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Weather News

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ALLIES STOP NAZI AFRICAN BLITZ

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HEAVY fighting has begun at Tunis and Bizerte. Early reports are encouraging. The Germans are apparently getting the worst of it.

THEY seem to have elected to ATTACK, rather than to sit tight and defend.

They came boiling out in typical blitz style, with tanks and armored trucks paced by Stuka dive bombers and low-flying fighters. All the stuff that so often has terrified and broken their opponents.

The allied line NEVER BUDGED AN INCH.

Four times the Germans charged. Each time they were thrown back with heavy losses. Finally they retreated, after American FIELD GUNNERS had broken their offensive strength.

They lost a third of their armored equipment.

SUCH, in brief, is the dramatic story told by today's dispatches. The best the Germans had wasn't good enough to break the ring of steel the allies are drawing around them there at the northern tip of Tunisia.

NOTE particularly the reference to American FIELD GUNNERS who broke the German attack.

The dispatches mention NEW American MOBILE artillery. There have been guarded statements from time to time that in the new weapons we are building and the new tactics we are evolving we think we may have found the answer to the plunging German tank attack.

Maybe we have.

At any rate, the Germans in northern Tunisia seem to have been given a dose of the same death and destruction that Rommel administered to the British 8th army several months ago with his famed 88-millimeter guns.

WE Americans are natural optimists. In this bloody setback handed to the Germans at Bizerte and Tunis, some of us are likely to think we see the beginning of the end.

That ISN'T true.

The allied "spokesman" who tells the bulk of the story today says the Germans are pouring in reinforcements and adds that it "looks like we are in for considerable fighting."

But at least in the first hard battle in Africa we STOPPED the best they could send against us.

(REMEMBER that "we" includes the British, who are providing the bulk of the fighting strength in Africa. We mustn't get cocky and claim all the credit.)

ROMMEL abandons Bengasi (consult your map) and flees on westward toward the bottleneck west of El Agheila, where he is expected to make his final stand.

If and when he reaches this narrow front between the salt marsh and the sea and turns on his pursuers, he will have to expect an attack IN HIS REAR from the British-American army that is hastening eastward through Tunisia and Tripolitania to do JUST THAT.

ANKARA (Turkey) continues to report that Hitler is moving heavy forces AWAY FROM the Russian front to meet the new threat from across the Mediterranean, and these reports are partially confirmed by news that the Russians have taken the offensive.

The Italians are jittery over the prospects of an invasion from the south.

THERE'S little news today (as these words are written) from the South Pacific, but what there is is interesting.

The Japs are said to be strengthening heavily their (Continued on Page Six)

MUNITIONS WORKERS TO BE DEFERRED

Manpower Program Is Coming to Handle Problem

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt said today that a manpower program to be announced soon would provide machinery for draft deferment and essential workers in munitions plants.

The president told a press conference he did not know whether the manpower problem would be handled through administrative action, but he said probably little legislation would be required in any event.

He said, too, that he had written the war and navy secretaries directing that they accept no enlistments and grant no commissions, effective as of last Monday, to governmental employees.

Federal Workers
This followed his instructions to heads of all governmental agencies and departments to cancel draft deferments for federal workers and to ask for no deferments except in exceptional cases.

Mr. Roosevelt said there had been a rush Tuesday, by men who thought they were likely to be drafted, to obtain commissions.

The president said that restrictions would apply both to enlistments and commissions and that when the manpower setup is perfected the government also would prevent the drafting of men out of munitions plant operations where they are needed.

Management Element
A problem exists, he said, in attempting to get uniformity of action by draft boards all over the country, but he thought a (Continued on Page Six)

Appointment of Food Coordinator Still Brewing

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—President Roosevelt told reporters today that something would develop very soon on the subject of appointing a food coordinator.

"What is the situation on a food czar?" he was asked at a press conference.

He said he did not think there was such a thing.

"Will there be one?"

"We don't use the term czar under democratic processes," the president replied, smiling.

But when his questioner tried again, by inquiring about a coordinator, he merely said that he will get something on that very soon.

Klamath Falls versus Vancouver

Modoc Field, 8 P. M. November 20, 1942

Name	No.	Wt.	Pos.	Wt.	No.	Name	No.	Wt.	Pos.
Coddington	21	164	LER	151	62	Officer			
Patzke	33	192	LTR	164	81	Butcher			
Clement	7	195	LGR	154	66	Gomulkiwicz			
Blohm	30	215	C	175	70	Ripley			
Watson	13	171	RGL	149	61	DeLong			
Yancey	2	182	RTL	160	73	Neely			
Mayfield	14	165	REL	148	68	Flock			
Selby	4	171	QB	160	77	Jacobsen			
Foster	3	152	LHR	152	71	Grant			
Vallancour	22	165	RHL	186	80	Allinger			
Mast	9	168	FB	158	64	Hoff			

Klamath Substitutes	Vancouver Substitutes
1. Tutor, guard, 166	56. G. Regos, back, 140
5. R. Ewing, guard, 250	57. B. Rider, back, 130
6. F. Hunsaker, tackle, 172	58. B. Sifton, back, 149
8. D. Cada, end, 156	59. C. Albert, back, 147
10. H. Schortgen, back, 155	60. L. Wellman, back, 150
11. D. Rasmussen, back, 161	61. R. Wellman, back, 152
12. L. Bickers, back, 164	62. B. Lechner, tackle, 164
13. W. Welch, back, 170	63. J. Dille, back, 156
16. Mundlin, center, 168	
17. R. Young, end, 171	
18. J. Conroy, tackle, 169	
19. D. Robin, back, 148	
20. A. Cline, guard, 152	
23. G. McKay, back, 215	75. R. Davis, end, 174
24. B. Petersteiner, back, 154	76. B. Sealey, end, 164
25. A. Barker, guard, 165	77. R. Daniels, guard, 162
26. F. Foulon, end, 154	82. B. Thompson, center, 164
27. D. Pope, end, 146	83. F. Morton, center, 160
28. D. Casebier, center, 170	84. K. Leach, tackle, 166
29. E. Silva, back, 162	85. K. Lounsbury, tackle, 164
31. V. Yank, tackle, 181	86. F. Heller, end, 176
32. R. Prairie, tackle, 182	
34. V. Zimmerman, back, 168	
73. F. Whitney, end, 165	
88. J. Brown, tackle, 182	

Trapper Fans Here to Support Trapper Team



Four youngsters from Vancouver, two of them former Klamath boys, trekked to Klamath by train to see the Pelican-Trapper game on Modoc field tonight, and have been going about town in Trapper headgear to advertise their confidence in "Dutch Shields" gliders. The Trapper fans are shown above with a Klamath "escort." Left to right: Keith Lanouette, Norman Fountain, Hugo Lanouette and Allen Fountain. Behind, Bob Minton, Klamath escort. The Vancouver lads said their home town is jammed with so many people now they go to school only four hours a day, and work on off-hours, three for a grocery store and the other makes \$30 a week setting pins in a bowling alley. The Lanouette boys formerly lived here.

STRAND PROMISES CONSTRUCTIVE PLAN

Past Controversies Will Be Buried, Says Prexy

Dr. A. L. Strand, new president of Oregon State college, in a talk here last night, disclaimed all interest in educational controversies of the past and pledged his efforts to constructive contributions by the college to the future development of the northwest. He spoke at the annual Kiwanis club farmer's dinner.

Dr. Strand said he believed the people of Oregon want to see their children educated and want to see constructive re-

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Sprague Orders Probe of Asylum Deaths, Terming Tragedy "Mass Murder"

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 20 (AP)—With the death of 47 inmates of the Oregon hospital for the insane termed "mass murder" by Gov. Charles A. Sprague, state police today took charge of the investigation to determine how a powerful mineral poison got into scrambled eggs served at the institution.

Dr. J. C. Evans, hospital superintendent, said that analysis of bits of the eggs served at dinner Wednesday night showed they contained a deadly poison commonly used in insecticides.

No Homicide Comment

There is a possibility, he said, that roach powder, kept in an ash barrel in the fruit cellar under the kitchen, was put into the eggs during their preparation instead of powdered milk. The powders are similar in appearance.

Neither Dr. Evans nor state police would comment on the possibility of homicide. The superintendent said that only regular members of the hospital staff (Continued on Page Six)

FLOTILLA SWEEPS MEDIT SEA LANES

By EDWARD H. CROCKETT
ABOARD A BRITISH MINESWEEPER IN TOBRUK HARBOR, Nov. 16 (Delayed) (AP)—We have only been in this bomb-splattered harbor a few minutes and will leave very soon—but during the past two days this flotilla has been plenty busy.

The job of these ships is to clear the sea lanes for merchant traffic, to make sure no mines are left to damage the cargo vessels.

Thus they are paving the way for eventual juncture with American and British forces in the western Mediterranean, establishing complete mastery of this sea.

Ours were the first vessels to enter Tobruk harbor since the re-occupation.

The town looks much the same (Continued on Page Six)

Hay Urged for Court Position

The name of Arthur D. Hay, circuit judge of Lake county, was put forward by citizens of Klamath and Lake counties for earnest consideration by Governor Sprague for appointment to the state supreme court, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Associate Justice John L. Rand.

Judge Hay is well known in Klamath Falls, he formerly practiced law here, and he has sat in court here on many occasions since becoming Lake's circuit judge.

750 Japs Cut Down

GUADALCANAL YANKEES FOIL NIP LANDING

Half of Troops Driven Into Jungle on Nov. 2-3

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox declared today that the American hold on the embattled island of Guadalcanal in the Solomons is "now very secure" and he definitely confirmed that enemy losses in last week's naval engagements were 28 ships sunk and 10 damaged.

There has been some question as to whether the destruction of a battleship or heavy cruiser, three large cruisers and one destroyer, as announced last night, had duplicated previous reports of damage announced last Monday, when the Japanese losses were put at 23 ships, including a battleship and 10 other war vessels sunk.

"Significant"

Knox stated flatly to a press conference today that there was no duplication and the proportion of our victory has thereby been increased.

The secretary also commented that the wiping out of a Jap landing party which landed early this month to the eastward of the American position on Guadalcanal as "very significant." A communiqué just before the press conference said that half of the force of 1500 Jap troops was killed and the rest dispersed to the jungles.

This landing of 1500 men was the first made by the Japanese on the American east flank in many weeks. It had the appearance of a pincers maneuver against the American-held airfield. The landing was effected on the night of November 2-3 and reinforcements were sent in the following night.

U. S. Air Raid

Today's communiqué referred only to the first force and said (Continued on Page Six)

This Motorist Is Going to Be Badly Disappointed

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 20 (AP)—"Gee, 128 gallons and all free," a motorist gloated as he leaped through the 32 stamps in his new A book.

Registrar Harlen Wilson did not take time to explain that the stamps merely authorized the purchase.

But he does figure some filling station will have a mighty surprised customer.

Gas Ration to Go on in Spite of Western Opposition, Says Jeffers

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP)—National Rubber Director William H. Jeffers said today that opposition to nationwide gasoline rationing "is an organized opposition using funds furnished by people who should know better."

"The gasoline rationing in the east saved rubber," he told the annual meeting of the Grocery Manufacturers of America. "Nationwide gasoline rationing which goes into effect December 1 is only a means to an end."

"It will go into effect regardless of the organized opposition in the west. That opposition is based on the theory that there is no shortage of gasoline in the west."

After his address, which was a complete departure from his prepared speech, Jeffers told newspapermen that he had in mind as "the opposition group" organizations similar to chambers of commerce and other "well-meaning civic agencies."

Jeffers said that there were

Nips Occupy Isles North Of Australia

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov. 20 (AP)—The Japanese have completed occupation of all nine anchorages on the north coast of Portuguese Timor, less than 400 miles northwest of Australia, by moving into Lantem, it was stated officially today.

At the same time Prime Minister John Curtin said he believed a battle would have to be fought in Timor and adjacent islands to protect Australia, just as a long-drawn fight is being waged in New Guinea and the Solomons to prevent invasion from the northeast.

Timor and nearby islands are within the southwest Pacific theater and vital to the holding of Australia, he declared.

Increased Japanese activity in (Continued on Page Six)

JAPS PINNED INTO CORNER IN GUINEA

Allied Airmen Smash Sea-Air Relief Thrust

By C. YATES McDANIEL
GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Nov. 20 (AP)—American and Australian jungle fighters pinned the Japanese into a narrow corridor along the Papuan coast between Buna and Gona today after allied airmen had smashed an enemy sea and air relief thrust, sinking a cruiser and destroyer and downing three planes.

Today's noon communiqué said that allied ground forces were fighting in the outskirts of Buna, main enemy base in the battle area, and Gona, the settlement about 30 miles northwest along the coast where the Japanese made their initial landing in this region last July 22.

MacArthur Leads Men

After days of withdrawal with little or no resistance, the Japanese apparently were making a stand on Buna and Gona in a last effort to prevent expulsion from the sector from (Continued on Page Six)

Elliott Roosevelt Joins African Unit

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, North Africa, Nov. 20 (AP)—Lieut. Col. Elliott Roosevelt, the president's son, was somewhere at the front in North Africa today with his reconnaissance unit. He left to join the outfit three hours after he had arrived at this base from England, it was disclosed last night.

FORCES CLOSE IN ON 2 AXIS STRONGHOLDS

Fleeing Nazis Abandon Bengasi, Escape Port

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Allied headquarters announced today that American and British troops, locked in the first heavy fighting in Tunisia, had driven back every German attempt to thrust out from their newly-formed lines around Tunis and Bizerte, while pro-allied French soldiers captured small Nazi forces in eastern Tunisia.

An allied spokesman said British and American troops were closing in on all landward sides of the big axis-held naval stronghold of Bizerte and Tunis.

Nazis Non-Committal

Allied vanguards were reported within 30 miles of both cities, striking from several directions. Allied losses were described as "minor."

German headquarters gave a non-committal version of the initial clash, declaring:

"In the Algerian-Tunisian frontier area, close-range German fighters attacked enemy advanced units and DeGaulle (fighting French) units which attempted to stop our advance."

Axis Drubbed

At the same time, Adolf Hitler's high command acknowledged (Continued on Page Six)

Three Rescued In Army Bomber Crash on Beach

GEARHART, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—Mrs. Henry Goodrich, a beach resident, said today she saw a heavy army plane fall into the ocean a short distance from shore today.

Mrs. Goodrich said the U. S. coast guard, whom she notified, rescued at least one man from a wing of the ship before it sank.

She said the large ship, flying low and bound north, dropped into combbers a short distance from shore. It floated out on an ebbing tide and soon sank.

The navy was assisting the coast guard in rescue operations, she reported.

Crowds who gathered on the beach to watch rescue operations reported that three men, one apparently the pilot, were brought ashore. One was seen on the wing of the ship before it sank, (Continued on Page Six)

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