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Axis Transport Planes Downed

JAPS CONCENTRATE ABOVE AUSTRALIA

THIS FORTRESS GOT BACK AGAIN

WHILE ON A BOMBING MISSION over Europe, Lieut. H. E. Miller, of Ridgeland, S. C., saw a Nazi fighter take a hole in the tail of the Flying Fortress in front of him. When the damaged plane got back to England, Lieut. Miller, who stands six-feet-four, posed in the hole beside the Fort's pilot, Lieut. Donald Stockton, of Redmond, Oregon. This is an official U. S. Army Air Force photo. (International)

MacArthur's Airmen Raid Ten Bases

Violent Three-Day Pounding Fails To Halt Massing Of Nipponese Forces

(By The Associated Press)

General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that allied warplanes pounded at least ten Japanese bases in sweeps over the islands above Australia, but the enemy continued to mass warships and merchant vessels in the vicinity of Kavieng despite a violent three-day pounding.

Seven enemy warships and five cargo vessels had previously been sunk or severely damaged in the Kavieng raids. Reconnaissance yesterday, however, disclosed that the enemy had returned to the area. A light Japanese cruiser, probably one of those hit Sunday, was reported wrecked on the beach.

Meanwhile, General MacArthur's far ranging bombers struck in a threefold assault on the Japanese base at Buka Island, at the northern tip of the Solomons, and attacked enemy targets at Solomon; Timika Bay, in Dutch New Guinea, and several other Japanese bases in northern New Guinea.

Allied airmen said they also scored near misses with 500-pound bombs on a 4,000-ton Japanese cargo ship at Seeker Bay, in Dutch New Guinea.

On the Burma front, British headquarters said RAF heavy bombers dropped 1,000-pound bombs on the central railway station at Japanese-occupied Rangoon, setting fires visible for 60 miles, while RAF Hurricanes broke up a raid by more than 50

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'BLACK MARKET' SCALE CHARGED ON NATIONWIDE

Indictments Returned In New Jersey Allege Conspiracy by Seven Firms, Eleven Men

Newark, N. J., April 6—(AP)—New Jersey headquarters of the office of price administration announced today seven midwest and New Jersey corporations and eleven individuals had been indicted on charges of conspiracy to violate on a nationwide scale federal regulations governing meat prices and quotas.

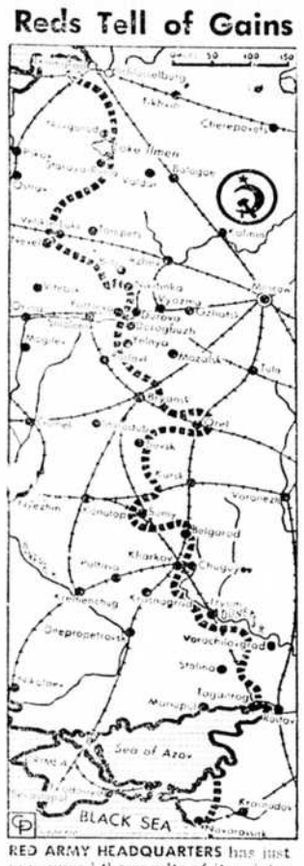
Nathan L. Jacobs, chief attorney for the state OPA headquarters, said the indictments were returned by a federal grand jury here last Tuesday and impounded since then.

The government charges the defendants were responsible for selling into New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut more than 1,000,000 pounds of "black market beef and veal" between December 16 and January 31.

Health Week Girl

PULCHRITUDINOUS Pat Fitzgerald, a Powers model, has been chosen as the Swim for Health Week Girl for 1943. Pat, who used to have her own program over one of the large radio stations, will soon be devoting her time to an audience of one. She's going to marry Ensign Charles Bance. (International)

Reds Tell of Gains



RED ARMY HEADQUARTERS has just announced the results of its winter offensive along the battlefront from Leningrad to the Black Sea. A good part of the 185,000 square miles of territory regained from the Nazis is shown on the map. The Nazis, according to the report, have suffered 1,193,525 casualties—over 850,000 killed. (International)

Yanks Score In Greatest Air Battle

Eighteen Big German Air Transports, 13 Other Planes Downed Off Tunisian Coast

(By The Associated Press)

Cannon-flaming U. S. fighter planes have sent 18 big nazi air transports crashing into the sea and knocked down 13 other enemy planes off the coast of Tunisia in one of the greatest air battles ever seen in the north African theatre, dispatches from allied headquarters declared today.

In addition, United Nations airmen blew up an axis destroyer and caused fiery destruction among ships of a convoy en route to the Tunisian front.

American fliers pounced on the huge fighter-escorted armada of German Junkers transports over the Sicilian straits, and in a 25-minute battle sent plane after plane spinning into the sea.

Pilots said planes which burst from the transports when they hit the water indicated they were carrying gasoline needed by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's tanks and air force.

In the skies, a communique from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters said, allied warplanes meanwhile kept up their battle assault on axis airdromes, shipping, railways, troop concentrations and other targets. Allied fliers, 48 axis planes were destroyed, and twelve allied planes were lost.

The London admiralty announced that light British warships prowling off the Tunisian coast sank an axis supply ship and probably sank another in an attack on a strongly escorted three-ship convoy ferrying vital war materials to Rommel's army.

The admiralty said the attack took the enemy by surprise and created panic and confusion and when the British forces withdrew, the axis vessels were firing wildly on every other.

A Moscow broadcast, heard in London, said Finnish troops operating with Lieutenant General Von Leeb's German first army in northwest Russia had captured a village 19 miles west of Malyarkhlaya in a drive for controlling the German-held rail line at Bologoye.

The Red Star said eight army artillery units, having driven "their teeth" into the enemy defense lines, and destroyed the strongpoints of Bolshoi Selo, indicated that "an attack against Bologoye from the north will now not be very long in coming."

The connected case of the axis broadcasts, in citing an object lesson in modern warfare, charged that the Germans were preparing the German people for more bad news on the eastern front in north Africa.

General Eisenhower's command announced that allied patrols were active in all sectors of the 250-mile battle line last night and there was no change of important in land.

On the Russian front, Adolf Hitler's long and bitter struggle for the oil riches of the Caucasus appeared to be nearing its end today as the Red armies scored new gains against the last German footholds along the Black sea.

The Russian command said big Soviet guns were now blasting a major center in German possession and had already smashed out more than 60 nazi firing points. The objective was not specified, but the Russians disclosed three days ago that they were hammering at the gates of Novorossisk, Black sea naval fortress, and an early communique today told of hard-to-hand fighting as the Red armies shoved deeper into the nazi fortified zones.

On the Kharkov front, the Russians said counter attacking bed many troops crushed new German attempts to cross the Donets river, which on the flooded central front the chief activity was artillery duelling on the approaches to the old German citadel at Smolensk.

International Planning Holds Capital Spotlight

Monetary and Trade Agreements Programs Take Precedence Over Home Matters

Washington, April 6—(AP)—**International planning, in the form of monetary and trade agreement programs, took precedence over a pair of impending home front battles in the capitol today as the nation noted Army day with soldiers scattered around the globe.**

Treasury Secretary Morgenthau was back on Capitol Hill to tell Congress more about the administration's aims in trying to stabilize post-war currencies—a proposal which may prove to be a bitter in winning the war. He was at an monetary closed session of the Senate foreign relations, banking and currency, and post-war economy and planning committees. The secretary yesterday outlined a plan to tie world currencies to gold, establish an international stabilization fund of perhaps $5,000,000,000 and by mutual agreement put an end to competitive currency wars between nations.

Today he was to discuss it together with the House foreign affairs, coinage, weights and measures, and banking and currency committees—and then make public full details of the plan, which already has been submitted to the 34 nations invited to send representatives here to handle the problem.

The other day's development of world import saw strong Republican support for a compromise reciprocal trade agreement measure likely to take the fire out of a forthcoming House debate over extending the President's authority to negotiate foreign trade pats. First granted in 1934, the authority expires June 12, and the House ways and means committee expects to act soon on a renewal proposal.

In one of the sharpest vote battles Capitol Hill has seen in years, the administration appeared to be within striking distance of winning Senate support of President Roosevelt's veto of the Bankhead bill. Scenting the possibility of victory over the farm bloc, leaders pushed for a quick showdown on the measure, which would prohibit deduction of the government benefit payments in fixing price ceilings. With only one-third of the votes cast needed to kill the bill, the issue was so close it appeared to hinge largely on how many pairs could be arranged for absentees.

And behind the day's doings was the nation's realization that Army day—

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Economy Move Hits Congress

Brown Faced With Threat Of Subpoena

Washington, April 6—(AP)—**The Senate agriculture committee tonight Price Administrator Prentiss Brown orders it for testimony today under threat of subpoena and then voted to excuse him until Thursday morning.**

Brown and Secretary of Agriculture Wickard agreed to appear after Chairman Smith, South Carolina Democrat, described their failure to appear as a political and raised the possibility of impeaching them.

The committee had to consider the administration's amendment, Pace bill to include farm food costs in computations of parity prices, even as the Senate approached a vote on overriding President Roosevelt's veto of the Bankhead bill to prohibit deductions of government benefit payments before fixing price ceilings.

The author of the latter bill, Senator Bankhead of Alabama, said today the outcome of the attempt to override it is in doubt.

LIBERTY SHIP

Wilmington, April 6—(AP)—The Liberty ship Robert Rowan, named in honor of one of Cumberland county's pioneers, was launched here this afternoon at the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Co.

RETIRED METHODIST MINISTER SUCCUMBS

Norfolk, Va., April 6—(AP)—John Pinkney Rives, 65, retired Methodist minister and resident of Louisburg, N. C., for the past 15 years, died today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. K. Dennis.

The body was forwarded to Louisburg where funeral services will be conducted Thursday.

ROBERT M. HANES WILL HEAD DRIVE

Raleigh, April 6—(AP)—Robert M. Hanes of Winston-Salem was appointed by Governor Broughton today as North Carolina chairman for the national war fund campaign, tentatively set for October 1 to November 15.

North Carolina's quota is expected to be approximately $1,250,000.

Profit Selling Hurts Stocks

New York, April 6—(AP)—Selling for profit flattened the bulge in today's stock market. Bonds were mixed and commodities lower.

Among shares in the resistant area were Packard, Radio Corporation, Armour, American Telephone and U. S. Steel. Backward were Goodrich, U. S. Rubber, Western Union, New York Central, Sperry and Texas Co.

Fertilizer To Be Scarce

Raleigh, April 6—(AP)—Assistant Agriculture Commissioner D. S. Coltrane said today that fertilizer delivery date could not be as definite as they were last spring and "needless to a farmer get his fertilizer when he requests it."

"There is now every indication that there will be an adequate supply," he added as he called upon farmers to be patient regarding delivery of their supplies this spring. Fertilizer should go first to truck crops, he said, then to corn, then to cotton, and finally to tobacco.

Ship Losses Up in March

Secretary Knox Says Submarine Sinkings For Last Month Over February Total

Washington, April 6—(AP)—**Secretary Knox said today allied ship losses in the Atlantic were considerably worse in March than in February, due to intensified operations of German submarines.**

February was one of the best months of the war to date, and Knox's comment was not regarded as indicating a new peak in sinkings had been reached, but simply that the battle of the Atlantic had taken a turn for the worse.

The secretary gave no sign of the total number of U-boats the nazis have thrown into their spring offensive, but he said that "just as we expected and as I said it would be, there are more German subs out there."

"There's a lot of them," he added, without disclosing what new tactics had been observed. "The situation is serious and tough one. Nobody is a bit complacent about it."

The U-boats are concentrating in the middle Atlantic, the secretary said, along the shipping routes from the United States to England and to the Mediterranean.

EDWARD G. CRUMPTON DIES IN ALLENVILLE

Roxboro, April 6—(AP)—Edward Graham Crumpton, 56, Allensville farmer and member of the Person county board of education, died suddenly at his home this morning.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA:
Slightly colder tonight.

Chicagoans Elect Mayor

Chicago, April 6—(AP)—Chicago voters marched their ballots in the city's mayoralty election today under the watchful eyes of some 2,000 nonpartisan citizens assigned to the city's polling booths as observers to prevent fraudulent balloting.

The observers augmented a heavy detail of police at the polling places where more than one million eligibles were to decide the contest between Chicago's veteran Democratic mayor, Edward J. Kelly, and his Republican opponent, George B. Jackson. The voting ended a campaign in which taxes, traction and gangsterism were the chief issues.

PALMETTO PUBLISHER PASSES AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, S. C., April 6—(AP)—William Elliott, 41, president of the State Company and publisher of the State newspaper, died shortly before 3 a. m. today at the Columbia hospital. He had been ill a week.

Elliott, a distinguished attorney and for many years general counsel for the State Company, was vice president for several years prior to succeeding to the presidency in October, 1937, after the death of William G. Gonzales.

DIE IN FIRE

Greenville, Miss., April 6—(AP)—A mother and her six children, ranging in ages from one to 10 years, burned to death late last night when fire of unknown origin destroyed their log-room farm home near Catchings, Miss.

Prices Fixed On Meat Cuts

Washington, April 6—(AP)—To explain its new standardized retail prices for beef, veal, lamb and mutton, effective April 15, OPA has issued sample prices of the scheduled costs of some of the popular cuts. They included the accompanying prices for the Southern Zone containing Henderson.

Prices quoted are cents per pound based on "good" grade of federal meat inspectors or corresponding OPA grade "A." The first column gives prices for independent stores with less than $250,000 annual sales, and the second column is for all other retailers.

Leg of lamb, whole, half or short cut	45	43
Lamb rib chops	52	50
Veal cutlet	52	50
Roast beef 10" rib	40	38
Round steak (bone-in)	48	46
Porterhouse steak	63	61
Chuck roast (bone-in)	36	34
Ground beef (hamburger	33	32

De Gaullists Ponder Note

Request for Details Of Eisenhower's Reasons for Delay Expected in London

London, April 6—(AP)—**The possibility that the Fighting French would ask through official channels for further details on General Dwight D. Eisenhower's reasons for asking General Charles de Gaulle to delay a trip to north Africa to confer with General Henri Giraud was forecast in political circles here today, as de Gaulle's national committee convened for a special meeting.**

Observers believed the committee was debating such a course of action. Some close to de Gaulle declared Eisenhower's request came as a complete surprise to the Fighting French and that it was said to have been "really a shock and a setback" to the movement's expectation of a conference for north Africa at almost any moment.

They interpretation said Eisenhower's note, which was delivered through the British foreign office and was phrased in the most courteous terms, advanced "military reasons" why de Gaulle's projected visit should be "inopportune" at the present time.

Some observers, meanwhile, interpreted Eisenhower's action as indicating the allied commander's desire to maintain the political status quo in north Africa until the military situation there is cleared up.

Six Counties Limit Sales

Charlotte, April 6—(AP)—Six counties in the state have banned the sale of wine and beer during week-ends, a compilation here showed today.

The Gaston county board of commissioners decided yesterday to put the ban into effect immediately. Cleveland county acted similarly. Catawba county commissioners have banned the sales in all portions of Catawba county not embraced in the corporate limits of a municipality. Sales of the beverages in Jackson county will be illegal after May 1, others acting within the past few days were Pitt and Rowan.

Action prohibiting the week-end sales, from 11 p. m. Saturday to 7 a. m. Monday, followed passage by the recent General Assembly of an act empowering county and municipal governments to halt the sales if they wished.

U. S. MERCHANTMAN SUNK IN ATLANTIC

Washington, April 6—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a United States medium sized merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk in the north Atlantic in March. Survivors have been landed at Boston.