

November 22—High 47, Low 33  
Precipitation as of November 16, 1942  
Stream year to date ..... 2.78  
Last year ..... 2.24 Normal ..... 1.88  
Nov. 24—Sunrise ..... 8:01 Sunset ..... 4:18

### Blackout Signal

One 3-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

# REDS UNCURK MIGHTY OFFENSIVE

## Allies Pound African Line

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S thriller comes from Stalingrad, where the Russians have unleashed what looks like their long-awaited counter-offensive and are driving the Germans before them out into the frozen steppes.

It started with an artillery barrage so intense that when it stopped at the end of an hour only isolated German guns replied. Russian infantry and tanks then piled into the German lines, BREAKING THROUGH.

The Russians are reported to have reached the Don (consult your map) with two pincer spearheads that may trap large German forces.

In the three days since the offensive started, the Russians are reported to have killed 15,000 Germans and captured 13,000 more.

FOR the long-pull significance of this news, consider the recently-growing idea that Hitler is planning to revive Napoleon's notion of a "fortress Europe," retiring behind fortified sea walls and daring the allies to attack.

It will be hard to make a fortress of Europe with Russia's armies unbeaten and on the loose.

FOR historical consolation (if you care for such) remember that Napoleon's scheme didn't work. The internal hatreds he had generated eventually exploded and blew him to oblivion.

Hitler has these same hatreds to contend with.

THERE are rumors of trouble in Italy.

Ankara (Turkey) quotes recent arrivals from Italy as saying that a movement for a separate peace has already started there under the leadership of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, who was publicly disgraced by Mussolini in the early days of the war.

Turkey, remember, is still neutral, and so gets all the refugees escaping from nearby countries under the Hitler heel. That explains the prevalence of rumors from Ankara.

TODAY'S dispatches report other rumors from continental Europe to the effect that 60,000 German "tourists" have arrived in Italy in the past three months and that Gestapo squads have been rushed in since the allied offensive in Africa started.

The purpose, of course, is to "handle" the Italians if they show signs of trying to quit. (Trying for blood, that is; it is generally accepted that they're sick of the war and would like to quit.)

There are recurring rumors today that the Germans are building a line of fortifications along the border between former Austria and Italy.

The air is full of rumors that the Italians are growingly terrified.

THE situation in Northern Tunisia still isn't clear.

Allied spokesmen are quoted today as admitting that the Germans and Italians are well established, with a strong air force, at Bizerte and Tunisia and are going to make a strong fight there for dominance of the Sicilian strait. Hard fighting appears to be going on.

There is an interesting rumor to the effect that Rommel himself is in command, and has with him at least a part of his hard-fighting Africa Corps. That is possible. He and the (Continued on Page Two)

### DARLAN CLAIMS FRENCH WEST AFRICA IS HIS

#### Bloodless Victory Apparently Goes to Allies

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan, the former Vichy defense chief who went over to the allies three days after the American and British expedition landed in North Africa, announced on the Algiers radio tonight that Dakar and all French West Africa was now under his command.

French West Africa had placed itself "freely under my orders," he said.

The allies thus appeared to have scored a bloodless victory which not only removed the most dangerous potential axis threat to the western hemisphere but also put at the disposal of the allies vast resources, large native manpower and a large strategic area connecting North Africa with fighting French territory in the heart of the continent.

**Statement Confirmed**  
The Algiers broadcast followed by a few hours a broadcast from Dakar, which was heard by the Canadian Broadcasting company, asserting that the French governor general there had put the military command of his post under Darlan. This appeared to confirm the (Continued on Page Two)

### Government May Crack Down on "Panic-Buying"

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—Over-buying of food products by householders fearful of future rationing programs may force the government into adopting anti-hoarding regulations.

An official disclosed today that "panic-buying" of foods and other commodities has become widespread enough to give the office of price administration concern.

"The hysteria seems to be getting near the point where we are forced to consider the rationing (Continued on Page Two)

### Swapping Tires Wasn't Allowed

KANSAS CITY, Kas., Nov. 23 (AP)—Harvey L. Glenn, 38, was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail today by Municipal Judge J. Earl Thomas because he swapped a couple of his automobile tires for two he found on a scrap rubber pile Saturday.

### Captain Rickenbacker Cites Religion As Buoying Hope During Long Ordeal

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 23 (AP) Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, survivor of many close brushes with death, never doubted for a moment during his three weeks on a tiny rubber raft in the South Pacific that he and his companions would be rescued. The American flying ace of the first World War cited his own religion as the buoying hope during the days of ordeal after the big army plane in which he was flying on an inspection trip for the secretary of war went down for lack of fuel October 21. "I have my own religion. I hold to the Golden Rule and I believe most firmly that if a man just follows what he truly knows and feels in his heart, that he cannot go wrong, and is pos-

### Loss of U. S. Destroyer in Solomons Told

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) News that the United States had lost an additional destroyer in the November 13-15 battle of the Solomons was balanced today by the sinking of a Japanese destroyer off New Guinea.

The Japanese ship was destroyed by allied bombers while apparently attempting to land reinforcements at Buna, northeast coast base which is gradually being encircled by Australian and American troops.

Loss of the American destroyer, which sank the night of November 16 from torpedo damage suffered during the previous night's action, was reported by the officers and crew were rescued by another destroyer, with no loss of life reported.

This brought to nine—seven destroyers and two cruisers—the total American naval casualties in the big battle that ended in the smashing of a Japanese invasion armada headed for Guadalcanal island. The navy has reported 28 Japanese ships sunk and 10 damaged.

### YANKS ADVANCE ON GUADALCANAL

#### Allies Tighten Noose Around Japs in New Guinea

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP) United States ground forces are advancing slowly to the west despite stubborn enemy resistance on Guadalcanal, the navy reported today.

No details of the extent of the advance were given. However, the marines were reported well beyond five miles west of Henderson airfield.

**GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Nov. 23 (AP)—**American and Australian airmen plunged into battle against the Japanese forces making a desperate last stand on the beaches of the Buna area in northeastern New Guinea yesterday and when the (Continued on Page Two)

### Search Widens For 17-Year-Old Escaped Convict

LA GRANDE, Nov. 23 (AP)—Police widened their search today for 17-year-old Glenn Wilson, escaped convict. They captured his brother, Turman Wilson, 16, also an escapee from the state prison, but lost Glenn's trail after the pair leaped from a stolen automobile Saturday.

The youths, convicted of raping two 17-year-old girls in Portland last June, escaped from the penitentiary Friday.

### ROMMEL HEADS TUNIS DEFENSE, HINTS BERLIN

#### Axis Well Established By Sicilian Strait, Admit Allies

By E. C. DANIEL  
LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—The British first army, with American and French support, was reported today to have launched a big attack against the German-Italian positions in the defense perimeter of Bizerte and Tunis where Marshal Erwin Rommel, one-time German master of African-desert warfare, was said to be in command with perhaps a part of his Africa corps.

The radio in allied-held Morocco said prisoners already had been brought in as a result of the British attack which the allies have been preparing for a week, and Berlin broadcasts hinted that Rommel had transferred his headquarters and perhaps some of his Libyan forces to Tunisia.

**Indecisive Clash**  
Previously the British and American forces which had streamed across North Africa for hundreds of miles in a race to get control of Tunisia's middle Mediterranean bases were reported to have tested the defenses in the northern tip of the French protectorate, and radio Morocco quoted an allied spokesman as saying their attacks were growing in violence.

The broadcast said that one clash occurred 22 miles south of the coast and that the engagement "remained indecisive."

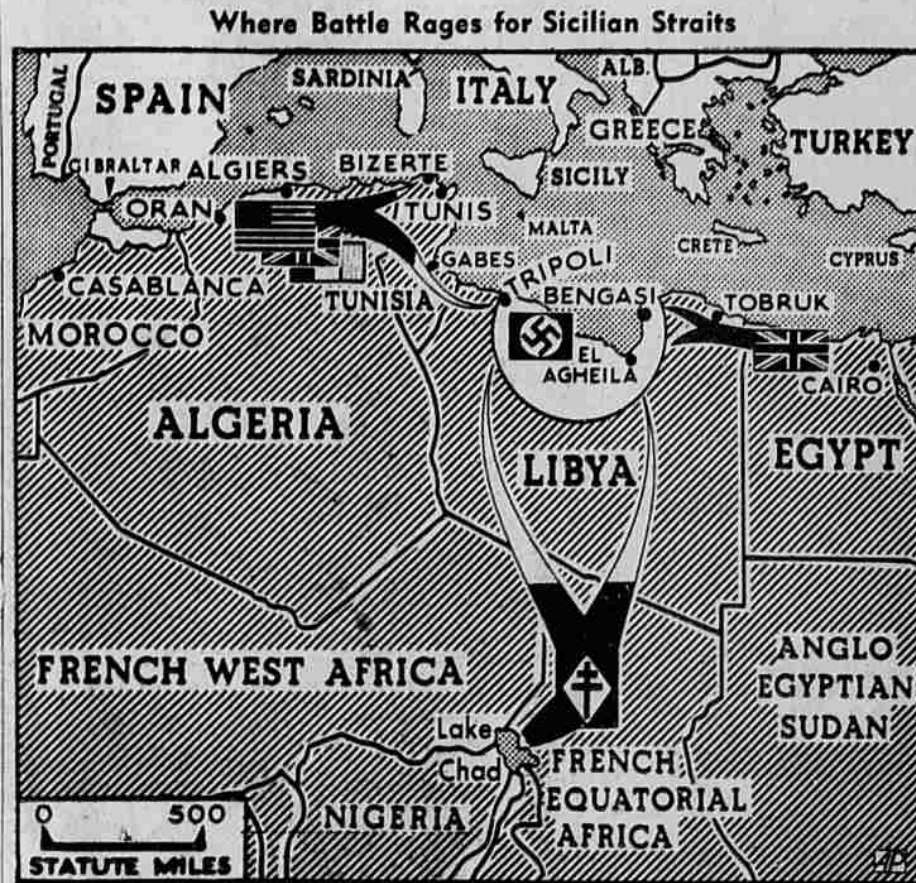
**Axis Infiltrations**  
Allied spokesmen were quoted as admitting that the Germans and Italians were well established with a strong air force at (Continued on Page Two)

### Cook Held in Poison Deaths At Hospital

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 23 (AP)—A. B. McKillop, the cook who is accused of mistakenly using a deadly roach powder instead of powdered milk in scrambled eggs, causing the death of 47 inmates of the Oregon state hospital for the insane, was arraigned on an involuntary manslaughter charge here today.

Circuit Judge E. M. Paige ordered him held for preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Alf O. Nelson of Silverton. This hearing probably will be delayed until after Thanksgiving, Nelson said.

Mrs. Mary O'Hare, chief cook, who told officers she knew of McKillop's mistake as soon as the inmates became ill Wednesday (Continued on Page Two)



A fighting French force was pushing up through Libya to aid in the attempt to trap Rommel's forces, which Cairo said yesterday had been pushed farther back toward the El Aghella bottleneck, as the British 8th army raced westward in swift pursuit of the retreating nazis. The British 1st army, with U. S. and French support, was reported today to have launched a big attack against the defense perimeter of Bizerte and Tunis, where Marshal Rommel himself was rumored to be in command. Dark shading of areas in pointers indicates approximate penetration.

### JAP INDECISION SHOWN IN NORTH

#### Nips Can't Make Up Their Minds in Aleutians

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN  
HEADQUARTERS ALASKA DEFENSE COMMAND, Nov. 23 (AP)—Indecision of the Japanese command and the insufficient equipment for the Aleutian campaign has been clearly demonstrated in recent activities in the northern island sector and the Japanese, who made such a brave showing in June, are now apparently unable to decide whether to hold even what they have.

Although many observers believed at first that Kiska was only an outpost for main Japanese activities in the Aleutians, developments this fall indicate they once decided to center all activities there, even abandoning Attu and other island outposts to reinforce much bombed Kiska.

However, they may have later changed their minds when they made an attempt to reinforce Kiska by air via Attu after all Kiska planes had been knocked out of the skies in bomber and fighter attacks by United States and Canadian airmen during September and early October.

Settling of eight Japanese planes on Holtz bay, Attu, a couple weeks ago again centered attention on that first occupied (Continued on Page Two)

### Strict Rulings To Enforce B, C Gas Rations

Applications for supplemental gasoline rations began pouring into the county rationing board offices Monday and brought a warning to motorists that persons with B and C stickers will be subjected to strict regulations and possible inquiry at any time from officers of the law about the use of their cars.

Mrs. Effie Garcelon, clerk of the board, said that "very few" motorists will be eligible for supplemental gasoline, although there seems to be an impression that the A books issued last week were "just a starter."

She said that motorists who succeed in getting B and C stickers will be carefully checked and state police may stop such cars and make inquiry at any time. (Continued on Page Two)

### British Bombers Pound Stuttgart, Aviation Center

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—The German industrial and communications center of Stuttgart was attacked last night by a strong force of British bombers, and the air ministry said that low-level observation showed that the results were good.

"Ten of our bombers are missing," the ministry said. Fighter command aircraft were reported to have attacked freight trains in northern France and fired an axis supply ship in the English channel, further blows against Adolf Hitler's crippled transport systems.

Canadians participated in the Stuttgart raid. The bombers were reported by Sgt. Robert Donald of Calgary to have started gorgeous fires.

"The town was just crisscrossed with incendiaries," said the young non-commissioned officer, who flies with a Lancaster squadron of the RAF.

The capital of Wurttemberg province, Stuttgart lies approximately 400 miles southeast of Dover. A center of aviation and electrical industries, it was attacked three nights in succession by the RAF last May.

**U. S. Bombers Hit Nazi U-Boat Base**  
LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—United States bombers supported by RAF fighters attacked the Nazi U-boat base at St. Nazaire, France, this afternoon, it was stated authoritatively.

### BESIEGERS OF STALINGRAD FACE DISASTER

#### Nazi Forces in Caucasus Held to Standstill

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AP)—A mighty red army counter-offensive sprung from the northwest and south of Stalingrad has put thousands of Germans to rout, the nazis reported today, and the Nazi forces which have besieged the Volga city vainly for three bloody months were pictured as facing disastrous encirclement.

Broken German divisions were declared fleeing across the frosty steppes before the surge of Russian infantrymen, guns and tanks in the greatest soviet offensive of the year, adding new casualties to the 28,000 nazis reported killed and captured in the past few days.

Already some 15,000 Germans have been killed and more than 13,000 captured since the Russians sprang their drive. The German besiegers of Stalingrad have been placed in a perilous position, and the German forces in the Caucasus are being held to a standstill as the bitter Russian winter sets in.

The Stalingrad offensive stretched two arms around the Germans still holding positions in Stalingrad and placed the Russians astride two important railway lines used by the Germans to supply these forces. The offensive began, dispatches said, with a one-hour artillery barrage so intense that (Continued on Page Two)

### U. S. Pilot Killed In Crash-Dive To Save Homes

LONDON, Nov. 23 (AP)—A United States army air force pilot was killed yesterday when he crash-dived his faltering plane into a football field in a crowded London district in order to avoid hitting a row of small homes.

The pilot was officially identified as Second Lieut. Harvey Dalton Johnson, Westville, N. J. He formerly was in the Royal Canadian air force, but transferred to the American forces on October 13.

Suburban thousands saw flames spurt from the engine and noticed the irregularity of the motor as the low flying craft headed for a row of closely packed houses.

The pilot then banked steeply and nose-dived in a football field 50 yards from the nearest house.

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### Women at War Week Gets Off to Head Start Here

Thousands of dollars started to roll into Uncle Sam's treasury this weekend as Women at War week was officially under way. The ball started rolling Saturday night when Merrill Moose organizations garnered \$11,500 at their Mallin rally, and Norway day festivities here brought in some \$13,000. The official figure on this sale was not learned late Monday.

Mrs. Franklin L. Weaver, Klamath county chairman of women's war savings, reported Monday that the week's quota of \$75,000, would be reached in all probability before the period of November 22 to 28 ends at 12 o'clock noon next Saturday.

Theatres will present war bond programs throughout the week and a big rally is slated for Friday night, November 27.

night after Thanksgiving, when a community sing with a bang-up program will be held in the Klamath Union high school auditorium. There will be soloists, features, and a general good time. No charge is being made and bonds and stamps will not be sold throughout the audience. A special appeal to families of service men has been made by Mrs. Weaver. A part of the program will be dedicated to men in service. Charles Stanfield will direct the singing. The program starts at 8 o'clock. Members of the war savings committee, of which Andrew Collier is county chairman, wished to express appreciation to the various organizations and individuals who have entered into the spirit of the big war bond drive.

26 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TO GET A BOX OF GIGARS FOR DAD Buy Christmas Seals