MOP UP NAZIS IN STALINGRAD;

IP BASE IN NEW GUINEA HARD HIT;

MADAGASCAR REFUSES PEACE TERMS

Willkie Meets Egyptian Premier During Tour



Enjoying a hearty laugh in Cairo, Egypt, is Wendell L. Willkie (left), personal epresentative of President Roosevelt, Mustapha Nahas Pasha (center), premier f Egypt, and Alexander Kirk, American minister to Egypt. The photo was made when Willkie called on the premier during his extensive tour of the Allied Nations. was released by the U.S. Office of War Information.

The R.A.F. And Axis Fight It Out for Mastery Of Egyptian Front

ish And German Planes

Lock In Battle

By DANIEL DE LUCE. WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN THE WESTERN DESERT, Sept.

17-(A)-Above Stuka Alley, where

you rubber-neck in a steel hat, the RAF and the Axis fought it out

ridge paid for in blood, between

the turquoise surf of the Mediter-

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U. S. May Take Action To

Keep Hired Help From

Leaving Agriculture

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 -(A)-

The farmer's hired man has be-

come such an important person

that Secretary of Agriculture Wickard hinted broadly today at

possible government action to pre-

vent him from dropping his chores

and going to the city to work in a

"If a patriotic appeal for men

then we will have to make some

in the industry for which they are

Meanwhile, the House Commit

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best trained," he said.

munitions plant.

trained men.

Egyptian front.

fantry not long ago.

TO GET TOGETHER

PB Creates Central Committee To Arrange For Semi-Weekly Meet

th "seeing to it that programs schedules for all phases of our

ar effort are met." are said, puts one top man in a over-run with Messerschmitts, vicinity." stion from which he can survey tinually the whole war production ture as related to the diversified eeds of the Army, the Air Force he Navy and the Maritime Com-

The twicea-week regular meet- FARMS NEED LABOR avail. ngs of the committee, supplement-d by extra sessions when needed, ill give Wilson a chance to talk ctly with responsible heads of e fighting forces and the Marime Commission and from them to et a constantly revised idea of the gent needs of each agency and

OTING IS **LIGHT** IN U. S. ELECTIONS

carcely More Than Third Registered Cast Ballots In Nation

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 - (AP) unofficial tabulation of 1942 other approach for people to stay mary voting in 35 states revealoday that scarcel more than third of those registered and ible actuall exercised the priege of casting their ballots. he total of those who voted was

937,426. The total of those who t have voted was 42,191,779. percentage of those who did 35 per cent ficials here who watch elec-

closel said several factors responsible. Voting always n a year in which there is presidential contest. The World demonstrated that in war the voters are apathetic. The the of acute issues in many

les contributed .

n addition millions of voters are lay from home—in the Army or lay from home—in the les long enough to be eligible

ong hours of work in the war tories, too, tend to keep voters

ay from the polls, although Don-Nelson, the director of war duction, announced that voting one of the few good excuses

Sunrise 5:57a; sunset 6:15p; moonrise

NORTH CAROLINA — Continued warm today.

WEATHER

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
Meteorological data for the 24 hours
ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday:
Temperature:
1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m.
92; 7:30 p. m. 82; maximum 94; minimum
73; mean 84; normal 73.
Humidity:
1:30 a. m. 89; 7:30 a. m. 91; 1:30 p. m.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayette-ville on Thursday, at 8 a. m., 9.75

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S. WAR LEADERS | Above 'Stuka Alley' Brit- | MAN LEAVES RAFT ON LONG ISLAND

Coast Guard Fires On Unidentified Person After Discovery; Escapes

again today for mastery of the NEW YORK, Sept. 18.-(AP)-A You're on El Rumweisat, the Coast Guard patrol fired on a mandiscovered on a Long Island beach ranean and the hot, bleak wastes last night, but a search of the viof the Qattara depression. You crouch inside a small circular wall usual of rocks piled up by the Italian in Navy reported today.

The site of the encounter You stare across no-man's-land on a south shore beach near Westat Marshal Rommel's outposts and hampton, approximately 25 miles count his armor rumbling to new from the spot where four Nazi sabohavens from the dusty north-south teurs came ashore from a submarine track and try to keep tab on the at Amagansett beach two months whirling dogfights in the bleached ago.

Weary and licking their wounds and the Eastern Sea Frontier reafter their assault on British warships at Tobruk early in the week, upon the small raft at about 10 the Nazi Stukas have temporarily p. m., Eastern War Time, and that deserted the battlegrounds bearing the patrol reported seeing a "prow The committee, another WPB their nickname. But the skies are ler running along the beach in that

"A shot was fired in an unsuccess ful attempt to halt the prowler,' the announcement added.

WICKARD ASSERTS Subsequently an Army beach pa trol, police and other coast guardssearched the beach without

Throughout the morning a wide spread search was conducted by military, federal and municipal authorities over most of Eastern Long Island. Motorists were stopped and asked to identify themselves and trains of the Long Island railroad were boarded by authorities.

While there was no official comment, an inspection of the poorly

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SENATOR OBJECTS TO PAYROLL TAX

Agriculture can't compete with industry in payment of wages, Wickard said, but it is vital that Vandenberg Wants Deducthe nation's farms be manned with tion To Remain At Two Per Cent to stay on the farm won't work,

WASHINGTON, Sept 17. - (P) -Objecting to the use of Social Security funds to help pay for the order for war bonds. Senator Vandenburg (R-Mich) introduced a resolution in the Senate today to keep the pay- Rotary and Kiwanis clubs on preroll tax at two per cent, divided vious days, was aided in the sale equally between employer and em-

The tax bill will be doubled automatically next January 1, unless Vandenberg's amendment to the 1939 law is adopted, and he said the Treasury intended to ask a further increase to 5 per cent

each on employer and employee. For the fiscal year ending last June, Vandenberg said, receipts from the tax amounted to \$972,-000,000, while payments were only \$141,000,000, so that an increased tax "obviously is not necessary to meet current old age obligations." He estimated the reserve of \$3,-227,000,000 at six times the total anticipated benefit payments during the next five fiscal years, or

mended by Secretary of Treasury Morgenthau in 1939. The reasons for the proposed increase, the senator said, "have nothing to do with social security or old age payments," but with "a further so-called attack upon infla-

thirty times the maximum recom-

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WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1942

ALLIES DAMAGE

ENEMY SHIPPING

Start Large Fires In Fuel

Dumps At Big In-

vasion Base

NEAR PORT MORESBY

Nipponese Troops Only 32

Airline Miles From

Vital City

GEN. MacARTHUR'S

HEADQUARTERS, Austra-

lia, Friday, Sept. 18.—(A)-

Allie planes pumped 35,000

rounds of cannon and ma-

chine gun fire into the Jap-

anese invasion base of Buna

in New Guinea to destroy or

damage at least 15 barges and

for 25 miles, a communique

The destructive fighter

ward Port Moresby, occurred

while Allied ground troops

were locked in "sporadic

Allies Attack New Britain

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County Recorder's Court

of scrap metal collected by

recorder's court during the

past eight years will be turned

over to the war scrap metal

drive soon by order of H. Win-

field Smith, solicitor of the

Most of the metal has been

used as exhibits in cases tried by the court and has not been

claimed by individuals or cor-

It will be donated to the

Boys' Brigade club, which is

now engaged in the collection

of scrap metal for the war ef-

porations, Mr. Smith said.

said today.

Moresby.

Japanese pressure.



General MacArthur's headquar been appointed commander of the Allied air forces in the southwest start fuel dump fires visible Pacific. He succeeds Lieut. Gen. George Brett, who returned to the U. S. recently. (Central Press)

plane attack on Bune, which feeds the overland drive to-

gle troops at Ioribaiwa, only Trucks Available 32 air line miles from Port For Collections

Allie planes also made attacks WASHINGTON, Sept. 17- (AP) on Japanese bases in New Britain, on apartment of the Solomons where Hampered at every turn by trans-U. S. Marines apparently still were portation problems, the national U. S. Marines apparently still were holding their own despite heavy scrap salvage drive got a welcome boost from the War Department In a night attack on the big New today, in the shape of orders mak-

Secretary Stimson announced ber 10. pick up junk as far as facilities be on the road to Tananarive, the To Give Several Hundred fering with normal Art fering with normal Army duties. Pounds To Scrap Drive only in areas adjacent to Army camps and stations and cannot be BRITISH VESSEL

Until the War Department acted, newspapers assisting in the salvage campaign, together with the 12,000 local salvage committees established by the War Production Disclosure Brings Total At-Board, were forced to rely on such WPA equipment as might be available, county or municipal trucks or vehicles volunteered by private

In many instances, scrap coiled tions have been threatened with failure because of the shortage of trucks needed to pick up and de- dium-sized British merchantman in alligned with the Axis as a partner. liver junk to salvage depots.

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Lions Pledge \$77,000 In Bonds At Luncheon told how one of the seamen risk-ed his life to save a shipmate

The Lions club rang the bell yesterday when members subscribed for \$77,425 worth of war bonds.

Lest any person of the doubting Thomas type entertain a belief in the validity of these pledges in this intensive campaign for sales the directors of the crusade explained that every dollar in the growing total of subscriptions represented an actual, factual, signed

Fred Willetts, acting again as auctioneer as he did before the Ewing. The response, all agreed, more than met their expectations, and commented that if the Exchange club still to hold auctions keeps up the re which has quickened with each auction, Wilmington civic or ranization will lead ticket.

The Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, pastor of the First Baptist church, introduced by the Rev. James Lawson, addressed the and on the minister's life among "-- -- ople. Leo Williams, manager of the

Tom McAnn Shoe store, was inrecently released by the Navy to ing school, and spending his brief at 2 o'clock since the two stars, vacation in Wilmington, was a guest of the club.

Yesterday's meeting celebrated 100 per cent attendance day and marked the beginning of a new attendance contest which will cover thirty-two weeks. Wick Twining

FOR BOND DINNER

among civic clubs in Wilmington, 175 Of 200 Seats Are around the injured man and the Bought For 'Stars Over America' Campaign

Only 25 tickets for the "Stars Over America" war bond dinner here Sunday afternoon remain unby Mosely Fonvielle and Allen sold, Allen C. Ewing, chairman of the ticket committee said yesterday. Persons who have purchased war bonds of \$500 maturity value or more are eligible to attend, he said, upon payment of \$1.50 per person for the dinner

> Remarks by an Army and a Marine general together with pep talks promoting the sale of war bonds by two movie stars will be the feature of the program to be presented at the dinner at the Cane Fear Country Club. They are Major C-

Marine Base. The affair will begin promptly

Jane Wyman and John Payne must be at the war bond rally at the New Hanover high school by 3:30 letter to the chairmen of Senate o'clock. The program will be obened by which are at work on price and

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Pacific Air Chief | FRENCH TO RESIST TO EXTREME LIMIT

Vichy Says Peace Terms Appear To Be Unacceptable

STRUGGLE CONTINUES

English Believed Advancing Toward Capital Of Island

LONDON, Sept. 17 .-- (AP)-Surrender terms laid down by the British have been rejected by the outnumbered Vichy French defenders of Madagascar and they have decided to fight "to the exters, Maj. Gen. George Kenney of the U. S. Army Air Force has treme limit," Vichy announced today.

The day after the colonial governor General Armand Annet had, on his own responsibility, requested the British for terms to halt the MYSTERY BLIMPS fighting, Vichy broadcast a IN SCRAP DRIVE communique saying the British stipulations "appear to be unacceptable to such an exfighting" with Japanese juneven consider them.

Struggle To Continue "All measures are being taken to continue the struggle despite the disproportion in forces and means, the radio continued.

The British, meanwhile, were be

that the trucks could be used to The principal fight appeared to by Bulgarian police. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 8)

SUNK BY U-BOAT

lantic Sinkings To 417 Since December

By The Associated Press The submarine-siking of a methe Caribbean late last month was Paul C. Cabot, deputy director disclosed by the Navy yesterday boosting to 471 the Associated Press count of announced Western Atlantic ship losses since America's entry into the war.

Ten survivors of the steamer. who arrived at an East Coast port, whose arm had been crushed by a piece of timber just after the tor-

Unable to use his arm to don a lifejacket, Able-Bodied Seaman Robert Mathews turned to his boynood chum, Frank Hughes, for

Hughes put his own lifejacket two jumped into the water. Hughes held Matthews' head above water to keep him from drowning until, an hour, later rescuers arrived. A U. S. naval vessel picked up survivors, including Hughes and his friend, but Matthews died

Meanwhile, London stated that a Reuters dispatch from Stockholm yesterday quoted 'reliable Norwegian reports, that 24 German-operaed vessels were blasted to the

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Reports On Pacific HUNDREDS KILLED

Main Conflict Still Rages CLOSE FIGHTING SEEN

Pictured is Rear Admiral Wm. H. P. Blandy, who has just returned from an extensive 20, 000-mile inspection tour of naval the balance of striking power in the western Pacific. This is an

GO OVER HUNGARY

official U. S. Navy photo.

Explosive Laden Balloons Reported Over Axis Partner In Europe

LONDON, Sept. 17-(A)-Mysterlieved continuing their advance to- ious balloons laden with explosives ward Tananarive, inland capital of were reported over Hungary tothe island, which began when the night while the Sofia radio shoulted trated were repulsed. Royal Navy and the Royal Air an air raid warning and suddenly Britain base of Rabaul "our heavy ing Army trucks and personnel bombers raided enemy installations available for scrap collection.

Force attacked three key points on went off the air in the midst of a Madagascar's west coast Septem-sudden crisis between Bulgaria and Russia over a consulate raid

The Budapest radio officially munique said: would permit and without inter- capital, 230 miles southeast of warned Hungarians of a large numor whether they were causing dam- ficers and men.

Sofia announcer broke off in the inantfry and destroyed eight tanks. niddle of a sentence to shout:

"Air raid warning. Bulgarians. Bulgarinans keep calm."

The little Balkan country never has declared war against its old friend Russia, but is definitely Claim Russians Putting Up The Moscow radio reported that Bulgarian police raided the Soviet consulate in the Black Sea port of Varna last Tuesday. The announcement said a number of outrages was committed, including the robbery of consulate funds. The Soviet minister in Sofia has

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Another Large Convoy Of U. S. Troops Lands

LONDON, Friday, Sept. 18—(A)—The Daily Mail said today that another large contingent of U. S. troops, including hundreds of Army technical experts some Air Force personnel, and anti-aircraft and transport units, have arrived in Bri-

The troops, whose arrival date was not given, were said to have had "a fast peaceful" Atlantic crossing, esc ted by British and American warships and RAF flying boots in

F. R. Moves To Stop Farm Parity Formula Increase

Frederic high-ranking aides swung into ac- istrator Leon Henderson also ex ducted into membership. Bob H. Smith, commanding officer at tion today to block a movement in Mathews, a former member of the Camp Davis and Brigadier Gen-congress to boost the farm parity formula. This formula, which would Moving against "black market" Mathews, a former member of the eral Hal Turnage of the New River formula — a movement which the include farm labor costs in the gasoline transactions, the Office of President warned would destroy all possibility of stabilizing the cost of living.

his "unalterable opposition" in a and House Banking committees. the invocation by the Rev. Walter wage control legislation in response Freed. The guests of honor will to his demand for action by October 1 against inflation.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- (P) - | Soon afterward Secretary of Agri President Roosevelt and two of his culture Wickard and Price Adminpressed opposition to the new parity parity index for the first time and Price Administration announced tothus raise the index is embodied in day that henceforth it would be legislation offered by Rep. Steagall illegal for a person to possess a The Chief Executive made known (D-Ala), prominent in the farm bloc. ration book not issued to him, or

At a press conference, Wickard said it "would tend to increase the cost of living and raise to some extent the whole price level of the

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BY SOVIET ARMY

ESTABLISHED 1867.

Northwest Of City Of Stalingrad

Germans And Russians Are Locked In Hand To Hand Battling

MOSCOW, Friday, Sept. 18. -(P) - Bayonet - wielding Russian troops wiped out hundreds of German shock troops who smashed into Stalingrad's streets yesterday, and the main conflict still rages on the northwestern outskirts installations in the Pacific. He of the city where thousands declare that U. S. forces now hold of Nazis have fallen, the Soviets announced early today.

Both Russians and Germans were fighting in cellars and on housetops on the fringes of the city, press dispatches said.

The repulse of the Nazi oreak into the city itself was related thus by the communi-

Penetrate Into Streets "During the night single detachments of Hitlerites were able to penetrate into some of the streets. "Street fighting resulted which developed into hand-to-hand en-

all detachments which had pene-"The Germans left behind hundreds of dead and damaged trucks

counters. Toward the end of the day

and tanks." Continuing the story of the epic struggle for Stalingrad, the com-

"Within two days one of our units ber of enemy balloons floating over destroyed 54 German tanks, 21 guns, and 12 motor vehicles. The was given to explain their origin wiped out about 1,500 enemy of-

"On another sector our guards-Almost in the same hour the men routed a battalion of enemy

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Then his station immediately STALINGRAD'S FATE Bulgaria has had air raid warnings in recent days but no raids. SEALED, SAY NAZIS

'Suicide' Fight With Invaders

BERLIN (from German Broadcasts), Sept. 17-(P)-Soviet soldiers in Stalingrad are putting up "suicide" fight against the Germans who have driven a wedge through the city to the banks of the Volga, a Transocean News Agency report said today

The German agency sa'd the Red Army still left in the city of Stalin Safe At British Port was "offering fanatical resistance in small and large groups which military quarters in Berlin characterize as suicide."

"Stalingrad has ceased to be a solid block of resistance," it added, and parts of the city are "under complete control" of the Nazis. Earlier, the high command dismissed the Stalingrad fight with this one sentence: "the battle for the fortified city of Stalingrad is progressing without interruption. The Germans said they had changed their tactics to a fight for every road, every house and every stronghold in the city.

The radio reports said heavy, three-inch field howitzers, shellthrowers and anti-aircraft artillery as well as armored infantry and sappers were leading the German troops into the city step by step. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 8)

OPA Tightens Regulation On Ration Book Holders

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 .- (AP) to the use of which he is not en-

A specific exemption to the amendment permits a person finding a lost book to return it to a local rationing board without violat-