

Senate Kills Poll Tax Bill By 33 To 41

Pepper Admits Measure Is Dead For This Session At Least

CLOTURE MOVE DENIED Two-Thirds Vote Lacking For Proposal To Limit Debate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—(P)—The Senate buried the poll tax bill today with a vote of 37 to 41 against limiting debate on the measure which had been filibustered since Nov. 13 by southern opponents. The proposal to limit debate needed a two-thirds vote but failed to win even a simple majority.

The bill, which would ban the payment of state poll taxes as a requirement for voting for Federal offices, technically went back to the Senate calendar but its author, Senator Pepper (D-Fla.), acknowledged that it was dead for this session.

THREE GOOD WAYS TO SPOIL COFFEE

FDR, LaGuardia And Poor Old Uncle Sam Offer Poor Recipes

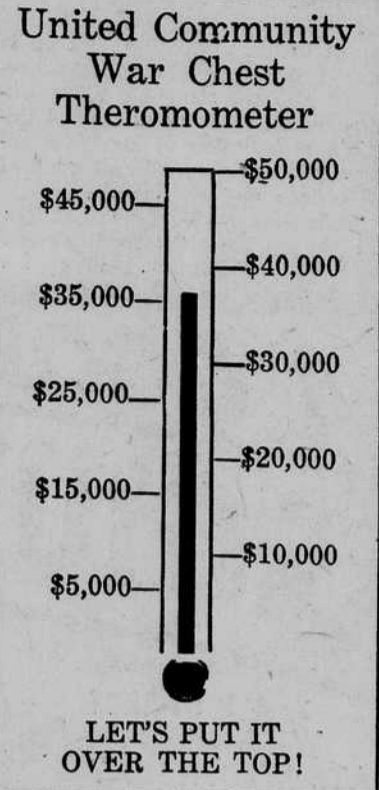
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt revealed today that the President (along with Mayor LaGuardia of New York and Uncle Sam) "considers himself something of an expert in coffee-making" and she gave his recipe on how to stretch out rationed coffee.

The First Lady laughingly told her press conference that she didn't know whether her husband's idea was a good one "because I don't care whether I get coffee, tea or just hot water."

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina—continued rather clear Tuesday except cooler extreme east portion. Occasional rain and drizzle.

GOING UP!



CHEST CAMPAIGN IS NEARING GOAL

Tonight's Dinner Expected To Carry Drive Safely Over The Top

The second report meeting of the United Community and War Chest drive gave promise of breaking all previous fund raising efforts in Wilmington, when the grand total reached \$39,014.47 last night.

The report made last night was \$1,231.25, with \$10,000 in subscriptions from the shipyard, topping the list. Adding this to the total for the first night, brought the figure within close range of the \$50,000 goal originally set for the drive.

Clean-up in Sight Determined workers left the meeting last night and will attempt to reach the entire quota through collections today. Harriss Newman, chairman of the campaign, stated "we should forget our objective of \$50,000.00 and make a determined effort to oversubscribe this quota as much as possible."

Union Thanksgiving Plans Are Completed The Union Thanksgiving service will be held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Fifth Avenue Methodist church.

Bellamy's Resignation As Mayor Is Accepted

The city council unanimously accepted the resignation of Hargrove Bellamy as mayor, at a meeting held yesterday morning.

The council's resolution accepting Bellamy's resignation expressed regret at the loss of the mayor to the armed forces.

Japs Drive Farther Back In Solomons

Marines And Army Forces Pressing Westward On Guadalcanal

OPPOSITION STUBBORN Enemy Air Attack Weakens As U. S. Fighters, Bombers Strike

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—(P)—Pushing steadily westward despite heavy enemy opposition, American Marines are slowly driving the Japanese back toward the northern tip of Guadalcanal Island in the Solomons, the Navy reported today.

Fighting and bombing planes also are joining in the attack intended to sweep the enemy back to the Japanese beach-head, and ultimately to force them from the island which can control shipping lanes to Australia and New Guinea.

Air Force Hard Hit Lack of mention of either enemy planes or surface craft in the Navy's short communique today was regarded as an indication that the available Japanese air force may have been damaged so severely that only ground action is practicable pending repairs or replacements.

The last aerial attack by the enemy was 11 days ago when 31 bombers and Zero fighters roared down on surface craft off Guadalcanal. Navy fighting planes sped to meet the assault, aided by deadly fire of anti-aircraft guns. Only one enemy plane escaped.

British Vessel Sunk By Sub In Caribbean

AN EAST COAST PORT, Nov. 23.—(P)—An enemy submarine, attacking at night with torpedo and shellfire, sank a medium-sized British merchant ship in the Caribbean west of the Matanika river, approximately five miles from Henderson air field, prize of the battle. Two days ago the Navy said Army and Marine corps troops had fought their way west of Point Cruz, on the southwestern coast just beyond the river.

Oil Industry Said To Desire Increase In Crude Prices; Given Consideration

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—Congress, already involved in a controversy over nationwide gasoline rationing, heard today that the petroleum industry wants a general increase in crude prices—which determine the cost of gasoline for the consumer.

VICHY'S WEST AFRICA, WITH DAKAR, TAKEN UNDER CONTROL BY DARLAN AS RUSSIANS SMASH NAZIS ON DON

ENEMY LOSS 50,000

Two-Pronged Offensive Drives Germans Back In South Sectors

BERLIN ADMITS GAP

Stalingrad Pressure Eased As Hitler Sends Reinforcements To Tunis

MOSCOW, Tuesday, Nov. 24.—(P)—Russian troops in their great new winter offensive have smashed across the Don river to a point approximately 100 miles northwest of Stalingrad in a great double-flanking movement that now has cost the Germans 50,000 casualties and threatens to exterminate thousands of other Nazi soldiers stalled near the Volga river to the east, it was announced officially today.

A special communique—the second in two days—said that the town of Chernyshevskaya, well inside the Don river loop, had been taken in a 12-mile continuing advance. This Red army column apparently was the same that had occupied Serafimovich on the north side of the Don river loop, and was striking southward to link up with other Red army units now penetrating on the lower side of the Don river.

12-Mile Advance This southern Red army in its effort to close a great pincer on the Nazi besiegers of Stalingrad also made a 12-mile advance during yesterday. Having occupied Abganerova, 40 miles southwest of Stalingrad, to cut a Nazi railroad supply line, they also took Aksai, a point 10 miles farther south, and other villages.

To date the Russians said their four or five day offensive had cost the Germans this toll: 26,000 dead, including 12,000 in Monday's operations alone. 24,000 prisoners, including 11,000 taken on Monday.

In addition the special communique listed this booty taken: 556 German guns, 826 trucks, 1,200 railway cars, 2,625 machine-guns, 3 planes in working order, 35 tanks in full working order.

"A large quantity of other weapons and military supplies has not yet been counted," the special announcement said. "We destroyed 70 planes, 157 tanks, and 186 guns."

(The huge Russian drive, apparently timed to coincide with German difficulties caused by the dispatch of reinforcements to Tunisia and southern Europe after the Allied invasion of north Africa, had Berlin worried, a study of German radio outpourings disclosed.)

The regular midnight Soviet communique indicated that the Germans already were in difficulties at Stalingrad itself because of the punishing Soviet flanking blows, above and below the city.

Rickenbacker's Smile Just Won't Come Off



Here it is, still going strong after three harrowing weeks afloat on a rubber raft, as he rides away in a jeep, only a few hours after his rescue, for soup and ice cream with Col. Robert L. Griffin, Jr., at the wheel. Below he's being helped ashore. That's him in the center.



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RICKENBACKER NEVER LOST HOPE

American Ace Pilot Believed His Party Would Be Rescued

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 23.—(P)—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, survivor of many close brushes with death, never doubted for a moment during his three weeks on a tiny rubber raft in the South Pacific that he and his companions would be rescued.

Municipal Ownership Plan For Tide Water Proposed

Mayor Hargrove Bellamy recommended the purchase and operation of the Tide Water Power company by either the city of Wilmington or an association com-

Anzacs Enter Gona; U. S. Troops Drive Near Buna

Certificates Given Civilian Defense Corps Graduates

More than 1,000 people were present last night for the Civilian Defense meeting held in New Hanover High school, at which time certificates were given to those who have finished the prescribed course and are entitled to membership in the Civilian Defense Corps of Wilmington.

T. T. Hamilton, principal of New Hanover High school, presided at the meeting and W. B. Campbell, city attorney, made the principal address.

Anti-Hoarding Order Limits Food Deliveries

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)—In an order designed to minimize consumer hoarding, the War Production board limited today deliveries by wholesalers to their customers of canned fruits, vegetables and fruit and vegetable juices.

BLOODSHED SPARED

Hull Announces Martinique Settlement, Leaving Occupation Out

LAVAL FORMS CORPS

Large French Naval Force In Harbor; Status Still To Be Determined

LONDON, Nov. 23.—(P)—All French West Africa, including the strategic naval base of Dakar, has come under the orders of Admiral Jean Darlan, the admiral declared tonight, indicating that Dakar, for two years a potential dagger pointed at the Western Hemisphere, had fallen to the Allies without bloodshed.

Admiral Darlan, the former French defense chief who led all North Africa into the Allied camp three days after the British-American expedition of Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had set foot in Vichy territory, made the announcement from the Algiers radio and it was rebroadcast from Marshal Petain's capital.

Petain tonight countered Darlan's move with a special radio broadcast beamed at French West Africa in which the aged marshal called upon French soldiers, sailors and aviators to resist "if you are attacked," adding: "Whatever happens you must faithfully carry out my orders."

Not Free to Speak Petain, who, according to Darlan, is not free to speak his mind, thus reiterated his broadcast of four days ago when he denounced Darlan and Gen. Henri Giraud for aiding the Allies and directed French troops not to obey Giraud but to resist the Anglo-Saxon aggression.

The German radio, meanwhile, announced that Fernand de Brinon, Vichy ambassador to Paris, said

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(P)

The Army announced today that the concentration of British and United States troops in the Tunisian area was continuing with minor contacts with enemy forces, while allied fighters carrying out offensive sweeps over the area destroyed nine additional enemy planes.

Pierre Laval, Vichy chief of government, was forming a "volunteer corps" to be known as "The African Falange," to fight against the Allies in North Africa.

"Applications may be made throughout France and members of the French armistice army will be admitted," de Brinon was quoted as saying.

A French volunteer group is ready to leave for Africa "in defense of the French empire," de Brinon added.

The announcement was made as the Allies rapidly forced the issue in Tunisia and Libya, the only remaining territory in the continent of Africa which is not under the United Nations colors or neutral.

The British First Army, with its American components, and the pro-Allied French, were reported to have launched a heavy and perhaps general attack on the perimeter of Axis defenses outside Tunis and Bizerte in the northern tip of Tunisia, while fighting off German and Italian attempts to infiltrate through the Allied lines from both north and south in an apparent effort to establish a connection with the hard-driven Afri-

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