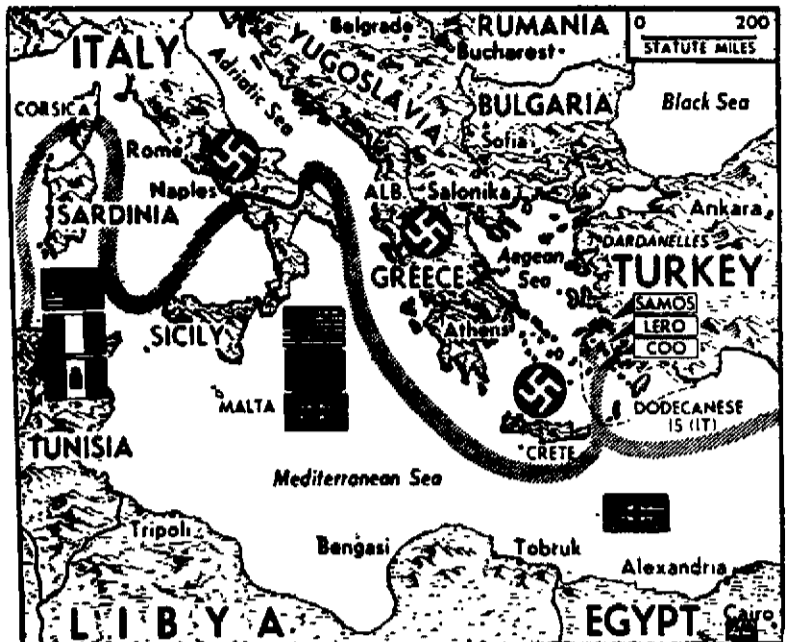


RUSSIANS RETAKE SMOLENSK FROM GERMANS

Clark's Forces Fighting on Toward Naples Key Position, In Nazi Hands For 2 Years, Won Today

RUSS ATTITUDE LARGE PUZZLE TO WASHINGTON

Washington—(P)—Soviet Russia's attitude toward the post-war plans of the United Nations concerned diplomatic Washington today following the return of William H. Standley, American ambassador to the U. S. S. R.



ADVANCING ALLIED FRONT IN MEDITERRANEAN — Shaded line symbolizes advancing allied front in the Mediterranean theater. On left flank Americans, French and Italians have participated in drives to oust Germans from Sicily and Corsica. Major drive on Italian mainland is being made by American, British and Canadian troops. In eastern Mediterranean allies have occupied islands of Samos, Lero and Coo for use as airbases.

STRONG GERMAN RESISTANCE IS BEING STEMMED

Allied Headquarters in North Africa—(P)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American Fifth army has fought its way onto hills looking down on the plain of Naples in a furious day and night offensive supported by heavy artillery barrages and resisted by German tanks as well as strong gun emplacements, allied headquarters stated today.



NAVAL MEDICAL OFFICER—Lieut. (Jg) Robert M. Whitrock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark C. Whitrock of this city will leave Sunday with Mrs. Whitrock for Great Lakes, Ill., where Lieut. Whitrock reports for duty Monday.

GAUGE OUTPUT TO ACTUAL WAR NEED, DECISION

Washington—(P)—Actual strategic needs, as determined by a joint army-navy committee in the light of battlefield reports, hereafter will be the yardstick for war industry production.

Key Position, In Nazi Hands For 2 Years, Won Today

London—(P)—Smolensk, among Europe's most heavily fortified cities and backbone of German central Russian defenses, fell to Soviet forces today in one of the greatest victories of the Russian war, Moscow announced tonight.

Finschhafen Airfield Gives MacArthur New Air Base in New Guinea

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific—(P)—The Finschhafen airfield has been wrested from the Japanese, giving Gen. Douglas MacArthur a New Guinea base for his planes 75 miles from the enemy's strategically important bastion of New Britain.

REPORTS GIRAUD, DE GAULLE TIFF

New York—(P)—Broadcasting from Algiers, Don Hollenbeck, NBC correspondent, quoted "reliable sources" last night as revealing that Generals Henri Giraud and Charles De Gaulle engaged in a heated controversy over the conduct of the Corsican campaign, with De Gaulle shouting:

Sen. Thomas Blasts OPA 'Oppression'

Washington—(P)—Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) warned the office of price administration (OPA) today that there would be a "revolt" against the Democrats in 1944 unless OPA officials abandoned practices "contrary to the American way of life."

ASK POWWOW OF 2,000 STRIKERS

Los Angeles—(P)—Striking employees of the Pacific Electric railway will meet tonight to hear a report from Washington by one of their leaders as the tie-up of freight and passenger service on the interurban system moved into its second day.

Over 500 Attend War Bond Premiere Here

Approximately 550 were guests at the premiere local showing of the film, "Behind the Rising Sun," at the Wisconsin theater Friday evening. The premiere was arranged by the theater management in support of the Third War Loan drive, and tickets were presented to those who purchased war bonds in the theater lobby or at the local banks.

British, U.S., Russian Pact Is Under Way

Washington—(P)—Secretary of State Hull, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov probably will meet soon in Moscow in search of an American-British-Soviet agreement on war objectives and post-war collaboration.

State to Oppose Water Diversion, Says Wasielewski

Washington—(P)—Representative Wasielewski (D-Wis.) says Wisconsin interests will oppose a bill by Representative Sabath (D-Ill.), calling for diversion of additional amounts of water from Lake Michigan.

County Budget Hearing

Public hearing on the proposed Wood county budget for 1944 will be held at the county board meeting Tuesday, September 28, according to a reminder issued today by County Clerk J. A. Schindler.

Leo LaCroix, 48, Succumbs; Funeral Services Tuesday

R. Leo LaCroix, 48, of 281 Lyons street, died at 12:15 a. m. today at Riverview hospital following a lingering illness of heart trouble. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, September 28, at 9 a. m. at St. Peter and Paul Catholic church with the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Reding officiating. Interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

Nab 2 Criminals; End 4-Day Crime Wave

Menomonie, Wis.—(P)—Two former inmates of the state prison who, Sheriff Ray Kuhlman, of Eau Claire county, said, had engaged in a wild four-day career of crime that included kidnaping, robbery and hold-up, were caught by a sheriff's posse near here last night.

3-Month Dairy Subsidy Program Announced

Washington—(P)—The war food administration (WFA) announced today an emergency milk subsidy program designed to avert, officials said, a sharp reduction in fluid milk production this winter.

Parry Move to Cut Gas Coupon Values

Washington—(P)—An unofficial house committee moved today to parry in advance any effort to reduce the coupon gasoline allowance for motorists outside the eastern shortage area, with Rep. Brown (R-Ohio) asserting "there is too much bureaucratic bungling and buck passing on this whole question."

Tardy Truckers Will Wait for Gas Ration

Truck operators who delay until the last moment to turn in their certificates of war necessity will have to wait their turn for the fourth quarter gas ration, cautioned Fred Bushnell, OPA chief clerk, today. The ration will be issued to operators in the order in which the certificates are received, and anyone who waits until the October 1 deadline before bringing or sending his certificate to the board will probably be disappointed in the service he receives, Mr. Bushnell added.

To the People of this Community: DON'T LET THEM DOWN!

"I just wanted to let you know that I'm a soldier from La Crosse and that I have been getting the La Crosse Tribune ever since I've been in the army and it sure is nice to read the news from back home. We would all like to be there but we're going to do it. One of the things I've been following very closely is the La Crosse Bond drive. This is a typical quotation from a typical letter from a soldier. It just happens to be a boy from La Crosse but your son, husband, brother or friend feels the same. They are watching VERY CLOSELY what the home town is doing during the Third War Loan. Are you going to let them down? The bigger total of War Bond purchases you pile up the bigger the smiles will be in every army camp, in every fighting line, in every fighting ship and aboard every fighting plane. THE EDITOR

Tighten Up Tire Rationing Orders

Washington—(P)—The office of price administration (OPA) today stopped issuance of grade one tire rationing certificates to "A" and "B" gasoline ration book holders. The OPA announced that stricter tire eligibility rules were necessary to bridge the gap between the dwindling supply of pre-war tires and the expected production of synthetic rubber tires.

Town of Deerfield Man Killed in Sicily

Hancock, Wis.—(P)—Harold Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Kitchen, town of Deerfield, was killed in action in Sicily, according to a notice received from the war department by his parents. This was the first report of a casualty among service men of the Hancock area. Harold has a brother, Forest Kitchen, with the army in Africa.

Duck Hunter On Wolf River Drowns

Fremont, Wis.—(P)—Edwin E. Schultz, 28, Milwaukee, drowned today when he fell from a skiff while duck hunting in a slough off the Wolf river. Schultz, single and a machinist at a Milwaukee industrial plant had come here to hunt with three other Milwaukee men. His body was recovered.

Purple Heart Awarded to Milladore Soldier

Milladore, Wis.—Pfc. Alexander M. Hinek, Milladore, who died July 12 of wounds received in action in North Africa, has been awarded the Purple Heart posthumously. Notification of the award has been received by Pfc. Hinek's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hinek, from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. The message said in part, "The president of the United States of America pursuant to authority vested in him by congress has awarded the Purple Heart, established by General George Washington at Newburgh, N. Y., August 7, 1782, to Pfc. Alexander M. Hinek for military merit and for wounds received in action resulting in his death."

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin: Not quite so cool in west, slightly cooler with scattered frosts except near lake in east portion. Warmer with increasing winds Sunday forenoon. Today's Weather Facts—Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 54; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 33; temperature at 7 a. m., 43. Precipitation, .31.

