

NAVAL FORCES BATTER NAZI GABES AREA

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ward and the desert flanking column at El Hamma in his rear, Rommel yielded Mareth, Matmata and Toujane at the northern end of the Mareth fortifications yesterday and dis-patches said that every strong point of the 40-mile-long little Maginot line was now in allied hands.

Fierce Combat

They were wrested from the enemy in some of the fiercest combats of the war—combats in which more than 6000 German and Italian soldiers were captured. Thousands of tons of bombs had been loosed upon the line by day and by night to supplement continual heavy artillery barrages.

Dispatches from Cairo said it was officially announced that axis air fields protecting Gabes were being plowed up, which would be a sure sign that Rommel intended to abandon that area to the allies.

Dunkergue Impossible

(Since air protection would be necessary for a Dunkergue escape by Rommel's army through Gabes, any further withdrawal probably would mean he intended to attempt a fighting retreat for 200 miles or more up the coast to a junction with the command of Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim in the Tunis-Bizerte region.)

Threatening his escape corridor for a stretch of 100 miles were the United States troops of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., pushing toward the coast from newly captured Fondouk, Maknassy and El Guetar.

Americans Smash

Field dispatches said American infantrymen smashed forward before dawn Sunday in an attack from El Guetaria Pass toward the last important high ground between them and the Gulf of Gabes. First reports told of the capture of 30 prisoners and said the chief opposition was from Italian mortars.

"The attack which was launched on the afternoon of March 28 on the enemy's strong position south of El Hamma has forced the enemy to withdraw from the Mareth area," the communique said in opening its account of the victory.

The southern front developments were coupled with allied gains both at the center and in the north.

Allies Gain

United States troops made progress yesterday through difficult country east of El Guetar in one movement of the push toward the axis escape corridor across the Gabes plain.

"In the Maknassy and Fondouk areas (to the north) our patrols were very active," the communique announced.

"In the north in the Djebel Aboid area (some 50 miles southwest of Bizerte) local advances were made and a considerable number of prisoners were taken."

Rommel Bombed

Falling back toward the area of Gabes, 20 miles northwest of the village of Mareth, Rommel's troops were bombed and shot up in smashing attacks by allied air forces.

The collapse came on the ninth day of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's offensive against the mountainous Mareth line positions. It was the same time that Montgomery's men, artillery and bombers needed to break through Rommel's first line at El Alamein, 1500 miles farther east.

Reports from the battlefield said Rommel was pulling back in an apparent last minute effort to avoid the trap set by British and United States troops in his rear from El Hamma, El Guetar, Maknassy and Fondouk.

U. S. Patrol Ships Turn Back Japanese Force in Aleutians

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by the Tokyo radio declared today that Japanese naval units had fought an engagement with "enemy" warships off the Aleutian Islands on March 23, damaging two cruisers and a destroyer while suffering only slight losses.

Following the engagement, the communique said, "the enemy retreated eastward in disorderly flight."

The "enemy" forces were said to consist of one heavy cruiser, one light cruiser and several destroyers.

The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

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Any women in these areas who can and would like to help in this work, can volunteer by calling Mrs. Puckett at 5376 or the zone leader listed above who lives in your precinct. Any offers will be greatly appreciated by the council.

Another meeting of the council and precinct leaders will be held Friday, April 2, to further perfect the organization, receive instruction and adopt a plan of procedure.

REPUBLICANS GET BEHIND RUMPL PLAN

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large part, but not all of one tax year, were in the air.

Bitter Battle

As the fourth day of one of the bitterest tax battles in history opened on the house floor, Rep. Jenkins (R-Ohio) declared that "90 per cent of the American people" want the Carlson-Ruml bill, and that the "no abatement" measure submitted by a majority of the ways and means committee "has practically been abandoned by many leading Democrats."

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.) ways and means member, said the minority force would resist "to the end" any attempt at a compromise—a trend which he said was gathering force on the democratic side.

Compromise Seen

Despite Knutson's stand, Rep. Miller (R-Neb.), told the house that he believes "we're heading for a compromise."

Jenkins said in this speech that "those who are talking compromise know that the people will just not accept the committee bill," adding:

"The people want to pay as they go and do not want to pay two years in one. They just cannot do it. The Carlson bill is the only way out. There should be no compromise with right. The people are supporting this plan regardless of party affiliation and congress should not make it a party matter. There is nothing political about paying taxes."

BPOE To Install Officers at Next Thursday Meeting

Officers will be installed at Thursday night's meeting of the Klamath Falls Elks lodge by Mayor John Houston, who is past district deputy grand exalted ruler for Oregon south.

At last week's meeting, the Elks 1942-43 officers initiated the following: Eugene W. Hill, Wyatt Padgett, Richard W. Hensel, John A. Penny, John A. Shaw, Ray Bramwell, Ross R. Johnston, Melvin Fitzpatrick, Ben Hensel, Halbert Wilson and Stanley J. Starkey. C. E. Forest was initiated for the Marshfield lodge.

Rachmaninoff, Noted Russian Musician, Dies in South

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., March 29 (AP)—Sergei Vassilievitch Rachmaninoff, 69, whose musical genius brought him world-wide renown, is dead.

He succumbed to pneumonia, pleurisy and complications at his home here yesterday. Requiem mass was celebrated last night at Los Angeles Russian Orthodox church, and will be repeated tonight. The funeral mass will be chanted there tomorrow for the Russian-born piano virtuoso who last Feb. 1 became an American citizen.

Government Suspends Army Percentage Of Meat Cuttings

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—The government suspended for two weeks today an order requiring livestock slaughterers to set aside percentages of their production for direct war purposes.

The agriculture department said it took the action to enable meat wholesalers and retailers to build up their inventories following last weeks' heavy demand.

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SOVIETS STOP MUDDY GERMAN LINE ATTACK

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guns and rifle fire, it was announced.

Storm Positions

The Germans attempted to storm back into positions they had lost in earlier fighting south of Bely, but the Russians said the attack was frustrated and the Germans forced back to their original positions minus 150 of their comrades, who lay dead on the battlefield.

(There was no mention in the communique of fighting near Sevsk, a town 170 miles north-east of Kharkov which the Germans claimed yesterday to have captured. The Germans said the town was taken after a bitter three-day fight.)

Donets Successes

The Russian successes on the Donets river line were achieved after the Germans had succeeded in forcing back the Russian line in one sector in the middle reaches of the river, it was reported. The Russians encircled the Germans and killed more than 200 of them, the communique said. The Germans attacked in another sector in an effort to cross the river, but this attack was frustrated as well.

Davis Tackles Job as Food Administrator

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP)—Chester C. Davis officially became wartime food administrator today and promptly tackled his big job in a series of conferences on production and distribution problems.

Tomorrow he expects to see President Roosevelt. Even before taking his oath, he had conferred at length with Secretary of Agriculture Wickard.

Davis was sworn in without ceremony by James R. Buckley, assistant director of the agriculture department's office of personnel, as he stood behind a desk in the office of J. B. Hutson, associate director of the food production administration and president of the commodity credit corporation.

Present only were Davis, Buckley and a notary.

Indicating that he was concerned chiefly about the farm labor situation, Davis called in Wayne H. Darrow, director of the agricultural labor administration, to get an outline of steps Secretary Wickard has taken toward meeting shortages of workers.

In explaining Davis' duties, Mr. Roosevelt said last week that one of the administrator's first jobs would be the recruitment of a land army.

Maj. Robert Fensler Reported Missing

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America. En route his bomber, carrying 15,000 gallons of gasoline, ran into trouble and in an effort to land his plane against a hillside, Maj. Fensler rolled the machine in such a manner as to save his entire crew with little damage to the plane.

It is thought he flew from South America to his post in India.

The Fenslers are well known in this section and live on their ranch in the Winema district on the west side of Tulelake. Clark Fensler is past commander of the Tulelake Legion post. The youth's grandmother is Mrs. Lydia Fensler of Portland. The Fenslers have two other sons in the service, Jack and Richard.

Chemult Man Pleads On Liquor Charge

Hugh Porter of Chemult pleaded guilty Monday in justice court to the charge of selling alcoholic liquor without a license. Judge J. A. Mahoney fined the defendant \$500 and six months in the county jail. However, \$250 was suspended and Porter placed on probation for six months.

Axis Submarines Raise Toll of American Ships

Loss of five cargo ships, announced last week as sunk by axis submarines in the western Atlantic, raised to 639 the Associated Press tabulation of the officially announced toll of allied and neutral merchant vessels in those waters since Pearl Harbor.

The five losses represented four less than the average announced weekly sinkings in the western Atlantic during the 87 weeks of the war. Twenty-two vessels have been announced as lost in March thus far.

It was announced that three of the five ships were medium-size United States merchant vessels. The others were a small Norwegian freighter and the 7659-ton Netherlands ship Marlo, from which a mate and radio operator were taken prisoners by a U-boat. A total of 142 were rescued from the foreign vessels.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM EMERY LLOYD

William Emery Lloyd, for the last twenty-seven years a resident of Klamath county and for the last six years a resident of Algoma, Ore., passed away at his late residence on Saturday, March 27, 1943, at 8:30 p. m. He was a native of Fairbury, Neb., and at the time of his death was aged 87 years, 8 months and 12 days. Surviving are: his wife, Mrs. Lenora Lloyd of Algoma, Ore.; five sons, Allan B., Gig Harbor, Wash.; Robert K., Shady Pine, Ore.; John N., Algoma, Ore.; Private 1/c Wm. E. Jr., U. S. army, North Africa, and Private Ralph A. Lloyd, U. S. army, Philippines; seven daughters, Mrs. Ed. Todd, Redding, Calif.; Mrs. Earl T. Ladd, Watsonville, Calif.; Mrs. Arthur Tockey, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Mrs. Frank Crowell, Arcata, Calif.; Mrs. Frank Hazelhurst, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Arthur T. Folsom, Algoma, Ore., and Mrs. Robert E. Hite, Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Della Hoggatt, Fairburg, Neb., and fifteen grandchildren. The remains rest in the Earl Whitlock Funeral home, Pine street at Sixth, where friends may call after Wednesday noon. Notice of funeral to be announced later.

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Century Players To Present Drama Over Eugene Station

The Century Players, composed of four students of Klamath Union high school, have accepted an invitation to present

one of their original dramas over KOHE, Eugene, from 5:35 to 6 p. m. Friday night. Members of the cast include George Bron, actor and coach, Helen Gaston, Jo Hallett and Bruce Wirth. The four will return here Saturday.

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FUNERAL

ANDREW A. WARD

The funeral service for the late Andrew A. Ward, who passed away in this city on Saturday, March 27, 1943, will take place from the First Methodist church on Wednesday, March 31, at 1 o'clock under the auspices of

Klamath lodge No. 77 AF&AM. The Rev. Victor Phillips will officiate, assisted by Rev. B. V. Bradshaw. Commitment service with vault entombment will follow in the family plot in the IOOF cemetery. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

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