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NOT FOR SALE

BATTLE FOR TUNIS IMMINENT

Fierce Fighting For Buna

Heavy fighting is still taking place in the Buna-Gona area, where the main Japanese force is hemmed in by Australian and American troops. The enemy is resisting stubbornly but our forces are believed to be making steady progress.

AN AMERICAN UNIT IS FIGHTING ON THE SMALLER OF BUNA'S TWO AIR-STRIPS, WHICH IS JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE. AN AUSTRALIAN PATROL HAS ALREADY ENTERED GONA, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES BEFORE REJOINING THE MAIN FORCE OUTSIDE.

Allied aircraft gave strong support to the ground forces yesterday. Anti-aircraft positions in the Buna area were silenced, and buildings, huts and dumps in enemy territory were bombed and strafed.

VIOLENT AIR FIGHTS BEFORE LAND CLASH

All signs point to an early and decisive battle for Tunisia. Allied forces are now within striking distance of Tunis and Bizerta, forward elements being only 30 miles away.

The German positions are defensive and are not strong enough to allow an Axis advance across the country, especially in view of growing French hostility.

This is a factor of growing importance. While the principal belligerents manoeuvre for the advantage, the Allies are receiving increasing support from French patriots.

BRILLIANT RED ARMY VICTORY

20,000 GERMAN CASUALTIES AT VLADKOVEKAZ

THE RED ARMY HAS WON A CLEAR-CUT VICTORY IN THE CENTRAL CAUCASUS. THE GERMANS HAVE LOST 20,000 KILLED AND WOUNDED IN A LOSING BATTLE AT VLADKOVEKAZ.

EXPERTS state that the valuable Grozny oilfields are now probably safe for the winter. This is the direct—and probably the most important—result of the Russian victory.

New German attacks at Stalingrad have been repulsed, and German radio admits that the Russians are now throwing in strong forces 75 miles from the city in an effort to throw the Germans back from the Volga.

There is increasing activity in a wide sector between Moscow and Leningrad. The Russian newspaper "Izvestia" declares significantly that the Germans will not be allowed to use the winter as breathing time for their forces to recover their strength.

D.F.C. For Adelaide Pilot

It was announced by Australian radio last night that Pilot Officer Hilton, of Adelaide, has been awarded the D.F.C.

Hilton, who is an accountant in peace time, joined the R.A.A.F. in 1940.

Two Minesweepers A Month

AUSTRALIA is building minesweepers at the rate of at least two a month.

This is in addition to the construction of "Tribal" class destroyers and merchant ships.

Some minesweepers have been built in Australia for the Royal Indian Navy.

WANTED—45,000 HOMES

Town planning authorities in N.S.W. believe that Australia must build 50,000 homes a year for eight years to make up the present leeway.

The shortage of homes in N.S.W. alone exceeds 45,000. Another 30,000 are unfit for habitation.

The total shortage will increase at a rate of more than 20,000 a year while the war lasts.

CUP FILM FOR N.G.

RECORDINGS of the Cup and newsreel films will be forwarded by air to troops in this area, so all within reach of mobile cinemas will have a chance of seeing the race run and described.

CRIPPS ON NEW WORLD ORDER

CREATION of a Supreme World Council to plan the betterment of mankind after the war is advocated by the Lord Privy Seal (Sir Stanley Cripps).

He would punish war criminals and insist that Germany repair as far as possible the damage she had done to her neighbours.

He does not favor the proposal that after the war Germany should be split into a number of small States, as he believes this would probably accomplish a new movement to restore unity to the country.

The relief of the suffering people of Europe was the first major task. Sir Stafford said in London. He considered that it should be carried out on a scale as grand as that of a major war operation.

"I believe we must look for the solution of the problems of each country, not in isolation, but as a member of the United Nations," he added.

BOTH sides are doing their utmost to get troops and materials to the forward areas, and a violent struggle is going on for control of the air.

The speed with which the Allies have marshalled their air forces seems to have surprised the enemy, who has suffered severely from raids on Bone and Bougie.

His bombers are now always escorted heavily by fighters and bitter fights have occurred.

In Northern Tunisia, the situation is growing tense. French and American troops are supporting the British First Army, and advanced units have already driven back some German columns.

There is little news of the Libyan campaign from British sources, but a German radio station has announced the evacuation of Benghazi.

Advancing Allied troops, says a British correspondent, are having to cope with appalling weather.

Laval Talks Fight

Laval, puppet of Germany, announces over Vichy radio that shortly France will be sending French volunteers to drive British and American forces from North Africa.

"We will never fight Germany as Germany is our best friend," said Laval.

MAINLAND NEWS ITEMS

New South Wales

ABOUT 5,000 mothers and children rushed Father Xmas when he reached a large Sydney store. He arrived in a closed car instead of a sleigh. Nine policemen were on duty to control the crowd.

Sydney suburban taxi owners have asked the N.S.W. Transport Minister (Mr. O'Sullivan), to sanction a rise. The Minister said he thought the owners were entitled to this, but added that the Department took a serious view of overcharging by taxi drivers.

Reduced road traffic due to petrol rationing caused a deficit of nearly £140,000 on the Sydney Harbour bridge last year.

An appeal has been made to members of the Sydney University Women's Graduates Association to act as tutors to servicemen who will sit for Matriculation examinations next February and July. At present, 80 tutors are coaching servicemen students and more are needed urgently.

FIVE separate processions will leave points in Sydney today for a mass Austerity Loan rally organised by the Trades Union movement. War factory workers will be in each march.

Tunic shirts will be provided for Sydney tram and bus drivers and conductors soon. Until then, employees may work without coats on hot days.

The N.S.W. Chief Secretary says he will not object to theatres and public halls remaining open till after midnight on New Year's morning.

Victoria

NOTICES displayed in Melbourne hairdressing establishments suggest that customers ask for only necessary services, manicuring, eyebrow arching and similar beauty treatment being curtailed.

The Victorian Legislative Council has passed a Bill to amend the Marriage Act to make it possible for a divorce to be obtained by people who agree either verbally or in writing to live apart for five years. The Bill will now go before the Legislative Assembly but there is some doubt whether that House will pass it.

Melbourne police wireless patrolmen have uncovered a scheme by which it is alleged a watchman in a city store and a milkman co-operated to rob the store of a large quantity of men's and women's clothing. Two men have been charged with having stolen goods to the value of £20.

Melbourne has seen its first private hire car converted into an ambulance. It is hoped soon to have six of them to solve the difficulties of patients getting to hospital owing to petrol restrictions.

A Victorian country worker kept his rationed tea and sugar mixed in a glass jar. The jar fell into a fire so the worker has sent all he could scoop up of the wreckage to the Rationing Commission with a plea that the tea (less one ounce) be replaced.

The Victorian Railways Commission has received a letter containing three one pound notes and a postal note for six shillings from an anonymous passenger who stated that, through forgetfulness, his periodical ticket had been used after the date of expiry.

School boys are to cut firewood in the forest areas during the Christmas holiday. Award rates will be paid and axes and other equipment will be provided by the Forestry Commission. 240 boys will be employed.

About 20 women are being trained every week to augment the existing staff of more than 900 conductresses on Melbourne tramways. The Tramways Board aims to increase the number to 1,300.

Queensland

UNDER the Queensland emergency supplies scheme, food for 166,000 people has been stored in State Government buildings. The food is valued at £220,000.

"Whether we like it or not, there is going to be a steady transfer of powers from the States to the Commonwealth, and the Commonwealth is going to dominate all phases of our economic life." This admission is made by the Queensland Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Bulcock) who is to become Commonwealth Director-General of Agriculture.

When Mr. Nimmo, Minister for Railways, was moving the second reading of the Railway (Capital Indebtedness) Reduction Act Amendment Bill, another member, Mr. Brand, objected to the speed with which the Minister was reading. This prompted Mr. Maher to suggest Melbourne Cup influences as responsible.

Regular pay day subscriptions are being made by members of the Colliery Employees' and Police Unions to support the Red Cross.

The United Graziers' Association is appealing for an increase in the number of aborigines made available for station work.

Gas workers who work in the rain on Sundays will be paid double rates. Decision by Mr. T. A. Ferry in the Industrial Court.

South Australia

The first prosecution in Australia over the making of a doublebreasted suit came before the Adelaide police court when a firm of tailors was charged with having put into process cloth for making a doublebreasted suit contrary to a National Security order. The hearing was adjourned.

Astronomers in Adelaide are excited at the discovery of a star of the first magnitude in the southern sky, first recorded at the Carter Observatory in Wellington. The new star is called Nova Puppis and is in the middle of the southern portion of the milky way. Keep an eye open for it.

So as to speed up deliveries of milk in Adelaide additional petrol supplies are probable for wholesale distributors. The latter claim that using gas-producing units on collecting lorries takes two and a half hours longer every 100 miles than when the lorries run on petrol.

Westn. Australia

Archbishop Le Fanu, Primate of Australia, told the Perth Anglican Synod that the community's conscience had awakened to guarding the welfare of individuals, and that the trend seemed to be that socialisation would go further. He also said that war had immensely accelerated the importance of the central governing authority.

Mr. R. G. Menzies, former Prime Minister, has arrived in Perth on a brief visit to refresh his knowledge of conditions in W.A. and to acquaint himself with recent developments in the State's munitions industries.

A public meeting in Perth expressed disapproval of the action of the W.A. State Parliament in postponing the general elections for a further twelve months.

Rhoda Allen, soprano, who won the right to be West Australia's representative at the contest for the Melbourne Bequest Scholarship in February, is said by experts to have great possibilities.

The police will prosecute residents not observing the brown-out. Complaints have reached the Civil Defence Department that house lighting restrictions are not being observed. Houses within 3 miles from the coast must have windows facing the sea screened.

If exhibitions are a guide, W.A. artists have moved with the times. Most of their work consists of paintings and drawings of various phases of the war work.

The office of the Old Metals Branch, Prince of Wales building, Murray street, Perth, is daily besieged with people of all ages bringing in scrap metal, bottle tops, tobacco and jam tins, and much valuable waste product.

FRANK NEALE HAS FLOWN 1,700,000 MILES

SQUADRON Leader Frank Neale, 47, of Melbourne, has flown more than 1,700,000 miles.

Many R.A.F. personnel claim that Neale has flown more miles than any other man in the world.

As a civil pilot before the war, he pioneered most of the air routes to Central Australia and took the first party of air tourists to Alice Springs.

BEER STILL BEING SOLD

PROFIT of Tooth and Co., Ltd., for the year ended September 30 last was 5.6 p.c. less than that for 1940-41. The dividend has been maintained at 12 p.c.

After charging £159,921 depreciation, net profit was £763,438.

This compares with £809,036 in 1940-41, when depreciation took £150,306.

The dividends absorbs £741,918. Gross profit was £2,799,208, as compared with £2,612,593.

Air Blitz On Malaria

The R.A.F. in the Middle East is assisting to fight malaria.

A plane has been allocated to spray danger areas in Palestine, Transjordan, Syria, Iran, and Irak with a powder which is fatal to mosquito larvae.

The under-side of the fuselage is fitted with tubes, from which the powder is blown.

Places suspected of harboring the pest are sprayed from the air each week.

CHARGE DISMISSED

A charge against Dr. John Heath, 40, of Hopetoun Rd., Toorak, of having, at his Collins St. surgery on October 12, unlawfully used an instrument on a woman, was dismissed by Mr. McLean, P.M. A similar charge against his nurse, Mrs. Eleanor Pearce Wiseman, 34, Harrison cres, Hawthorn was dismissed last Thursday.

HORSE-TERITY

Hoofwear is rationalised in an order issued by the Minister for War Organisation of Industry (Mr. Dedman).

Henceforth horses will have only 31 types and sizes of shoes to choose from, compared with the present 114, but all horses will still be able to obtain suitable shoes, the Minister says.

Because of the increased demand with the greater civil and military use of horses, the supply of machine-made horseshoes has become very short. The restrictions will enable manufacturers to increase their output.

Long Shot Again Wins Big Cup Race

THANKSGIVING BY AMERICANS

Thousands of American servicemen will celebrate their first Thanksgiving Day in Australia next Thursday.

Those on leave in Sydney will be entertained at a non-stop turkey dinner at the American centre. It will be the traditional Thanksgiving celebration and also an unofficial celebration of the smashing U.S. naval victory in the Solomons.

The original Thanksgiving celebration was observed in 1621 by the English Pilgrim Fathers after their first harvest in America.

Soft Ball For "Aussies"

Americans play softball with enthusiasm and almost any spare hours of the younger troops are occupied with this game. Australians have watched it with interest but are a little in ignorance of the sport.

Some Australians Units, however, do possess soft ball equipment and rather than see this cluttering up Q.M stores and not used, efforts should be made to popularise the game.

Amenities officers have the matter in hand. The marking of playing areas is a simple matter and the co-operation of the American fans in doing this is promised.

The "Horse Shoe" game is also popular with Americans.

Lindrum Shows How

AFTER watching Walter Lindrum in a billiards exhibition at the Melbourne Town Hall, the Governor of Victoria (Sir Winston Dugan) indicated that any hopes he had ever entertained for himself as a player had been shattered, and that he intended to smash all the cues in Government House billiard-room. The exhibition was in aid of R.A.A.F. locker fund, and it is expected that at least £2,000 will be realised.

WOULDN'T IT?

Provision for entertainment of the fighting forces in Melbourne during the summer months will include the opening of a dance floor on Sunday afternoons from 3 till 5 at Leonard's, St. Kilda.

Men and women of the forces and men of the Merchant Navy will be welcomed and Victory Belle partners will be available.

Colonus 1, Phocion 2, Heart's Desire 3

Colonus, a 33/1 chance, spread-eagled the field in the Melbourne Cup yesterday, leading all the way and winning by several lengths from Phocion (50/1) and Heart's Desire (33/1).

Dark Felt, favorite at 9/2, finished fourth.

Last year's winner, Skipton, was always hopelessly placed, and finished down the track. The three-year-olds, Great Britain and Amazed, also ran poorly, and Tranquil Star, after being third into the straight, weakened under her big weight.

The winner is a cast-off of Cecil Godby's stable. Raced early by Mr. R. R. Thomas, Colonus was a failure in his first two seasons, being unable to run six furlongs.

Sold cheaply to Mr. L. O. Menck and transferred to F. Manning's stable, Colonus was tried in distance races, and gradually improved until he surprised by winning a division of the Herbert Power Handicap at Flemington.

Although he won that race easily, his subsequent defeats said little for his chance in a race such as a Melbourne Cup. But, like Wotan, Catalogue and Old Rowley, Colonus confounded form experts, and gave bookmakers another great result.

None of the incidents which are customarily associated with Australia's richest race occurred in this year's Cup. In fact, the only happening of note was that the float taking Ronolive and Heart's Desire to the course from Mentone, broke down. Arrangements were completed speedily to get Heart's Desire to Flemington in time for the race but Ronolive had to be withdrawn.

Started From Outside

Colonus, starting on the extreme outside of the 24 runners, quickly took the lead and was not afterwards headed.

In fact, the four-year-old son of Portofino-Genoa was doing as well at the end as at any other stage of the race. His rider put away the whip 50 yards from the post.

Phocion was very tired at the finish. This four-year-old gelding by Manitoba out of the New Zealand mare La Ballarina, is still a maiden.

At the nine furlongs, Colonus was four lengths clear of Tranquil Star, who was followed at close intervals by Hestia, Phocion; Dark Felt, Heart's Desire, Pandect and Great Britain, the last-named making heavy weather of his task. At the tail of the field were Skipton, Maikai and Son of Auros.

With seven furlongs to go Colonus was two lengths clear of Tranquil Star. Two lengths further back came Phocion, Dark Felt (losing ground) and Heart's Desire, then two lengths to Pan-

dict, four lengths to Gusher, with Wilson next.

Tranquil Star began to make up some of her ground, but at the three furlongs, Colonus bounded away again. At this stage he was leading the Caulfield Cup winner by three lengths, and appeared to have her measure. Phocion was lying third, four lengths clear of Dark Felt and Heart's Desire. Maikai, one of the veterans of the field, was plodding along in sixth place.

Seven Lengths Win

In the run home Colonus went further ahead and passed the post at least seven lengths clear of Phocion. Heart's Desire was third, then Dark Felt, Gusher, Wilson, Similar, Pandect, Tranquil Star, Pandini, Throttle and Son of Auros. The last four were Amazed, Royal Peter, Hestia and Grain Trader.

The third horse, Heart's Desire, was a good sprinter 12 months ago, but could not go on in her races. In the Caulfield Cup a month ago she proved she had stamina by running into second place behind Tranquil Star. On top of this she ran a good fourth in the Hot-ham Handicap of a mile and three-quarters a week ago. She is by Ron-sard, sire of Rivette, who won the Cups double in 1939.

V.R.C. OAKS

Result:—
East End (7/4) 1
Philander 2
Reply Paid 3

PHOCION HEADACHE CURE FOR BOOKS

Phocion, second place-getter in yesterday's Melbourne Cup, had such poor form up to a month ago that, when the V.A.T.C. stewards found it necessary to reduce the field for the Caulfield Cup by six, they had no hesitation in making Phocion one of the number.

The gelding is trained by Lou Robertson for a partnership which includes Mr. Geo. Nicholas, of "Aspro" fame.

As Phocion started at 50/1, the bookmakers were not the ones to have headaches.

CUP WINNING HABIT

Mr. L. O. Menck, owner of Colonus, Melbourne Cup winner, must have the Midas touch. He was reputed to be one of the best individual winners over Rivette's 1939 Melbourne Cup victory.

Colonus was such a costly proposition for his owner, Mr. R. R. Thomas, V.A.T.C. Committeeman, that Mr. Menck was able to make the purchase at a fairly low figure.

Mr. Menck is not new to owning cups, for Frill Prince won the Mooney Valley Cup for him.

VETERANS AWHEEL AGAIN

Wally Coppins, 44, former Australian champion cyclist, will stage a comeback at the Boys' Town carnival at Redfern Oval, to-day. His opponent will be Bob Spears, who is the only Australian to have won the world cycling championship. The contest will be the best of two laps.

Cricket Gossip

THE Glebe (Sydney) batsman, Jock Livingston, practices cricket at a country military camp with a Samoan bat sent to him five years ago by a boy attending a West Samoan school.

Livingstone says the bat is ideal for training the eye because its small hitting surface compels perfect timing.

After playing cricket yesterday at a country military camp, N.S.W. interstate batsman Ken Gulliver travelled all night to play in an army team in Sydney to-day.

Alan McGillivray and Alex Marks are making their final appearance in Sydney cricket before going to battle stations.

Cec. Pepper is offered a special trophy if he scores 50 faster than Sid Barnes.

DON WRAIGHT P.O.W.

Don Wraight, at one time one of Victoria's leading cross country riders, who later became a trainer, is a prisoner of war. At one stage he was reported missing in Malaya. Wraight was in the Philippines when war broke out and returned to Australia to enlist.

Cup Winner Apprentice

H. McCloud, rider of the Cup winner, Colonus, is apprenticed to trainer Jack Parkinson. This was his first mount in a Melbourne Cup. He has been riding about three years.

Forde Warns Japs. Will Try Again

AID FOR STUDENTS INADEQUATE

MR. J. G. Medley, Melbourne's University Vice-Chancellor, believes that the Commonwealth rates of financial assistance to students are a step in the right direction of equality of educational opportunities.

He said that, though he was gratified with the proposals of the Government to assist students, many people on higher income than those specified, would still have difficulty in meeting fees for University courses for their children.

There was also a big wastage of talent among students aged fourteen who, when they reached school leaving age, had not the necessary financial assistance to enable them to continue to qualify for a University education.

CANBERRA CONVENTION

Arrangements for the constitutional convention to be held in Canberra next week have been completed. Delegates from all the States will occupy separate rooms at the Federal Parliament House. The conference will take place in the House of Representatives chamber.

Hen Hatches Wild Duck

*E*GERTON (Vic.) is all agog because a setting of wild duck has been hatched by a hen belonging to a local fancier, whose dog found the eggs on the bank of Lal Lal creek.

The township got all hot and bothered when hen and ducklings disappeared. Four days later ducklings were found swimming in a creek with the unamphibian hen anxiously strutting up and down the bank.

Now the locals are wondering whether the hen led the ducklings to food and water, or whether the ducklings solved their own food problem.

U.S. General Eats Raw Meat

The Allied Commander-in-Chief in North Africa (General Eisenhower) is tough according to the London "Sunday Express" war correspondent in North Africa.

Eisenhower's favorite sandwich is raw beef with chopped onions and plenty of pepper, the correspondent says.

"No general ever gave his batman an easier life. He likes doing his own packing, but hates anyone to touch the morning paper before he does."

A correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa says the

"AUSTRALIA IS STILL THREATENED"

A warning that the Japanese would almost certainly attempt to re-establish themselves in New Guinea was given at a loan rally in Australia yesterday by the Minister for Army (Mr. Forde).

RECENT setbacks, he said, had caused the Japanese leaders to lose face, and they would inevitably try to regain their lost positions by stronger and more sustained attacks.

Australia would not be safe until the enemy was driven much farther back.

SOLOMONS LOSSES

Losses of the Japanese Navy in the Solomons sea battle are 28 Ships sunk and 10 damaged, according to Col. Knox, U.S.A. Naval Secretary. He added that the American grip on Guadalcanal had strengthened as a result.

Unusual Accidents : Two Killed

A woman and a man were injured in two unusual street accidents in Melbourne.

Mrs. Dorothy Glick, of Grattan St., Carlton, when waiting on a corner of Grattan and Lygon Sts., was struck by a car driven by a man who was learning to drive. The car crossed the street, knocked the woman down, and careered on its way, snapping a fire hydrant. Mrs. Glick sustained a depressed fracture of the skull and other injuries.

A man who stepped from a tram in Moonee Ponds, was struck by one of two cars which collided at a street corner.

JAP. CHARM ISN'T WORKING TOO WELL

THAT source of so many amusing yarns—Tokio radio—spins another good one about a lucky charm.

Tokio has solemnly announced that an amulet—a good luck charm—has been placed in the Togo Shrine where it is to serve on a broad front and work wonders for soldiers of Nippon in victory-producing efforts wherever they are.

It had its first good test in the Solomons but didn't function too well. It isn't working its miracles as well as it might in New Guinea either.

Admiral Togo, who was responsible for the victory of the Japanese fleet over the Russian fleet in 1904, is believed to have owned the charm, so it must have been lucky then. Perhaps its value has worn thin in the intervening 38 years.

FADDEN ON MILITIA POSITION

Leader of the Federal Opposition (Mr. Fadden) said yesterday that the decision to make militia forces serve anywhere in the south-west Pacific should not be left for six and a half weeks but decided immediately by Parliament.

Mr. Fadden added that Malay and other places in the Pacific were equally important to Australia as places in the south-west and that these positions should be included in the amendment.

JEAN BART K.O'd

An American Press Association message from Allied Headquarters in North Africa says that the French battleship *Jean Bart*, 35,000 tons, "stricken by American naval might, lies at a Casablanca pier like a discarded tomato tin, blown open at both ends."

The great steel deckplates are buckled like cardboard, and severed communication cables trail vinelike in the water. There is a hole in the vessel's side 75ft. long.

Japanese To Prepare List of Prisoners

IT was announced in Canberra yesterday that the International Red Cross Society has received advice that the Japanese official Bureau of Prisoners of War was setting up machinery to prepare lists of Australian prisoners in Japanese hands.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Curtin) said it was understood that it would be some time before these lists were ready as the names had to be recorded and re-checked.

This could not be done quickly owing to the movements of prisoners from one camp to another over a considerable distance.

SKEPTICISM!

At the Malvern (Vic.) Police Court a man was fined £10 for distributing notices offering information on the result of horse races. Police said that the man had told them he had distributed 200 circulars stating that he would send tips to people for five shillings. Only five replies were received.

Apparently, all the other recipients knew the answers—or thought they did.

GUILTY OF MURDER

A jury in the Melbourne Criminal Court found Frederick Francis Green, timberworker, of Carlton, guilty of murder. He was sentenced to death.

Green was alleged by the Crown to have murdered Catherine Maud Whitely, of North Melbourne, in lane at the rear of a garage in Carlton on July 25.

ALARMING ROAD TOLL

At the present accident rate, 500,000 people would be killed or injured in road accidents in Australia during the next 20 years, said Mr. Aubrey Halloran at the annual meeting of the Road Safety League in Sydney.

The secretary (Mr. H. M. Allen) said that for every 1,000,000 gallons of petrol consumed, three people were killed in U.S.A., four in Britain and six in Australia.