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Weather News

November 24—High 49, Low 33
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Last year 2.24 Normal 1.99
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REDS BOOST NAZI TOLL TO 98,000

African Fighting Spreads

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE good news today continues to come from Russia.

In London a British military source whose identity, the dispatches assert, can't be revealed says:

"The Nazi besiegers of Stalingrad are in an AWFUL MILITARY POSITION. They have to withdraw through a menaced, curving corridor between Russian armies and have to get across the Don river."

"A German counter-attack to relieve them will be tremendously difficult."

THIS "menaced, curving corridor" between the Russian armies is now down to 30 miles in width, with the attacking Russians pressing in from the sides for the kill.

RUSSIAN estimates of the losses inflicted on the Germans are mounting.

Moscow today places the total at 50,000 killed and 80,000 CAPTURED.

Note this estimated total of CAPTIVES. Large numbers of captives CAN MEAN demoralization. We don't know yet that it does. But history tells us that the taking of large numbers of captives OFTEN means the beginning of a breakdown in morale.

DON'T jump to unwarranted conclusions. But it is worth remembering that up to now relatively few Germans have been captured in Russia—even last winter, when they were retreating.

RUSSIAN estimates of German losses include only killed and captured—with no mention of wounded.

A Reuters (British news service) dispatch from Moscow, applying the standard ratio of three wounded to one killed, places the total of German wounded at 120,000.

THIS British military source in London makes another cautious but INTERESTING observation. He says this Russian offensive may be the first major land action of the war NOT ACCOMPANIED by heavy air fighting. He offers two reasons for the lack of air activity on the Russian front—bad weather and DIVERSION of German air strength to the Mediterranean. He is supported by an Australian correspondent in Algiers who says today that a German air squadron raiding North African towns yesterday was on the Stalingrad front three weeks ago.

THIS suggestion that Hitler has been compelled to withdraw his planes from the dangerous Russian front gives us an idea of the importance of the Mediterranean fighting.

THE news from Tunisia is vague but SIGNIFICANT. Allied planes are shooting down German transports—including a large NEW type capable of carrying 80 soldiers fully equipped. Most of these transports have been shot down while coming back from Africa EMPTY. That is to say, the Germans are rushing reinforcements to Tunisia by AIR, using all the transport resources at their command. They SEEM to be neglecting Russia in order to save their foothold in Africa.

ON the basis of today's dispatches, we are safe in assuming that the fighting around Bizerte and Tunis is HEAVY and that our side is not making (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIES BATTLE 'LAST-STAND' GUINEA JAPS

Planes Spray Death On Trapped Enemy

By The Associated Press

In the far Pacific, American and Australian troops battled at close quarters with the "last stand" remnants of a Japanese invasion force on the beaches of New Guinea today while allied planes sprayed death into the enemy trapped along a 12-mile coastal strip.

Dispatches from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters indicated that the struggle for the enemy's last footholds in the Buna-Gona sector was nearing an end, with allied troops surrounding the enemy on three sides and steadily closing in.

No Challenge Australian troops found 100 Japanese dead in a single village, and other Japanese bodies were strewn along the sands.

Every available allied plane was sent skimming in low-level attacks over the Japanese positions with machine-guns and cannons blazing. No Japanese planes appeared to challenge the aerial assault, dispatches said.

On the China war front, U. S. army headquarters reported that American bombers, accompanied by the biggest fighter escorts yet seen in the China theater, blasted two of Japan's main air bases in South China without drawing opposition from a single enemy plane.

The targets were an airport on the island of Sanchu, 72 miles south of Canton, and the Tienho airfield at Canton.

Service Men's Purchases of Liquor Restricted

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25 (P)—Army and navy regional commands today ruled that service men may buy intoxicating liquor at bars only between the hours of 5 p. m. and midnight, and at stores for consumption off the premises only between 5 p. m. and 8 p. m.

The restrictions will become effective December 10 in Washington, Oregon, California, Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Utah and Oregon.

Beer is not included in the restrictions, the announcement said. It may be bought at any time, but the public was asked not to sell intoxicants to any members of the armed services who is "obviously intoxicated" or to minors in the services. It requested likewise that prostitutes be prohibited from entering establishments where liquor is sold on the premises.

THE escape, at Altamont pass near Livermore, Calif., was discovered by a train brakeman, who saw one of the prisoners lying alongside the track feigning death.

All of the recaptured men said they were from General Rommel's Afrika corps.

No English Sergeant Pilot Hans Kirber, 21, of the German luftwaffe, who admitted engineering the escape, was recaptured after he hauled a ride from a workman going to a military project near Livermore, Calif.

The motorist tried to engage

Marines Slay 70 Japs, Take 5 Machine Guns

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (P)—The navy announced today that a marine patrol on Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands had killed 70 Japanese and captured five machine guns in an enemy encampment southwest of the American-held airfield.

The action was carried out Monday, Guadalcanal time, against an encampment near the village of Mambulo on the upper reaches of the Matanikau river.

The marine patrol suffered only two men wounded. A communiqué reporting this flurry of activity said also that dive bombers and fighters from the Guadalcanal airfield had attacked enemy installations at Munda on the western end of New Georgia island, 180 miles northwest of the airfield, and scored a direct hit on a warehouse.

The navy had reported yesterday that Japanese troops were active in the mountainous Mambulo region but had not described the nature of the activity.

U. S. DEAL WITH DARLAN RAPPED

Eden Declines to Discuss Arrangement Made by Yanks

LONDON, Nov. 25 (P)—A fighting French military spokesman skipped his customary broadcast to France today and, in explanation declared, "as long as Darlan is retained as the head in North Africa I feel I cannot conscientiously continue."

Eleven of the Churchill government's persistent critics introduced a motion in the house of commons tonight disapproving the United States' dealings with Darlan when Anthony Eden, government spokesman in the house, said the government had endorsed as a temporary military expedient.

The eleven, who never yet (Continued on Page Two)

Survivors of Sunk Freighter Land in Africa

LOURENCO MARQUES, Portuguese East Africa, Nov. 25 (P)—Fifty survivors of the 6900-ton United States freighter Alcoa Pathfinder landed here today after their ship was sunk off the Mozambique coast, probably by a submarine.

Some of the survivors were injured seriously. They were given first aid treatment by a Portuguese rescue party sent out to meet them.

Three other ships have been sent to the bottom off the Mozambique coast within the past week.

HITLER HURLS AIR POWER IN BITTER BATTLE

Contest at "Critical Phase," Says Eden

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Nov. 25—The scale of axis air attacks in North Africa was reported authoritatively today to show that Adolf Hitler was backing up the enemy land forces with great air power for a bitter-end stand on the Mediterranean shore—probably even to the extent of draining planes from his imperiled Russian front.

This warning of the degree to which the axis was girding to save its last footholds in North Africa came soon after Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons that the contest for North Africa had reached an "extremely critical phase."

Allies Pound Tunisia However, the strongest penetrations were believed still to be those holding defensive arcs some 30 miles outside Tunis and Bizerte and in flight before Britain's eighth army in Libya, although the Vichy radio yesterday reported strong formations landing at Gabes and Sfax in southern Tunisia.

American, British and French forces were reported roaming the length and breadth of Tunisia, clashing occasionally (Continued on Page Two)

80-Man Nazi Transport Plane Shot Into Sea

LONDON, Nov. 25 (P)—A Reuters dispatch said today that a mammoth German transport seaplane, capable of carrying up to 80 fully equipped soldiers, was shot into the sea yesterday off the eastern coast of Tunisia by RAF long-range fighters from Malta.

The dispatch called the craft a Blohm and Voss 222—apparently a huge new type by the makers of the flying boats which the nazis used experimentally for flights across the Atlantic before the war.

Three RAF fighters sighted it north of Linosa island, midway between Tunisia and Sicily, flying (Continued on Page Two)

Search Continues For Flood Victim

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For the first time in years, the Klamath county jail was without even one guest Tuesday, and a vacancy sign was hung out. In the picture, left to right, are County Commissioner John Reber, Sheriff Lloyd Low, Jail Cook Bob Eberman and County Judge U. E. Reeder. The cook was not quite so disconsolate Wednesday, for the jail had one prisoner again. He is Timothy O'Flaherty, charged with selling liquor to an Indian. Maybe Tim saw the sign on the front door.

CANADIAN EMBARGO ON LOGS STANDS

Negotiations On Way To Lift Ruling, Says Chief

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (P)—WPB Lumber Coordinator Ben Alexander told a senate committee investigating a threatened lumber shortage today that Canadian authorities had "absolutely refused" to lift a war embargo against exportation of logs to the United States.

"It looks to me like the WPB ought to get a little tough about this," Senator Wallgren (D-Wash.) told Alexander.

Something Smelly "We've been tough," Alexander declared. "It apparently will take a lot bigger brass hat than I've got to get the job done."

However, he said negotiations "are continuing."

Earlier in the committee hearing Wallgren remarked there seemed to be "something smelly" about WPB delays in getting the embargo lifted.

Restrain Comment Wallgren made his statement during questioning of William B. Greeley, Seattle, manager of (Continued on Page Two)

Minesweeper, Tanker Destroy Armed Jap Raider

LONDON, Nov. 25 (P)—The admiralty disclosed today that a heavily armed Japanese raider was engaged and destroyed in the Indian ocean November 11 by a minesweeper of the Royal Indian navy and a Netherlands motor tanker.

The minesweeper, H. M. S. Bengal, was escorting the 6863-ton tanker Ondina about 1000 miles southwest of Java when they encountered the 10,000-ton Kikoku Maru and the 8863-ton Kunkawa Maru, both believed armed with six 5.5-inch guns and equipped with torpedo tubes and catapult aircraft.

The Bengal and the Ondina each had only a single four-inch gun.

Indian Property Bill Approved

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (P)—President Roosevelt signed yesterday a bill assigning the property of Indians who die without heirs to the tribes to which they belong. In the event the tribe is extinct the property will go to the successor tribe. If the tribe to which the Indian belonged has not been succeeded, the property reverts to the government for use in aiding needy Indians.

Worst Is Yet To Come, Warns Joseph C. Grew

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (P)—Nothing short of military annihilation can cause the Japanese people to revolt against their leaders, Joseph C. Grew told 5000 persons at the Civic auditorium last night.

The former ambassador to Japan cautioned against optimism over the few allied gains in the South Pacific.

"The Japanese are devoting every ounce of their energy to consolidating their amazing gains in order that they may bring about not only our defeat in the far east, but that they may subjugate us at home," he said.

Governor Sprague, who introduced Grew, said "Get out your atlas and see what the situation is. Guadalcanal is only a tiny speck in the Jap empire, and we hold only three per cent of Guadalcanal. It is a long road back to Tokyo, but we are going to make it."

Brig.-Gen. Duncan Missing in Action Since November 17

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25 (P)—Brigadier General Ass N. Duncan, chief of air staff in the European theatre, has been forced down at sea and is missing in action.

The war department reported today that Gen. Duncan, 50, was forced down while flying from England to North Africa on November 17. His plane went into the sea off the northern coast of France. No information, the department said, has been received as to whether any of the personnel in the plane survived.

Duncan, a command pilot and combat observer, was made chief of air staff in the European theatre last July. He is the second general of the army air forces listed as missing in action. Maj. Gen. Clarence L. Tinker has been missing since he flew out to bomb the Japanese fleet approaching Midway island last June. Two other generals, Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Dargue and Brig. Gen. Harold H. George, have been killed in airplane accidents since the war started.

24 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT.
TO GET BOOKS FOR DOG AND MARIE
Buy Christmas Seals

AXIS' ESCAPE LANE WHITTLED TO 30 MILES

Nazis Acknowledge a New Break-Through On Rzhev Line

MOSCOW, Thursday, Nov. 26 (P)—Russian troops still driving ahead on the German flanks above and below Stalingrad have captured 15,000 more nazis and have killed 6000 more to boost the enemy toll to 98,000 since November 19, a special communiqué said today.

In the same period the Russians said they had captured 1300 German guns of all caliber, 5518 trucks, 62 ammunition dumps, and a vast quantity of other equipment and food.

One enemy tank division, the 22nd, which had been encircled in the northwest sector near the Don river, now has been annihilated, the communiqué said.

By The Associated Press

Russia's armies squeezed the German "escape corridor" from Stalingrad down to a bare 30 miles today, engulfed 12 more towns and villages, and rocketed enemy losses to nearly 100,000 killed or captured in a violent seven-day-old offensive which the nazis admitted had not yet reached its peak.

Northwest of Stalingrad, the red armies were reported to have driven 80 miles into the depth of nazi defenses inside the big bend of the Don river, and to the southwest the Russians (Continued on Page Two)

OPA Was Too Much For Fuel Company; They're Closing

PORTLAND, Nov. 25 (P)—Notified by the OPA that it would have to pay a fine of \$219 for overcharges, the Andrew and Conover Fuel company here closed up today.

Said H. D. Andrews, a partner: "When we filed our highest prices as of last March we listed a wood price of \$6.75 a cord. Shortly afterward increases in cost made it necessary to raise this to \$7. We asked OPA if this raise would be all right. They said 'we won't say yes and we won't say no.' So we left it in effect."

"Now they come along and tell us we have to pay a fine of \$219 for overcharges. . . . We're just going to close up until we can get things straightened out."

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Gas Sign-Up Put Off Until Dec. 3; Many Unregistered

With large numbers of motorists apparently still unregistered, the war price and ration board announced Wednesday that issuance of a mileage rationing books will stop immediately at the board offices, to be resumed on December 3.

Although the state OPA plan was to stop all registration after the three-day period at schoolhouses, the board has attempted to keep up registration at headquarters with volunteer workers. On Wednesday, however, the confusion became so great that further registration was called off until December 3, when tardy motorists may apply at the board offices near Fifth and Main streets.

Reports from the schools Wednesday showed that 9657 motorists registered November 18-19-20. These figures cover all schools in the city and county except Fort Klamath and Pelican bay camp, where not more than 200 registered. The estimated total of passenger cars in the county is 13,548, indicating that hundreds of motorists either have not registered or have put up their cars.

Registration figures for city and suburban schools were:
Pelican 328
Mills 1454
Freemont 1867
KUH 929
Altamont 1511
Fairhaven 427
The rationing board pointed out that school teachers throughout the city and county gave their services free of charge in taking the mileage rationing registration. Also, a large corps of volunteer workers has been helping out at the board offices without pay, and the panel boards in the different communities are serving without pay.

The board warned motorists Wednesday that tanks should be filled with gasoline on November 30, the day before the rationing (Continued on Page Two)