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A home-made machine gun, fashioned from boxes, rubber bands and tin cans, catches the fancy of this group of boys during Orien-tal Mardi Gras at Japanese assembly center near San Francisco.

Japs Claim Two U. S.

Troop Vessels Sunk

NEW YORK, Sept. 12-(AP)-

A German broadcast, heard

here by CBS, attributed to the

Japanese today a claim that

their submarines sank two

United States transports with

4,000 men aboard in the Tas-

man Sea between Australia and

The report had no confirma-

"A fierce explosion took place

on one of the transports which

sank immediately thereafter,"

the broadcast said. "The other

transport was gutted with fire

and sank in about an hour's

time. Part of the troops per-

**FACE SHUTDOWNS** 

May Result In Big Losses

In Tomato Crop

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 12.-(P)-

threatened shut-downs today for a

dozen canneries and enormous

WPA officials placed a state

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WEATHER

FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA-

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville on Sept. 12, at 8 a. m., 22.75 feet.

New Zealand.

**British Advance Toward** 

command said the drive had carried to the great bridge over the

The Vichy troops, mostly concen- War-Born Labor Shortage

70 MILES FROM GOAL

French Reports Claim 'En-

emy' Engaged With

'Very Heavy Losses'

By ALFRED E. WALL.

forces pushing inland from the Ma-

reported only 70 miles from Tana

narive today after a 130-mile ad-

vance, but French reports said

"the enemy" had been engaged

inflicted and that the going would

be tougher over 200 intervening

The "considerable progress" re-

ported by the first communique

from the British East African

Betsiboka river but that a concur-

rent overland advance from the

north had been slowed by the

French Make Stand

trated outside the capital, made

their stand at the confluence of the

Ikopa and Betsiboka rivers where

the Ikopa valley to reach Tana-

narive by the best route, the French said.

The first battle was joined

day and advanced swiftly with neg-

yesterday in the vicinity of Maeva-

British forces must turn up

barriers before the capital.

en route with "very heavy losses"

LONDON, Sept. 12-(AP)-British

PRICE FIVE CENTS

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Russians Forced Back Southwest Of Stalingrad Ticket Sales Are Holding Little Men From Mars Family Devotion Leads To Lifer's Undoing

# Other Lines Around City

Bitter Fighting Costs Germans At Least 10,000 In Past Few Days

DENT IS REVEALED

Germans Reported Hurled Back On Front Southeast Of Leningrad

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Sunday, Sept. 13.—(AP) he Russians have fallen back but elsewhere the Soviet legions nans at least 10,000 men killed be ore the city in the last few days. Another 5,000 German soldiers ave been killed or wounded in arp fighting on the Volkhov nt southeast of Leningrad, re the Germans were reported

The Russians revealed the first at since Friday in their positions in Stalingrad in the following siphrases in the midnight com-

Evacuate Locality

onthwest of Stalingrad tense ing took place with enemy as and mechanized troops. Soviet evacuated one inhabited

the greatest and undoubtedly bloodiest battle of this war runga landing on Madagascar were into its 19th day, the Russtopped the Germans on the al area west of the city, where Germans advanced in frontal sults last week until their war chine was halted Friday. Wave upon wave of German sol-

m - the Russians said against (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

### 600,000 AMERICAN TROOPS OVERSEAS north had been slowed by French destruction of bridges.

#### Patterson Tells Michigan Workers Force Will Be Doubled To Limit

MUSKEGON, Mich., Sept. 12.—(AP) Indersecretary of War Robert P. merson, making a flying tour tanana, some 90 miles down the Michigan war industries, told a road from Majunga, where the takering of war workers today that British made one of their three losses in Indiana's bumper tomato than 600,000 men of our armed major west coast landings Thurs. crop. ces now are overseas.

That force will be doubled and ligible opposition. abled and doubled to the limit of manpower until we defeat our heard at Port Louis on the British vice contracts, Army supply offi-

esident Roosevelt on Labor alle Patterson spoke, operations is holding out at Maevatanana." free war production plants here at a standstill with company alon officials disagreeing over ause of the walkout.

ere was no indication that Pathad knowledge of the shut-

in his address, paid tribute to Michigan industry.

A broadcast from Tananarive, mato production—to fill vast sercers started a speedy canvass of lles," he declared. "We will island of Mauritius East of Madaon to the finish and a victor- gascar, was less sanguine than the the situation. reports from Vichy, declaring the French "still were resisting" at wide list of workers at disposal disclosed that more than 500, 9:30 a. m. today and "at 3:30 p. m. of packers, many of whom were American troops were overseas.) a detachment of our troops still buying large advertisements in metropolitan newspapers appealing for workers and emphasizing a Many Barriers "The British will have to over- call for women "peelers." WPA

come some 200 barriers stretched aid thwarted shut-downs for at across their path between Maevatanana and Tananarive," the overheard communique said.

British commentators had expected the Vichy defenders to put up some resistance but official ad-

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# Unrationed Areas Asked

light asked motorists in und areas to place themselves ly under the same gasoand mileage rationing con-

aring that it would be sever-Weeks before coupon ration could be printed to carry lended by the Baruch com-Henderson cautioned that and every day that passes he cut is made we Americans asting one billion tire miles urnecessary driving

rationing plan, when placed in ef- Atlanta fect, would put the rest of the country on an equal footing with Checago -

### 20 Jap Planes Shot Down In Solomon Raids

Still Trying Unsuccessfully To Dislodge American Troops In Islands

**DESTROYERS ACTIVE** 

U. S. Dive Bombers Make Another Attack On Japanese On Gizo Isle

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-(AP)pilots, the Japanese are still trying unsuccessfully to dislodge the Amer ican forces in the Solomons, th Navy reported tonight, and losing better than one out of every fiv bombers they send over. The Japanese sent two waves o

26 bombers and one of 27 against the Guadalcanal installations of Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Of these 79 bombers 15 were de-Capital Of Madagascar stroyed along with five of the Zero fighters supposed to protect them bringing to 143 the number of air craft the Japanese have lost in the colomons fighting.

No Losses Reported Of the latest bag of 20, American fighter planes accounted for at least 6; whether the other four also were lowned by planes or by anti-aircraf fire was not specified. And if the Americans suffered any losses in these aerial combats, they were not reported.

The Japanese bomber losses of about 20 per cent on these raids two things to which Governor J the British in their big bomber Carolina's chief executive promraids on Germany and the vastly ised in an interview here yesterower losses of American flying fort resses. Only two of the fortresses have been lost since the big raids

egan in mid-August. While these futile air attacks were made by day, Japanese destroyers the United States positions "but no damage has resulted," the communique said.

On their own account, American their families. dive bombers made another attack vesterday on enemy installations on Gizo island, in the western part of New Georgia group of the Solomons. sinking a small ship and blasting buildings. The Americans had made a previous attack there Sept. 6.

Supplying Troops The communique also reported that the Japanese were supplying their troops still fighting in the in (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

#### An acute war-born labor shortage PERMANENT WEED CEILING PLANNED

With the Army depending on the Hoosier state-first in national to- Schedule Will Be Put Into Effect Soon To Replace Temporary Order

> WASHINGTON, Sept. 12-(A)-The Office of Price Administration said today that permanent obtain land for the site of the addiceiling prices would be placed on tion, next to the present hospital flue-cured leaf tobacco "shortly" plant, but members of the hosto replace the temporary order pital's board of governors have now in effect.

spokesmen that the present sys-ing. tem of allowing private buyers to

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Heavy Guard Is Placed Around Vichy Buildings

dawn and without any warning, roads into the city. soldiers and police manned machine guns at strategic points in 0.24 Vichy today and heavily guarded all government buildings and diplomatic hotels in mysterious maneuvers which authorities dismissed

as mere practice. Whatever the reason for the bristling of arms all over the city, it was noted that the guns were pointed at roads leading into Marshal

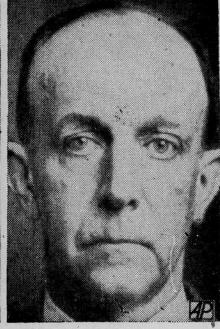
0.00 Petain's capital city. Up to 10:30 a. m. soldiers with full machine-gun equipment guarded the postoffice which also houses!

VICHY, Unoccupied France, the telephone exchange, the rail-Sept. 12 -(P) - Springing up at way stations, and bridges and the strikers have been given no- proposals that President Roosevelt by telling labor party members:

> Outside the city, from which Chief of State Petain was absent on a tour of the unoccupied area, soldiers were massed at strategic spots-heavily at the airfield.

There was popular speculation as to whether a serious internal difficulty was expected but authorities explained that it was practice to test a plan to cope with any possible disorders which might be directed against Petain's government or the town.





Mrs. Louise O'Brien sits in car with son, Jimmy, 9, as she awaits further word of her husband whose fingerprinting for a defense job led to his unmasking as Ormund Westgate, who escaped from Joliet prison 18 years ago while serving a life term. Westgate (right) took the name O'Brien and led a model life. He voluntarily submitted to fingerprinting in New York while seeking a better paying job due to his wife's illness. He was serving life on a robbery charge.

### Broughton To Study Housing Problem; Seeking Fayetteville Pipeline Project

Earle Dickinson Wins

**More Navy Decorations** 

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—(49)

The Navy cross with two gold stars, equivalent of three Navy

crosses-and an air medal for

heroism-have been awarded

Lieutenant Clarence Earle Dick-

The Navy said today that

Dickinson won his decorations

for four actions against the

Japanese in the Hawaiian, Mar-

shal and Midway islands. He

is the second man to win three

Navy crosses. The other was Lieutenant Noel A. M. Gayler

who received his awards a week

Dickinson, a native of Wil-

**Punished For Violation** 

Of Union Contract

their union contract.

STEEL STRIKERS

inson, Jr., 29.

PROMISES HELP

Will Also Give Attention To Pressing Need For Hospital Expansion

The critical shipworker housing shortage here and the pressing need for expansion of ton's present hospital facilities are with an average loss of Melville Broughton is going to give about five per cent suffered by his immediate attention, North

Climaxing an inland water trip from New Bern to Wilmington by his first full-dress inspection of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company, the governor said that he prowled off shore by night shelling talked to many workers on the job yesterday morning and that their only complaint was lack of suitable housing for themselves and for

Promises Aid

"Expansion of Wilmington's resent hospital space is very badly needed," Governor Broughton declared. He said that he intended to do everything in his power to expedite relief for both situa-

Granting of priorities for an 800 unit demountable unit shipworker project and for an 1,100-unit duration dormitory project for married and single workers, both being cuilt by the Federal government two projects and both are expected be available by December. However, shipyard officials have estimated that both projects are needed to take care of the present housing shortage and more Federal housing will be needed to take care of future increases in employ-

A Federal grant has been made tions were resumed late today course of the interview. for the construction of a three story addition to James Walker Memorial hospital and condemnation proceedings are underway to been unable, as yet, to obtain suit-OPA said it agreed with trade able priorities for the new build-

Sporting a coat of tan from a purchase flue-cured tobacco for two-day trip down the inland two separate periods beginning waterway from New Bern, Gover-

"This action represents a stifcompany and the union to work stoppages which interfere with war

production," the company spokesman said. He explained that a contract

Workers of America (CIO). Union

officials branded the walkout a

wildcat strike.

signed by the union and the steel corporation in Pittsburgh a week ago provided that workmen responsible for stoppages "may be suspended or dismissed." Ten of

grated, the spokesman said, that to direct negotiation apparently after being rebuffed in London." the strikers were able to halt has been closed by Prime Minister production entirely for about 20 Churchill's sharp criticism of the hours. The strike began at 4 p.m. congress disobedience campaign. vesterday.

proval of the union, manned the dia," the labor peer, Lord Strabolcranes to get the line going again. gi, said in an address at Basing-Regular operators were obtained stoke. for the shift beginning at 4 p.m. He took cognizance of Churchill's

ROUTE REVERSAL

Plan Would Serve To Relieve Gasoline Shortage In This Section

Broughton revealed here yesterday. county

mington, N. C., now is on duty oil fields of Texas via Charlotte to at the Corpus Christi, Tex., air Charlotte to Fayettsville

WOULD USE BARGE Gasoline barges which in times of peace haul the petroleum products from tankers here in Wilmington **ARE SUSPENDED** gas from the pipeline terminus in Further CHANGES tribution. Forty Who Halted Work

able," the governor declared. He said that he had conferred with Senator Josiah W. Bailey, chairman of the Senate's commerce committee under which pipelines come GARY, Ind., Sept. 12-(R)-Ap- several times on the subject.

proximately 40 workmen who halt-Loss of ocean-going tankers in the ed production at the Carnegie- Atlantic to Nazi submarines and cuilt by the Federal government ed production at the Carnegiesh the diversion of the remaining tank-here, has speeded up work on the Illinois steel plate mill by strik-ers to other routes has cut the ing last night were summarily movement of gasoline products suspended today for violation of through Wilmington to a trickle. The city once ranked as the leading day that their action on the tax The mill, largest of its kind oil port on the east coast.

Failure to utilize the inland water west of the Alleghenies, rolls 160- way for transportation of gasoline inch plate for the Navy and Mari- and other products was scored time commission. Normal opera- heavily by the governor in the "In our trip here along the water-

after the strikers, all cranemen, way from Morehead City, Friday, loaders or hookers, were replaced. a distance of some 95 miles, we saw A company spokesman who only one ship of any size." Goverwould not permit the use of his nor Broughton said.

"I was appalled to find that a name said the suspensions were thoroughfare which was designed men's union, the United Steel lttle used.'

The one vessel, however, was an oil barge, he said.

"I am going back and report that fening of the attitude of both the circumstances indicating the neg- it would raise \$7,100,000,000 more

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# To Be Opened Here Monday

Movie Actress Jane Wyman And Jinx Falkenburg Will Be Present

SLATED NEXT SUNDAY

Everyone Who Attends Will Be Required To Purchase \$500 Bond

Pre-sale reservations for the Stars Over America" here next Sunday at Cinema Actresses Jane Wyman and Jinx Falkenburg will be present, are being made at a rapid rate, Allen C. Ewing, chairman of War bond and ticket sales for the day, said yesterday.

Tickets for the event, which will be held in the Cape Fear country club at 2 p. m. will officially go on sale Monday at the city's banks building and loan associations and by special salesmen selected for

Prerequisite to the purchase of \$1.50 ticket is the purchase of a ninimum of a \$500 War Savings oond which retails for \$375 and Chairman Ewing said he was confident that many of the guests at the dinner would purchase bonds of even higher maturity value boosting the average "admission" to the luncheon to better than

Others Limited

Since Wilmington is the only southeastern North Carolina town at which the stars, now touring A reversal of the route by which the country under the sponsorship of the Treasury department, will oil and gasoline products flowed appear, an invitation to citizens from Wilmington to up-state locali- of surrounding towns and counties ties may serve to relieve southeast- to attend the dinner and the rally ern North Carolina's present gaso- which will follow in the auditorline shortage due to transportation difficulties, Governor J. Melville ton and Emsley Laney, city and The governor said that he was and by A. G. Grist, special War vorking on a project whereby the bond sales chairman for this month present pipeline into the state from | Residents of other counties can purchase tickets for the dinner Greensboro would be extended from through their county War Bond chairmen or in Wilmington, Chairman Ewing said, and added that he expected every one of the 200

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## "The method is quite practic- IN TAX BILL SEEN

Treasury Tells Senate Group Only \$830,000,-000 Added To Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.-(A)-Members of the Senate Finance committee, told by the treasury tobill had added only \$830,000,000 to the annual revenue provided by the house, indicated that they might consider further changes in the lev ies on individuals.

With a reopening of the tax sched ules which already have been tentatively adopted, sales tax advocates hoped to revive a levy of this type and there were indications that a modified version of the "pay as you go" plan might be considered.

Calling a meeting of the commit made with the approval of the for this sort of an emergency so George (D.Ga.) told reporters the bill still was open to last minute changes but would not predict whether any would be made. He said the treasury had estito Washington as one of the many mated that as the measure stood

### Indians Propose F.D.R. Mediate Their Problem

LONDON, Sept. 12-(P)-Indian | column might be working in India tice of their suspension "subject be invited to mediate the trouble- "I fear a repetition of what hapto dismissal," and the rest will some Indian problem found echo pened in Burma where important Work at the mill is so inte- in Britain today, now that the way elements turned to the Japanese

"We should swallow our pride Late this morning foremen and and invite the President of the other work supervisors, with ap- United States to arbitrate on In-

suggestion that a Japanese fifth

Lord Winster, another laborite.

spoke at Cardiff criticizing Churchill's statement, saying: "The time has long since gone

by to talk about India in the tone of a cavalry subaltern of the In line with other laborites, how-

ever, Lord Winster declared that

#### To Curtail Use Of Gas WASHINGTON, Sept. 12— (P) — His request followed other indi-Administrator Leon Hender- cations from OPA that the national Statio

how in force in the 17 east- the east as to the amount of gaso- Fort Worth he nation-wide gas rationing

line allowed motorists.

Easterners receive a basic ration of approximately four gallons Memphis weekly, with supplemental allowances for motoring deemed essential. The committee headed by New York \_\_ Bernard M. Baruch which investi- Richmond gated the rubber situation recom- st. Louis

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12—(P)—Weather Bureau reports of temperature and rain-fall for the 24 hours ending 8 p. m.: Kansas City

mended that motorists be curtail- Savannah

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