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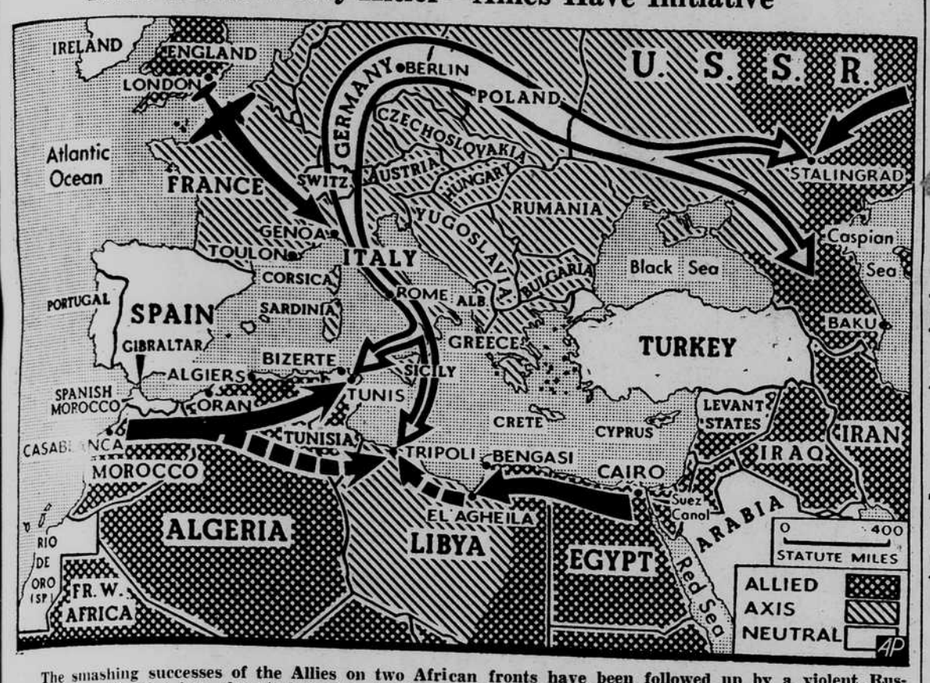
More Fronts Worry Hitler—Allies Have Initiative



The smashing successes of the Allies on two African fronts have been followed up by a violent Russian counter-offensive into the vital flanks of Germans besieging Stalingrad. Meanwhile, Red armies in the Caucasus, guarding the gateway to the Baku oil fields, also have inflicted reverses on the Nazis. In north Africa, the British Eighth army continued to push Rommel's retreaters back toward El Agheila, determined to call the bluff that Rommel would make a stand in that marshy area. American, British and pro-Allied French forces hammered at the Tunis-Bizerte defense arc of the Axis and sought to cut a path toward Tripoli in order to close in on the rear of Rommel's remnants. There was air action on all those fronts. The most punishing was the pounding of Italy's industrial and shipping centers by the RAF in long sweeps across the continent. The boundaries of European countries on this map represent their territorial domains before the war.

NAZI GRIP ON STALINGRAD WEAKENS; AFRICAN WAR SPREADS OVER TUNISIA; JAPS YIELD GROUND ON GUADALCANAL

NEW SECTOR OPENS

Allied Parachutists Break Up Enemy Armored Column In Deep South

TO BE HARD OFFENSIVE

Allied Spokesman Declares Fight To Be Longer Than Expected

LONDON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The African second front fighting spread over almost all Tunisia today and blazed fiercest on a new sector in the deep south of the French protectorate where Allied parachutists broke up an Axis troop train.

Previous operations in the south had been reported as mere skirmishes between infiltrating Germans and French outposts fighting on the Allied side.

Cautious moves for position and the outbursts in the south followed an Allied spokesman's comment that "the fight for Tunisia is going to be tough and longer than might be expected."

Repulse Nazi Columns

An Allied communique announced that parachutists had repulsed the mechanized column operating in the south and captured prisoners.

The train under attack of American fighter planes had an aerial escort, from which four Axis planes were shot down in dogfights.

No American planes were reported missing from these operations or the continuing bombings of Tunis and Bizerte.

"Local engagements" were fought over the greater part of Tunisia, said reports from Allied headquarters in north Africa, and an American-French force fought off a German "advance screen"

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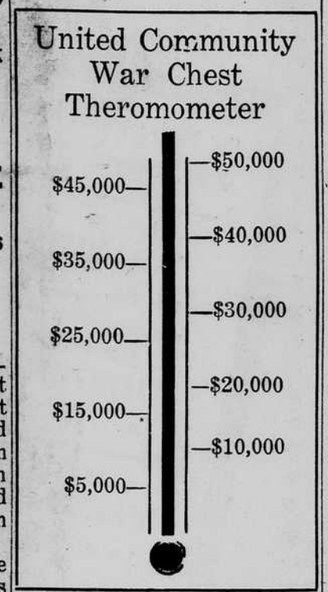
'Over The Top'

United Community War Chest Theromometer



WAR CHEST DRIVE GOES OVER QUOTA

$51,819.98 Turned In As Figure Reached Four Days Ahead Of Time

The United Community and War Chest drive went over the top of its original quota, when reports last night brought the figure to $51,819.98.

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company turned in another $10,000 report, and the objective was reached four days ahead of schedule.

The final victory dinner is set for tonight, and Chairman Harriss Newman urged committeemen to contact all remaining firms not yet reported, and bring in all final reports tonight.

Mr. Newman said "we should make every effort to bring the total to $100.000. We expct every firm to report their entire subscriptions tonight and we are looking for the greatest single report for any one day."

All workers are invited to attend the final dinner, together with members of all agency boards included in the Chest campaign.

Reports last night gave the Women's Sales Army $339.72, the Men's Sales Army, $513 and the unit account division, $11,918.79.

The Atlantic Coast Line's report on Monday night brought that group's report up to $3,470, but W. H. Henderson, chairman of the railroad's campaign, smiled as he made the report. Pressed for further information, he explained 'we will make our final report Wednesday night, but I will say that we are pleased with the fine response given the Chest in our organization. I hope Wilmington will double the goal, and that should be the objective from here on."

The report made Monday 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.

Determined workers left the meeting Monday night to reach th entire quota through collections yesterday.

Tabulated results of Monday night's report gave the Women Sales Army $118.75; Men's Sales Army $1089; Wrightsville Beach $55.50; initial gifts, $218.00 pub-

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FOE IS ISOLATED

Vigilant Patrols Make It Unlikely That Jap Reinforcements Are Landed

CONTINUE WITH DRIVE

American Forces Advance Slightly West Of Matinikau River Near Airport

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Apparently isolated by a tight blockade, Japanese on the island of Guadalcanal are yielding ground to slowly advancing American troops whose ultimate aim is to drive the foe into the sea, the Navy disclosed today.

Vigilant day and night patrols, presumably by aircraft and naval vessels, have made it "very unlikely" that the enemy has been able to get reinforcements ashore, Secretary of the Navy Knox said at a press conference.

A short time later, a communique said that on November 23 "United States forces continued limited advances west of the Matinikau river." This stream lies west of Henderson airfield, vital point in the American positions.

Japanese Active

Japanese in mountains southwest of the field have been active, the communique disclosed, but it was not known whether they were seeking to flank the American forces driving westward.

On the night of November 22-23, "United States aircraft attacked enemy positions," the communique stated, without giving details.

Before he great naval battle a fortnight ago, the Japanese were landing reinforcements on the island almost every other night. Cruiser - destroyer groups would come close to the beaches and feed in forces of up to 900 men.

But now it "is possible but not probable," that the Japanese are able to get reinforcements ashore, Knox said, "because rigid United States patrols are working day and night."

The naval secretary also indicated a belief that Japnese troops to the westwrd of the American positions have been virtually cut off from the remainder of their

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Killed In Action

Shown above is Lieut. (j.g.) Douglas Wiley Gillette, son of Col. and Mrs. George Gillette, formerly of Wilmington, who was "killed in action in the performance of his duties and the service of his country" in the Pacific area recently. He was born here and attended the University of North Carolina and Georgetown university before enrolling at the Naval academy. After three years at the academy, a long illness prevented his finishing his studies there. Following his recovery, he completed his schooling at Northwestern university. Upon his graduation in June of 1941 he was called into active duty in September of the same year. Col. Gillette is now located in Boston, where he is U. S. Army district engineer.

REDS ADVANCING

Kill 15,000 More Germans And Capture 12,000 In Great Winter Drive

IN PANICKY RETREAT

Many Wounded Are Freezing To Death On Frozen Steppes Of Russia

MOSCOW, Wednesday, Nov. 25. — (AP) — The three-months-old Nazi grip on Stalingrad was weakening today as a swiftly advancing Red army killed 15,000 more Germans yesterday and captured 12,000, including three divisional generals, in a great winter offensive rolling so fast that some Nazi units were cut down from behind in panicky retreat.

Russian official announcements raised the toll of Nazis to 77,000 dead and captured, not counting huge numbers of wounded who apparently are freezing to death on the frozen steppes as did other German units last winter in the rout from Moscow.

The Red army's effort to encircle the entire Nazi army stalemated before Stalingrad, estimated at 300,000, clearly was gaining in power. Two communiques told of vast stocks of war equipment falling to the Red army tide, of at least one enemy airdrome being seized so swiftly that scores of German planes were unable to take to the air.

Gain Inside City

Inside Stalingrad ftself the Russians in front assaults also were gaining against Nazi detachments whose rear communications have been slashed by Russian flanking armies sweeping across the Don river far to the west.

The regular midnight communique said 900 Germans were killed and dozens of enemy blockhouses occupied in a slow but steady advance inside Stalingrad, while in the Caucasus Red army units cut down additional hundreds of Nazis

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City Set To Observe First War Time Thanksgiving Since 1917

The Rev. Freed Speaks To Rotary Club On Thanksgiving At Luncheon

Pointing out that the people of America have much for which to be thankful, the Rev. Walter B. Freed, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, addressed the Rotary club yesterday on Thanksgiving.

Salient points of his talk follow:

"We in America have much for which to be thankful. We are thankful that we are a free nation. We are thankful for our army, our navy, our air and marine corps. We are thankful for the bountiful harvest of the field. We ought to be thankful for the African campaign, and the fact that at a long last Dakar is on our side. We could continue with a long recital of what we as a people are thankful for this year.

"But there is something less popular for which we as individuals and as a nation ought to be thankful. We ought to thank God for hardships and for adversities, for through them we may become strong, sweet, and compassionate.

"It is for every American, this year, man, women and child to make his way to his church, synagogue, cathedral and there with bowed head to thank Almighty God for the saving grace of the hard places in life."

Following the adddress, Mrs. Will Henderson, Jr., and Mrs. Charles King, introduced by Allen Ewing, offered War bonds for sale as a part of the city's observance of "Women At War Week."

Visitors were J. Q. LeGrand and E. Mial Dewey of Wilmington and R. K. Kennedy of St. Louis. President Eugene Edwards presided.

Christmas Mailing Service Will Begin

A Christmas mailing and wrapping service will be set up at the Chamber of Commerce office Monday, Secretary F. O. Fockler said yesterday.

Only packages which are to be mailed will be wrapped.

A postal clerk will be on hand to accept all packages for mailing. The service is free to the public.

WOMEN OFFICERS

ASHEVILLE, Nov. 24—(AP)—Nine Asheville women today began training as city traffic officers, Police Chief C. W. Dermio announced. He said they would be placed on active duty December 1.

BRUNSWICK GIRL CHRISTENS SHIP

Miss Eva Margaret Hewett Sponsors S. S. Paul Hamilton Hayne Here

The Paul Hamilton Hayne, 43rd Liberty freighter to near completion at the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here and the second ship to be launched within the past four days, went down the ways into the Cape Fear river at 12:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Named for a South Carolina poet the 10,000-ton vessel was christened by Miss Eva Margaret Hewett of Supply, daughter of Sidney Hewett, assistant foreman of the rigger's department at the yards here.

Her maids of honor were Miss Frances Hill of Shallotte, and Miss Lou Ellen Hewett of Supply.

Paul Hamilton Hayne was born in Charleston, South Carolina on January 1. 1830.

He was the only child of a naval officer, who died at sea when Paul was an infant, so that Gov. Hayne stood very much in the place of a father to his nephew, superintending his education, and always guiding him by his counsel. The family had independent means, so that young Hayne had every advantage of education that his native city could offer. Under the eye of his mother, a woman of rare character, and the guardianship of his uncle, he was thoroughly educated and was graduated at the College of South Carolina with distinction at an early age.

He studied law and entered on its practice, but from his earliest years the bent of his mind had been toward literature. As a mere child, he had pored over Froissart's "Chronicles", the old dramatists, Shakespeare, and the earlier poests. His study of the literature of the Elizabethan age never ceased, and probably no man in the United Sttes was more saturated with its spirit than he.

As a consequence of this taste he gave up the practice of law and addressed himself wholly to literary life. When only twenty - three years of age he edited "Russell's Magazine", a southern literary periodical, and afterward the "Charleston Literary Gazette"; and with his friends, William Gilmore

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Public Holiday To Be Celebrated Here In Unity With Rest Of Nation

Tomorrow, Wilmington will observe its first war-time Thanksgiving since 1917. While the war has separated many families, and transportation presents its own special problem this year, there will be the same united atmosphere which has been the American custom for so many years.

Civilians of Wilmington will observe the day quietly; and if the traditional turkey does not appear on the family dinner table, the housewife has probably learned that a hen will serve her purpose as well, during wartime.

Most Wilmington business houses will be closed for the day. Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad announced last night that the offices would be closed in observance of the day. Wilbur Dosher, postmaster, announced that the parcel post window in the postoffice will be open from 10 o'clock until 1 o'clock in the afternoon; the registry, C. O. D., and general delivery windows will be open from 11 o'clock until 12 o'clock; and all other windows will be closed. There will be no delivery by carrier, tomorrow, Mr. Dosher announced.

Soldiers and Marines from the near-by camps, who do not have the day off, will find that Uncle Sam feeds his boys exceedingly well on Thanksgiving day, as turkey and all the 'trimmings' head the Army menus.

Wilmington churches are planning special Thanksgiving day services for Thursday, with special sermons and choir music as features.

The programs for some of these special servics are:

At the Church of the Covenant, services will begin at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. "Thanksgiving in the face of adversity" will lbe the title of the message by the minister. Thanksgiving day music will be rendered by the church choir, and an offering for the Presbyterian orphans' home at Barium Spring will be taken.

At St. John's Episcopal church, there will be two services. Holy Communion will be taken at 8 o'clock, with the sermon at 10 o'clock. The offering will go to Thompson orphanage at Charlotte.

Trinity Methodist church will hold its services at 8 o'clock, at which time Holy Community will be taken, and at 11 o'clock, the worship service will begin.

The First Presbyterian church will hold a brief special service

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ALCOA LITIGATION IS PIGEON-HOLED

Four Of Supreme Court Justices Rule Selves Ineligible In Trust Suit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The anti-trust suit brought by the Justice Department against the Aluminhm Company of America has been pigeon-holed by the Supreme Court because four justices have disqualified themselves from acting on the controversy and hence the required quorum of six justices is not available.

This highly unusual situation was made known today in letters to the Justice Department and the aluminum company saying the court was unable to act because Chief Justice Stone and Associate Justices Reed, Murphy and Jackson considered themselves ineligible.

Since the case was not dismissed, court attaches said it would remain on the docket pending further action. There is no limit, it was said, on the length of time it can stay before the tribunal.

Meanwhile, a lower court decision in favor of the aluminum company will remain in effect. This was de-

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FAMOUS AUTHOR HELD BY POLICE

Jan Valtin (Richard Krebs) Arrested On Warrant For Deportation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Richard Julius Herman Krebs, whose sensational book on his experiences as an agent of the Russian and German secret police was a best seller, has been taken into custody on a warrant ordering his deportation to Germany.

His apprehension near Bethel, Conn., was announced today by Attorney General Biddle, who approved the deportation order based on alleged violations of the 1917 and 1924 immigration acts. Krebs, who wrote "Out Of The Night" under the name Jan Valtin, is accused of illgally entering the country after once having been arrested and deported and after committing a crime (perjury) involving moral turpitude.

The author had been at liberty in $5,000 bond pending a decision by the immigration board of appeals on his appeal from the deportation proceedings. The board voted unanimously for the deportation order or the ground that Krebs had had been a person of good moral book described in great detail his years and that he was otherwise deportable.

Since he can not be deported to Germany until after the war, it was assumed he would be interned as an enemy alien. Krebs is a native of Darmstadt, Germany, and is 37 years old.

He once declared he was "the comintern's chief trouble maker on the water front of Europe" and his book described in great detaeil his work as an agent of the Russian O. G. P. U. and the German Gestapo.

Krebs testified before the immigration appeals board that he led a life "of conspiracy and violence" as a member of the communist party in Germany from 1923 to 1937. The communists, he said, sent him to America as an agent of the Russian secret police to stir

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BRITISH HOUND AXIS IN LIBYA

Getting Set For Another Punch At El Agheila's Defenses Soon

CAIRO, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The British Eighth Army hounded the remnants of the fleeing Axis desert army beyond the native Libyan village of Agedabia today and poised another punch to throw at El Aghelia's defenses, where the Germans were believed gathering all their available strength to hold the pursuit off Tripoli.

(In London British military sources expressed the belief that there would be a three or four-day lull in the desert, pointing out that Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery is not likely to make any half-prepared lunge at the Germans. Some time is required to bring up guns

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HOUSE COMMITTEE FLAYS SHIPYARDS

Demands Cancellation Of One Contract; Urges Stop To 'Exorbitant Profit'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—In a double-barreled action, the House Merchant Marine committee today demanded cancellation of one shipyard's contract for alleged inefficiency and urged steps to forestall "exorbitant profits" in other parts of the nation's ship-building program.

After an investigation of the affairs of the South Portland (Me.) shipyard, which has a contract with the Maritime commission to build Liberty cargo ships, the committee in a report filed with the House recommended termination of the contract on grounds of "incompetence, inefficiency and obvious inability to perform its contract duties."

The second report urged the Maritime commission to "tighten up" its standard contract form to curb profits. This report was drafted by a subcommittee head-

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NOTICE!

If your carrier fails to leave your copy of the Wilmington Morning Star, Phone 3311 before 9:00 a. m. and one will be sent to you by special messenger.

Nation-Wide Gas Ration Must Begin, Says Jeffers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—Nationwide gasoline rationing as a rubber conservation measure must be put into effect on December 1 as scheduled, William M. Jeffers, Federal rubber administrator, declared today.

The nation, he told a House interstate subcommittee, owes it to its armed forces and to the eUnited States not to "take chances" on a rubber shortage interfering with the war effort.

Earlier the committee heard petroleum Coordinator Harold L. Ickes disclose plans for construction of a new pipeline to carry 200,000 barrels of oil daily from the southwest into the fuel-starved Atlantic seaboard.

Both Jeffers and one of his aides, L. D. Tompkins, warned that the present stockpile of crude rubber would reach the danger point next year, but foresaw brighter prospects for 1944 when Tompkins estimated production of all types of synthetic rubber would reach 800,000 tons, 200,000 above normal peacetime needs.

The blunt-spoken Jeffers conceded that there were ample supplies of gasoline in states outside the east, but added:

"Obviously, a car will burn up as much rubber in Oklahoma, for example, as it will in Maine."

"Our problem is to keep the cars running," he said. "When a car

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WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Colder and much colder in east portion.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m.

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 66; 7:30 a. m. 65; 1:30 p. m. 62; 7:30 p. m. 52. Maximum 65; minimum 52; mean 58; normal 54.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 100; 7:30 a. m. 96; 1:30 p. m. 61; 7:30 p. m. 76.

Precipitation

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.62 inches. Total since the first of the month, 0.72 inches.

Sunrise, 6:54 a. m.; sunset, 5:04 p. m.; moonrise 7:35 p. m.; moonset, 9:20 a. m.

Cape Fear River stage at Fayetteville on Tuesday at 8 a. m., 9.81 feet.

TODAY'S TIDES
(All Times Eastern Standard)

	High	Low
Wilmington	11:26a	6:04a
	11:42p	6.43a
Masonboro Inlet	8:55a	2.43a
	9:16p	3.19p
Moore's Inlet	9.00t	2.48p
	9:21p	3 24p
New Topsail Inlet	9:05a	2:53a
(Elmore's)	9:26p	3:29p

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3 Condemned To Death For Helping Saboteur

CHICAGO, Nov. 24. —(AP)— Three men were condemned to death and their wives were sentenced to long prison terms for the high crime of treason today, by a young jurist who regarded their punishment as a stern warning against aiding the nation's enemies.

The three middle-aged couples, natives of Germany who became naturalized Americans, were pale, tight-lipped and tense while Federal Judge William J. Campbel decared they had committed "the most iniquitous offense on the unholy list of crimes," and pronounced their penalties.

He directed that the men be executed January 22 in the electric chair, and ordered that the women be imprisoned for 25 years and pay fines of $10,000 each.

The prisoners were convicted of treason by a jury November 14 for sheltering and assisting Herbert Haupt, one of the eight Nazi saboteurs who were smuggled into this country by U-boats last June. They are Haupt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Max Haupt; his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Froehling; and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Richard Wergin.

Tears of women spectators heightened the drama of the proceedings—second instance of the imposition of the death sentence for treason in the United States in 148 years—but the rapt audi-

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Fighting French Leaders Discuss Dakar Situation

LONDON, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The national committee of fighting France met here today, apparently to discuss the situation arising from yesterday's announcement by Admiral Jean Darlan, former Vichy second-in-command now cooperating with the Allies, that all French west Africa had placed itself under his command.

General Georges Catroux, fighting French commissioner for the Far East, and former commander of the French 19th army in Algeria, who arrived yesterday, attended the meeting.

While Allied quarters in Africa continued officially to regard the reported change in allegiance of Dakar and the rest of French west Africa as "purely a French matter," sources familiar with the situation believed the big force of French fighting men there were eager to join the Allies in their battle against the Germans and Italians.

Informed quarters in London said approximately 60,000 French troops and sailors were stationed at Dakar, and described them as "in better condition" than any other forces in the French empire.

The Dakar radio quoted Governor-General Pierre Boisson of French west Africa as saying that that territory "will remain com-

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