directly supporting the American advance west of the Matanikau river and the Japanese enemy landing fresh troops in the hitherto inactive sector east of the American positions.

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