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NOT FOR SALE

RUSSIANS DRIVE ON, TAKING KEY POINTS

Further gains were recorded by the Red Army yesterday, in its mighty offensive against the Germans on three sides of Stalingrad. Three important railway stations north-west of the city were captured.

During the day, according to reports from Moscow Radio, another 6,000 Germans were killed and 15,000 prisoners were taken. These figures bring the total Axis casualties for a fortnight to 47,000 killed and 51,000 prisoners.

Yesterday, the Germans counter-attacked against forces comprising the southern arm of the pincer movement. The attacks were repulsed and the Russians made slight advances.

Reuter's correspondent at Moscow says that the roads from Stalingrad are clogged with thousands of Axis troops who are fleeing before the advancing Red Army.

Some of these are falling back in complete disorder, he says, and thousands of Germans and Rumanians—now thoroughly demoralised—are surrendering. One of Russia's great problems is what is to be done with the prisoners.

Moscow radio has announced that not only do the Germans in the Stalingrad area face envelopment, but the whole of the German forces in the Don bend.

RUSSIAN forces are gradually closing the ring round the Germans and have narrowed the gap between their pincers to 20 miles. Lorries packed with German troops are trying to escape before the gap is closed.

Driving Axis forces from a number of towns along the Khar'kov railway, Soviet troops captured 157 tanks which had been driven into the ground and were being used as firing points. Red Army units in the south of Stalingrad made a night attack and recaptured a number of strategically important suburbs.

RECOGNITION FOR W.O'S

The salute and other courtesies normally granted to commissioned officers in the American Air Force will in future be paid to Warrant and Flight Officers as well, U.S. War Department has announced. They are also eligible for membership in commissioned officers' messes.

LIBERATOR'S SUCCESS

A Consolidated Liberator, piloted by Captain R. D. Potts, shot down two of a group of five German twin-engined fighter planes over the Bay of Biscay.

TOKIO DOES NOT LIKE BOMBING

According to Mr. Pat Shaw, second secretary to the Australian Legation in Tokio, who has returned to Australia, Tokio residents were in a state of panic when the American air raid was experienced earlier this year.

Mr. Shaw said that the people rushed into the streets in wild alarm and the A.R.P. arrangements broke down.

Two bombers caused four immense fires in the area of the capital where he was housed.

Mr. Shaw states that Tokio fears fire caused by raids as their houses are highly inflammable. He considers that bombing would shatter the morale of Tokio's residents.

OTHER FRONTS

NEW GUINEA:—Tempo of fighting slackens at Buna. Examination of uniforms shows that enemy reinforcements have been landed.

TUNISIA: Land operations "satisfactory." Allied planes pound Bizerta. "Lightnings" destroy 14 Axis aircraft.

MALTA:—German planes attempted to raid Valetta but failed to penetrate the islands defences.

SOLOMONS:—Only patrol activities reported. U.S. planes raided enemy positions at Munda, New Georgia Island.

BIZERTA BLITZED IN FIERCE R.A.F. RAIDS

WHILE there has been no major land clash in Tunisia, Axis and Allied air forces have been engaged in bitter fighting during the past 24 hours.

In extensive operations, the Allies definitely had the advantage. Ports were heavily attacked, and many enemy aircraft were destroyed.

An official report of the day's activities reads:— R.A.F. and United States Air Corps formations carried out extensive and successful operations against the enemy R.A.F. bombers attacked the airfield at Bizerta. One large explosion and 30 similar smaller ones were observed.

During the night, R.A.F. aircraft concentrated on the docks and shipping in the harbor. Numerous bomb flashes were seen, and there was a big sheet of flame which appeared to have come from exploding gasoline. All bombers returned safely.

14 Aircraft Down

American Lockheed "Lightning" fighters destroyed 14 enemy aircraft in Tunisia yesterday. These included seven Italian troop transport planes which were shot down.

Two Junkers 88's were destroyed in Southern Tunisia, and four transport planes, one seaplane and one tank were destroyed on the airfield at Gabes. All the American planes returned safely, although four were damaged and the pilot of one was wounded.

The British First Army is making satisfactory progress in operations against the enemy in the Eastern forward areas.

Patrol Kills 70 Japanese At Guadalcanal

For the loss of only two wounded, a patrol of American Marines killed 70 Japanese and captured five machine guns in an from Guadalcanal attacked enemy slope of Mambulo on Guadalcanal, the U.S. Navy Department announced in a communique yesterday.

Five bombers and fighters from Guadalcanal attacked enemy installations at Munda on the western end of New Georgia Island. A direct hit was scored on a warehouse.

HIGHEST AWARD FOR MARINE CAPTAIN

The first Marine Corps aviator to win the Congressional Medal of Honor in this war was Capt. Richard E. Fleming. The award was made posthumously.

The citation stated that during the Battle of Midway, Capt. Fleming showed "extraordinary heroism and conspicuous intrepidity above and beyond his duty as a flight officer."

U.S.A. NEWS

U.S. MEN BUMP UP SIGNET RING SALES

The manager of one of Sydney's largest jewellery stores said yesterday that if he had a thousand men's signet rings he could sell every one right away.

Due to the influx of Americans, with whom the wearing of such rings is a practice, there has been a change in the attitude of the Australian man.

A U.S. officer said that rings worn by Americans had a sentimental as well as intrinsic value. Some wore school or university rings with an interesting history attaching to their coat-of-arms. They were equivalent to our "old school tie."

WHAT THEY ATE

THE menu of the dinner which all American troops and airmen in Australia, except those in advanced tropical areas, had for Thanksgiving Day was:—

- Tomato Juice Cocktail;**
- Sweet pickles and ripe olives;**
- Fruit salad;**
- Turkey and dressing with sweet potatoes, buttered green peas, and mashed potatoes;**
- Parkerhouse rolls;**
- Preserves and jellies;**
- Pumpkin Pie;**
- Mince Pie;**
- Fresh fruit and candy;**
- Grape juice and coffee.**

The Importance of Not Being Ernest (Sapp)

Ernest Sapp, his wife and his son, Larry, have been given legal permission by a Californian court to change their name to Sherill.

The judge commented: "The petitioners feel that to remain Sapps all their lives is indeed to remain "saps" all their lives."

Marine Corps Leader Dies

Lieut.-General John A. Lejeune, former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, died at Baltimore on November 20. He was buried in Arlington cemetery with full military honours. Pallbearers included General John J. Pershing and General George C. Marshall.

Weight Tells In Legal Action

IF an unusually heavy woman crashes through a theatre seat the theatre is responsible, according to a decision of the U.S. Court of Appeal.

Mrs. Jean Forsyth, who weighs 20st. 5lb., had sued a theatre for \$25,000 (£A8,333) damages. The Court said: "The ticket seller saw that the woman was 285lb. of solid flesh, yet sold her a ticket. The usher showed her to a seat, although he also observed her size."

The Court rejected a defence that the woman had not shown due care in examining the seat on the ground that it would be impossible to see well enough in the dimly lighted theatre.

MAINLAND NEWS ITEMS

NEW SOUTH WALES

According to evidence given in the Sydney Central Court, on Tuesday, 16s. was paid for four bottles of sly grog beer. A woman was fined £30 for selling the beer without a license.

One of Australia's greatest swimmers, Gunner H. R. Biddulph (A.I.F. returned), of Manly (N.S.W.), was married in Brisbane to Miss Margaret Priddle of Grenfell (N.S.W.).

N.S.W. Anglican Synod, while condemning the granting of pensions to de facto widows, will appeal to the Federal Government to explore less objectionable and more comprehensive means of attaining its humanitarian objective.

Trapped on a railway viaduct at Murwillumbah, Mrs. Turnville crouched on the edge of a sleeper while the train passed. She was thrown clear 15 feet into the bed of a creek where she landed feet first in soft mud. She escaped with a broken right foot.

The N.S.W. Government is again considering whether munition workers shall be allowed to drink in hotels after normal trading hours. It has directed the Commonwealth's attention to regulations sent to Canberra last June, setting out the State Government's plan for admitting war-workers to hotels between 7.15 and 10 a.m. and 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.

The N.S.W. Chief Secretary (Mr. Baddeley) attended the picnic races at Bellbird-Cessnock this week. He said afterwards that he had seen nothing objectionable and was satisfied with the way the meeting was conducted.

Instead of advertising "Meet Santa Claus at Our Store," a big Sydney emporium says "Fly the Skies to the Magic Castle." Inside the magic castle is Santa Claus. The manager of the store said he thought most people would know whom they were going to meet when they got to the Magic Castle.

Prices officials in Sydney said that the Licensed Victuallers' Association had exceeded its authority in forbidding publicans to sell schooners of beer before 4.30 p.m.

VICTORIA

ALL Melbourne University students, except those in faculties such as engineering and medicine, have been called up for work of national importance, mainly harvesting of flax and fruit. Both men and women are included in the call-up. They will be paid at least award rates. Altogether it is hoped to get about 800 students, who will work from the end of December or early in January until March 27.

received by the Principal of the Melbourne Technical College from bourn, Technical College from Hans Ernst, who is now an engineering executive at Cincinnati (U.S.A.). He was a student at the college 30 years ago.

No note accompanied the cheque but it is presumed a letter is on the way saying that it is to help some needy student through his course.

ARCHBISHOP MANNIX WINS CUP SWEEP

Archbishop Mannix won a sweep on the Melbourne Cup. At the annual demonstration of the Broadmeadow Foundling Home, the Archbishop said he had invested a shilling in a Cup sweep and had drawn the winning horse.

That would enable him to make a larger contribution to the Foundling Home than he might otherwise have been able to give.

Ron Negus, former Victorian boxer, now resident in Hobart, is to fight Jim Gray, the Queensland champion, at Hobart on a date to be fixed in December. Gray has a good record. Negus is training steadily for the match.

The Melbourne Fire Brigade Employee's Union has rescinded a resolution, passed a week ago, not to perform certain duties unless granted increased wages and improved working conditions.

An amicable settlement has been reached between the Fire Brigades Board and the union executive.

Fifty years ago, a Melbourne widow with five young children to support, was granted £10 from the Queen's Fund. She has now refunded that sum. When handing in the money at the Melbourne Town Hall, she said that it might benefit a person who was in the same difficulties as she had been a half-century ago.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Two pounds of tea brought 15/- at an auction sale among miners at the Andamooka opal fields. Andamooka is about 150 miles north-west of Port Augusta. A police officer conducted the auction to dispose of the belongings of a miner who died at the fields recently.

Joe Lawman, a vaudeville comedian, was fined £5 with 10s. costs in the Adelaide Police Court for having unlawfully obtained liquor from the Southern Cross Hotel, King William Street. Maxwell Flannagan, licensee of the hotel was fined £5 with 12s. 6d. costs for having an unauthorised person on the premises.

Mr. A. J. Baker has been appointed acting chairman of the Children's Welfare and Public Relief Board. He was formerly director of the Tourist Bureau, now closed.

Dr. H. K. Fry, City Health Officer for Adelaide, has warned the public against the danger of a diphtheria outbreak. Thirty-eight deaths had occurred in the State so far this year, he said. If an epidemic was to break out, less than one-third of the children in the city area would be protected by immunisation.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Among recent Army promotions is that of Col. D. M. Cleland, a West Australian, who has been promoted to the rank of brigadier. He served for several years in the C.M.F. and with the A.I.F. in the Middle East on divisional and corps staffs. Brigadier Cleland was created a M.B.E. in April of this year.

Mr. C. N. Carter, honorary organiser of the public meeting of protest against the postponement of the State elections, said that the small committee responsible for the calling of that meeting had decided to add to its number and to continue its work.

Pte. S. N. Wilson sustained a fractured skull and later died as the result of an explosion in a military camp recently.

TASMANIA

War workers are busy with the manufacture of camouflage nets. In one week 354 were completed, including 97 from Northern Tasmania.

Charged with a serious offence against a girl aged 14, Trevor Lewis Broadby was committed for trial at the next sitting of the Criminal Court in Hobart on December 1. Accused reserved his defence.

Launceston's six post women have received instructions on the geography of their rounds for the delivery of letters. They have also received instruction in indoor routine. Uniforms are expected to be issued soon.

"Orleigh" on Williamstown Prospects

PHOCION NOW STRONG FAVORITE FOR CUP

(From Gwyn Jones—"Orleigh")

RRACING people are wondering if Phocion will make history in the Williamstown cup tomorrow, by being the first Maiden performer to win the race. Evidently a lot of good judges favor his chance of doing so as he was a pronounced favourite last night and looked like maintaining his place to end of course wagering.

HE has a most unusual record as although he is a five-year-old, he has raced only 14 times and in minor placings has won almost £3,000 in stakes.

He started only once at each of three and four years. If he is ever to win a good race he has excellent opportunity to-morrow with the luxurious weight of 6.12.

It is also in his favour that there is not much chance of the track being really fast, even if no more rain falls.

Nobody knows how Phocion has shaped since running second to Colonus, as he is trained privately, but Colonus and Heart's Desire are none the worse for their Cup race, while one of the best recent gallops by a Williamsotwn Cup candidate was that at Caulfield by the lightweight, Wanganui.

He is very fit and has more than passing chance. He will be ridden by little Sanderson, who weighs only about five stone.

With both Badger and Breasley undergoing suspensions, owners and trainers are having a mild scramble securing suitable jockeys for the meeting, and there will probably be some surprise engagements within the next few hours.

RACEHORSE FLOATS RESTRICTED

A National Security Land Transport Order gazetted by Sir Harold Clapp, Director-General in Canberra, will have an important bearing on all race meetings.

The order states: "No person shall carry or cause or permit a racehorse to be carried by road transport within the Commonwealth for a journey greater than 25 miles or enter into any contract or agreement for such carriage." Carriage of interstate horses to Melbourne in floats is thus prevented.

Old Cup Rider Dies In South Africa

The death has occurred in Durban, South Africa, of George Redfearn, who was a race starter at Singapore for many years.

He escaped from Singapore a jump ahead of the Japs and died in Durban from a heart seizure.

He rode Malvolio to victory in the Melbourne Cup of 1891 for his father, but when he got away from Singapore he was forced to leave the club trophy behind.

FOOTBALL CLUBS INVEST IN AUSTERITY LOAN

Out of this year's dividends, totalling £5,600, eleven Melbourne league football clubs have invested £3,300 in the Austerity Loan.

Most clubs already have holdings in previous loans. Essendon and Richmond each have about £1,000 invested.

The League and its various clubs have also raised more than £20,000 for patriotic purposes since the war began.

New World Feather Champion

There is a new world's feather-weight boxing champion. He is Willie Papp, coloured fighter, of Connecticut. He has won 53 consecutive fights—19 by knock-outs.

Papp, who was well known in Connecticut but not outside the State, defeated Chocolate Wright, the Los Angeles negro, in 15 rounds on points at Madison Square Garden, New York.

Nearly 20,000 people saw Papp earn 70,000 dollars to outpoint Wright by clever long-range scientific boxing and hitting.

The new champion is 21.

BILLIARDS IN THE ROUGH

The Y.M.C.A. Commissioner at Darwin has reported to his Melbourne headquarters that throughout his area men have made billiard tables from packing cases. Grey military blankets serve as surface cloth and pockets are made from scrap rubber and calico. Cues are very home-made, the Commissioner says. At one unit the billiards final was played with this home-made equipment and some troops travelled miles to see the game.

The United Ancient Order of Druids and branches have presented the army with three fully equipped military ambulances. Presentation was made in Melbourne.

Here And There

£49,000 Deficiency In Senator's Estate

According to a statement of assets and liabilities of the late Senator E. B. Johnston, filed at the Probate office, Perth, his estate showed a deficit of £49,625/8/8. Main liabilities listed as unsecured included £75,490 for judgment debt owing to Federal Taxation Commissioner and £16,457 judgment debt owing to W.A. State Taxation Commissioner.

In his will, which Johnston signed on September 4 last—2 days before his body was found on a beach at Black Rock—he revoked all former wills and appointed his nephew, Harry Johnston, sole executor and trustee. He bequeathed £100 to each of his nephews and nieces who survived him, and the remainder of the estate to his wife, Mrs. H. O. Johnston, of Perth, to be used by her at her discretion.

GUESTS WAKE UP IN BLAZING HOTEL

A lighted cigarette butt dropped carelessly in a lounge is believed to have been responsible for a fire which partly gutted the Royal Hotel, Queanbeyan—one of the largest country hotels in N.S.W.—and caused damage estimated at £12,000.

Sixty-five guests were sleeping when the alarm was raised. They marched in orderly fashion out of the hotel. Some lost part of their belongings.

The Crow Came Home

"*J*HANK God I'm home." This was the exclamation of "Bobby," a pet talking crow, when he returned to his home in Sydney after having been lost for a fortnight.

His owner had taught him the phrase when he returned from a "walkabout" several months ago. The owner said the bird was his best friend. He had taught "Bobby" to talk, but "Bobby" had taught him to swear.

However, that is the story of "Bobby's" bad upbringing before his present owner got him.

FOUND:—Canteen order bearing the name of Sergeant L. A. Holland. Owner may recover on application to Printing and Stationery Unit.

The caterpillar plague is the worst on record in South Australia.

Blue boiler pea crops and 40 per cent of the flax in the Morphet Vale district have been ruined.

DUBBO MAN'S ESCAPE

To extinguish a fire in the rear of his utility truck, H. Gibbons, of Dubbo, had to face the explosion of shotgun cartridges and .22-calibre pellets which were being carried on the truck.

A charge of pellets passed between his legs, one of which was also struck by a cartridge case.

Gibbons lost clothing and equipment worth £20 and had a grim fight to save his truck. The fire broke out in the gas-producer unit. Gibbons was badly burned in extinguishing the fire.

V.D.C. K.O'D.

*M*EMBERS of the Cobden (Vic.) V.D.C. have been learning about unarmed combat lately. After the first lesson, one member went home and, reinforced by his lesson in toughness, invited his wife to hit him on the head with a boot. This she promptly did and got in what toughs call the "king-hit," with the result that her husband was knocked unconscious.

His friends say he proposes to make no more experiments till the course is completed—and then only to pick someone who does not know his weaknesses.

Paddy's Market Garden

The enterprise of Private Paddy Harris, member of a garrison battalion "Somewhere in Victoria," has resulted in nearly £500 worth of vegetables being grown on three-quarters of an acre of land near his camp.

The woman-owner of the property near the camp gave Paddy the land to work 18 months ago. He has grown thousands of lettuce and large quantities of tomatoes, cabbages, beans peas and cauliflowers which have kept the camp almost fully supplied.

Harris is now a patient in the Heidelberg Hospital, but his vegetable garden is being worked by another soldier.

Same Work, Less Pay

A young woman employed in the electrical section of a Victorian aircraft annexe told the Women's Employment Board that her work was repairing, overhauling, testing and checking magnetos and generators. This included precision work to one-thousandth part of an inch.

She received £4 12s. 6d. a week. Male electrical fitters doing similar work alongside her received £6 11s. and her output was as great as theirs.

The Board will decide on rates of pay for women doing unskilled and some skilled work in the aircraft industry.

Japanese Reinforcements at Buna

SHOCK TROOPS LANDED, DECLARES COMMUNIQUE

REPORTS that the enemy warships recently attacked off the coast of the New Guinea were attempting to land reinforcements for the Japanese troops in Buna have now been confirmed. Today's communique from General Macarthur's headquarters states that strong forces have been landed.

"The intensity of the ground fighting in the Buna-Gona area has somewhat abated," the communique states.

"Identification of enemy dead shows Marine insignia and Yokosuka Depot markings, indicating special landing forces or shock troops.

"New uniforms and excellent physical condition confirm the recent landing of these strong fresh reinforcements by the enemy's naval forces in their frequent sorties off the north coast since November 1 in support of their land forces.

"Our air units were engaged during the day in direct support of our ground forces. Six enemy fighters were shot down. We lost three aircraft."

PASS THE TEASPOON

Many Sydney cafes are suffering from a teaspoon shortage.

As soon as the patrons of one city cafe stir their coffee a waitress whisks the teaspoon away to the kitchen. The Manager said he introduced this system to prevent souvenir teaspoons which cannot now be bought.

Another cafe in King's Cross allows one teaspoon to each group of customers.

BOYS TEMPTED BY BIG MONEY JOBS

Several Boys employed as "block boys" by the Melbourne City Council left their street-cleaning jobs a few days ago and asked the Municipal Employees' Union to get transfers for them. They have been attracted by stories of big money to be made in other jobs.

The union secretary told them that by law they could not leave their jobs. One boy said he could get £5 a week in another job.

Manpower authorities said even if it wished the City Council could not increase boys' wages without violating the National Security Regulations.

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SYLVIA SENDS HER NAME AND £2/10/-

Sylvia, anonymous, 6-year-old sender of her Christmas pennies to Mr. Curtin, "for your soldiers," has identified herself in response to the Prime Minister's published statement that he was deeply touched, and would like to ascertain her identity so that he could thank her.

To-day Mr. Curtin received £2/10/- from Sylvia Harris, aged 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Harris, of Nedlands (W.A.).

Mr. Curtin said Sylvia had set a fine example, and he was sure her Christmas would be happy because of what she had done.

BACK FROM JAPAN

After having been imprisoned by the Japs for eight months, during which he was beaten, starved, and kept in solitary confinement, Mr. J. F. Brister, English business man from Shanghai has reached Sydney.

Brister was arrested on Dec. 10 by Jap gendarmes and taken to a vile cell. He was told he was suspected of espionage and anti-Japanese activities. On April 25, Brister with four other Britons came before a court martial, a "comic opera" affair, and all were convicted.

Brister was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. In August the Japs thought he was of no use to them and he was put aboard a liner for Lour-enco, Marques.

Jehovah's Witness Tells of Organisation's Aims

William Karl Schneider, member of the Jehovah's Witnesses organisation, gave evidence before the High Court in Melbourne yesterday in the action in which an injunction is being sought to restrain the Commonwealth from continuing to trespass on the organisation's premises in Adelaide.

Schneider said that since 1925 he had devoted the whole of his time to the work of the organisation in N.S.W., Victoria, and S.A. He joined the movement in 1922. Before that he was a member of the Church of England and saw active service in the last war.

He was very pleased at the Australian or British successes.

The teaching of Jehovah's Witnesses was that the second coming of Christ

Award For Willkie's Pilot

MR. Wendell Willkie, U.S. Republican leader, flew during his recent flight to Russia over territory where enemy aircraft might have been encountered at any time.

This was revealed to-day, when it was announced that Mr. Willkie's pilot (Major Richard T. Kight) had been awarded the Oakleaf Cluster for his D.F.C.

The Air Department's citation said that Kight had recorded an extraordinary achievement in completing a difficult and hazardous flight over 28,000 miles "in excellent time and without a mishap, despite extreme weather conditions and the presence of enemy aircraft over part of the route."

Posed As Naval Surgeon—£30

Frederick Joseph H. Mason, 24, of Landcox street, Melbourne, was fined £20 on a charge of having worn a colourable imitation of a uniform of the R.A.N., and £10 on a charge of having falsely pretended he held commissioned rank of surgeon-lieutenant in Commonwealth naval forces. A stay of 7 days was granted. Mr. Addison, P.M., ordered that the badges on the uniform be removed and destroyed.

David Jones' Store For Munitions

So that the Munitions Ministry can take over David Jones' Market street store, Sydney, in the New Year, it will be necessary for employees to shift 1,500 tons of stock, furniture and fittings, valued at £500,000.

"We will work day and night, seven days a week, to have the whole store cleared in time," said Mr. G. C. Beardmore, associate director of the firm.

Easing Of Ban On Chinese Migrants Suggested

"The Chinese need not be regarded as a potential menace or as aggressors after the war, and Australian migration policy should be reconsidered as a friendly gesture to a nation which is valiantly resisting the Axis powers."

Traitors To Die

Six men recently convicted of treason in connection with assistance given to members of the Nazi sabotage mission, were sentenced to death in the electric chair. Three women received sentences of 25 years.

Included among the traitors were the mother, father, aunt and uncle of the executed saboteur, Hans Max Haupt.

THIS suggestion was made at a Melbourne luncheon this week by Mr. H. J. Timperley, who, until recently, was an adviser to the Chinese Government.

After the war the Chinese would have their hands full for 20 years to rehabilitate their country socially, industrially, and politically, he said. During that time the world should be able to evolve means of preventing wars of aggression.

The Chinese did not question the wisdom of Australia's immigration policy but felt that Chinese of good standing should be admitted on the same conditions as other aliens.

Scarcity Of Bibles

In Sydney bibles are being rationed three to each customer. The manager of the British and Foreign Bible Society said yesterday that three shipments from England had been sunk and future supplies were uncertain. Retailers were refusing to sell more than three bibles to one customer, although there was always a heavy demand about Christmas time.

The bible is Australia's best seller.