

### Blackout Signal

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### Weather News

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# ALLIED BLAST SCATTERS JAPS

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IMPORTANT war news is scarce again today. The world is in another of those lulls between storms.

HERE on the Pacific Coast, we note with stern pride that MacArthur's deadly bombers have finished off the Jap naval concentration at Kavieng harbor, in New Ireland.

Score: Seven Jap warships and five cargo ships sunk or damaged without the loss of a SINGLE ONE of our planes.

MacArthur's headquarters communique says tersely: "The Japanese naval concentration at Kavieng has now been destroyed or dispersed."

THE job was done by three waves of Flying Fortresses, the first of ten planes and the last two of eight each, operating from a distance of 1100 miles, far beyond the usual bombing range.

IN Tunisia, Patton is battering hard at the German lines, trying to establish a junction with Montgomery's northward-moving 8th army. His infantrymen take more German high ground, and hold it successfully against hard counter-attacks.

A junction, however, hasn't yet been effected.

NAPLES, chief axis supply port for Tunisia, is hit hard by nearly 100 American heavy bombers from North Africa. Twenty-one larger axis ships and many smaller ones are reported hit and much damage done to docks and other shipping installations. Among other craft, three axis subs are smacked.

From Naples, as from the South Seas, we get the cheering word that ALL our planes returned safely.

The raid, of course, is primarily designed to break up axis (German) communications with Tunisia.

THE Russians still hold the line of the Donets unbreached, and today's dispatches say that in addition they are holding a number of bridgeheads on the ENEMY side of the river.

That is important. These bridgeheads will be immensely useful if and when the Russians launch a counter attack. Crossing a river in the face of strong enemy resistance is much easier if you have a toehold on the other side.

TODAY'S dispatches report that the American China air task force (outgrowth of the famed Flying Tigers) has definitely destroyed since July 4 (when the Flying Tigers were disbanded) 182 Jap planes and probably destroyed 63 more.

Our loss in planes in that time has been 18 downed in air combat or on the ground and 16 more that failed to return because of mechanical or other difficulties. Only ten fighter pilots have been lost in that time—nine in combat and one through bombing.

That is a ratio of nearly six enemy planes destroyed for each one of our own lost, counting only definitely destroyed planes. When the probabilities are added, the ratio becomes much stronger.

That is attrition on a scale that hurts.

THE air is still full of rumors. The Moscow radio says today (unconfirmed elsewhere) that Rommel has arrived in southern Italy.

(Better keep fingers crossed.)

FROM London today comes the statement that high-ranking allied military leaders are meeting with Spanish officers in Spanish Morocco. At least three allied nations—probably Britain, the United States and the French—are represented at the meeting, the London dispatch says.

As this is written, no further details are available.

SPANISH MOROCCO is just across the narrow strait, on (Continued on Page Three)

## U. S. AIRMEN BOMB GERMAN PLANE PLANTS

### Flying Fortresses Attack Targets in Belgium

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—A large force of U. S. Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked industrial targets near Antwerp, Belgium, with good results in daylight today, following up yesterday's American attack on the Renault Works near Paris and a heavy night attack on Kiel, Germany, it was announced tonight.

Headquarters of the eighth U. S. army air force said the target was the Erla Airplane Repair Works 24 miles south of Antwerp.

A DNB dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio said the raiding squadrons scored direct hits "on blocks of houses which caused fires and destruction and severe losses among the civil population" of Antwerp, a fortified city which is Belgium's commercial center.

Skies Clear  
The American fliers said the skies were clear over the target and they saw their hits register squarely.

It was their first attack on Antwerp and they had a strong Spitfire escort which led them all the way to the target and back to the coast of England, beating (Continued on Page Two)

## UMW, Soft Coal Workers Stall On Some Points

NEW YORK, April 5 (AP)—Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the U. S. conciliation service, said today that the United Mine Workers and northern operators of the Appalachian soft coal region were "deadlocked on some points and not deadlocked on others."

He made his statement in an interview after a three-hour session between the union and operators negotiating a new wage contract.

"I don't expect any agreements today," Dr. Steelman said. He added that there has been no final disposition of any of the issues involved.

## Lt. Gen. Clark Visits Spanish High Commissioner

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—A visit by Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark and his aides on Friday to the Spanish high commissioner in Spanish Morocco was announced here belatedly today.

The announcement as first given out made it appear that high-ranking allied military leaders met with Spanish officers this afternoon, but further details showed that it referred to Friday's meeting, already reported in dispatches last week.

## Meal Time for U. S. Pilots



Pilots and ground crews at their mess while standing in slit trenches on an advanced field station at an advance U. S. airport in Tunisia. Enemy raiders appeared so frequently that it was safer and more comfortable to settle down in a trench where a meal could be enjoyed, relatively in peace.

## Farm Bloc Leads Revolt Over Bankhead Bill Veto

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, April 5—Farm, food and labor legislation vied for capital attention today as the office of price administration placed specific cents-per-pound ceiling prices on retail sales of beef, veal, lamb and mutton, effective April 15.

Two phases of the general food problem brought developments on Capitol Hill.

Farm bloc leaders seeking to override the president's veto of the Bankhead bill felt sure of their senate power, but some what more fearful of the house prohibition of the deduction of government benefit payments from parity price ceilings, was termed by the president as likely to touch off an "inflationary tornado"—presumably centering on food prices.

Urge Overriding  
However, in urging that the veto be overridden, four national farm organizations declared the president's stand made it "apparent that once more agriculture is to be used as the whipping boy to further appease the wage demands of organized labor and to divert attention from the real source of inflation."

In view of the grave food shortage now confronting the country, we believe it is time to stop kicking the farmer around and to fix the blame for inflation where it properly belongs.

Meanwhile, the senate was investigating committee projected an inquiry into what Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) described as "army hoarding" of foodstuffs and supplies that otherwise would have been available to civilians.

Action was expected on labor

## Worden Gravel Pit Claims Life of Eleven-Year-Old

The old gravel pit at Worden claimed the life of Valentine Sanchez, 11-year-old son of Jose Sanchez, as he and two others played on a raft in the deep pool late Saturday afternoon. The child's body was recovered by officers at 6:35 p. m.

According to state police, Valentine and his brother, Thomas, 10, and a neighbor boy, George Speck, 10, had been playing on the raft and wading at the edge of the gravel pit during the afternoon. Thomas stepped into a deep hole near the shoreline and Valentine attempted to steer the raft to his brother's aid.

Whether the makeshift raft overturned, or Valentine stepped into a deep hole, officers

## BOMBS SMASH AT AXIS SEA SUPPLY PORT

### Patton's Infantrymen Put On Small Attack

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 5 (AP)—U. S. Flying Fortresses smashed Naples in the greatest raid of the war against that Tyrrhenian sea supply port yesterday as the American second army corps repulsed a German counterattack in the El Gueitar sector and continued the drive toward a junction with the British eighth army, it was announced today.

LONDON, April 5 (AP)—A Moscow radio broadcast recorded by The Associated Press said today Field Marshal Erwin Rommel had been made commander in chief of all German and Italian armies in Italy and the Mediterranean coast of France and had arrived in southern Italy.

Rommel will have charge of coordinating all arms of the southern defense command, the broadcast said.

The Italian high command was represented as attributing great importance to a conference expected to be called shortly for discussion of further fortification of the zone.

Nearly 100 of the four-engined Fortresses from Maj. Gen. James H. Doolittle's northwest African strategic air force stole the show yesterday afternoon with the raid on Naples, the first against the base from French North African bases.

Fifth Raid  
Naples had been raided five times by Liberators from the middle east, but sources here said yesterday's attack was four times as heavy as any of the previous forays and all planes returned safely.

It was officially announced that 21 ships were hit in the harbor of that axis supply port, as well as three submarines, a floating dock and a cluster of small vessels. Explosives loosed by the Fortresses hit 21 aircraft parked on the Capodichino air field nearby.

All the Fortresses returned safely.

Small Scale Attack  
Infantrymen of the U. S. second army corps, which is headed by Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., put on a small-scale attack against a group of hills near the Gafsa-Gabes road and won them in hard fighting.

German elite troops immediately counter-attacked, but they were beaten off and the Americans held this new high ground, taking some prisoners.

Barely 40 miles to the east, Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army was inactive, officials said, and the communique did not mention this sector (Continued on Page Two)

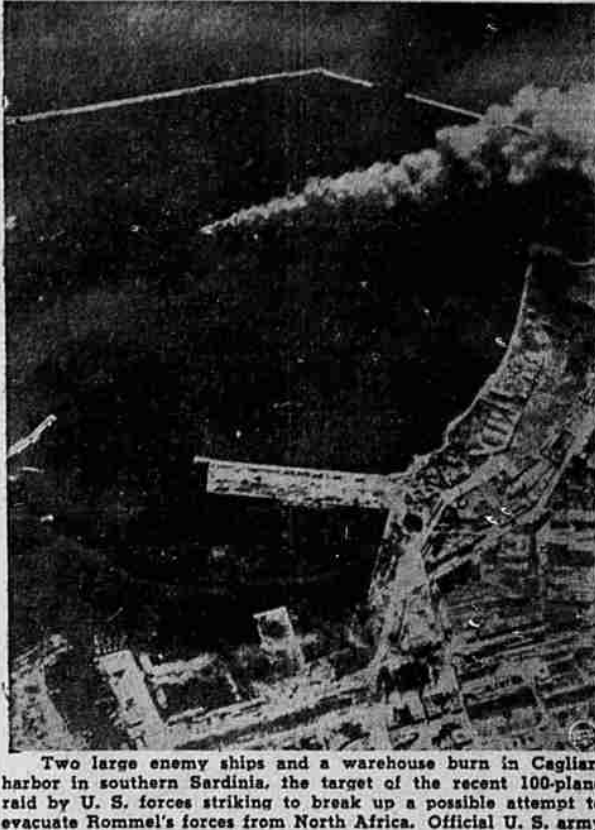
## Treasury Puts Currency Plan Before Senate

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau disclosed to an extraordinary session of three senate committees today that the administration's plans for post-war currency stabilization include a partial return to the gold standard for most of the nations of the world.

This would be accomplished, he said in a statement read to a closed session of the Foreign Relations, Banking and Post-War Economic committees, by an agreement among the participating nations fixing the value of currencies in terms of gold.

The treasury proposal as outlined by the secretary involves the creation of an international stabilization fund and an agreement among the participating nations not to engage in competitive depreciation of their currencies.

## Where U. S. Hit Axis Evacuation Fleet



Two large enemy ships and a warehouse burn in Cagliari harbor in southern Sardinia, the target of the recent 100-plane raid by U. S. forces striking to break up a possible attempt to evacuate Rommel's forces from North Africa. Official U. S. army air force photo.

## Government Consigns 1943 Klamath, Lake Wool Clip

Klamath and Lake counties' 1943 wool clip will be consigned to Boston or western mills and individual sales will be made this year, according to local sheepmen following information received here from the Commodity Credit corporation, Washington, D. C.

This is a repetition of the 1932-33 consignment when the government took over all wool clips in order to assure the growers higher than the seven-cent per pound price which was prevailing at that time. Since then, growers have sold to individual buyers and the new order, announced this week, is the first consignment act made by the government.

The move is made to take the war time speculation out of the wool market and gives the big and little growers an equal chance to sell their wool at ceiling price.

Price to be paid for this year's wool clip was not known, but will be the price set by OPA following the grading of the clips.

F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers association, commenting on the

## Supreme Court Fails To Hear Treason Case

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—Max Stephan, Detroit restaurant owner convicted of treason against the United States and sentenced to hang, failed today to obtain a supreme court review.

He was alleged to have harbored Peter Krug, a German aviator who escaped from a Canadian prison camp. Stephan is a native of Germany who became a United States citizen.

This was the first treason case acted on by the tribunal during the present World war.

Denial of Stephan's petition means that the decision of the lower court sustaining the conviction remains in effect.

District Attorney Leaves To Assist In Murder Trial

District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore left Sunday night for Albany, where he will assist in the prosecution of Robert Folkes, on trial for the alleged first degree murder of Martha Brinson James.

Folkes, a negro, is accused of killing Mrs. James in lower berth 13 on a southbound Southern Pacific train. Sisemore, who participated in the investigation when the train reached here, will assist District Attorney Harlow Weirich of Linn county in the sensational case.

## NIPPONS LOSE TWELVE SHIPS IN AIR ATTACK

### Eight Fortresses Hit Enemy Without One Loss

By The Associated Press  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 5—A three-day bombing attack on a big concentration of Japanese war and merchant vessels in the Kavieng sector of New Ireland has resulted in 12 enemy ships being sunk or damaged without loss of a single allied plane, allied headquarters announced today.

The last blow of the attack, which began Thursday night, occurred in moonlight last night when eight Flying Fortresses swept in for the third time at Kavieng, far beyond the usual bombing range of allied planes, to damage a Japanese light cruiser or destroyer and possibly damage three other vessels.

Score High  
The final attack brought the score of the allied raiders to seven enemy warships of the cruiser or destroyer type and five merchant vessels totalling 38,000 tons sunk or heavily damaged, plus three other destroyers and a merchant ship attacked under circumstances which prevented accurate observation.

A communique from General (Continued on Page Two)

## Germans Batter At Soviet Line Near Kharkov

MOSCOW, April 5 (AP)—Supported by tanks and large air forces, the Germans battered at soviet defenses northeast and southeast of Kharkov despite a lull on most other fronts, but the Russians announced today they had beaten back these attacks and added 200 more dead Germans to the toll of 1000 which the midnight communique reported slain in the region south of Izyum.

Apparently clinging to bridgeheads on the southern bank of the northern Donets in this sector where the river flows in an easterly direction, red army units have knocked out approximately one-third of the attacking enemy ground forces in every recent assault, recent front dispatches said.

The Germans are trying to capture bridgeheads at any cost, but the soviet command attaches equal importance to them and is determined not to surrender them. The Russians used similar bridgeheads in the district of Serafimovich on the western bank of the Don river as a springboard in their spectacular winter offensive.

The midday communique said soviet artillerymen repulsed enemy tank attacks against the Izyum bridgeheads overnight, knocking out six German tanks and killing about 200 Germans. Izyum is about 70 miles southeast of Kharkov.

## Wallan Free; Spotlight Centers on Titus Case

Kenneth Wallan, 44-year-old garage foreman, was a free man Monday, while interest in criminal trials here turned from his case to that of W. E. Titus, soon to be tried on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his wife. The Titus case has not yet been dated.

It was learned it took three ballots to conclude the jury's deliberations in the case of Wallan, who was acquitted of manslaughter in the death of James Bowman, another employe of the Douglas Motor company.

It was reported that the jury stood 11 to 1 for acquittal on the final and determining ballot. A 10-2 decision was sufficient to get a verdict in a trial of this nature.

The expression on Wallan's face remained unchanged when the jury verdict was read Saturday afternoon by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg. He smiled slightly as Defense Attorney George Roberts of Medford leaned over and shook his hands.

A wave of happy excitement swept over numerous Wallan sympathizers in the audience as the verdict was read. As soon as court adjourned, several women came forward and embraced Mrs. Wallan, who smiled happily.

Mrs. Bowman, widow of Bowman, was not present.

Wallan was indicted on a second degree murder charge after the death of Bowman on December 24. Testimony in the trial showed that Wallan had driven (Continued on Page Three)