

**AXIS FORCE NEAR TOBRUK SHELLED**

**Greater Patrol And Artillery Activity Reported Around Salum, Egypt**

CAIRO, Egypt, April 26.—(AP)—German-Italian troops concentrating just outside Tobruk were shelled and scattered yesterday by the garrison of that fortress lodged menacingly against the seaward flank of the Axis army, the British announced today.

This was coincident with more intense patrol and artillery activity around Salum, Egypt, the frontier town where the Axis drive eastward has halted.

The RAF reported its fighters guarding Tobruk had shot down eight Axis planes there in one day this week, raising the toll at that one spot to 44.

Bengasi, Libya, was bombed and fires started, the RAF also announced, and bombers returning from that raid caused fires and explosions in an Axis motor convoy near El Argub, 80 miles east of Bengasi.

The British said their cleanup campaign in Ethiopia was progressing, with capture of Fort Mota, north of Addis Ababa, and surrender of several hundred Italian Colonial troops and 12 Italian officers.

South African fighters pressed nearer Dessie, strongly-held Italian garrison 175 miles northeast of Addis Ababa, despite road blocks covered by heavy Italian gunfire.

**GERMANS CLAIM PRESSURE AT ATHENS' DOOR**

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sible leader was making predictions respecting Athens. With Thebes, on the winding road to Athens, securely in German hands, another indication of the tightening Nazi grip on Greece was the reported occupation of the islands of Samothrace, Thasos and Lemnos in the Aegean seas.

**Transports Arrive**  
For these sea operations German transports popped up in the Aegean and there was much speculation as to where they came from. This phase was called another demonstration of the thoroughness of the preparations for the Balkan campaign.

Thasos is about seven miles off the coast of Grecian Thrace east of Salonika; Samothrace is a few miles northwest of the entrance to the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles—gateway to the Black sea—and Lemnos is some 40 miles to the southwest.

Germans continued to regard Stuka attacks on British troop ships in Greek waters as a highly important phase of the campaign. The day's reports said at least six merchantmen were severely damaged by bombing between the Greek mainland and Crete.

Authorized Germans said there still was no indication that the bulk of the British expeditionary force had made a getaway.



Top, 18-foot skiff with airplane propeller mounted on automobile whisks frog hunters at 30 miles an hour over growth that would choke ordinary marine propeller. Center, Willard Yates points out frog. Note searchlight on Minor Yates' head. Bottom, perched on lily pad, blinded by light, frog often sits until hunter is close enough to grab him with hand.

**O'NEILL WORKING ON 9-PLAY CYCLE**

**Newly-Completed Drama Is Withheld Until He Can Attend Rehearsals**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—(The Special News Service)—In a rambling white house 25 miles from the sea he loves so well, Eugene O'Neill is busily working again on his cycle of nine plays.

So engrossed in this task is the brooding O'Neill that a newly-completed play of his has been withheld from production for well over a year because the famed Pulitzer prize playwright refuses now to allow any of his new dramas to be staged unless he is present at rehearsals.

Since he moved to California three years ago, O'Neill has finished two plays, "The Iceman Cometh" and "Long Day's Journey Into Night." But their production, unless he changes his present plans, must wait until he is finished with his cycle of nine.

The idea for "The Iceman Cometh" came when he was in the middle of the cycle, so he quit on that project and did a fast—*or* O'Neill—job on finishing the single play.

It is known that when he started to write the cycle O'Neill had in mind an American setting with the plot telling the story of several generations of an American family.

O'Neill, so he has said, has always done his best work while living quietly, apart from other literary figures and the distractions of the city.

The present O'Neill home, which he and his wife planned in 1937 when they moved from the home they had at Sea Island Beach, Ga., is of modest size although it suits the playwright's needs.

It is on a 100-acre farm which rolls across a high ridge and is two miles from any highway where there is thick traffic. Fences surround the house and the only entrance is by a private road—measures he has found necessary to privacy.

O'Neill gets up at 6 a.m. and is working at 7. Mrs. O'Neill is the only one who is allowed to disturb him in his study and sometimes he gets so engrossed in his writing that he won't answer when she knocks at the door. So she paces up and down the hall outside for a few minutes and then knocks again.

He writes steadily until 2 p.m. when he turns his copy over to a stenographer to be typed. He writes in tiny but graceful script so that stenographers have little trouble in reading his words.

He first outlines a play and then rewrites the outline several times before taking that as his framework and starting the actual scenes and dialogue.

Like Ernest Hemingway, who said that he once spent ten full days perfecting a paragraph of 110 words in his "For Whom the Bell Tolls," O'Neill writes only with great effort and his words do not come easily to him.

O'Neill drifted into writing for the theater not only because his father, James O'Neill, was a famous actor, but also because in his days at sea and wandering around the waterfronts of the world he was a devoted reader of Jack London, Kipling and Joseph Conrad.

O'Neill has always had a deep, mystic affection for the ocean. When he finally ended his wanderings, he settled down in a beach house at Provincetown, Mass., on the tip of Cape Cod, and it was in the famous Provincetown playhouse that some of his first efforts were played.

In 1915, while O'Neill was still in his 20's, the Provincetown theatrical group—headed by George Cram Cook, Susan Glaspell and Robert Edmond Jones—moved to a tiny theater in Greenwich village. Their first selections for production there were O'Neill's one-acters—chosen for the dual reason that they were considered excellent and were inexpensive to put on.

Only a little more than a decade later, his "strange interlude" became a 423-performance Broadway hit.

Now, even, 25 miles from the Pacific, he misses the ocean. At Sea Island, he often swam in the surf for hours at a time, attaining the precious solitude he spoke of in one of his earliest published works, a poem "free," printed in 1912.

"Weary am I of the tumult, sick of the staring crowd,  
"Pining for wild sea places where the soul may think aloud."

**PEANUT MARKETING QUOTAS APPROVED**

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1,479, a percentage of 91 in favor of quotas.

With the approval of two-thirds of the peanut growers in North Carolina and 10 other states where peanuts are grown commercially, marketing quotas will be placed on the 1941, 1942, and 1943 crop, and

Officials said farmers already have said notified what their 1941 quotas will be.

The vote by counties, with the first figure being "yes," votes in each case, follows:

Beaufort, 83 and 31; Bertie, 1,786 and 191; Bladen, 436, 205; Brunswick, 24 and 28; Camden, 26 and 1; Chowan, 625 and 10 Columbus, 146 and 22; Craven, 9 and 0; Cumberland, 40 and 9; Currituck, 14 and 0; Duplin, 2 and 1 Edgecombe, 1008 and 24; Gates, 787 and 10; Greene, 110 and 0; Halifax, 1,355 and 365; Harnett, 5 and 10; Hertford, 1,095 and 76; Hoke, 4 and 1 Johnston, 51 and 5 Jones, 1 and 2; Martin, 1950 and 22; Nash, 429 and 6; New Hanover, 25 and 0; Northampton, 2,268 and 368; Onslow, 9 and 0; Pamlico, 1 and 0; Pasquotank, 48 and 1; Pender, 128 and 5 Perquimans, 750 and 4 Pitt, 681 and 10; Robeson, 40 and 15; Sampson, 46 and 25; Scotland, 2 and 0; Tyrrel, 52 and 6; Wake, 5 and 0; Warren, 68 and 3 Washington, 575 and 15; Wayne, 89 and 18; Wilson, 132 and 0.

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer at N. C. State college said the main issue in the referendum was the government diversion and loan program. Last year's record peanut crop forced the government to spend more than \$10,000,000 to divert surplus peanuts into oil in an effort to stabilize prices.

In providing for the referendum, however, congress provided that there would be no diversion of loan program unless crop quotas were in effect.

**ROOSEVELT MAKES CONVOY INQUIRIES**

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Included in this tentative list, one legislator said, were 25 of the senate's republicans. Most of these have been recorded as likely supporters of a resolution by Senator Tobey (R-NH) to put congress on record against use of the navy to guard the transportation of war materials across the Atlantic.

The Tobey resolution is scheduled to receive consideration next Wednesday by the foreign relations committee, with indications that it will be smothered there by an administration majority.

While some convoy advocates had proposed that the measure be carried to the floor in the hope of defeating it decisively there, such strategy was regarded as unlikely in the face of the distinct senate cleavage on the issue.

Similarly, some legislators were said to take the view that if President Roosevelt decided convoys were necessary, it might be better for him to order them on his own authority rather than seek congressional action likely to be preceded by lengthy, controversial debate.

Senators divided sharply during consideration of the lend-lease legislation on the question of the President's authority to order convoys, with administration leaders generally contending he had such power and opponents denying it.

Taking cognizance of this difference of opinion, Senator Nye (R-ND) has placed before the foreign relations committee a proposal which would require congressional approval before convoys could be ordered.

Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the democratic leader, said he thought both proposals would be voted down when the committee meets Wednesday. Some other members said, however, that final committee action might be delayed while a subcommittee investigates the two measures.

**Plans To Raise Funds To Aid Morale Program To Be Talked**

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper said yesterday that a meeting will be held at the city hall at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning of leaders of various civic and fraternal organizations of the city to discuss plans for the raising of a \$5,500 fund to aid a national fund of \$10,000,000 "for overloaded defense areas."

The meeting, Cooper said, will be held in response to a request from Walter Hoving of New York, president of the United Service Organizations.

Hoving's telegram follows: "To support urgent request by President Roosevelt, Secretary Knox and Stimson, and others for immediate civilian aid in morale program national defense, please call meeting local leaders and representatives YMCA, YWCA, Catholic Community service, Salvation Army, Jewish Welfare Board and Travelers Aid to lay plans and determine leadership for June campaign in Wilmington."

"Your quota toward national fund of ten millions plus for overloaded defense areas is \$5,500. Your local goal should also include needs for local defense program, welfare activities, and local fund-raising costs."

Cooper said he had telegraphed Hoving that he would be glad to cooperate in the movement in every way possible.

**Navy Will Take Over Floyd Bennett Field**

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. La Guardia announced today the Navy would take over Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, which is expected to become the New York base for the neutrality air patrol.

Civilian occupants—500 persons receiving aviation training in the Civil Aeronautics board program—were given notice by Dock Commissioner John McKenzie to remove their belongings by May 26.

The municipality owned airport containing 327 acres of concrete runways, a highway system and radio and lighting facilities.

**New British Plane Is In Full Production**

LONDON, April 26.—(AP)—The British announced tonight that a new super-fighter, better than the trusted Spitfire or Hurricane, was in full production. It is the "Typhoon," with a speed of more than 400 miles an hour, a 2,400-horsepower Sabre engine and armament of both cannon and machine-gun.

**Former Vanderbilt Yacht Sunk In Piraeus Harbor**

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—A CBS broadcast from Athens tonight said a former cruising yacht of Harold Vanderbilt, American sportsman, was sunk Thursday night in Piraeus harbor by German Stukas which killed and wounded many civilians aboard.

The yacht, sailing under the name of Hanae, had just pulled away from the docks with a load of civilians trying to return to their island homes, the CBS correspondent said, when six Stukas dived within 50 yards of the deck. One bomb burst in the vessels hold.

Fire quickly swept the craft, he said, and men, women and children were killed and injured.

**New Englanders Parade For Confederate General**

MACON, Ga., April 26.—(AP)—Two battalions of Uncle Sam's new soldiers, right out of New England, paraded in honor of a Confederate general today while their band swung into " Dixie."

As the city observed Confederate Memorial Day, the regular weekly review of the eighth and 14th battalions at Camp Wheeler was dedicated to the memory of Confederate General Joe Wheeler for whom the camp was named.

Stewed rhubarb, chilled and mixed with cubed pineapple, seeded white cherries or sliced bananas gives a new spring dessert treat.

**CRONIN A WHIZ—EXCEPT IN OUTFIELD**

WASHINGTON—Gibbing about Joe Borden's versatility the other day and talking of other great players who could handle virtually any position—Wagner, Ruth, Sisler, Brennan, Ott—Clark Griffith of the Washington Senators said: "I know of only one real good player who couldn't play just any spot."

Then he told a tale about his son-in-law, Joe Cronin, Boston Red Sox manager.

Cronin, while managing Washington in the early 1930's, became disgusted at the brand of flycatching he was getting and vowed he'd go out and show 'em how. But it was pretty horrible. Cronin caught nothing and promptly moved back to shortstop.

"He was a bum in the outfield," laughed Griffith.

**RED FACE DEPT.**  
CHICAGO (AP)—Perhaps the most embarrassed of all rookies over their debuts in the major leagues was a shortstop Lou Stringer of the Chicago Cubs. He made 2 or 3 errors. However, he made a double and a single and the fans liked him.

**3 Years \$20,000 Fine**

Joseph Schenk, chairman of the board of 20th Century-Fox Film Corp., leaves federal court in New York after he was sentenced to three years in prison and was fined \$20,000 for income tax evasion. He was convicted of defrauding the government of \$223,000 in income taxes.



M3 light combat tanks for U. S. Army roll out of American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, Pa. Plant formerly made subway cars, now has contract for \$70,000,000 worth of these tough babies.

**JEFFREY EXPLAINS HOUSING SITUATION**

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proximately 1,400 of these skilled workers will have to be brought into Wilmington from the outside, and this will probably all have families who will have to be housed locally.

The new marine base at Jacksonville will also cause an influx of officers of whom it is anticipated that at least 100 will have families and will desire to live in Wilmington.

It is fully realized that there are not enough homes and apartments in Wilmington at the present time to care for this need. However, plans are under way for the construction of several hundred units by private investors and within a short time any deficiency in the number of units which is not made up by private capital will have to be taken care of by the Federal Government. One way in which Wilmingtonians may ease this situation is through the conversion of spare bedrooms and other rooms into apartments. An F. H. A. insured loan can be obtained for this purpose.

All of the workers in this canvass are volunteering their services in order to furnish the Wilmington Housing committee with an accurate picture of the condition in Wilmington today and it is urged that all householders cooperate to the fullest extent in the answering of the questions in order that the work of the canvassers be facilitated.

After the canvass has been completed anyone who may happen to be overlooked is requested to telephone their listings to Mrs. Maffitt, dial 3917, or Mrs. Gause, dial 3670.

**Test Of Giant Bomber Expected To Be Delayed**

SANTA MONICA, Calif., April 26.—(AP)—The Evening Outlook says that "from all available information" it appears impossible for the giant Douglas B-19—which the company says is the largest airplane ever built—to take off on a test flight before July.

Earlier information had indicated the test might be made next month. The newspaper says that the craft's 82 tons is too heavy for the four-inch, 3,000-foot asphalt runway and that a concrete runway 200 feet wide and 4,000 feet long, varying in depth from six to nine inches, must be poured before the takeoff.

**Fugitive Minister Taken By Atlanta Authorities**

ATLANTA, April 26.—(AP)—Claiming that he was planning to surrender after 28 years as a fugitive when arrested here by city detectives, a free Methodist preacher today awaited return to Iowa where he is under a 12-year sentence for wife slaying.

The gray-haired man said he was the Rev. Charles Arthur Higby. He was arrested Friday by Detectives C. L. Taylor and J. M. Austin while claiming a letter at a post office. He told newsmen today of his 25 years of itinerant evangelism since he walked away from Anamosa reformatory in 1913.

He said he was a former furniture polish salesman and that he had served 19 months of the sentence imposed at Cedar Rapids when he escaped. It was in 1916, after coming south from Chicago, that he took up evangelistic work, he said.

**9,719 Killed And 8,391 Missing In War At Sea**

NEW YORK, April 26.—(AP)—The war at sea has claimed 9,719 known deaths since hostilities began in September, 1939, and another 8,391 persons have been reported missing, a check of Associated Press records revealed tonight.

A total of 1,500 ships of all nations have been reported lost for an aggregate tonnage of 3,659,214. Submarines, warplanes and warships sent 773 vessels to the bottom, including naval craft, and mines took an additional toll of 240 ships lost from other or unknown causes totaled 487.

**SCHEDULE REJECTED**

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 26.—(AP)—Employees of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation airplane division have rejected a working schedule rearrangement which would enable the plant to increase the work week to six days, a company executive said today. The firm employs 12,000 producing fighter planes for the United States and Great Britain.

I wish to thank the voters of Wilmington who supported me in the city primary of April 21st. As this was my first venture in the political field, I will always cherish your memory.  
**LOTT M. NOBLE**

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**SALE CLOSES THURSDAY**  
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