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### Weather News

March 26—High 81, Low 43  
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Last year ..... 10.08 Normal ..... 9.92

# AMERICANS SLASH AT FONDOUK

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE news from Tunisia is scanty but encouraging. Allied headquarters announced that Montgomery has made another "successful" attack on the Mareth positions and adds that "operations are proceeding according to plan in spite of stiff resistance."

At the same time, today's dispatches report, Anderson's 1st army has "stabbed out" in a series of "reconnaissance in force" operations against the Germans in north Tunisia.

(A diversion, one guesses, to keep Von Arnim too busy to send help to Rommel.)

AMERICAN troops today make a surprise drive toward Fondouk, 15 miles southwest of the big German supply base at Kairouan, 100 miles north of the Mareth operations.

This may be another move to keep Von Arnim too busy to send help to Rommel.

FIGHTING today by Patton's Americans, from Gafsa to Maknassy, is described as of only local significance—meaning, probably, that he's strengthening his positions and fighting off minor German counter-attacks.

New heavy rains are reported to be falling again in Tunisia.

MONTGOMERY'S Mareth "salient" (a military term meaning a wedge driven into the enemy's line) is approximately a mile wide. That is at least wide enough to provide elbow room for hard fighting.

NORTH of Chuguev (15 or 20 miles east of Kharkov) the Donets runs almost due north and south for nearly 50 miles to Belgorod (see map). This is a tough area to defend because of a HIGH bank on the west side and a LOW bank on the east side, enabling the attacking Germans to SHOOT DOWN at the defending Russians.

Red Star (Russian army newspaper) says the Germans have concentrated heavy forces there, hoping to force a crossing of the Donets. They're using tanks paced by dive bombers in the typical German blitz attack.

The Russians say they're holding the line so far.

THERE isn't much change around Smolensk. The fighting there is said to be taking place in the worst weather of the year, with the spring thaw flooding many of the battle grounds.

IN the Pacific, we're still bombing the Jap islands to the north of Australia, hitting particularly hard at the new Jap base at Wewak, on the north coast of New Guinea. We dropped 19 tons of explosive there last night.

Kiska is bombed again. American long-range heavy bombers hit the Japs last night on Nauru island, a little ten-miles-across coral atoll 675 nautical miles northeast of Guadalcanal and 1020 nautical miles southeast of the big Jap base at Truk. (A nautical mile is about one-fifth longer than a land mile.)

That gives an idea of the importance of our airfield on Guadalcanal and explains why the island was fought for so bitterly.

IN Washington, they're putting on the final festivities for British Foreign Minister Eden, who (Continued on Page Three)

Mayor LaGuardia to Serve With Army, Says Stephen Early

WASHINGTON, March 27. (AP) Stephen Early, White House press secretary, said today that "all indications point to service in the army" for Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York city. Early said he could not confirm definitely that LaGuardia's service would be in the army branch, but that present indications point to that.

## NAZIS DRIVE FIERCELY TO CRACK SOVIETS

Fresh Troops Massed To Hit Stiffened Red Defense

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 27 (AP)—The German army, in a desperate drive to crack stubborn Soviet defenses on the Donets river north of Chuguev, the Ukraine, has massed fresh troops, a big force of artillery and a heavy concentration of air power against the Russian lines there, it was officially reported today.

While the Germans concentrated their heaviest power in this sector, Russian vanguards on the central front again edged toward Smolensk, little more than 30 miles away.

Attacks Repulsed

The Soviet midday communiqué said numerous attacks north of Chuguev were repulsed.

There is a 50-mile stretch of the twisting Donets river between Chuguev and Belgorod, where the Russians are beginning to pound the Germans. Slightly north of Chuguev, the battle line on the river turns abruptly eastward, then swings north again in an almost straight line. This is a tough area to defend because there is (Continued on Page Four)

## Shave, Haircut Price to Bounce Here on April 1

Shave and haircut prices will go up April 1.

This was announced as a result of a meeting of 40 barbers at the Labor temple this week, when an increase was agreed upon.

Haircuts will jump from 65 to 75 cents, and shaves from 35 to 50 cents.

Barber shops effected are in the Klamath Falls, Merrill, Malin and Tulelake districts. Bly and Chiloquin were not represented.

Andy Meek, who presided at the barber meeting Wednesday night, said the vote for the increase was unanimous. Increase in living costs was given by the barbers for the up in their prices.

He said action taken this week by local barbers has nothing to do with the new barbers' law passed by the last legislature, which is not yet effective but will permit 70 per cent of the barbers in any given county to establish minimum prices.

## Andrew A. Ward, Deputy Coroner, Dies Suddenly

Andrew Alonzo Ward, 63, for the past 10 years a prominent resident of Klamath Falls and head of Ward's funeral home died at 1:15 o'clock today at Klamath Valley hospital. Mr. Ward was stricken at his home on High street two hours before his death.

Mr. Ward was born December 23, 1879, in St. Louis, Mo., son of Foster A. and Caroline Ward. His father was a pioneer in the undertaking business and his son followed in his footsteps.

Mr. Ward supplemented his early schooling, received at St. Louis, with terms at the Missouri Academy of Embalming, and the Louisiana State college. He has followed his profession in Alexandria, La., Reno, Nev., and Oroville, Calif. Mr. Ward lived for six years in Oroville and also operated a funeral home in Dunsuir for 14 years before moving to Klamath Falls in 1932, purchasing his present establishment the following year.

Andrew A. Ward and Marguerite Mable Procter, were married at Alexandria, La. They have two sons, Clarence Procter of Alhambra, Calif., and Willard, second class pharmacist mate, US naval hospital, Seattle.

## Davis Food Head



President Roosevelt has named Chester C. Davis, above, president of the federal reserve bank at St. Louis, as administrator of the new administration of food production and distribution in the department of agriculture.

## BOMBS BLAST FIVE JAP STRONGHOLDS

Heavy Damage Done To Nip Base on Nauru

By the Associated Press

American bombers winging 1,350 miles round trip over the South Seas have heavily damaged the Japanese base on Nauru island, the navy announced today, while other U. S. and allied warplanes pounded the enemy in New Guinea, Burma and the Aleutian islands.

It was the first attack on Nauru, which lies 32 miles beyond the equator and 675 miles northeast of Guadalcanal.

The navy said the planes blasted officers' quarters, barracks, a wharf and runway, set (Continued on Page Four)

## Meat Supply Down Following Buying Rush in Klamath

Meat was extremely short or lacking entirely from local butcher shop showcases Saturday, following a rush of buying in advance of meat rationing to start Monday.

Considerable movement of meat into lockers was believed underway throughout the week.

Some developments in the matter of distribution between markets were forecast in some quarters for early in the forthcoming rationing period.

## KANSAN JABS OPPONENTS OF RUMML SCHEME

Demagoguery Born of Desperation, Cry Of Bill Author

By FRANCIS LE MAY

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) Rep. Carlson (R-Kan.), author of a tax bill embracing the Ruml skip-a-year plan, told the house today that its opponents, "having no real facts upon which to base their opposition, are resorting to pure demagoguery."

"It is simply nonsense," he declared, "to say that the government would be wiping out \$10,000,000,000 of assets if we put the tax clock ahead. The treasury's analogy is wholly false. Taxpayers owe the government what the government at any time chooses to say they owe it—no more and no less."

"Congress has the authority to increase or decrease taxes as they see fit and forgiveness is not involved."

Big Tax Money

Carlson's speech opened the third day of house debate on pay-as-you-go tax legislation. He did not go into a direct reply to a statement made by Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) yesterday that Dingell is convinced republicans had "promise of abundant campaign funds" if they succeeded in gaining congressional approval of the Ruml plan.

"The treasury," Carlson said, "will continually—without any break or pause—get more money (Continued on Page Four)

## Police Charged With Permitting Boston Gambling

BOSTON, March 27 (AP)—Seven Boston police officials, including Commissioner Joseph F. Timully and Superintendent Edward W. Fallon, were indicted today by a special Suffolk county grand jury on charges of conspiracy to permit the operation of gaming houses and the registration of bets.

Timully appeared before the grand jury yesterday as did Dr. Harry J. Saganaky, now serving a prison sentence for operating a \$90,000,000 pool.

Big Names Read

Besides Timully and Fallon, those named in the indictment which was reported to Chief Justice John F. Higgins, were: Deputy Superintendent James R. Clafflin, Deputy Superintendent John M. Anderson, Captain John A. Dorsey, Captain Edward J. Keating and Sergeant Arthur Euson.

The men were arraigned before Chief Justice Higgins. As the indictment clerk began to read the charges contained in the indictment, Attorney Francis Leahy, counsel for Timully, asked that the reading of the complaint be waived and this was granted against all the defendants. All pleaded innocent.

The seven defendants were released on \$2000 each, personal recognizance, for trial on Monday morning.

## Financier's Sons Will Share Bulk of J. P. Morgan Fortune

MINEOLA, N. Y., March 27. (AP)—The two naval officer sons of John Pierpont Morgan will share the bulk of the late financier's fortune.

Under the terms of Morgan's will filed for probate here yesterday, Commander Junius Spencer Morgan, now on overseas navy duty and Lieut. Commander Henry Sturgis Morgan, U. S. N. R., will share equally in the residuary estate.

No estimate of the estate's size was made. Morgan, who died at the age of 75 on March 13 in Boca Grande, Fla., provided for his children, nephews and nieces and also for numerous employees.

## Madame Chiang Kai-Shek Greeted San Francisco



Arriving at an orange blossom be-decked pier, Madame Chiang Kai-Shek paused to greet San Francisco upon her arrival. At her side is her nephew, L. K. K'ung (with hat), and surrounding the distinguished visitor were steel-helmeted California state guardsmen.

## Madame Chiang Sees Post-War Trade Prospect

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27 (AP)—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek envisions post-war trade prospects between China and the United States on a scale "so great that man's imagination can hardly compute them."

American manufactured products and China's raw materials and market of 450,000,000 provide a natural setting for extensive economic intercourse, she told a press conference yesterday.

The dainty little woman who aids her generalissimo husband in guiding the military destinies of China said emphatically that "China is not begging from anyone." Her nation, she explained, asks "only what you want from us—perfect understanding and good-will and help in whatever way you can, in the same way you would want us to help you."

Last night she attended a lavish banquet in her honor at which Mayor Angelo J. Rossi presented her with an amethyst, diamond and ruby brooch set in gold and decorated with the figure of a Phoenix.

## FR Veto of Farm Price Increase Bill Expected

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) President Roosevelt had the opportunity today to bolster the administration's stand against blanket wage boosts by vetoing a farm price increase bill.

Most congressional leaders expected him to do just that—but the question seemed to be whether he could make such a veto stick.

Before him was a measure unanimously approved in final form yesterday by the senate. It would set aside an executive directive for deduction of government benefit payments from parity price standards in setting farm product price ceilings.

With OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown asserting such a law would boost food prices an average of 7 per cent, the way apparently was open for a veto reaffirming the administration's determination to hold the line against what it terms inflationary movements.

## British Agents Dropped in Norway By Night Parachute

NEW YORK, March 27 (AP)—A Swedish dispatch quoted by the office of war information today said 500 British agents and 500 Norwegians have been dropped into Norway by parachute during the winter and that "there is an army of ghosts now in Norway which may one day suddenly grow up like mushrooms."

"They are living in secret places awaiting action," the dispatch said.

## Shake-Up Seen in Laval's Vichy Political Alignment

By The Associated Press

The Berlin radio, Nazi-controlled stations in France and dispatches to Spanish newspapers have combined in the past 36 hours to indicate a major shake-up in the Vichy government and political alignments in France.

The Berlin radio announced dismissal of five of Laval's cabinet ministers last night in what it called a "harsh move" "insuring unconditional support of the Laval government" and which it said was designed to give the French government a greater concentration of power.

Drop From Vichy

But the government shake-up came on the heels of the revelation that French diplomats and officials aboard were dropping away from the Vichy regime in important numbers.

Chief defection was at Vichy's largest foreign establishment at Madrid, where 14 diplomatic and consular officers resigned and switched their allegiance to Gen. Henry Giraud, French high commissioner in North and West Africa.

Baraduc Breaks

It was announced in Algiers that Pierre Baraduc, French charge d'affaires at Lisbon, had broken relations with Vichy and placed himself and his staff under orders of Gen. Giraud, but Baraduc himself denied the report in Lisbon.

Fight Promised Over Emory Land Reappointment

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) A drastic difference of opinion over the activities of the maritime commission today promised to transform a normally routine senate confirmation of an appointment into a five and a half hour battle over charges of collusion and mismanagement.

After delaying for nearly two weeks a vote on President Roosevelt's nomination of Rear Admiral Emory S. Land for another six-year term as commission chairman, the senate agreed to devote its entire session Tuesday to a finish-fight.

In one corner is Senator Alben Barkley (D-Vt.), who asked an investigation into charges of alleged collusion between the commission and subsidized shipbuilders.

Admiral Honest

In the other corner is Chairman Bailey (D-N.C.) of the senate commerce committee which (Continued on Page Four)

## Deadline Looms for Meat, Cheese Purchase Except With Ration Stamps

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) For most Americans, today marks the deadline for the purchase of meats and cheese—except with ration coupons.

And, beginning next week, red stamps from ration book No. 2 also will be required for the purchase of canned fish, butter and other fats and oils, sales of which are presently frozen.

Aimed to equalize distribution and—along with price ceilings—combat black markets, the government's ambitious new rationing program for those products is scheduled to start Monday.

Few Sales Tomorrow

A relatively few neighborhood stores will continue sales tomorrow, but the great majority will stop regular transactions on rationed goods at closing time tonight.

Some even planned to close today because of lack of meat supplies. John H. Kotal, executive secretary of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers, said in Chicago that at least 30 per cent of that city's, more than 6000 markets, would be closed during the day, while Cincinnati reports indicated a shutdown there might reach as high as 75 per cent.

Meat Rushed In

In meat-starved New York City, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia and the regional office of price administration jointly announced that an emergency shipment of 1,000,000 pounds of beef for home consumers—was being rushed to the city. A substantial portion is expected to arrive by Monday, the mayor said.

Through-out the country, housewives studied the new ration list which includes all beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton, as well as cheese, canned fish, butter, margarine and lard. When sales of these goods is resumed

## ALLIES SUSTAIN TOUGH MARETH LINE BATTLE

First Army Reports Action Against Von Arnim

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN TUNISIA, March 27 (AP) American forces in central Tunisia have launched a surprise drive toward Fondouk and first reports said they were making good headway.

The American drive north of Faid pass was begun after American armor had repulsed a company of German infantry which attacked at dawn east of Maknassy, more than 100 miles to the south.

The El Guetar area to the southwest of Maknassy, remained quiet.

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 27 (AP)—The hard-driving British eighth army's sustained offensive against the Mareth line is getting "satisfactory results" and won a further success in a local attack yesterday in spite of the most determined resistance, allied headquarters announced today.

At the same time the British first army, grouped to contain (Continued on Page Four)

## Anglo-American Diplomat Confab Held at Capital

WASHINGTON, March 27, (AP) A British-American conference of top diplomatic figures was scheduled at the White House today, preceded by a luncheon meeting between President Roosevelt and Anthony Eden, London's foreign secretary.

Starting with the luncheon engagement, Eden was invited to be a White House guest overnight.

Invited to the mid-afternoon conference besides Eden were Lord Halifax, the British ambassador; William Strang, under-secretary of foreign affairs for Great Britain; Secretary of State Hull; Undersecretary Welles; John G. Winant, the ambassador to London who is home on leave, and Harry Hopkins, special assistant to the president.

The conference was regarded by some observers as significant and possibly highlighting the discussion Eden has been holding here with the president and Hull since his arrival.

Only last night at Annapolis, Eden told the Maryland house of delegates at Annapolis and the American people in general that while no sudden and sensational developments were to flow from his conferences in this country, there "has been a meeting of minds between us about the present and the future that will, we are sure, bear fruit."

Inquiry Promised Over Alaskan Oil

WASHINGTON, March 27 (AP) Representative Poulson (R-Calif.) says he'll soon initiate inquiries to learn why the navy department has not developed its 35,000 square mile petroleum reserve north of Nome, Alaska.

Both Poulson and Delegate Diamond of Alaska told reporters they believed immediate steps should be taken to utilize the rich oil deposits in the navy petroleum reserve, not only to facilitate present military efforts in that area but to supply oil for use in Siberia.

Speed Flow

Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown, declared he wanted to be sure the coupons would be honored when the program starts, asked the cooperation of packers and retailers in speeding the flow of the rationed supplies to stores.

Brown said OPA was disturbed over reports of heavy pre-rationing purchases.

"There has been an extraordinary demand for meat in the past three days," Brown said yesterday. The administrator conferred with officials of the American Meat Institute and the National Independent Meat Packers association on problems expected to arise during the first (Continued on Page Four)