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EIGHTH ARMY WITHIN 15 MILES OF CATANIA

MacArthur's Jungle Fighters Capture Mubo Allies Capture 12

FACE SHORTAGE OF CRANBERRY HARVEST HANDS

Confronted with a critical manpower problem, Wisconsin cranberry growers have begun a statewide to harvest their crop in September will be fired. and October, William F. Huffman, president of the Growers' association, said here today.

The problem of obtaining sufficient help is particularly difficult in the cranberry industry, Mr. Huffman declared, because few women and no youngsters have the physical stamina to do the job of raking

Former Help Is Gone

"Our Customary labor sources have evaporated," he said. "The armed services, war work and outhands.'

Mr. Huffman pointed out that the sources of supply. Of the 1,800 new marshes in the Wisconsin Rapids

"The Growers' association forenamed to act on the matter for the 1943 season," the association president continued. "This spring the committee made a preliminary survey among the growers to determine their requirements. A final survey is now in progress to learn the exact manpower needs of all marshes for the coming harvest. All the returns are not yet in, but the final figure should be known within

Sees Critical Situation

cal situation in this important inbodied workers," Mr. Huffman concluded. The association president, Vernon

Goldsworthy, secretary of the association, and Bernard C. Brazeau. chairman of its manpower committee, received assurance at a recent pursued by BEW and Jones' Reconcentration of the struction of the struct tee, received assurance at a recent Mucks, state farm labor supervisor, the presidential crackdown last that county farm labor offices will night. give all possible assistance in recruiting harvest help for the marsh-

Martinique; People Rejoyce at Change

Fort-De-France, Martinique-(12)—Admiral Georges Robert, en route to San Juan, Puerto Rico, today as Henri-Etienne Hoppenot, the new governor, said his administration would aid the United Nations war effort in every possible

Martinique's three years of repressed exuberance broke out last night when wild-eyed natives danced in the streets, sang the Marseillaise and hurled uncomplimentary remarks at Robert and his fellow-

Earlier Hoppenot and his cabinet

had escorted Robert and about ten of his closest followers to the boat in which they sailed later today. Asked if French military and naval forces in this area might join the other allies, Hoppenot said in an interview that this matter had 26th street and California avenue. not yet been discussed, although he believed all concerned were anxious to contribute all they could for vic-

Appraise Witter Estate at Almost \$2,000,000

late Isaac P. Witter, who died here Elect Rusk Chairman September 26, 1942, totals close to two million dollars. The appraisal was made by Ralph R. Cole, C. D. Searles and Robert Goggins. On file in probate court here to-

day, the appraisal shows real es tate holdings of \$128,947.10 and personal property of a current was elected chairman for the en- is a graduate of Virginia Military value of \$1,813,441.58, for a total suing year to succeed Fred Meyer Institute. of \$1,942,388.68.

SAYS NAZIS ARE LICKED

Roosevelt Abolishes BEW; Strips Wallace,

Washington—(P)—Abolishing the board of economic warfare, President Roosevelt sharply rebuked Vice President Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jones, stripped both of broad powers search for 1,800 new harvest hands and served notice today that any other officials who feud in public the wily Japanese at his own jungle

> Wallace and consisting of seven Martin Wins cabinet members and three other high officials, were transferred to Leo T. Crowley as director of a new office of according warfare Mr. Distinguished office of economic warfare. Mr. Roosevelt's executive order made it plain that the BEW is to work handin-hand with the office of war mobilization, headed by James F.

Means Perkins Is Out

long-standing feud with Secretary ney for more than 200 hours of opof Commerce Jones brought on the erational flight missions against the of-state jobs have left hardly a drastic presidential action, said abo- Japanese, and for "outstanding abihandful of last year's harvest lition of BEW undoubtedly means lity and devotion to duty." that BEW Director Milo Perkins, Anouncement of Martin's decoraright-hand man to Wallace, is out tion was carried today by the Asso-1.800 workers needed are in addi- of a job. When reporters asked Mr. ciated Press in a dispatch from altion to the number which probably Roosevelt about Perkins' future, he lied headquarters in Australia. He can be recruited by the individual referred them to Crowley, who was was one of 13 American fliers to remarshes from their customary out of town today. He said Crowley ceive the flying cross from General would continue to hold also the job Kenney, commander of allied air hands, about 600 will be needed on of alien property custodian for a

Leo T. Crowley, a bachelor at 53, left the chairmanship of the Wiscon- awarded the silver star for gallansaw this problem as early as last sin banking review board to become try in action in the Pacific area. December, when at its annual meet- head of the Federal Deposit Insur- As a member of the crew of a Flying a manpower committee was ance corporation in 1934, but he still ing Fortress, he helped fight off 20 lists Madison as his home town.

Accepts No Salary

At present, in addition to holding the FDIC job, he is alien property custodian and also is chairman and president of the Standard Gas and Electric Co. He accepts no salary from the government.

Born at Milton Junction, Wis., Crowley started his career as a grocery cl ~k at Madison, after two years of high school.

Before going to Washington, Crowley was chief advisor to Gov. Schmedeman's administration, first dustry unless some means is found Wisconsin NRA chairman, president Hickman field, Hawaii, at the time of obtaining the necessary able- of the Bank of Wisconsin, was spec- of the Japanese sneak attack of ial deputy banking commissioner December 7, 1941. and held several banking and actual directorates.

A wrathful dispute between Wal- Ickes Criticizes lace and Jones over methods of stockpiling strategic materials, as Committee Report pursued by BEW and Jones' Recon-

Other Changes

Besides abolishing BEW, Mr. Roosevelt took away from RFC four major agencies dealing with foreign purchases. He directed that Crow-Adm.RobertLeaves ley, 53, "exercise the functions, powers and duties of the board of economic warfare." He ordered that BEW expenditures outside the United States be subject to policies approved by Byrnes' office of war mobilization.

In response to questions at his press-radio conference Mr. Roosevelt who stepped down from his post as said the reorganization does not afgovernor of Martinique following a fect overseas branches of the varrevolt of the army garrison, was lious federal agencies, explaining the terior department's bureau of Indinew set-up under Crowley involved See—ROOSEVELT—Page 7

2 Prisoners Escape From Chicago Jail

Chicago — (P) — Two prisoners wearing white bakers' uniforms Voldrich, 40, and escaped over the wall of the institution today.

against the outside of the north wall. Investigators theorized the men had an automobile waiting for them between the jail and the nearby criminal courts building at

Wolf identified the escapees as Thurman Green, 22, Seattle, Wash., admitted January 21 to serve nine months for assault, and George Gen. Gerow Leader Mueller, 37, Chicago, admitted June 24 to serve out one year and a \$500 fine for obtaining money under false pretenses.

of County Park Board

At a regular meeting of the Wood county park commission held at 3 p. m. Thursday in the court Petersburg, Va., and like Chief of house, William Rusk of Nekoosa Staff General George C. Marshall of Pittsville, and W. A. Sprise of Wisconsin Rapids was reelected

Ralph Roberts of the town of Green Bay, Wis.—(AP)—The body Giraud, joint chairman of the county board of supervisors, newly June 23 while swimming in a quarry French committee of national liber- appointed commissioner, took over at nearby Duck creek, was recovered campaign: ation, said today that "Germany is his duties at this meeting. He suc- today. Four coast guardsmen, who of Grand Rapids,

SHOOT DOWN 45 JAP AIRCRAFT

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific -(P) — Outwitting game of stealing up from behind, American and Australian fighters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur possessed the Mubo gateway to Salamaua today after wiping out 950 surprised defenders in a brilliant New Gui-

The abrupt collapse of hill positions bestride which the Japanese for months barred the way along the jungle track leading to their Salamaua air base, 12 miles to the north, was announced in a communique which also recorded a spectacular air victory. Japs Lose 45 Planes

Over Rendova island in the central Solomons, 45 Japanese planes were shot down out of a formation of approximately 80 while on nearby New Georgia American jungle fighters edged still closer to the enemy's key air base of Munda.

The selfsame tactics the Japan- John, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. ese employed with such bewildering Muchlstein of this city, had a grade success against the British on their of 286 4/15 out of a possible 300, advance down the Malay peninsula in competition with 24 other conupon Singapore-infiltration to the rear-proved their undoing at Mubo. Started June 30

prong of the present Pacific offensive got under way against Munda, the left prong was established by American forces who braved the treacherous reefs to land at Nassau Martin was employed by the Nebay on northeast New Guinea, 12 miles down the coast from Salam-

forces, some lugging heavy guns by hand over jungle paths, moved in-County baseball league for several river toward Mubo's rear.

Japanese army of 15,000. Australians had moved through the jungle Can't Tell When north more than 150 miles toward Salamaua. But they found the Japanese entrenched on Observation Hill. Green hill, the Pimple and other Mubo strongpoints. From spring until the current offensive, it was a stalemate.

Move Inland From Nassau

Today's communique from Gen eral MacArthur, who now is in the field in New Guinea in personal charge of the campaign, disclosed that the Americans who moved inland from Nassau bay joined the Australians July 10 at Buigap creek, cutting communications and isolating the Japanese on Observation and Green hills.

Observation hill was overrun after 106 tons of bombs fell among its demoralized defenders in less than 45 minutes from allied planes. From front and rear, other enemy defenses at Mubo were stormed. "Our ground forces have now

cleared the Mubo area of all organized enemy resistance and are See-WAR IN PACIFIC-Page 7

the ancient remedy of hanging the Army to Take Custody of Bad-Check Passer

John Barth, the check-cashing soldier who has told Marshfield police slugged and gagged the house of report ascribes to Indian bureau than he left 22 worthless checks, to correction master baker, James maladministration is really the re- a total value of slightly more than \$1,000, in seven states, will not be brought to the county jail here.

> talking with army officials, said he would hold Barth at Marshfield where army officers will pick the soldier up in a day or two.

and a charge of desertion, Barth died in a Japanese prison camp in now is discovered to have been the Philippines, his parents were wearing the stripes and assuming the rank of first sergeant, although he was stripped of that rank following a serious offense at an army camp four months ago.

Barth, on leave from a Texas camp and due to return to duty in April, did not return to duty but co. Wyoming, California, Utah and a letter would follow. Wisconsin. Ten of the 22 checks were cashed in Wisconsin, three in

Montgomery Voices Opinion On Campaign

An Advanced 8th Army Post in Sicily, July 15—(Delayed)—(P)— In an interview with Canadian war correspondents, Gen. Sir Bernard L.

Montgomery, commander of the about the length of the Sicilian "It may take a month, but then, defeated; all that is left is for her ceeds Ben Hanneman of the town had gone there to swim, found the again, it may take six months-or it may take two weeks."

(above) was notified yesterday Must Suffer Consequences that he is the winner of the \$300 ate and distinct from the national suffer the consequences of your competition, involved written and own choice," the statement said. oral examinations on the subject, "The Constitution and Its Effect conference was asked whether there on the American Way of Life."

testants.

on June 30, while the right rong of the present Posice of the pres JAPS OUT--KNOX

Washington - (A) - Secretary Knox said today in commenting on naval bombardments of the Japa-A highly secretive operation nese base on Kiska that "we pro- reporter observing that the joint began at that point. Stealthily these pose to drive the Japanese out of statement was popularly regarded newly captured towns. the Aleutians."

land along the valley of the Bitoi a press conference about the significance of the shellings, the lat- reporter mentioned and added the changed hands several times before support reliable private informa-After American and Australians est of which was reported in a inquirer surely was not expressing the British got it securely in their tion from Rome and Berlin that conquered southeastern New Guinea communique earlier today. This in mid-January by destroying a was the fifth attack within 10

"I'll say what I have said be-

fore," Knox declared. "We proto do it I can't talk about.'

act that most of the attacks by the guns of American warships have been directed against enemy defenses in the vicinity of Gertrude cove. A reporter suggested that perhaps that would be a good place "landing operations." Knox grinned and said he did not know exactly what the enemy had built up at the cove, which lies southwest of Kiska harbor. Cove Main Objective

Previously enemy installations or the western Aleutians island had been bombarded by American warships on July 6, 9, 11 and 14. Gertrude cove has been the objective n four of those assaults.

What the exact target is there was not disclosed. Speculation included the possibility that the Jap- day that the OPA recently had anese had strongly defended the area and that American strategy night call for cracking defenses at would battle to reduce the cost of that point preliminary to any invasion attempt. Other speculation might be the scene of a radio loca- you will see other reductions in the ter station or some other piece of near future," he told the Boston important operational equipment.

FDR, CHURCHILL **ASK ITALIANS** TO CAPITULATE

Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill in a virtual ultimatum, today told Italy that the time has

ultaneously at the White House and reserve. in London (at 6 a. m. central war Americans Seize Towns time) the two United Nations lead-

"If you continue to tolerate the

The president at his press-radio was any time limit to the appeal

AXIS REACTION

London—(AP)—The Berlin radio, in the first axis reaction to today's chill to the Italian people, quoted "Berlin circles" as saying it was Fleet Gives Strong Support "typically Anglo-American — making political capital from certain initial military successes in the false assumption that a wedge could be driven between Germany and Italy."

addressed to the Italian people, the as an ultimatum. The president re-The secretary had been asked at | plied there had not been time for popular opinion. Broadcast to Italy

across Sicily toward the Italian mainland, the president and British pose to drive the Japanese out of broadcast to Italy from Algiers already were fighting at the souththe Aleutians. That is no secret, and other adjacent allied points, Just when and how we are going said they could take no satisfaction in invading Italian soil and bring-Knox was questioned about the ing the tragic devastation of war home to the Italian people.

They added that they were determined, however, to "destroy the false leaders and their doctrines which have brought Italy to her present position." Signals Propaganda Drive

The release of the joint statement, which followed several informal invitations in recent months that Italy get out of the war, was See-ALLIED LEADERS-Page 7

Brown Says Living Costs On Way Down

Boston—(P)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown declared tostarted a downward trend in living costs for the first time and that it living "until our objective is won."

"You have already seen reductions included the possibility that it in the price of meats and butter and Chamber of Commerce.

rought to the county jail here. Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosek, after Rudolph Soldier Is Reported Dead in Jap Prison Camp Pvt. Elmer F. Blonien, 28, son of |

In addition to the check charges Mr. and Mrs. John Blonien, Rudolph, notified in a telegram received this morning from the war department in Washington, D. C. The telegram said the information

had been relayed by the Japanese government through the International Red Cross. The date of death was not given, nor were there any left bad checks in Texas, New Mex-lother details, but the message said Pvt. Blonien was listed as missing

after the fall of Bataan, and it was not until January 21 of this year that information finally reached his parents that he was being held as a prisoner of war by the Japanese. | Since then the Bloniens have written to him regularly, sending their letters through the International Red Cross, but they never received any

Serving with a medical detachment of the 192nd tank battalion, Saratoga, former chairman of the of Ray Steene, 28, who was last seen British 8th army had this to say composed largely of Janesville men, brother, Corp. Clayton Blonien, serv-Pvt. Blonien was sent to the Philippines in November of 1941, less than a month before the outbreak of war in the Pacific.



ing with an armored corps in the North African war zone, and two sisters, Lillian, who is postmistress had reported from Moscow that the period ending at 7 a. m., 57; tests are the parents, one at Rudolph, and Arlene, at home.

Surviving are the parents, one at Rudolph, and Arlene, at home.

More Towns; Take 20,000 Prisoners

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(.P)—The hardpunching British Eighth army was reported within 15 miles of Catania in a northward surge up the Sicilian coast today, after falling upon a German armored division and severely mauling it. Allied headquarters announced the capture of 12 more towns, as Americans, British and Canadians advanced all along their moon-shaped

front and more than 20,000 prisoncome for her to "decide whether ers were in allied hands when Gen. Italians shall die for Mussolini and Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's vet-Hitler-or live for Italy and for erans administered another whipping to the Hermann Goering division. The 15th German armored In a joint statement issued sim- division was believed to be held in

The American Seventh army of

seizing a number of towns on the western sector, some of them of the greatest strategic importance, had taken nearly 16,000 of the prison-

This time Montgomery fell upon where the Axis had gathered important armor for a strong counterattack, and smashed them back. Observers believed the enemy had

staked his all on counterattack. With an "appreciable number of tanks" already in Sicily, observers newspaper Il Messaggero. were confident the German tank forces would be dealt with, and that thereafter the enemy would message from President Roosevelt be obliged to fight a defensive and Prime Minister Winston Chur- rearguard action while conducting of the Italian people against proa withdrawal from the island.

The axis appeared powerless to keep the allied fleet in check as it gave strong seaward support to barded the enemy's coastal positions at will. Another hot struggle also was re-

the east coast at Vizzini, one of the gloomily about the military situa-This town on a vital second line

Continuation of the advance

from Vizzini would quickly menace that Italy can be put out of the the towns of Militello and Scordia at the western entrance of the Caprime minister in their message tania plain. At Lentini the British ern edge of that plain. Catania Near at Hand

With the immediate prize of Caania, half way up the east coast, near at hand, the veterans of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery were said by today's communique from allied headquarters to have "made further progress against German | Kentucky bourbon. troops who desperately contested every inch of the ground."

(The Rome radio said "the real Catania plain.") "Severe losses were inflicted up-

on the enemy" by the American Seventh army of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., which "advanced several miles across difficult hill country and captured further important positions," the communique added. Advancing Satisfactorily

Although the headquarters bulctin said the "speed of the advance is very satisfactory" it called attention to the limiting factor of allied transport and supporting weapons at this stage of the operations.

The reorganized Herman Goering tank division of the Germans had suffered heavy losses in attemptng to oppose the British push to ward Catania, headquarters reports See-INVASION-Page 7

Order State Guard Units On Maneuvers

Madison, Wis .- (A) -- Acting Adutant General Alvin A. Kuechen meister announced today he has is sued orders to all Wisconsin State guard battalions to participate in a bivouse and maneuver during July and August. Training will consist of special in-

struction for officers and non-com missioned officers, scouting and patrolling, guard duty, minor tactics, and a battalion maneuver for all officers and enlisted men. Infantry regiment commanders in-

dude Col. Frederick W. Huffman, Appleton, first; Col. Forest H. Himes, Crandon, second; and Col. Fred T. Finn, Madison, third. Major Raymond F. MGuire, of Milwaukee, will direct chemical warfare instruc-

RUSSIANS NEAR OREL London-(AP)-A Reuters dis-

patch from Stockholm said that "according to unconfirmed reports received here tonight Marshal Timoshenko's troops already are in the suburbs of Orel." Earlier Reuters minimum temperature for 24-hour

Nazis Defend Own Soil in Sicily-Rome

Bern, Switzerland- (AP) - Rome has let it be known clearly that the battle of Sicily is Germany's fight, On top of the continued pessimistic tone of the Fascist press. preparing the people for further, first prize in the state Elks con- Fascist regime which serves the the Germans north of Lentini, sandro Pavolini added an appeal to Berlin which implied both criticism and a lack of Italian ability or will to support the struggle alone.

Germany is "defending her own soil in Sicily," said Pavolini in the

Dispatches from Rome further alluded, for the first time since the invasion of Sicily, to the reaction paganda. Some newspapers, trying to lighten the gloom, have published frivolous articles like the one that parachute troops were sent on ahead to locate good tennis courts Montgomery's right flank and bom- for the relaxation of advancing al-

lied troops. Despite references to counter movements on the plains of Caported inland about 25 miles from tania, the Fascists continued to talk

Although Germany was reported of communications upon which the to be sending reinforcements to the Nazis are basing their present plans of strategy on the supposition

U. S. S. Covington Launched at Superior

Superior, Wis., -(A)-One of Uncle Sam's newest fighting ships the U.S.S. Covington, was afloat today, sponsored by a Kentucky belle and christened with a quart of

The Covington, one of the fleet of frigates building in Great Lakes ports, was launched last evening at and true decision for the island will the Globe Shipbuilding company be reached in a new battle which yards. The ceremony was scheduhas already virtually started in the led to be brief, but was curtailed additionally as the Covington went sliding sidewise down the ways five minutes ahead of time.

> lips, Covington high school girl who won the sponsoring honor through a popularity contest, didn't let the vessel get away without the customary bottle smashing. She hurled the bottle at the Covington as it slipped away and scored a

Nevertheless, Miss Mickie Phil-

Earlier in the day, the frigate Shreveport was launched at the Walter Butler shipyards.

German Minefields Take Toll of Italians

rica—(AP)—Italian prisoners are complaining bitterly of the system of defense in Sicily by which they were put in the front line with a German mine field laid at their backs.

Allied Headquarters in North Af-

They said the Germans refused tell them where the mines were ocated and remained well to the ear while the Italians had to bear the first shock of the allied attack. The Italians suffered many casualties when they had to retreat through the minefields.

THE WEATHER

Thunder showers tonight and in east early Saturday forenoon; cooler in northwest and extreme west portions tonight: slightly cooler Saturday fore

Today's Weather Facts-Maximum temperature for 24 hour period ending at 7 a. m., 🍽

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An appraisal of the estate of the

Ottawa - (AP) - General Henri

to admit defeat,"

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Jones of Broad Powers OVER RENDOVA Duties of the BEW, headed by

Sgt. Ralph I. Martin, 28, former-ly of Port Edwards, has been awarded the distinguished flying A spokesman for BEW, whose cross by Lieut. Gen. George C. Ken-

Last October Sgt. Martin was Japanese Zero planes, seven of which were shot down in a 25-minute air battle over the Jap base at Rabaul, New Britain.

forces in the southwest Pacific.

koosa-Edwards Paper company before enlisting in the army air corps in October, 1940, and made his home with a sister, Mrs. George Elliott, at Port Edwards. Best known by his nickname, "Pepper," he was a star pitcher in the Wood

seasons.

Washington-(AP)-Interior Secretary Ickes fired another broadside of criticism at a congressional committee report today in an eightpage letter to Chairman Elmer

Thomas (D-Okla.) of the senate Indian affairs committee. Ickes told Thomas that a "partial report" by the committee June 11 on the interior department's management of Indian affairs contained numerous serious inaccuracies and

"many false charges." A major recommendation of the committee report was that the inan affairs be liquidated to better the Indian situation. Ickes, objecting vehemently, declared "this cure turns out to be nothing less than

"You must realize as well as I," Ickes wrote Thomas, "how large a part of the unhappiness which this sult of accumulated historic wrongs which this administration is gradu-

A ladder was found leaning ally and persistently correcting. "The report attacks the bureau of Indian affairs for carrying out policies which were laid down by congress and were in fact largely formulated, in recent years, by Assistant Superintendent Frank yourself and by other members of your committee.'

in European Theater

London-(AP)-Maj. Gen. Leonard Townsend Gerow has succeeded Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle as commanding officer of U.S. field forces in the European theater, army headquarters announced today. The nature of Hartle's new as-

Gerow is a 54-year-old native of

signment was not disclosed.

RECOVER BODY

body.

DOUBLE WINNER-One day after being declared winner of sec- ers told the people of Italy that the Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., ond honors in the Elks' national sole hope of Italy's survival "lies scholarship competition, which in honorable capitulation to the award carries with it a \$500 schol- overwhelming power of the miliarship check, John Muehlstein tary forces of the United Nations."