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ALLIES POUND OUTER DEFENSES OF BIZERTE

Believe American Offensive in Offing to Finish Job of Routing Japs from Solomons

announced today that American troops on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons had advanced their western flank well into territory formerly held by the Japanese. A communique said the ad-

vance, made by army and marine peg of the American line to a point about five miles west of the vital airfield on Guadalcanal and about one mile west of the Matanikau river, formerly the boundary of the American posi-

Washington—(P)—An American drive to wipe out remaining Japanese bases in the Solomon islands appeared near at hand today as terrific destruction of enemy troops and ships seemed to clinch the United States hold on Guadalcanal. Grip On Island "Secure"

Announcing for the first time that the American grip on the prized island and its strategic airbase is "now very secure," Secretary of Navy Knox reported yesterday that half of a force of 1,500 Nipponese landed on Guadalcanal had been slaughtered and the rest routed.

Possibility of duplication in the navy's reports of enemy ships lost in the great American sea victory of last week also was dispelled by Knox who declared 28 Japanese vessels had been sunk. These comprised a battleship, another battleship or heavy cruiser, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, six destroyers and 12 transports and cargo ships. Ten more were damaged.

The reported American losses of two light cruisers/and six destroyers in the same battle brought the nation's total of destroyed vessels in the Pacific war to 50 combat and 34 'non-combat ships since Pearl Harbor.

Japs Have Lost 372 Ships Official announcements of the

navy and allied headquarters boosted the total Japanese losses to 126 combat and 246 non-combat ships. Meanwhile, the first American

naval officer to return to Pearl Harbor since the defeat of the Japanese armada estimated that the foe's attempts to recapture Guadalcanal had cost the lives of perhaps 10.000 Nipponese on the island alone. From 20,000 to 40,000 more were believed killed in the sinking of eight loaded enemy transports. Troops Are Optimistic

Declaring that the marines, soldiers and sailors felt that they had been through everything and have taken everything the Japs could offer," Lieut. DeWitt Peterkin, 29, added at Pearl Harbor last night: "They're optimistic and already are talking about the next move westward.'

Slaughter of a thousand Japanese in one sector of the island on one night, he said, was not unusual. Few Prisoners Taken

The sight of a prisoner on the island is an oddity. Peterkin stated, 'for almost no prisoners are taken by either side.'

"When the Japs rush, they yell in English, 'Blood for the emperor: come out, marines, you're licked. There seems to be a lot of Ameri can-educated Japanese among the Sec-WAR IN PACIFIC-Page 9

Former County Man Loses Life in Pacific

Auburndale, Wis .- Death of a former Auburndale' man, Robert B. Guthrie, in the Pacific area last March was revealed today by word from H. W. Guthrie, of Milwaukee, his father, to the north Wood county selective service board.

Guthrie, then 33, was serving as a radio operator in the U.S. merchant marine. He was employed as a radio engineer at the WLBL transmitter station near here when ne registered under selective service in October, 1940.

The father wrote to the draft sent to his son. He gave no details, death had occurred at sea.

board in response to a questionnaire beyond indicating that his son's





pile of rocks in lieu of a barber chair, and gets his hair trimmed by an American soldier at a U. S. base in New Guinea. Freeze 40 Per Cent of Nation's Cold Storage

GETTIN' CLIPPED-Brig. Gen. Hanford MacNider, former Ameri-

can Legion commander and assistant secretary of war, sits on a

Butter for Army Use Washington—(A)—To keep Johnny Doughboy from being fed dry bread while fighting far away, the folks at home may

Frozen in more ways than one, 40 per cent of the nation's cold-stored butter supply today was set aside for fighting men and the lease-lend program under terms of a war production board order.

HALTED TONIGHT

The sales suspension is intended

every adult will be entitled to buy

"Coffee will be available for every

tration spokesman said, "but we're

"Just buy the amount that you

ance there will be enough for all."

from the sugar ration book, or ra-

tion book Number 1. Any person

chase coffee until the excess is used

up. Sometimes around the first of

cess stocks of coffee in family cup-

Find Mutilated Body

blood-stained axe lay nearby.

age from three to 23 years.

body of Mrs. Mary Ellen Jackson,

of Mother of Nine

been home all night."

moved from the book.

Use Sugar Ration Stamps

one pound every five weeks.

midnight tonight.

ight at the start.

Rationing Begins Nov. 28

soon have to spread their butter thin-or use some substitute.

Effect to Be Felt Soon

And housewives started eyeing such table-fat substitutes as margerine and peanut butter, for the 'temporary" wording of the order failed to ease the threat of eventual shortage. Agriculture department officials aserted that present butter production was not meeting market needs and pointed out that the WPB slice of nearly 35,000,000 pounds would be felt in the near

However, WPB officials planned to supplant the freeze as quickly as possible with a limitation order which would cut consumption by about 10 per cent.

May Avoid Rationing

They added that the shortage might not materially affect the retail market before January, and that rationing might not be necessary, although the board's food requirements committee-headed by Agriculture Secretary Wickardreported that butter supplies have been reduced to the lowest levels since 1932.

Because of the shortage, attributed to seasonal production slumps and increasing civilian purchasing power, the army and navy have found it increasingly difficult to get sufficient supplies, WPB said.

Retroactive to Nov. 6

The order earmarked for government purchase half the butter in cold storage in the nation's 35 principal marketing centers, which hold about 80 per cent of the entire supply. It was retroactive to Nov. 6, ruling that deliveries made valid for coffee purchases. since then could not be subtracted in setting aside the federal portion and even existing contracts could not be considered.

It did not affect retail stocks on hand. Unless superseded, it will remain in effect until March 6. Among the 35 principal marketing cities are: Chicago: Detroit:

Milwaukee; Plymouth, Wis. Marshfield, Wis.; Green Bay, Wis.; St. Paul, Minn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis; Cincinnati and Duluth, Minn.

ASSEMBLYMAN DIES

Manitowoc, Wis. —(P) — Assemblyman John Egan, 66, died today after a heart attack. Elected to the assembly in 1940 as a Republican, he was defeated in this fall's election by Progressive Otto Vogel. Widely known in conservation circles, Egan of employment at York this mornretiring early in 1940.

NEAR NECEDAH TREATED HERE

The first gunshot victim of the leer season in the central Wisconsin region was brought to Riverview hospital by two companions shortly before noon today. Wounded in Hip

He is Curtis Hill, 39; of Milwausee, who was shot by a stray rifle bullet in the Juneau county area north of Necedah. The bullet entered his right hip, to inflict a serious njury. He was operated on immedi-

Details of the accident were not earned. Hill was brought to Wisconsin Rapids at once, and Officer Wilfred Gloden, who went to the hospital with the party, said one of the companions indicated the accident occurred about 10 o'clock this

The buck kill in the central Wisconsin area, judging from the number of successful hunters reporting this morning, appeared to be comparatively light. Colder weather failed to bring tracking snow, a factor contributing to a low kill. Helke First to Check In. First to check in with his deer

this morning was Henry Helke, own of Grand Rapids. Helke, 30, has been hunting for nine years, but he shot his first buck this morning with an ease that he could hardly

He walked a mile from his house, about four miles east of Wisconsin Rapids. A doe sped out of the brush, followed by a buck. Helke bagged the buck, wearing a fine 10-point rack, with a single slug from his single-barreled shotgun.

that of Clarence Coursey, Route 1. He, too, scorned a long trip, but headed for the Grand Rapids country east of here. Shortly after 8 o'clock, after but a short hunt, he bagged a 10-point animal it was Coursey's first buck, likewise. Others Have Success

Among other successful hunters avenue, who shot his animal at 8 clock this morning near Pray, and Ed Steinke, 910 Sixth street, who bagged his in the Meadow Valley

A 175-pound, six-point buck fell to the rifle of Amos Land, Wiscon-Point country and was among the earliest in that area to bring out Rapids, shot a 125-pound buck in the same area.

Expect Anti-Poll Tax Bill Will Be Shelved

Washington - (P)-The senate Washington-(AP)-Coffee sales prepared to go through the motions at retail stores halt for one week at oday of debating abolishment of state poll taxes as a prerequisite for voting in federal elections, although even its supporters concedto give grocers a chance to stock ed the measure was marked for the up for the start of coupon rationing

legislative graveyard.

at midnight, November 28, when Balked by a seven-day filibuster carried on by senators from southern poll tax states, proponents finally succeeded in bringing the bill person over 15 when rationing formally before the senate under starts," an office of price administhe terms of an involved "gentleman's agreement" calling for a vote hoping that housewives won't cash in all the family's coupons at once at 12 noon (CWT) Monday on a motion to limit debate.

Adoption of such a motion would require two-thirds approval of need. We can give absolute assurthose present and even administraobtain action on the measure ac-The first coffee ration may be knowledged that upwards of 40 of purchased next Sunday or thereafthe 96 senators would oppose limitter by presenting stamp Number 27 ing debate.

who has more than one pound on Doriot, Leading French Pro Nazi, Badly Beaten

the year stamps covering the exa leading French pro-Nazi, was at- 30, State OPA Director Don T. Al boards on November 28 will be retacked by a crowd armed with blud- len said today. geons recently and was taken to a Sugar ration books held by perhospital severely injured, the Lonsons who were under 15 years of don Daily Express said today in a that ration coupons could not be disage when sugar rationing registra- French frontier dispatch quoting tributed to all consumers by that tion took place last May will not be Paris reports.

Appointed to Federal Post

Washington \longrightarrow (\mathcal{P}) —The White House announced today that Governor Herbert H. Lehman of New York would resign as governor on or about December 3 to become associated with the state department as director of foreign relief and rehabilitation.

The announcement said Lehman 'will undertake the work of organizing American participation in the activities of the united mations in furnishing relief and other assistance to the victims of war in areas reoccupied by the forces of the united nations."

The appointment was described officially as a step in the presiavailable resources of the United his own defense yesterday. States in food, clothing, medical supplies and other necessities "so that it may make an immediate and effective contribution to joint efforts of the united nations in the field of relief and rehabilitation."

"Governor Lehman's appointment," the White House said, "assured that this country will play its part in such efforts."

The job will be somewhat similar to that Herbert Hoover occupied following the last war. Immediate beneficiaries of the relief drive are expected to be the inhabitants of North Africa, where American forces landed November 7-8 in a move described by the president as cupation of the French possessions.

JAPS AT BUNA

Somewhere in New Guinea—(A) -Japanese forces trapped in a narrow coastal strip in the Buna-Gona more on each of two occasions. district of New Guinea were rewere Harvey Swarick, Two Mile ported fighting back desperately toground troops moved in relentlessly to drive them into the sea or force their capitulation.

Yanks Within Mile of Buna One United States force was

within a mile of Buna and engagsin Rapids. Land hunted in the City ed in heavy fighting and another was attempting to wrest a landing field on the outskirts of the vilhis quarry. Fred Giese, Wisconsin lage from the defending Japanese This second unit reported that it had met heavy machine-gun fire within 500 yards of the field.

Japanese planes entered the fighting near Buna yesterday and seven Zeros strafed allied troops already under attack from light artillery and mortars.

One American force approaching Buna from the south along the coast was trying to overcome opposition at Cape Endaladere, a few miles from the village. Heavy fighting was in progress at Soputa, about eight miles inland from the coast on the Kokoda-Buna trail.

The main body of the Japanese forces, however, has been driven into a triangular area bound by a six-mile coastal strip between Buna and Gona and irregular lines running inland from these hamlets to

Surrender Unlikely

The bitter struggle of the Japlanese in this area indicated to observers that they had no intention tion strategists who have fought to of surrendering and a hattle of extermination seemed to be in prog-

Extend Deadline on Fuel Oil Purchases

Milwaukee —(P)— Fuel oil consumers may continue to purchase oil London -(P) - Jacques Doriot, on coupon credit until midnight Nov.

The deadline was extended from Nov 23 when it became apparent

Demand Jeffers "Clarify" York, Pa. — The mutilated Slap at Gas Ration Foes Washington- (P) - A demand | Boren (D-Okla.) in a telegram to

41, was found today by several of that Rubber Administrator William Jeffers. her nine children after they had told Jeffers "promptly clarify" his astheir father that "mother had not sertion that opposition to nation-York County Coroner L. U. Zech said the woman's arms, legs and better" arose in congress today as head had been severed and scattered an anti-rationing bloc laid plans Monaghan township. The torso, cov- for postponement of the order. ered with a burlap bag, was found

in the cellar of the Jackson home. A

"Your statement is an insult to

the integrity of the people at large wide gasoline rationing was financ- and the members of congress pared "by people who should know ticipating in this action," the Okla homan continued.

Replying to the administrator's in a field near her home in nearby to appeal to President Roosevelt remark about "knowing better," Boren said "we from the oil producing states and we who have "If you meant to assert that any participated in the administration member of congress opposing na- of a synthetic rubber program and Zech said the woman's husband, tionwide rationing of gasoline was have studied it from the start must glider, flew over south Norway," A. O. Jackson, learned of the trag- receiving a financial consideration tell you frankly that we feel that the communique said. edy when he returned from his place in support of that opposition, then we know more than you do about must brand the insinuation for gasoline rationing as it applies to were forced to land. Sabotage troops A graduate of Lincoln high school, served 27 years as a game warden, ing. The Jackson children range in hat it is—completely false and these problems in their relation to without foundation," declared Rep. our geographic areas."

RUFI TESTIFIES IN OWN DEFENSE IN MURDER CASE

Monroe. Wis. —(AP)— The defense today completed its testimony in the case of kenneth Rufi, 19-year-old farm hand charged with first degree murder in the shooting of Ned Hartwig, 36, a livestock buyer, last March 2.

Final arguments were to be heard with the case expected to go to the jury late today.

Rufi, 19-year-old farmhand facing shooting of Ned Hartwig. 36, Mon- and cut off the route of redent's program of mobilizing the sat in his home, took the stand in

"No Recollection" of Shooting Telling his story of the slaying, which Defense Attorney Carl Hill French troops had beaten off mitted under an "irresistible urge," Rufi described how he had taken a shotgun with him when calling on Hartwig, to defend himself in case Hitler Rushing Reinforcements Hartwig became enraged, and had no recollection of shooting.

manslaughter.

Tells of Gambling Rufi said he had been gambling one to help liberate France from the steadily since he was 15 years old, Nazi fortifications only 30 miles axis yoke and forestall an enemy oc- mostly with Hartwig, shooting craps in local taverns.

> and had been unable to repay the loans when he lost the money gambling. His father paid the debts. Finally, Rufi related, he had won \$100 from Hartwig on a bowling

He told how in 1941 he had bor

game, and \$200 on a crap game When he tried to collect the \$300 from Hartwig, the stock dealer instead succeeded in borrowing \$250

Then on Feb. 20, Hartwig wrote a check to Rufi for the \$800, but suggested a crap game, Rufi testified in hopes he could win his money back. Wins \$1,000 in Crap Game

The young farmhand gave this ac-

count of the game and its results: The suggested game took place in attacked in the same area, the comthe stockyards, and involved just munique said. the two men. Stakes went as high as \$100 a point, and in less than an Sicilian coast. hour, Rufi had won \$1,000 from Hartwig, Hartwig, however, did not pay him at the time. Later the same day (Feb. 20) Rufi

met Hartwig and asked him for the \$1,000. He quoted Hartwig as say-"You damned fool, do you think

vould pay you?" Twice more he approached Hartwig for the money without success, and then at noon, March 2, he met

Met 9 Hours Before Shooting This was nine hours before the shooting. Rufi recounted this conver-

Hartwig at the stockyards.

Hartwig said: "Say, are you going to bring those hogs today?"

Rufi replied: "What hogs? Th only hogs I know about are those I talked about buying from you." Then Hartwig said: "We'll wait a couple of days and see what hap-

"I figured that was a threat," Ruf old the court.

At this time Rufi owed \$315 to local hardware stores for a refrigerator and stove he had purchased for See-MURDER TRIAL-Page 9

U. S. Vessel Sunk Off South America

Washington — (P) — The navy announced today that a mediumsized United States merchant vesenemy submarine during the latter part of October in the Atlantic off the northern coast of South Amer-Three seamen perished in the at-

tack, but 51 others were rescued and landed safely at allied ports. The sinking raised to 532 the Associated Press tally of announced alhed and neutral western Atlantic ship losses since America's entry into the war.

British Glider Force Wiped Out' in Norway

Berlin (From German Broadtowing troop-filled gliders landed in southern Norway for purposes of sabotage and all the occupants were annihilated, the German high command said today. "On the night of November 19-20

two British bombers, each towing a

"One bomber and both gliders inated."

Also Push Within 25 Miles of Tunis; Nazis Hemmed In

(By the Associated Press)

American and British troops, scoring a five-mile advance in one direction, pitched into the Germans on the outer defenses of Bizerte and Tunis today while U. S. Flying Fortresses rained deadly punishment on the enemy hemmed in along a 30mile-wide coastal strip.

A Nazi broadcast, quoting allied sources in Spanish Morocco, said allied forces had reached the area of Hammamet, about

Monroe. Wis. —(A)— Kenneth 40 miles southeast of Tunis, on the Gulf of Gabes. This, if confirmed, would mean that the allies had now pinfirst degree murder charges in the ned the axis into a small corner of the northeast Tunisian coast

roe stock buyer, last March 2 as he sat in his home, took the stand in In that case, the two main Captured German axis forces in Tunisia and Lib- General "Bitter" ya would be split. The Algiers radio said

told the jury earlier had been com- a new German attempt to land on the coast below Tunis and captured some Nazis in a fight northwest of the port of Gabes. German reports said Adolf Hit-

ler was rushing a stream of air-Counsel for Rufi is attempting to borne reinforcements, including win a reduction of the charge from tanks, across the Mediterranean in first degree murder to third degree a desperate effort to stem the allied offensive. Field dispatches said the battle was growing more bitter hour by

from both cities in the French North Africa colony. A Reuters dispatch said the alrowed \$750 from several local banks prisoners in Tunisia and that Buarmored vehicles in one clash.

Only 25 Miles from Tunis One allied vanguard was reported to have driven forward five

SINK AXIS SHIPS

London—(A)—Three British submarines have sunk an axis destroyer and an axis tanker and probably ave sunk a second destroyer ar another axis supply ship in the Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

The tanker was sunk in the Aegean, and the supply ship damaged was ore of a convoy of three ships

The destroyers were hit off the

miles to a point 25 miles southeast of Tunis, the capital. Italian headquarters asserted the

battle was developing "on the Tunisian-Algerian border"—about 50 miles west of the scene described by allied dispatches—and declared that operations "have gone to the advantage of the axis."

The German radio claimed that axis forces Thursday night seized a railway station east of Tabarka, 65 miles west of Bizerte, and reported that Fighting French De Gaullist troops had been thrown See-WAR IN AFRICA-Page 9

Cancel Contract for Cargo-Carrying Planes

Detroit— (A) — Nash-Kelvinator corp. announced today through its president, George Mason, that the navy had cancelled its contract for nass production of Vought-Sikorsky cargo-carrying flying boats for strategic reasons.

Rear Admiral E. M. Pace. jr., director of the navy's materials division, said quick revision of the navy's aircraft requirements in view of developments in the Pacific was the reason for the cancellation.

"Increased production of combat planes and fast patrol bombers is needed immediately," the admiral said, "and that means some of the sel was torpedoed and sunk by an facilities available through Nash-Kelvinator for flying boat production will have to be turned over to contractors who are already at work on the types of planes we now

"Main Issue of War Decided," Says Benes

London-(A)-President Eduard Benes of the Czech government-inexile told a meeting of Durham miners today that "the main issue of the war has been decided."

"The Germans can stand another winter of war in Russia only with the greatest difficulty, if at all," Benes said. "With the grand armies casts)-(P)-Two British planes of Russia still unbroken, it is now impossible for the German forces to swing back and make a furious attack in the west."

> JOINS PARATROOPS Robert Kahoun, 19, son of Mr.

and Mrs. J. R. Kahoun, Biron, has enlisted as a paratrooper in the Today's Weather Facts-United States army, and is at present stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill. on board were attacked and exterm- he enlisted in Milwaukee last Fri- period ending at 7 a. ml, 26; temday.

London-(A)-Gen. Ritter Von Thoma, the first captured German general to arrive in London, is reported by the Daily Mail's military writer to have held in talks with the British that "Hitler has ruined the reichswehr."

Toward Fuehrer

The officer disclosed "remarkable facts about the bitter feeling prevalent in the inner circles of the German general staff," the writer

hour, with allied troops storming Captured by the British Nov. 4 while serving as commander of the Nazi African corps under Marshal Rommel, Von Thoma was described as one of the school of professional lied forces had captured their first German soldiers who "dispute any encroachment in their sphere by tish parachutists had destroyed six civilians or politicians and all members of the Nazi party, including Hitler himself."

> "He is believed to have said that Hitler's assumption of the supreme command spells disaster to the war machine built up by the devotion of the great general staff," the writ-

BRITISH HOT ON ROMMEL'S HEELS

Cairo—(A) — Racing westward at a speed unequaled in modern desert warfare, the British 8th army today hurled its forward elements against Marshal Rommel's rear guard at Agedabia, some 70 miles from the narrow El Agheila

The British, apparently making supreme effort to keep Rommel from organizing a defense at El Agheila, pressed on without pause at the heels of the enemy after triumphantly hoisting the Union Jack over Bengasi yesterday for the third time in this war.

Half Way to Tunisia Already the 8th army was half

way to Tunisia from its starting point at El Alamein in Egypt, and more than half way to Tripoli. Contact was established with the

ixis rear guard at Agedabia, on he coastal road 100 miles south of Bengasi, by one of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces which made a beeline across the Libyan hump. Other 8th army forces followed the longer route around the ump and marched into Bengasi.

Frap Many Stragglers

Many straggling Germans and talians were trapped in the area between Bengasi and Agedabia by the swift British thrust along the inland trail from El Mechili. Their retreat cut off, these axis troops now can be mopped up at leisure by the British while the job of hacking away at the fleeing main

axis force continues. Today's Italian war bulletin saying there was "intense activity" between advance elements in Libya, gave the clue that General Montgomery was striving to smash any attempted stand by Rommel at El Ageheila, the axis commander's only hope of turning on his tormenters short of Tripoli.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Colder in east

Sunday forencon.

Maximum temperature for 24hour period ending at 7 a. m., 47; minimum temperature for 24-hour

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Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Saturday, November 21, 1942. HUNTER WOUNDED Gov. Lehman