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### Allies Seize **Mountain Tops** AroundNaples

Airmen Take Toll Of Germans Attempting To Flee From Corsica

PRISOMERS CAPTURED

More French Troops Land On Corsica And Cooperate With Allies

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORH AFRICA, Sept. 22-(Delayhe smoke-filled plain of Naples, ee by plane from Corsica to It-

American Fifth army its onslaught day and night against the strong German ntain defense line. The total of Nazi prisoners taken since Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces landed at Salerno rose to well over

Slow Progress lied attackers, who sweated up steep hillsides with mules carry-

either trucks nor tanks could But the soldiers who toiled on,

ng guns and ammunition where

defensive advantages he now pos- of the goal. Nineteen big Junkers-52 trans-

heavily-laden transports were quota.

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### F. W. BELL QUITS **DEFENSE POSITION**

#### Plans To Return To Post With Large Tobacco Company In Turkey

fense council has accepted the of Mrs. J. Carl Seymour. resignation of its coordinator, Monday for Washington and New York to complete plans to return \$164,250. Turkey, after an absence of two Walker

of the larger tobacco companies

Gertrude Bell in Oleander. Mr. Bell has served as a volun- worth of bonds, as follows: leer in the New Hanover County Defense corps, having held the \$24,700. ollowing positions: controller of Civilian Defense Corps, Feb. 1 to 200.

er of the corps, May 1, 1942 to Mrs. Henry Emory, Zone 2, \$11,- American and Australian drive Army communique said.

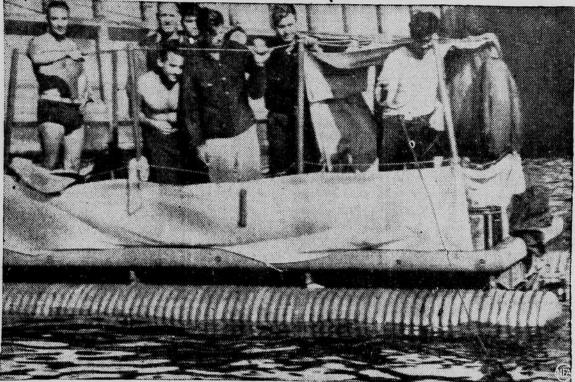
**WEATHER** 

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Mrs. Leslie Boney, \$3,925.

Mrs. E. C. Hicks, Jr., Zone 1, cruisers and 13 or 14 destroyers command escorted by Spitfires. NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CARO-LINA AND GEORGIA: Moderate tem-perature Sunday and Sunday evening.

"MAROONED" UNTIL OREGON & EACHES BOND QUOTA



seven men in the photo above don't know how Oregon's Third War Bond drive is going, but it's going well. Set adrift in a lifeboat, 65 feet out in the Willamette River to publicize the state's \$104,000,000 goal, they vowed to remain "at sea" until the quota was achieved. They're pictured as, on their fifth day as "castaways," one of them tries to catch some fish to supplement

### Third War Loan Drive Reaches \$5,000,000 Here MOSCOW MEETING

SHORT OF GOAL

The going was slow for the At- Canvass Of Business Establishments Will Get Under Way Tomorrow

The huge thermometer in front ooting out German strongholds as of the postoffice charting the of looking down from the mountain tops today on low country campaign moved up to \$5,000,000 where the enemy will lose the Saturday and was \$1,053,000 short

Admitting that New Hanover port planes carrying German per- county is "getting behind" the sonnel from Corsica to the main- drive in the last days of its run, land were shot down yesterday officials of the War Finance comby Allied fighter squadrons, which mittee disclosed that \$500,000 worth d downed at least seven such of war bonds were purchased at the close of the week bringing the At least a dozen more of the total figure comfortably near the

damaged in the past two days as Representatives of the War bond RAF Beaufighters kept up a vigi- committee will start Monday a canvass of Wilmington Lusiness houses to solicit the purchase of 7-8 per cent certificates of indebtedness, and Series C Tax Notes, in a last minute effort to boost the thermometer to the top. Letters asking the aid of local business men have been mailed to them by the War Finance com-

One Booth Open

Only War bond booth to be open this week will be headquarters in the Tide Water building. It will operated Monday through Thursday by the American Legion The New Hanover County De- Auxiliary, under the supervision The campaign conducted among

ranklin W. Bell, who will leave trades and profession has resulted in reports already tabulated to Reports were made as to his executive position with a follows: L. A. Raney, automobile large tobacco firm in Istanbul, dealers and employes, \$49,900; 26 (Sunday) -(P)— The Japanese agents, \$62,350; and B. F. Suther- ing recent weeks of the Allied of-

The investments in government Solomons. securities solicited by the Women's

with his sisters, Misses Mary and John Hoggard, co-chairman. Block messengers were respon-With the consent of his company, sible for purchases of \$91,668.25 have been reported on two Japa- was announced tonight.

Mrs. A. M. Alderman, Zone 5,

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### N. C. Bond Purchases

Total \$110,000,000

WINSTON-SALEM, Sept. 25. -(AP)-North Carolina citizens have bought \$110,000,000 worth of Third Loan securities, or 76 per cent of the of \$145,000,000, State War Bond Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach of Winston-Salem

announced tonight. Leinbach said reports from local chairmen showed that 27 counties had exceeded their goals and approximately an equal number were near the 100 per cent mark. He did not the counties which have gone over the top.

The state chairman indicated that the total amount of bonds actually sold may be even larger than the announced total since a rush in bond-buying by individuals had swamped issuing agents and resulted in delays in getting orders into the hands of federal reserve banks for tabulating and crediting to the respective counties.

### NIPPONESE NAVY **PULLS IN HORNS**

No Mention Made Of Sinking Of Japanese Craft Since August 7

THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. Taylor, fire insurance navy nas pulled in its horns dur-Bell has represented one land, fertilizer industry, \$53,000. fensive in New Guinea and the

He arrived in America in Septem- division of the War Finance com- dominated the area, have become Longuenesse airfield at St. Omer ber, 1941, for his usual vacation mittee to date amounts to \$298,- so scarce that no mention of the in northern France today and Brit-237.95, it was announced by Mrs. sinking of any of them has been ish planes attacked rail and water

ust 7. Herbert Codington and first month of the twin-pronged joint British air ministry-U. S.

which started last June 30.

## HULL MAY ATTEND

New Ambassador May Accompany American Delegation To Red Capital

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.-(P)conference on American-British Secretary of State Cordell Hull,

after a meeting with Ambassador William H. Standley and Presi-

a new ambassador would accom- signment. took leave of the Soviet capital aid. a few days ago.

W. Averell Harriman, lend-lease expediter at London, is expected war mobilization chief, who was to succeed Standley. He attended reported as having been a mainthe conference with Hull and spring in the new administration Standley which the secretary in shake-up, said the transfer of

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### **AMERICANS RAID** ST. OMER FIELD

Water Transport Targets In France

LONDON, Sept. 25-(P)-Ameri-Enemy warships, which once can Marauder bombers blasted the 

nese destroyers but both were well Allied Spitfires escorted the U. Mrs. Jas. K. Paul, Forest Hills, back of protecting bases in New S. Eighth Air Force bombers on

> The supply vessel sunk off Den American warships and air- Helder was hit by a torpedo from planes sank five or six enemy an RAF Beaufighter of the coastal during July at a cost of one cruiser | More than a dozen locomotives and two destroyers. During the and several barges were damag-

F. D. R. Asks Nation To Note 'Victory

### F. R. Names SPEARHEADS CRACKING Stettinius To GREAT DNIEPER RIVER Welles' Post FRONT AT SIX PLACES leo Crowley Heads New

Office Of Foreign Economic Administration

**LEHMAN APPOINTED** 

Named Special Assistant To Make Plans For Relief Meet Nov. 9

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 .- (F)resident Roosevelt, in a threeay move to bolster his foreign policy and foreign economic adyear-old Chicago-born Edward R. tettinius, Jr., as undersecretary of state to succeed the Sumner Welles, who resigned.

At the same time, he grouped all foreign economic activities of the government, except those under Nelson Rockefeller's Office of nter-American Affairs, under an other Midwesterner, 53-year-old Leo T. Crowley of Wisconsin.

THIRD STEP

The third step was the appoint ment of former Governor Herbert Lehman of New York as special assistant to the President to perfect plans for the Nov. 9 meeting of United Nations on relief, the President said Lehman will be urged by this government to be-come director of the international relief set-up.

In announcing Welles' resigna-Soviet war and post-war collabor- tion, which had been reported unation appeared increasingly likely officially for several weeks, the tonight to bring attendance of be relieved because of his wife's health. Reports of differences be-While Hull informed reporters tween Welles and Hull, however,

have been current. Mr. Roosevelt expressed "sindent Roosevelt that neither he nor cere regret" at Welles' departure THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunthe government had reached the and said the New York-born dip- day, Sept. 26.—(R)—Gen. Douglas question of whether he would go lomat career man had served the MacArthur announced today that to Moscow, some of the secretary's State Department and this gov. Australian troops have fought tion" for many years. Welles was their way against Japanese oppoassociates termed his presence ernment with "unfailing devo-It also appeared possible that not mentioned for any new as-

pany the American delegation, Stettinius, as the new No. 2 enemy air and supply depot base his post without returning. De-moves over from the lend-lease of Finschhafen, New Guinea. termined to get out of diplomacy, administration where as adminthe admiral said goodbye to For- istrator he has supervised the firmly established and the Aussies

ELEVATION

Associates of James F. Byrnes,

(Continued on Page Two; Col. 2) back a strong enemy formation.

### JAILED UAW CHIEF ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN British Attack Rail And ORDERED RELEASED

CIO Official Found In Contempt Of Court By Judge In Texas

AUSTIN. Tex., Sept. 25.- (AP) --

vented his return. While in this Bereniece Stellings, chairman, and the Country he has made his home Mrs. David Murchison and Mrs. eral Douglas MacArthur since AugFrance and Belgium and sank a of the Texas supreme court toprogress south of the river has medium sized supply vessel off night granted a writ of habeas cor been slowed up by difficult coun-During September bomb hits Den Helder in north Holland, it pus for the release of R. J. Thotry as well as the enemy oppomas, president of the United Auto- sition. mas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), from TraThe communique reported air"the interpretation of the 'seniorand the Soviet army can continue

Gardner in 53rd district court and New Ireland, four-engined reconassessed three days in jail and naissance planes sank a 2,000 ton steep of the left flank will be protected by the pri-

order preventing the union officials determined. from soliciting membership in a union without a license as required by Texas law. Following his rulng on the contempt issue the jurist Fleet Day' By Purchasing More Bonds made permanent restraining order. made permanent the temporary

Thomas addressed a labor rally in Pelly Thursday night, in defiance

#### Germany Features Peace Talk In Propaganda Drive Soviet Forces Are Pressing eler from the Mediterranean

LONDON, Sept. 25.—(AP)— While the breath of military disaster blew cold upon their necks in Russia today, the Germans went to work on another propaganda campaign featuring peace rumors from Many quarters.

Highlighting the Nazi-inspired web of rumor was the report from neutral Spain that the satellite Rumanians had sent representatives to Turkey to negotiate an armistice with the Allies. The main purpose of the

weekend campaign appeared to be to frighten the Allies into the belief that some sort of Nazi peace with Soviet Russia was possible.

A report that Germany itself was thriwing out peace feelers "in every direction" was brought to London by a trav-

The London Daily Express, under the heading "Goebbels Starts New Peace Lie," reported that the Germans had begun to whisper in the Balkans that they were withdrawing from Russia by agreement with the Soviet government.

Having withdrawn to a short line between Russia and Poland-so ran this German story-Hitler would be in favorable position to talk peace with Premier Stalin and draw 2,000,000 men out of the east to confront the Allies in the west and south. This was described here as

"sheer fantasy." There was not a single bit of information suggesting the existence of any

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### Australian Troops Near Japs' Finschhafen Base patch from Moscow said Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky's troops

SET UP BEACHHEAD

#### Outnumbered Lightnings Turn Back Strong Enemy Air Formation

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN in three quarters of a mile of the

The south shore beachhead was eign Commissar Molotov when he spending of billions for Allied war drove steadily toward the town, which is on the Huon peninsula only 75 miles from Japan's strategic island of New Britain. Ene-

my resistance was bitter. Turn Back Planes

The Japanese airforce, which lost more than 40 planes last Wed-Stettinius to the State Department nesday trying to break up the Auswas considered an elevation of a tralians in their amphibious landloyal administration worker who ings six miles north of Finschhafstands in well with Congress and en, tried to hamper the drive but outnumbered Lightnings turned

"Our ground forces in the face of enemy opposition effected a crossing of the Bumi river and are driving south towards the town," today's communique said.

ered by 30 fighters approaching to attack our ground troops. The enemy planes were forced to jetti- resulting from a labor dispute. son their bombs harmlessly before reaching the target. One enemy night between unions and the tance, has been liberated from the fighter was shot down and anoth-

two fighters."

force action against Japanese ship-

Judge Gardner declared there vessels were bombed in the North ed as an "outsider," as superint-

#### America Suffers 3,497 Casualties At Salerno

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 .-(AP)-The War department reported today that American casualties at Salerno up to and including September 15 totalled 3,497 killed, wounded and missing.

The announcement noted that this period includes "September 14, the date of the German announcement that 8,000 to 10,000 American soldiers had been killed" and "an equal number captured."

The period covered by the report includes the time during which the Germans made their counter-attacks on the Allied beachheads.

On September forces took the initiative.

## FLORIDA SHIPYARD

Disagreement Over Employment Of Wilmington Man Reported Settled

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 25. Nazi stronghold on Friday. —(P)—Full scale operations were By the end of the day the whole "Four fighters intercepted a resumed today at the St. Johns northern part of the city had been force of nine enemy bombers cov- River Shipbuilding Company yards cleared of the enemy. This mornafter a three-day work stoppage ing the city was carried by as-

er probably destroyed. We lost managements resulted in more Germans," than 95 per cent of the 15,000 men This air action occurred Friday and women workers reporting back the northern flank of the Dnieper

> time Commission. A statement issued by the ma-

Justice Alexander said hearing in Thomas' case had been set for Oct. 20.

Henry C. Cassidy, Associated playment of J. R. Haunton of Willight that the cabled t agreement." attacked and three medium cargo mington, N. C., whom they describwas no question that Thomas had Solomons area but these were endent of shipwrights, was the battered with beaten German troops violated a temporary restraining night actions and results were not sis of the disagreement. No wage and broken machines.

### Report On Rail Workers' Raise Plea Given To F. R.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 .- (P)- | transportation brotherhoods in sup- arms.

Sunrise 6:03 a. m.: Sunset. 6:04 p. m.: Sunset. 6:04 p. m.: Sunset. 6:04 p. m.: Moonday's observance will be carbon of our United Nations will never without any interruption for the fighters are 1: L. Sharf-man of Detroit said he would seek man, head of the economics departing and and money that the fighters of our United Nations will never without any interruption tory fleet day. That would be a state suppose court.

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### **AIMING AT ORSHA**

Along Famous Moscow-Minsk Highway

MOSCOW CELEBRATES Most Important Enemy Center Of Resistance Freed From Nazis

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 26 (AP)—Soviet columns pounded on past captured Smolensk, the Red army's greatest 1943 victory, in pursuit of the fleeing Germans, Moscow dispatches said today, as some reports said Russian spearheads had cracked the great Dnieper river line at a half dozen points from Smolensk

to tottering Kiev. An Associated Press diswhich battered down the last German defenses of Smolensk and Roslavl, 66 miles to the south, pressed on immediately along the Moscow-Minsk highway which Napoleon travelled in and out of Rus-

They were aiming now at Orsha, 65 miles beyond the fallen central front bastion, and also at Vitebsk on the highway to Latvia. At Vitebsk, 75 miles northwest of Smolensk the Germans have erected powerful defenses around the Vitebsk lakes.

Moscow Celebrates

Moscow shook with the thunder of 224 guns saluting in the victory and crowds cheered the broadcast of Premier Marshal Joseph Stalin's order of the day calling Smolensk "the most important strategic center of German defenses in the

western direction." A brilliant display of fireworks lit up the chilly streets of the capital as crowds shouted "Smo-

lensk is Soviet.' The Moscow communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor, said Sokolovsky's troops dislodged the Germans from the fortifications covering the approaches to Smolensk and then broke into the northern outskirts of the once vital

An agreement reached late last important enemy center of resis-"In this way Smolensk, the most

go carriers for the U. S. Mari-pected to hold as an east wall deep in Russia.

24,700.

Mrs. E. L. White, Oleander, \$24.
One and New Britain. This continue the St. Omer raid which was accomplished without the loss of a count today by Judge J. Harris for enemy vessels near Kavieng, and the Soviet army can continue ity and the Soviet army can cont

the Soviet union, was reported lit-

The communique also announced continuing Soviet advances northwest of Smolensk where 60 towns and villages were captured and over 600 Germans killed. A break in German morale in this area was indicated when 65 Germans came over to the Red Army with their

headed the board which brought did not make clear, however, whe-

## (Eastern Standard Time) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (decrological data for the 24 hours ing 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature 30 a. m., 57; 7:30 a. m., 55; 1:30 m., 70; 7:30 p. m., 66, Maximum 72; ilmum 52; Mean 62; Normal 71.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—(P)— transportation brotherhoods in support of their request, which in the support of their request, which in support of their request, which in the support of their request, which in the support of their request, which in the support of the temport of their request, which in the support of the temport of the temport of their request, which in the support of the temport o

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Monday's observance will be care of our United Nations will never

As Thomas was escorted to the Indications were the report and the report to the White House, ther the west bank had been reachcounty jail Attorney Ernest Good- recommendations would not be Other members are I: L. Sharf- ed and held. The capture of Smo-