

NO CO-OPERATION

MOSCOW, Wednesday.—Although there were still friendly relations between Persia and Russia, there would be no further co-operation between the two countries, the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs has announced. He said that the Persian Government had not put forward any reasonable explanation for not granting oil concessions to Russia, and until there was an explanation the position would not change.

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Nazi Dead Piled High as British Penetrate to Maas COLOGNE "DYING CITY"

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.—Battering down the most fanatical German resistance since the bloody Battle for Caen, fighting almost non-stop in water waist deep, and leaving ditches and dykes piled high with Nazi dead as they slogged across rivers, canals, and streams, British and Canadian troops have reached the River Maas. With all bridges and crossings under the most concentrated artillery fire since Caen, Von Rundstedt's 15th Army survivors trapped on the western banks of the river face annihilation. Nazi prisoners since D-Day now total 637,000. Cologne is a dying city; 10,000 tons have blasted the centre in four days.

The whole of the western bank of the Maas has now been cleared except for a rapidly diminishing strip about 24 miles long and four miles wide.

Field Marshal Montgomery's Canadian and British armies are now moving on a front stretching from Oosterhout, which was liberated yesterday, to the sea.

After weeks of bitter fighting, British troops reached the Maas near the mouth of the river on the North Sea.

Although they could not withstand the terrific pressure of the British combined artillery, tank, and infantry assaults, the German 15th Army fought a brilliant rearguard action to the last, and allowed more than three-quarters of the army to escape destruction. The survivors are still making frantic attempts to escape across the remaining bridges, and are milling round the bridge entrances "like cattle in a sale-yard."

One bridge is now in British hands. Paratroops fought a stubborn rearguard action, and the British and Canadians slogging their way across canals, rivers, and streams suffered heavy losses. The thrust to the Maas from Keppelle was a brilliant attack, and completely broke through the screen of Nazi rearguards.

One of the main enemy escape bridges at Geertruidenberg is now under heavy artillery and mortar fire.

The long battle to open the sea route to the Allied held port of Antwerp is in its last stages. The 3000 Nazis on Walcheren have been reduced to a stage whereby the Canadians can wipe them out easily. Flooding as a result of the blasted dykes has covered the island except for a few pieces of high ground, and only a faint impression of what was the big island can now be seen.

The survivors of the Scheldt Pocket have been reduced from 3000 to less than 2000, and their doom is completely sealed.

Correspondents say that the next stage of Montgomery's plan now that Antwerp is open to the Allies will be a powerful thrust with Rotterdam as its objective. General Eisenhower has given Nazi prisoners since D-Day as 637,544, more than the total number of Nazis defending the western front at the present time.

Cologne was bombed again last night. In the past four days, more than 10,000 tons of bombs have cascaded down on the battered Rhine-land city.

In stressing the vital importance of Cologne as a supply base for the western battlefront, the British Air Ministry points out that even in the darkest days of Stalingrad the Russians went on making tanks, and the RAF is determined that this will not happen in Cologne, which is described as a "dying city."

US 3rd Army troops have begun to move forward again, and have made local gains, but all is still quiet on the 1st Army front.

Australia-NZ Conference

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.—"The war has brought Australia and NZ closer together," said the NZ Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, when opening the first Australia-NZ conference since the signing of the ANZAC agreement.

Mr. Fraser paid tribute to Australia's fine war effort in New Guinea, and on the world battlefronts.

The purpose of the conference was to find out how much progress had been made in carrying out the provision of the ANZAC agreement, and discuss post-war world security and general matters affecting the two countries, he said.

Chungking Demanded Recall of Stilwell

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Differences in the personalities of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and General Stilwell forced the recall of the US Commander, President Roosevelt told his press conference today.

President Roosevelt said that differences between the Generalissimo and General Stilwell had arisen for some time, and the whole unfortunate position came to a climax when the Chinese Commander requested the recall of General Stilwell.

The President stated that General Stilwell had carried out his work in the China-Burma-India campaigns with efficiency and skill, and he would be appointed immediately to a new command as important as the one he had been forced to vacate.

It is also revealed that Mr. Clarence Gauss, US Ambassador to Chungking, has asked that he be replaced as soon as possible.

No reason for the request has been given.

The latest Chungking communique reports that the position at Kweilin is now serious. Two Jap columns to the east and north-east of the city are only six miles away, and to the south-west only 10 miles. The new US Commander in China, Major General A. C. Wedemeyer, has arrived at Chungking.

British Troops Reach Liberated Salonika

CAIRO, Wednesday.—British troops thrusting north in Greece have reached the port of Salonika, liberated by the guerrillas.

Heavy rain is slowing down the British advance in other parts of Greece, and mined bridges and roads are also militating against rapid progress.

The Greek Prime Minister, M. Papandreu, has announced that the work for guerrilla troops inside Greece is now ended. Guerrilla officers will be given the opportunity of doing courses in officers' training schools, and the men will be drafted into the Greek Army.

The British Foreign Minister, Mr. Eden, has left Athens for Italy.

Soviet Seeks Turbines

LONDON, Wednesday.—Soviet Trade Union delegation members in Britain state that Russia is ready to buy big supplies of steel and iron goods from Britain; most urgently needed are turbines and blast furnaces.

2594 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED IN TWO MONTHS: US TROOPS MASSING FOR FINAL BATTLE ON LEYTE

GHQ, PHILIPPINES, Wednesday.—Carrier-based planes of the US 3rd Fleet destroyed 2594 Jap planes in the last two months for the loss of 300 American aircraft, Admiral Nimitz announced today. He also revealed that US submarines have sent to the bottom 18 more Jap ships, including a big destroyer and a transport. General MacArthur's invasion divisions on Leyte are now poised for the final battle.

It is now reported that the three enemy cruisers which were sunk or badly damaged in the carrier-based bombers' attack on Luzon had previously been damaged in the Battle for the Philippines.

Thrusting deep into the crumbling enemy defences, US troops have reached a point only eight miles from the north coast of Leyte Island, and are six miles from the west coast.

Jap reinforcements ferried across from Cebu have now set up a defence zone on the north-western tip of Leyte, and are preparing to make a last desperate stand in the face of the coming US onslaught. Flame-throwers and tanks of the US 7th Division roared and blasted Jap defenders from their concrete gun emplacements and bunkers near Dagami, and wiped out hundreds of fanatical Japs who fought on to the last in suicidal attempts to fight back.

US fighters and bombers sank 20 troop-laden barges attempting to cross from Cebu to Leyte, and hundreds of Japs were drowned. US Lightnings are again patrolling the island now the typhoon has blown itself out, and have penetrated deeper into the Jap defences in the Philippines.

HMAS AUSTRALIA WAS HIT BY JAP BOMBER OUT OF CONTROL

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—First eye-witness story of the damage suffered by HMAS Australia during the Leyte invasion reveals that the cruiser was not hit by a bomb, but was struck by a twin-engined Jap bomber in which the pilot was already dead, hit by naval gunfire.

This eye-witness story, the first to reach Australia, was given by a Netherlands Government representative on the cruiser.

He said that the bomber was a twin-engined model of the "Betty" type. It struck the cruiser, not in a suicide attack, but by accident after being shot out of control by gunners on the cruiser. It hit the forward funnel, bounced off on to the bridge, then skidded into the sea on the other side of the cruiser. The bridge went up in a sheet of flame, and it was only a miracle that everyone on the bridge at the time was not killed.

The Commander of the cruiser, Captain E. F. Dechaineux, three other officers, and 15 men, on or near the bridge were killed, and Commodore A. J. Collins had a narrow escape from death.

Burma Drive to Free Road to China Goes Well

KANDY, Wednesday.—The British-Chinese drive to clear a road from Burma to China is going well, according to the latest South-East Asia Command communique.

Chinese troops have consolidated their positions in Myittha, 25 miles from Bhamo, on the upper reaches of the Irrawaddy, and are pushing on, while British troops killed more than 100 Japs in offensive patrols.

More progress has been made in the Kennedy Peak sector, where the Japs are resisting stubbornly.

Leading Sydney Doctor "Taken for Ride" in Sedan by Gunmen

SYDNEY, Wednesday.—Surgeons are fighting a desperate battle for the life of 42-year-old leading Sydney doctor, Reginald Stewart Jones, who was "taken for a ride" in a big sedan car by three gunmen early this morning, shot through the right lung, and dumped on the steps of a Randwick private hospital a few hours before dawn.

According to police officers, Dr. Jones was intercepted by three men in a big sedan car as he neared his home just after midnight, and forced to enter the car.

He was then "taken for a ride" to the Maroubra district, and shot through the lung by one of the three gunmen after threats had been made. Police say that the car was then driven through the dark Sydney streets, and when outside a private hospital in the Randwick district Dr. Jones was thrown from the car, and dumped on the steps of the hospital.

He was found unconscious in a pool of blood, and rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital a few hours before dawn, and

Nazis Lose Heavily in Clashes on Italian Front

ROME, Wednesday.—Smashing heavy German counter-attacks south of Bologna, US Fifth Army troops on the Italian battlefront have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy.

Eighth Army men have widened their bridgehead over the Ronco River, and are continuing their drive on Bologna from the eastern end of the front.

The weather has cleared slightly, but German resistance along the whole front is stiffening as Kesselring throws in fresh troops.

SMALL SHIPS VITAL

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Evidence that Britain is aware of the vital necessity for small ships in the Pacific war was given in Canberra by the Canadian High Commissioner to Australia, Mr. Justice Davis, who revealed that the British Government had placed orders for 16 cargo vessels of 350 tons for use in the Pacific, to be built and moved into the battle area.

US Superfortresses Raiding Tokio?

WASHINGTON, Wednesday.—Four-engined Allied bombers were over the Japanese capital this morning, according to a Tokio Radio announcement.

Tokio said that a number of four-engined bombers were over the Jap mainland, and that two were over the capital itself.

It is believed that Superfortresses are making their first raid on Tokio, but as yet there is no confirmation from any Allied source.

The only previous raid made on Tokio was the attack by Mitchell bombers from aircraft carriers in April, 1942, when Lieutenant-General (then Brigadier) Doolittle led the raiders, and landed in China.

Heavy Rush for Loan

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.—Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that applications for the Second Victory Loan would be accepted until the end of the week, banks reported a heavy rush this morning.

More than 10,000 applications had been received in Melbourne alone by lunch, and banks throughout the Commonwealth reported the heaviest day since the loan opened.

doctors are now fighting to save his life. The bullet went right through the lung, and the victim is stated to be in a critical condition.

Dr. Jones, who is one of Sydney's leading specialists, appeared in the Central Police Court yesterday on a charge of performing an illegal operation, and police believe this may have had something to do with the gunmen's attack on Dr. Jones.

Special squads of detectives are conducting intensive investigations.

RAAF Liberators Have Flown 500,000 Miles

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Australian-manned Liberators operating from North-western Australia have flown more than 500,000 miles in missions against the enemy on Timor, Amboina, Ceram, and other Jap-held territory.

Not one Australian-manned Liberator has been lost in recent missions, in spite of Jap opposition and anti-aircraft fire.

Many of the Australian crews manning the big bombers are veterans of bombing raids on Berlin and the Ruhr, and attacks on targets in occupied Europe.

Crews of 10 Liberators have more than 29,000 flying hours to their credit.

Tokio Radio to night claimed that Jap troops who had landed on Peleliu in the Palau Group were counter-attacking. US troops occupied the whole of Peleliu, apart from a few isolated pockets, in September. There is no confirmation of the attack from Allied sources.

Food Supplies for Italy

ROME, Wednesday.—Food and relief supplies valued at \$6,370,000 dollars were procured by the US Government, and shipped to Italy, between July 1, 1943, and September 10, 1944.

Food for the civilian population of Italy has been a paramount problem of the Allied Control Commission, and the problem is still far from solved. However, in the southern portion of liberated Italy, food conditions in the rural districts now are relatively easy, while the cities have an improved supply.

Transportation shortages constitute a big problem because of the amount of shipping required for military operation in Italy, France, and the Balkans.

All-out Red Army Drive To Overwhelm Budapest

MOSCOW, Wednesday.—Switching their armoured might on to a 60-mile front, Red Army commanders in Hungary are now engaged in an all-out blitzkrieg directed at the capital, Budapest, only 45 miles away. Hundreds of giant tanks, thousands of infantrymen, and massed bomber formations are blasting a path across the Hungarian plains.

The main thrust is being made along the Danube Valley from the big rail centre of Kecsismet, 45 miles to the south-east of Budapest.

Fresh German and Hungarian divisions are being rushed to the battlefront in an attempt to hold the Russian blitzkrieg, but yesterday more than 4000 Hungarians, including the complete staff and deputy commander of the 23rd Hungarian Division were captured. The commander was found killed.

To the north-west, near the captured rail and road city of Debrecen, Russian armoured columns have gained 12 miles, and killed 1000 Germans; they captured great piles of stores and tanks and guns.

The position on the East Prussian front has now become a complete deadlock, with Nazi and Russian armies massing for the battle which will decide the fate of East Prussia.

Heavy fighting north of Warsaw, and a new Russian drive in Latvia between Riga and the Baltic are also reported. Aircraft of the Russian Fleet in northern waters have joined Fleet Air Arm planes of the British Home Fleet attacking enemy shipping off Norway.

Moscow says 3240 Nazi tanks and 1138 planes were destroyed last month.

London Papers Support Mr. Churchill's Motion

LONDON, Wednesday.—"It is essential that the present British Parliament should remain in power at least until after Germany is defeated," says the London News Chronicle in an editorial today.

The News Chronicle was supporting the Prime Minister's motion for the extension of the life of Parliament for another year. Mr. Churchill's statement that the war against Germany would last probably until Easter was a sobering one, said the paper, but was based on sound judgment.

500 Delegates Attend Civil Aviation Talks

CHICAGO, Wednesday.—More than 500 delegates from the United Nations attended the opening of the International Civil Aviation Conference today.

The only nations not represented were Russia and Argentina.

The British delegation led by the new Minister for Civil Aviation, Viscount Swinton, is expected to put forward a scheme whereby post-war civil aviation will be controlled by an international authority, but America still favours the pre-war policy of separate agreements. The conference is expected to last 25 days.

Allies Appoint First Burgomaster for Aachen

BRUSSELS, Wednesday.—The first German Burgomaster of Aachen under Allied Military Government has been appointed, but for his safety his name has not been revealed.

The German High Command threatened that any German detected co-operating with the Allies in any way would be put to death.

The new Burgomaster has held his first council meeting with six members, whose credentials have been checked and double-checked by AMG officials.

Civilians are filtering back into Aachen from camps, and are equipped with special Allied passes. If their homes are still habitable they will be allowed to go back to them, but the Allied Military Government has warned all civilians that they will have to fend for themselves, as they will receive no help whatsoever from the Allies.

About 10,000 civilians were held in prison camps after the fall of Aachen.

What is Happening in Your Home State

Tasmania

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF MANPOWER, Mr. Plummer, said several days ago that an additional 604 men and 797 women would be required for food processing factories in Southern Tasmania during the coming season. Of this number, 590 men and 707 women would be needed for factories in Hobart alone.

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH, Mr. Howroyd, has informed Mr. Spurr, MHA, that the site selected for the proposed Baby Welfare Clinic at Deloraine has been declared unsuitable by the Government architect and that a new site suggested by the Country Women's Association will be inspected shortly.

THE TASMANIAN FARMERS, STOCK-OWNERS AND ORCHARDISTS' ASSOCIATION has applied to the Prices Commissioner for an increase of 1s a bush as a ceiling price for all varieties of seed oats.

HAROLD NORTHCOTE PEARCE was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by the Chief Justice, Sir John Morris, in the Hobart Criminal Court for having, on September 26, between Nunamara and Newstead, assaulted Ethel Margaret Faulkner by smashing a bottle of wine over her head. He pleaded guilty.

THE SOUTHERN TASMANIAN TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION announced at Hobart that a definite course of action to be taken by all teachers in the event of the Government's refusal to accede to a request for an increase in salary had been decided upon.

DEVELOPMENT OF SECONDARY INDUSTRY in Tasmania would result in a population many times the present number, said the Federal Minister for Information, Mr. Calwell. He has just returned from Tasmania, where he addressed 15 meetings in six days in support of the Second Victoria Loan.

THE PREMIER, MR. COSGROVE, has denied that he had any financial interest in the Hobart bridge. In a circular signed by a Hobart resident, it is alleged that the Premier, in the name of his brother, has shares valued at \$1000 in the undertaking. "The statement is definitely untrue," said the Premier. "Neither I nor any member of my family has the slightest financial interest in the bridge." Asked whether he proposed to take action against the author, the Premier replied that he had not decided.

Queensland

COUNCILLOR JAMES PARNELL TULLY, chairman of the Mulgrave Shire Council, died on Tuesday. For the last 19 years, he was the proprietor of the Stratford Hotel and formerly was a member of the Barron Falls Hydro-Electricity Board and Cairns Hospital Board. He was a keen follower of sport.

MAKING THE 16th VESSEL to be completed at a Brisbane shipbuilding yard, a naval frigate was launched on Tuesday in the presence of the Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Keyes. "It shows that Australia is setting her future to take a part in the retention of command of the seas," said Lord Keyes, in a tribute to the fact Australia was taking in the war.

TWENTY-FOUR OF 41 Australian soldiers in an army trailer were injured when a trailer capsized after collision with a car at Woolloowin on Tuesday. Of these, ten were admitted to a military hospital and the others treated by ambulance. One is in a serious condition. Three ambulances came from the city and several military ambulances were sent to the scene.

FOLLOWING A DISPUTE between the Downs Co-operative Dairy Association and members of its staff, three section managers and general manager, Mr. R. W. Thomas, received notice of dismissal. As a result, about 120 other employees gave notice of their decision to resign while similar action was being taken by other employees at outside factories, including Crow's Nest and Jondawes.

HENRY DESMOND BUCKLEY was sentenced on Tuesday to seven years' hard labour after being found guilty of rape at Southport on December 24 last. Buckley previously was sentenced to six years and on appeal, the Criminal Court quashed the sentence and ordered a new trial. The increased sentence was the outcome.

THE BEAUDESERT TRAMWAY, the first section of which was opened in 1905 and the remainder in 1912, has been closed for lack of support, and has been sold at the original cost of \$59,600 of which the Beaudesert Shire Council still owes \$30,000. Sale of locomotives and rails, however, is expected to realise about \$26,000. The rails have been sold to sugar mills in the Mackay district and the locomotives to the Isis Central Sugar Mill and Fairmead.

INCREASED DELIVERIES OF FRUIT and vegetables combined with high prices to give the Committee of Direction of Fruit Marketing a record turnover in 1943-44. Consignment turnover was about \$1,446,340, compared with \$1,018,600 for the previous year. This is revealed in the Auditor General's annual report. Operations resulted in a net profit of \$53,319, \$31,717 more than the previous year, says the report. Largest single item was \$37,596 profit in the committee's trading section, compared with \$11,997 in 1942-43. This profit was after the provision of \$36,345 for bonuses and rebates—\$21,320 more than was distributed in 1942-43.

IT WAS TIME ACTION WAS TAKEN to provide manpower for urgent civilian works and services which had been deferred for a long time, said the Co-ordinator General of Public Works, Mr. J. F. Kemp. At the same time, Australia was still a great Allied base and military requirements must take precedence.

BRISBANE HOTELS will get their full quota of beer this month as the result of a change in distribution. This will mean only a slight rise on the present supply. Until now, hotels have not been getting the full quotas allotted to them because breweries could not supply it.

An official of the Queensland Breweries Ltd., said on Tuesday night that there had not been any increase in production as breweries had been working at full capacity all the time.

SOON AFTER HE HAD PAID \$280 for 16 diamonds recently, a Bundaberg poultry farmer was told by a jeweller that they were not genuine. He informed the Bundaberg police and a description of two men in a motor car was sent to Gympie, where two men were detained by the Gympie police.

FLYING OFFICER LOYAL FRANCIS MCINNIS, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. W. McInnes, of 40 Victoria Street, East Bundaberg, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has since been promoted to Flight Lieutenant. The official citation accompanying the award states: "Flying Officer McInnes was navigator of an aircraft when, in the Bay of Biscay, an enemy submarine was sighted. By displaying great coolness in the face of heavy opposition and co-operating closely with his captain, this officer succeeded in straddling the boat with depth charges, thereby causing its destruction. Throughout many long and arduous patrols, Flying Officer McInnes' skill, determination and fortitude have been worthy of the highest praise."

SQUADRON LEADER J. D. GLEESON, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gleeson, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton, is commanding an RAAF Kittyhawk fighter-bomber squadron in Italy. "Eighth Army News," an army journal, published a story of an attack by Desert Air Force pilots, led by Squadron Leader Gleeson on an enemy fuel dump near Florence, during the visit of the King to Italy. His Majesty stopped his car to watch as the 12 planes swept into the air in pairs at the start of their mission. There was good news for the King when he asked how they fared. The Kittyhawk pilots, led by Squadron Leader Gleeson, scored 12 direct hits on their target. Anti-aircraft fire turned on them from the target area, but all the planes returned undamaged.

New South Wales

FIVE POLICE OFFICERS missed death by seconds on Tuesday when a four-roomed house which they had searched at Menai (near Sutherland) was blown to pieces just after they had left it. A man, armed with a service rifle and shot gun, was later sought by large squads in the surrounding dense bush. Shortly after the house blew up there was a second explosion some distance away in a secret dump of explosives. Railway Officers raided a house shortly after 8 a.m. and recovered property valued at hundreds of pounds. Later, police arrested a man in the bush.

LESLIE FROST, 15, of Earlwood, fell from a stationary train at Sydneyham on Monday night. His head struck the line and he was knocked unconscious. Herbert Mitchell, railway foundryman, dragged Frost clear, only a few seconds before another train reached the spot.

SYDNEY WHARF LABOURERS are to get next month two ounces of tobacco through the Union headquarters. The scheme was initiated through the Federal Government. In future, there will be a regular issue of two ounces per month. The men will pay the Union for the tobacco and the money will be forwarded to the suppliers.

LATE ON MONDAY NIGHT, Miss Mary Cecilia Comerford, of Ashfield, fell from a train in Wynyard tunnel. Her body was found by a fitter whilst working in the tunnel.

MERVYN ACHISON, 22, single, musician, was arrested on Monday night and charged with having shot at Pilot Officer Kelvin Smith at station 2KY Swing and Jazz Club with intent to murder.

GUNNER KEITH DIETRICH, 23, AMF, was seriously injured on Monday afternoon when he fell under a moving electric

TASMANIAN POLICE IDENTITY RETIRES

HOBART, Wednesday—Inspector M. A. Summers, of Longford, who joined the Tasmanian Police Force on November 19, 1901, will retire on Saturday.

At the outbreak of the first World War, he was engaged on intelligence work and arrested a spy who posed as the Swedish Consul at Hobart, but who was an officer in the Austrian Army.

During the visit to Australia of the Prince of Wales, Mr. Summers was one of the escorts throughout the visit. He helped extricate the Prince when the train on which he

Bloody Brawl in Queensland Parliament

BRISBANE, Tuesday—State Transport Minister, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. T. Aithens, MLA (Mundingburra) fought with their fists in the lobby of Parliament House tonight following frequent verbal exchanges during the day.

Both are 14-stoners, with plenty of waltime. Walsh got in early and opened Aithens' left eye. At the end of the bout, blood was streaming down Aithens' face and the front of his shirt was scarlet, and the left sleeve of his shirt was ripped half way to his shoulder. Walsh received small cuts to his face.

The pair chased one another up and down the lobby and landed heavy blows at times. Their heads bumped hat hooks on the walls which were soon spattered with blood.

Ministers and members, and three clerical men who had been in the public gallery, endeavoured to stop them. Eventually, a constable who was on duty at the entrance, heard the noise and dashed into the fray, separated them.

The trouble started early in the evening when Aithens dashed to the bar of the house in a fighting attitude and challenged Walsh to fight.

Aithens returned to his seat and apologised, but about a quarter of an hour later, a disturbance was heard in the corridor and members rushed out to find that the pair had come to grips.

After the fight had finished, they again flew at each other in the writing room, but Aithens was hustled away to have a face wound dressed.

About an hour later, Walsh returned to the Chamber and apologised, expressing sincere regret.

The Premier then moved an adjournment.

proposed Liberal Party of Australia.

THE DISPUTE which has arisen between bulk handling workers and Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd., will be heard by the Arbitration Court next Friday.

UNDER COMMONWEALTH regulation, this State is allowed to train eight dental students each year. This was announced by the principal of the Dental Hospital and College.

A LASCAR SEAMAN jumped overboard from a ship in Fremantle Harbour several days ago, but was soon rescued by the crew of a tug. The seaman had been in hospital, but was escorted back to his ship and had only got on it when he dived off and swam around until a rope was thrown from the tug and he was hauled on board.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, Sir John Northmore, has donated his personal library to the British Sailors' Society, Fremantle, for use of seafarers. The library comprises between 500 and 600 books, among which are biographies, autobiographies of famous people, some fine reference books, set of Dickens' works, a valuable dictionary and novels by some of the world's best writers.

ARTHUR SYDNEY SUTHERLAND, of 108 Loftus Street, Leederville, commercial traveller, was fatally injured and his 19-year-old daughter, Shirley, was severely hurt when a motor car he was driving collided with a tram in High-street, Fremantle, about 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

AN ENGINE AND THREE COACHES of the crowded Kalgoorlie Express which left Perth at 4 p.m. on Monday were derailed early Tuesday morning at Noongar (216 miles from Perth). No one was injured, but there was damage to some rolling stock and the permanent way. A breakdown train left Perth later, and repair gangs are to build a deviation.

REPEATING THE SUCCESS which he has achieved for several successive years, E. Hann, on Tuesday won first prize for the best horse in harness at the annual show for the Adelaide Corporation employees.

ALEX GURNEY, creator of the comic strip "Bleek and Curley," is on his way to Alice Springs, and then to Northern Australia and forward battle areas collecting atmosphere for his strip of two hard-boiled diggers.

THE COMMITTEE of the South Australian Trotting Club decided on Tuesday night to conduct a \$1000 Trotting Cup at Wayville.

ALTHOUGH THE RESUMPTION of competitive golf in individual clubs is a probability in South Australia, there is small chance of championship title matches being resumed until some time after hostilities have ceased.

FILIGHT - LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. HODGES, of Berri, who was recently reported to have had a narrow escape from crashing into the sea when one of the two engines failed on the aircraft he was flying in recent strikes by Australian-manned Mitchell bombers against Japanese targets north of Australia, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges of Berri.

MR. NIEASS, MP, who is suffering from a strained heart relinquished all duties associated with the Government Workers' Association for the remainder of the year.

MR. AND MRS. T. J. MCGOVERN, of Victor Harbour, have received from the Air Board a copy of the citation of the recent award of the DFC to their son, Flying Officer T. H. McGovern, which reads: "Flying Officer McGovern has been in operations since September, 1942, and has carried out many attacks in support of the 2nd Army in France, often in the face of the fiercest opposition. This officer's coolness in all circumstances has been an excellent example to the flight he has led."

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Sir Mellis Napier, has received advice that flags on Government buildings are to be half-masted tomorrow for the funeral of Princess Beatrix.

PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING a cotton growing industry near Renmark will be placed before the Director of Public Relations of the Department of Post War Reconstruction during his visit to River Murray settlements this week.

THE PREMIER, MR. PLAYFORD said on Tuesday that if South Australians did not obtain an Australian motor car building industry after the war it would ultimately lose the body-building industry, which in pre-war days, provided employment for more than 8,000 men.

FLYING-OFFICER Keith Freeman, of Wattle Avenue, Fullarton, has been reported missing, believed killed. Warrant Officer K. L. Killen, of Brompton, is also reported missing.

FROST RELIEF GRANTS are to be sought by Clare vine and fruit growers on loss occasioned by recent frosts. The damage is assessed at \$15,000.

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When Roy Marley, 35, of Richmond, appeared in the City Court on Tuesday on a charge of murdering Ivan Patrick Laidlaw at Richmond on October 29, his counsel announced that he was approaching the Supreme Court for an order to allow Marley to go to the funeral of "his friend, Laidlaw."

Marley, who appeared with his right arm in a sling, was remanded to November 7. Later, Mrs. Jean Evans, 25, of Richmond, was charged with having been an accessory after the fact in Laidlaw's murder. Detective C. Currier said that police alleged that Laidlaw was shot by Marley who was alleged to have been living in the house occupied by Mrs. Evans. It was alleged that Evans knew Marley had shot Laidlaw and had afterwards assisted and harboured him.

GROSS RETURNS from Geelong's gala in aid of Geelong Hospital a few days ago were \$5200. The committee, which will also collect \$1000 rain insurance, hopes to net about \$5000.

ONLY DEFENCE OR OTHER ESSENTIAL WORKERS will be entitled to penalty rates if they work on November 7, nominally Melbourne Cup day. This provision is to be made by a special amendment of the National Security Regulations to be issued by the Department of Labour. No other employees will be entitled to extra payments, even though provision is made for it in his State award, because of the decision of the Victorian Government not to proclaim November 7 a holiday.

FACTORY LAY-OUTS AND AMENITIES which will assist in maintaining efficiency and welfare of employees in canneries and dehydration and food-preserving factories, are given in a booklet issued by the Commonwealth Department of Labour and National Service. Prepared with the assistance of leading manufacturers, the booklet says new wartime techniques of food-processing have opened the way for a continuance of the industry above pre-war levels.

THE EGG SURPLUS of 8000 dozen in Melbourne, reported early last week, has not been reduced much, according to the Food Control. Egg pulping and drying plants were working to capacity and more cold storage space had been found, but the record supplies reaching the city could not be absorbed.

INQUIRIES FOR ITEMS ranging from a pair of boots to an ocean-going steamer, were constantly being addressed to the Commonwealth Disposals Commission, said the chairman, Mr. A. V. Smith. The Commission was not a retail store, he protested. General policy, after Government requirements had been met, would be to sell on a wholesale basis through normal trade channels.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the Western Australian Nationalist Party on Tuesday night adopted a report of the Party's delegation to the recent Canberra Non-Labour Conference, and unanimously decided to convene a special conference of the National Party at which it would be proposed that all National Party members should give their adherence to the

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POPEYE



BLONDIE



Popeye Goes to Warshinton

S-no Joke

THE DISPUTE which has arisen between bulk handling workers and Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd., will be heard by the Arbitration Court next Friday.

UNDER COMMONWEALTH regulation, this State is allowed to train eight dental students each year. This was announced by the principal of the Dental Hospital and College.

A LASCAR SEAMAN jumped overboard from a ship in Fremantle Harbour several days ago, but was soon rescued by the crew of a tug. The seaman had been in hospital, but was escorted back to his ship and had only got on it when he dived off and swam around until a rope was thrown from the tug and he was hauled on board.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, Sir John Northmore, has donated his personal library to the British Sailors' Society, Fremantle, for use of seafarers. The library comprises between 500 and 600 books, among which are biographies, autobiographies of famous people, some fine reference books, set of Dickens' works, a valuable dictionary and novels by some of the world's best writers.

ARTHUR SYDNEY SUTHERLAND, of 108 Loftus Street, Leederville, commercial traveller, was fatally injured and his 19-year-old daughter, Shirley, was severely hurt when a motor car he was driving collided with a tram in High-street, Fremantle, about 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday.

AN ENGINE AND THREE COACHES of the crowded Kalgoorlie Express which left Perth at 4 p.m. on Monday were derailed early Tuesday morning at Noongar (216 miles from Perth). No one was injured, but there was damage to some rolling stock and the permanent way. A breakdown train left Perth later, and repair gangs are to build a deviation.

South Australia

REPEATING THE SUCCESS which he has achieved for several successive years, E. Hann, on Tuesday won first prize for the best horse in harness at the annual show for the Adelaide Corporation employees.

ALEX GURNEY, creator of the comic strip "Bleek and Curley," is on his way to Alice Springs, and then to Northern Australia and forward battle areas collecting atmosphere for his strip of two hard-boiled diggers.

THE COMMITTEE of the South Australian Trotting Club decided on Tuesday night to conduct a \$1000 Trotting Cup at Wayville.

ALTHOUGH THE RESUMPTION of competitive golf in individual clubs is a probability in South Australia, there is small chance of championship title matches being resumed until some time after hostilities have ceased.

FILIGHT - LIEUTENANT GEORGE S. HODGES, of Berri, who was recently reported to have had a narrow escape from crashing into the sea when one of the two engines failed on the aircraft he was flying in recent strikes by Australian-manned Mitchell bombers against Japanese targets north of Australia, is the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Hodges of Berri.

MR. NIEASS, MP, who is suffering from a strained heart relinquished all duties associated with the Government Workers' Association for the remainder of the year.

MR. AND MRS. T. J. MCGOVERN, of Victor Harbour, have received from the Air Board a copy of the citation of the recent award of the DFC to their son, Flying Officer T. H. McGovern, which reads: "Flying Officer McGovern has been in operations since September, 1942, and has carried out many attacks in support of the 2nd Army in France, often in the face of the fiercest opposition. This officer's coolness in all circumstances has been an excellent example to the flight he has led."

THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR, Sir Mellis Napier, has received advice that flags on Government buildings are to be half-masted tomorrow for the funeral of Princess Beatrix.

PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING a cotton growing industry near Renmark will be placed before the Director of Public Relations of the Department of Post War Reconstruction during his visit to River Murray settlements this week.

THE PREMIER, MR. PLAYFORD said on Tuesday that if South Australians did not obtain an Australian motor car building industry after the war it would ultimately lose the body-building industry, which in pre-war days, provided employment for more than 8,000 men.

FLYING-OFFICER Keith Freeman, of Wattle Avenue, Fullarton, has been reported missing, believed killed. Warrant Officer K. L. Killen, of Brompton, is also reported missing.

FROST RELIEF GRANTS are to be sought by Clare vine and fruit growers on loss occasioned by recent frosts. The damage is assessed at \$15,000.

Noted Authority Writes of Incredible Living Conditions of Japan at War

NEW YORK.—Incredible living conditions are gradually breaking down the Japanese people at home, says Mark Gayn, Eastern authority, in a Saturday Evening Post article, "Japan Digs In To Die." Gayn, who worked in China and speaks Russian, had access to thousands of pages of transcriptions of Japanese broadcasts, from which he compiled the article. He tells of the forced privations on the Japanese Empire in the throes of war.

He says the Japanese have no new clothing, are on starvation diet, and have worked so hard that a recent survey in Tokyo showed that one out of every four youths reporting for work had tuberculosis.

Rice is no longer being imported from South Asia, and the ration is now only 2-lb. daily. Fish is available only once weekly, and is rationed.

The Army tried a plan to make Spartans out of Japan's home workers, who were fast deteriorating physically. Last winter they encouraged the men to go mountain-climbing and to bathe in cold water.

A scheme to discard overcoats led to such a widespread epidemic of colds that it had to be dropped.

To meet the manpower shortage, Japan is using 2,000,000 old men and children under 12, 1,000,000 Koreans, and 60,000 Chinese.

Against tremendous prejudice, women have been drafted, but families are broken up in such disjointed fashion that thousands of children have been lost.

So many children were lost that eventually the police began to penalise parents who lost their children by making them purchase one 10-yen (15/- Australian in 1939) war bond for each child lost.

There is a grave scarcity of essential metals, coal, electric power, machine tools, and transport facilities.

The shipping crisis is so grave that chunks of rubber are being towed from Malaya to save shipping space.

Tokio recently announced that teak-wood barrels of oil dropped into a certain current in the Dutch East Indies eventually reach Japan's shores.

B29 raids brought students to Air Force recruiting bases demanding admission as air cadets, filling out their application forms in blood.

The Japanese are spending their savings on luxury goods because the black market has cleaned out stores of essentials.

All the customers are ragged. If women are seen wearing wide-sleeved kimonos of pre-war vintage, fellow-citizens accost them, telling them to cut off the sleeves.

Champagne A-Plenty

LONDON.—It is reported from Lyons that there are still 300 million bottles of good champagne hidden in France, despite the German efforts to remove them.

It is feared, however, that there may be meagre supplies in future years because the champagne vines will require much tending before full production can return.

A DIFFERENT TUNE

HOLLYWOOD.—Walter Donaldson, composer of "I Can't Give You Anything But Love, Baby," has been divorced by Valda Mansfield, the actress.

She gets 250 dollars a week support for herself and two daughters. He gets the piano.

"Enemy Wrecks Litter the Sea"—Tokio Reports

WASHINGTON.—Tokio radio has issued fantastic news reports of successes in the Philippines naval battle. "Enemy wrecks litter the sea," the radio said.

"The Japanese victory has caused great rejoicing in Manila, Philippines capital. The people of Manila are beaming with happy smiles all over their faces."

"A Filipino was heard saying: 'This is the beginning of the end for the Yanks. I hope they will be shattered to atoms.'"

The radio said 84 American warships had been sunk or damaged, and added: "It is impossible to reveal what further measures will be taken by the Japanese Fleet."

"Americans on Leyte Island have given up all hope of extending their beachhead," as Japanese reinforcements move up in great strength."

"I TAKE MY HAT OFF TO THE CCC," SAYS THEODORE

CANBERRA.—The Allied Works Council had sufficient urgent war work to keep it active for another 12 months, said the retiring Director-General, Mr. E. G. Theodore, who condemned the "cheap critics" of the AWC. He said the Council's great engineering feats would stand as enduring monuments. Mr. Theodore is a former Federal Treasurer.

Since his appointment in February, 1942, work costing £130,000,000 had been completed and the programme was not finished.

The Commonwealth Government intended to evolve from the AWC an organisation to carry on as a permanent works ministry. The organisation would need intelligent Australians to plan and build for great post-war events.

"I take off my hat to the CCC," said Mr. Theodore, "especially the older men, the physically unfit, and the inexperienced, who were sent to live in rough camps, and men of State instrumentalities. Between them they performed miracles in helping to save Australia."

Mr. Theodore said these miracles were made possible by the energy and patriotism of men taken over from the Department of the Interior, the ready response of State bodies, and the acceptance of a form of industrial conscription which had been the basis of the CCC without that co-operation the vast programme of works in Northern Australia could not have been completed.

Laval Sentenced To Death in Absentia

LONDON.—More than 200,000 was raised last week at the first day of the sale of property belonging to the Vichy Premier, Pierre Laval.

Collectors paid 37/- each for three of Laval's famous white ties.

The property, Chateau Chateillon, in Clermont Ferrand, south-east France, will be made into a reception centre for refugees.

Laval is reported to have set up a so-called exiled French Government at Sigmaringen Castle, in Germany. He was sentenced to death in his absence, by a Marseilles court on Friday.

SAD CRADLE SONG

LONDON.—Thousands of young wives who want to be the mothers of the new Britain have gone over the heads of the War Office with a direct petition to Mr. Churchill.

They request that the period of continuous service for married men in distant war zones should be reduced to three years as a maximum.

These young wives are watching the years roll by, and their cradles are still empty because their husbands were sent to the Middle East and Far East early in the war and have not been allowed home leave.

They have been fighting for Britain's survival, but have not been given a chance to father the future children of Britain.

Their appeal, for which already more than 100 signatures have been obtained, is the spontaneous sequel to the muddled proposal recently made in Cairo suggesting that married men in the Middle East whose wives are still of an age and want to have families, should be given priority for home leave.

Memorial Ceremony On Noemfoor Island

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.—An impressive memorial ceremony was conducted near the beachhead on Noemfoor Island, one of the main air bases for RAAF and US squadrons.

While aircraft droned overhead on never-ceasing missions into enemy-occupied territory, representatives of RAAF and American units on the island flanked the square of hallowed ground marked with white crosses.

Hymns and prayers preceded a salute to Australian and American dead by an American firing party.

After a bugler had sounded "taps" the all-clear was echoed from hills to the west by another bugler.

The service concluded with the playing of the national anthems of the two countries.

A colour party carried the Australian and United States flags.

Work for 50,000 for Two Years Can be Provided

CANBERRA.—Work for 50,000 for two years could be provided by the £130,000,000 national works programme, the Commonwealth Bureau of Statistics has announced.

Plans have been made to provide work for 5,000,000 man-weeks in the programme, which was adopted recently by the Commonwealth and State Governments at the Premiers' Conference.

More than 4000 separate works throughout Australia are listed in varying priorities.

GREAT US BATTLESHIPS AT SEA

WASHINGTON.—Two great American 45,000-ton battleships, Missouri and Iowa, are now operating—presumably in the Pacific. Disclosure of this fact by the Navy Department underlines the impressive dimensions of US naval strength, making itself most forcibly felt on the Japanese Navy.

Both super-battleships, which have nine 16-inch and 20 five-inch guns, as well as numerous other calibre guns aggregating 157 have completed "shakedown" cruises in which they travelled several thousand miles.

Despite their huge tonnage both vessels can show submarines a clean pair of heels with speeds of more than 30 knots.

They are virtual cities speeding over the water.

The Iowa, for instance, has these "believe it or not" statistics:—92 acres of deck space. 800 miles of welding drive shafts.

Capacity to generate enough electricity to handle a domestic and industrial load of a city of 20,000 persons, the operations involving 900 motors.

Each ship has a complement of 2500 officers and men.

Incidentally, the Missouri's commanding officer, Captain William M. Callaghan, is a brother of Rear Admiral Daniel J. Callaghan, who was killed in the naval battle of the Solomons two years ago.

Nazi General Caught With His Pants Down

MOSCOW.—A German general fled naked down a street in an East Prussian town on Friday, when Russian soldiers made a surprise attack. He jumped into a car and escaped, but is believed to have been wounded.

The Russians, advance units of a powerful force, entered the town at day unknown to the Germans.

The general, who was living in a flat, ran from a back entrance to the building when the Russians smashed down the front door.

He had apparently been taking a bath. A wet towel was found on the bedroom floor beside his uniform.

Lying on the bed were his tasselled epaulettes with the insignia of an exploding bomb, a helmet with a golden imperial emblem, a belt with a golden buckle, and a heap of military badges and decorations.

Moscow reports say that in all East Prussian villages entered by the Red Army there are signs of hasty flight by civilians and high military officers.

The population apparently thought the Russians were incapable of breaking through the German defences, and changed their minds only when they found themselves almost in the front line.

"VIVE LA DIFFERENCE" IN FRANCE

LONDON.—When somebody in the French Parliament before the war urged that women be given votes with a speech beginning, "There is little difference between men and women," members spontaneously rose to their feet and roared "Vive la difference." Amid cheering laughter, the question was again shelved—to be taken up again now.

French pseudo-democracy has resumed its devious and fatal course. Frenchwomen, in some ways the most emancipated women in the world, remained in the paradoxical position of having to win by salon intrigue what they were not allowed to try to win by the ballot box.

The French fight for liberation, and swing to the Left, have changed all that.

Not waiting for the next Parliamentary and municipal elections, at which all Frenchwomen will vote, the Paris Liberation Committee has already appointed 20 women as municipal councillors. Some of them shouldered arms with the Maquis.

Just how universal suffrage will favour France's future is another matter. For instance, there are 200,000 Paris women who depend on the fashion trade for a livelihood.

There are millions of French farmers' wives, whose whole idea of good politics is a well-filled sock hidden under the bedroom floor.

ADOLF (ROBINSON) HITLER (CRUSOE)

LONDON, Tuesday.—When the Allies occupy Germany, Hitler will become a German Robinson Crusoe, according to a U-boat commander named Bender, in a speech to German naval cadets at Esbjerg, Denmark.

"If it should really come to pass that the Führer is temporarily compelled to leave Germany," he said, "he will go with the German navy, which knows of islands all over the world, and has secret U-boat bases in most out-of-the-way places."

"We have prepared caches of food, weapons, concrete, tools and machinery, and if the war ends, we could follow Hitler for another 10 years."

Bender hinted to the cadets of "fearful things" for the United States from the German "miracle weapon" which is "something like 'television.'" He promised that only U-boat personnel would handle the new weapon.

No Divorces in Malta

LONDON.—A Maltese man and woman have been sent to jail for adultery.

The man, Richard Testaferrata, 52, was sentenced to six months' jail, and the woman, Mary Pirota, 37, to four months.

Divorce is not allowed in Malta. The couple were charged with criminal adultery.

Such charges normally are tried before a judge and jury. Juries invariably refuse to convict.

Book Blazes in Old Dutch City of Maastricht

LONDON.—Last week was book-burning week in the ancient Netherlands city of Maastricht.

In every school in the city, teachers have been assisting janitors in shovelling tons of German schoolbooks into furnaces.

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 21

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SURGING ACROSS A RIVER on the Baltic front is a group of Russian machine-gunners, with their deadly weapons on floating rafts, in pursuit of the Nazis. Soviet forces on the Baltic front trapped and wiped out more than 100,000 German troops.

BONG ADDS TO SCORE

CHQ, PHILIPPINES.—Five hours after arriving at Leyte, in the Philippines, Major Richard Bong, leading American air ace, made his 31st kill.

Bong and several other pilots took off in Lightnings, and destroyed four or five Japanese raiders.

Bong's official status is gunnery instructor.

130,000 Nazis Still In French-Atlantic Ports

LONDON.—The Allies, since the beginning of the western campaign have taken 625,000 prisoners. German strength on the western front is now estimated at less than 100 divisions.

Most of these divisions are not much more than half strength, and are defending a 600-mile front. There are also about 130,000 German troops in the French Atlantic ports and the Channel Islands.

German armoured strength is estimated at less than at the beginning of the western campaign.

Roosevelt Tells of Post-war Security Programme in USA

NEW YORK.—A post-war security programme, ensuring for Americans high incomes and an adequate return for farm and factory products, was promised by President Roosevelt in Chicago a few days ago. Wage, price, and production controls would be lifted after the war, he went on, and promised that "this time the veterans will be able to grow apples on their own farms instead of having to sell them at street corners."

Soldiers Field was packed with 110,000 admirers of the President, says the New York Herald Tribune's Chicago correspondent, and it was one of the most uproarious political rallies in American history.

President Roosevelt predicted a future American economy, providing jobs for 60 million citizens, the building of one million homes yearly for 10 years, and a three-fold increase in foreign trade.

He charged the Republican Presidential candidate, Governor Dewey, with conducting a "me, too, campaign," in which he accepted all of the Roosevelt Administration's accomplishments in the domestic and international fields while arguing that it was time for a change.

Speaking in the Middle West, the centre of isolationism, President Roosevelt condemned exponents of that school of thought. He declared that the Republicans were trying not to alienate isolationists.

"They say, in effect," he continued,

Halsey's Complaint

PEARL HARBOR, Tuesday.—In a broadcast interview last night, the Commander of the US 3rd Fleet, Admiral Halsey, said:—"Since the Philippines battle we cannot find anything to attack. The Japanese are able fighting men, but as strategists they are good ping-pong players."

Asked what effect the victory would have on the 3rd Fleet, Admiral Halsey replied:—"Business as usual. Find the enemy, destroy him, kill him."

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Shades of Burial of Sir John Moore

LONDON.—Wrote Port Charles Wolfe of the "Burial of Sir John Moore After Corunna" (1808):—

Not a drum was heard, not a funeral note, As his corse to the rampart we hurried.

Not a soldier discharged his farewell shot O'er the grave where our hero we buried.

No useless coffin enclosed his breast, Not in sheet or in shroud we wound him;

But he lay like a warrior taking his rest With his martial cloak around him.

Wrote a Reuter's correspondent:—"Somewhere in France a general of the invading American forces, a paratrooper, and elder pioneer who was killed in a glider crash, was buried here to-day with a simple ceremony in the country he came to liberate."

"While the battle raged on all sides, the general was buried in a small field in France wrapped in a parachute, attended by a small group of fellow-officers."

"There was no official salute of guns. It was not necessary. All during the service big guns pounded away and rifles cracked in battle."

Allied Headquarters filled in the story. The lost commander was one of the best-known of US airborne officers—Brigadier General Don Forrester Pratt, assistant commander of the 101st Airborne Division.

He had led his detachment to a landing on the extreme right of the Allied line, north west of Carentan. He died when his command glider crashed into a tree.

LATEST FIGURES ON BRITAIN'S WAR EFFORT

CANBERRA.—Sidelines on Britain's war effort, based on the latest advice from London have just been received by the British High Commissioner's Office.

British industry turned out munitions valued at £30,000 in every hour of the day throughout the year. This represented an annual value of £2268 million.

Britain had produced in every hour since the war began an average of one and a half Army cannons, more than 4000 rounds of artillery ammunition, and more than 18,000 rounds of small arms ammunition.

Less than half of every £100 earned in the United Kingdom was spent on living costs. Taxes accounted for £36, and savings for £19, leaving £45 for living expenses.

The corresponding figures for 1938 were living costs £71, taxes £21, and savings £6. Britain's small savings had increased six and seven fold from 1938 to 1943.

This voluntary reduction in purchasing power allowed well over half the national income to be spent on the war without the development of inflation.

London Not Optimistic of Early Conclusion to War in Pacific

LONDON.—How long will victory against Japan take? Mr. Churchill, in his most recent references to the Pacific war, has been hopeful that Japan's downfall will come earlier than hitherto thought possible. Now, with the Philippines landings and the naval victory, much high optimism about the early end has been appearing in the British press, mostly in US dispatches.

But after the first wave of jubilation there is a tendency to see the position a trifle more calmly and to think that the Japanese war lords will bludgeon their masses, as Hitler is bludgeoning the Germans, into a last gasp stand, which means a considerable period of grim fighting.

In other words, Mr. Churchill and other Australians' warnings about what lies ahead, with special emphasis on the fact that the whole combined strength of the United Nations will be required to shatter Japan are receiving much attention. There is little disposition to accept unreservedly the belief of some correspondents from America that the Japanese Navy is finished and that it remains only for the Allies to attack Japan directly.

RUSSIA'S PART

No doubts exist anywhere that victory against Japan is assured; but it is the time factor that is questioned, and many go so far as to say that the Russians' entry into the Pacific war would be the best guarantee of a rapid and less costly victory, and would pave the way to a more lasting Pacific settlement.

It is interesting in this connection to note that every recent indication points towards the Soviets being nearer entering the Pacific war. There has been at least some public evidence of it. Recent articles in Russian newspapers have been adopting an unfriendly tone towards Japan, which represents a significant change of attitude.

The widely read and influential "Economist," whose comments throughout have been among the soberest and most informative on the facts of the Pacific war, has never subscribed to the belief in a quick victory in the Pacific, and the current issue, taking account of the Philippines, says: "Although the campaign has been generally victorious, the goal of total victory may not immediately be within Allied grasp."

AN INNER ZONE

The main theme of the "Economist" article is that Japan's efforts are now like Hitler's concentrated building up a formidable inner zone, which outside conquests apparently are subsidiary. It mentions as evidence of this that (1) although Burma, Siam, and Indo-China are great rice-producing areas, the production of rice and other cereals is being vigorously developed in Japan itself; (2) Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies have vast supplies of natural oil, but the production of synthetic petroleum in the inner zone has a high priority; (3) there is bauxite in the East Indies, but the Japanese prefer to build up a costly aluminium industry on

the base of aluminous shale from North America have nearly all the rubber in the China and Manchuria; and (4) the Japanese in Malaya and East Indies, yet they are developing a very large synthetic rubber industry in Japan. Obviously, they do not look on their farther empire as permanent.

Within this inner zone, says the "Economist," the Japanese have purposely planned to withstand a siege. They are driving on to more and more complete mobilisation of their economic resources for war by also ruthlessly scrapping the textile industry in favour of war industry of high priority: aircraft production (they claim that it can now produce 15,000 to 20,000 machines a year), a great increase in steel output, special attention to light metals and ferroalloys, and the expansion of extractive industries in North China and Manchuria, particularly Korea.

Japan's reserve resources of manpower and material in the inner zone are not negligible. Her population is 74 millions, and the Japanese High Command, for workers and second-line troops, can draw on Korea with 23 million and Manchuria with 43 million inhabitants.

Shipbuilding is the greatest bottleneck, with Japanese yards producing about 800,000 steel tons a year, which, even when supplemented by wooden ships, is inadequate to cover losses, but by drawing back into the inner zone the pressure on shipping will relax.

A YEAR AGO IN THE PACIFIC

The Japs suffered one of their worst series of setbacks for months just a year ago. Allied forces—

Landed on the west coast of Bougainville, the biggest and most northerly of the Solomons group.

Sank one Jap cruiser and four destroyers, and hit two more destroyers in a naval clash off the island.

Blasted Rabaul, destroying 83 enemy planes, sinking 13 ships, including three destroyers and damaged 11 other vessels, including two heavy cruisers.

Destroyed much Jap shipping and damaged planes in a series of naval and air attacks north and south of Bougainville.

"I Feel Like a Heel", Says Blind American Hero

NEW YORK.—Sergeant Forrest L. Vasey, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in a raid over Europe when, blinded in both eyes, he begged members of his bomber crew to toss him overboard to lighten the load, has been discharged from the Army.

A series of operations restored the sight of one of his eyes.

Off to work on a radio job until he enters college next year, Vasey said: "I feel like a heel. I am getting out, but other guys are staying in."

HERBERT SUTCLIFFE TO VISIT AUSTRALIA

LONDON.—Herbert Sutcliffe, famous English batsman, is going to Australia very soon on a six-months' business trip. Last year, due to an arm injury, he was discharged from the medical grounds from the army in which he was an ordnance corps major.

His former opening partner, Jack Hobbs, says that Sutcliffe has had lots of practice since the outbreak of war, and is still in fine batting form.



A US Army supply convoy halts while the northern part of the Burma Road, refreshment and rest at a tea shop on jeep and truck drivers take time for about 200 miles south of Chungking, the Chinese capital. The convoy gets a great deal of attention from Chinese of all ages.

Tirpitz Now Bad Sight

LONDON.—Germany's long-cherished hope of getting her giant battleship Tirpitz safely home suffered a fresh setback on Sunday when RAF Lancasters scored a direct hit with a 12,000 lb "earthquake" bomb.

Sunday's blow off the Norwegian port of Tromsø was the eighth attack on the Tirpitz, which had already been hit by the RAF, the Fleet Air Arm, the Navy's midget submarines, and a Russian submarine. But apparently she is still able to make steam.

"The attack by the Lancasters," says the Daily Mail, "was organized at great pressure, because we are unlikely to get another chance of pinning down the Tirpitz in a base so wide open to attack from Britain. Bomber Command was having one of the most hectic 24 hours of war, but the Chief of Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, quickly assembled and dispatched a force of Lancasters."

"It was planned to strike at 9 am, when the northern lights are at their brightest, as it is necessary to use the lights to overcome the natural fog and darkness shrouding this part of Norway."

Most of the Lancasters made four or five runs over the battleship to make sure of their aim, despite the intense ack-ack fire from the Tirpitz and a flak-ship.

Shop Assistants Want More Leave, Less Work

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.—About 30,000 shop assistants in the metropolitan area are seeking a five-day 44-hour week, two weeks' annual leave, sick leave, and a morning or afternoon tea break of 10 minutes.

The most contentious point raised in their claim is that an employee in city and suburban stores, with the exception of small goods shops, should be allowed "a holiday free from all work on Saturday."

This would mean closing all retail stores on Saturday. The application for a variation of the Award has been lodged by the Shop Assistants' and Warehouse Employees' Federation, and has now been referred to the State Industrial Commission.

ship, says the Air Ministry news service. Conditions seemed favourable for the attack until the Lancasters were a quarter of a mile from the target, and then a layer of low cloud drifted in from the sea. The crews, however, were able to make their runs straight at her. The crews point out that, apart from the direct hit, even near misses with 12,000 pounders would stave in plates and do other serious damage.

A Norwegian message from Tromsø says: "The Tirpitz is a bad sight. She is partly filled with water, and to prevent her sinking, most of her heavy guns and gun towers have been removed. Three tugs had to strain hard to manoeuvre the ship into the harbour."

Sensational Ballet by Australian

LONDON.—The South Australian, Robert Helpman, acknowledged by far the outstanding dancer on the English stage today, again hits the headlines, this time by creating yet another unorthodox ballet, in which he is the chief dancer.

It is the "Miracle in the Gorbals," a religious ballet in modern dress, set in a Glasgow slum, a morality play rather than a sociological tract on the theme of sin and repentance.

Its characters are dockside toughs, beggars, sinners and lovers. A girl commits suicide, and is raised from the dead by a stranger, who, consorting with sinners and redeeming them, is eventually slashed to death by an infuriated mob.

Helpman and his cast received 20 curtain calls in six minutes of hysterical applause.

The Daily Express describes it as a sensational modern allegory, brilliantly executed and staged.

The Times is critical, and says the ballet has not yet grown up to the magnitude of such a task. It discards the majesty of a language and limits its own technique in pursuit of this mistaken ideal. The Bible, even in modern speech, is not the right quarry for ballet scenarios. The new ballet does not lack dramatic power and its massed movements and grouping are well contrived.

Australia's Part In Post-War Aviation

MONTREAL.—Australia intended to participate in international flying, the Commonwealth Air Minister, Mr. Drakeford, said several days ago.

With the approval of New Zealand, he would propose at the Chicago conference that an international authority be established to own and operate trunk air lines.

On the question of the internationalization of civil aviation, Australia had not yet gone as far as the British Labour Party's proposals, which called for international ownership of manufacturing plants, airports, and all other facilities.

Vicious Gestapo Torture Shocked Even Hitler

LONDON.—So vicious were the methods of the Gestapo at a German torture camp in Holland that even Hitler himself was shocked. Conditions were so bad and prisoners in such a state that Hitler, for the first time, allowed representatives of the Red Cross to enter the camp.

This is reported by British correspondents who have just visited the camp at Vught, two miles south of Breda.

The camp was known as the "black hole of Vught." Correspondents found it among wooded country ringed with barbed and electrified wire.

It has cells 8 ft high and 12 ft long and 8 ft wide. The only ventilation to the cell is a grille near the ceiling.

Sixty seven women were crushed in there after first having been made to remove their cloths, then pressed in so tightly that their faces were jammed against the walls.

Nearly a dozen SS men had to heave against the door before it could be closed. These women stayed in the cell for 13

HUGHES IN NT

Mr. W. M. Hughes, MHR, who arrived in Darwin on Tuesday afternoon, was about early yesterday morning preparatory to seeing as much as possible of the Northern Territory, including service installations, in the time available.

Over his breakfast of tinned fruit, toast, marmalade and tea, he said he had been greatly impressed with what he had seen in the Northern Territory for which he thought there was a great future.

Mr. Hughes, who will see Australian soldiers working and training in the Territory, also airmen who daily fly combat missions over Jap-held islands to the north of Australia, said it was difficult to compare the soldiers of the great war with the soldiers of this war, mainly because the war themselves were vastly different.

Palestine, France and Flanders were different terrains, for instance, to New Guinea jungles and war weapons had greatly changed also.

During the last war some 400,000 Australians went overseas, but in this war, many had to remain in Australia and in the islands adjacent to Australia.

During the last war, Australia made small arms, but now there was a vast munitions industry making 25 pounders, all kinds of small arms, tanks and planes.

The Australian soldier of today however, was the equal of a soldier of the dividers of 25 years ago.

He still had the same courage, resourcefulness, endurance and dash. He still remained among the world's finest fighting men.

Army officers who met Mr. Hughes on his arrival in Darwin were surprised at his remarkable freshness and energy after the long air trip via Sydney-Adelaide. Alice Springs and a 1000 mile car trip from Alice Springs through Tennant Creek over the Barkley Tablelands to Darwin.

Items of Interest

NEW UNDER-SECRETARY.—The Earl of Munster has been appointed Under-Secretary of the Home Office. Lord 38, the Earl was previously Under-Secretary of the India Office.

ART GIFT.—The US National Gallery of Art announces a third rare art gift by Mr. Samuel Kress, of New York, and the Kress Foundation. It comprises 71 Italian paintings and 26 pieces of sculpture, and will make the gallery's Italian collection one of the world's best.

BRAZIL BASES FOR AMERICA.—The Herald Tribune's Rio de Janeiro correspondent says that the Brazilian Government has formally agreed to permit the United States to use the naval and air bases in northern Brazil for the prosecution of the war against Japan.

CORDELL HULL IMPROVING.—The Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said that the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, was still in Bethesda naval hospital and making favourable progress from a throat ailment.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER NOW FULL GENERAL.—The Duke of Gloucester who is to be the new Governor-General of Australia, has been promoted to the rank of General in the Army and Air Chief Marshal in the RAF.

Archbishop's Funeral Service

LONDON, Wednesday.—The funeral service of the late Archbishop of Canterbury took place yesterday.

The bier was carried into Canterbury Cathedral by eight sergeants of the Royal East Kent Regiment and it was decorated with masses of white flowers and autumn leaves.

Nearly 30 bishops were present at the service. They included two American bishops representing the American Episcopal Church.

NOTICE

A social evening and quiz night will be held by the CEMS at St. George's Club on Friday night.

SERVICE SECTION

LOST.—Signet ring, initials "RJF"—Mendil Beach, October 29, of great sentimental value.—Reward. Finder please communicate with Army News.

FOUND.—Writing case containing pay-book of NX119808, Tutton C. J. Owner may claim same from Army News.

LOST.—Camera, VPK "Goldi"—Left in vehicle on Stuart Highway on Sunday, October 29. Contact Serial 87, Reward.

FOUND.—Wrist watch on east track. Owner please contact Army News.

Thompson on Claudette in Cup

PATRICK-CALTAUX SHOULD BE HARD FIGHT

SYDNEY SPORTING NOTES

(by J. Schofield)

J. Thompson will leave for Melbourne to-day to ride Claudette in the last race at Flemington next Saturday.

Thompson is eager to feel the mare in action as he has accepted the mount on her in the Melbourne Cup a week later. Nothing worked better at Randwick than Kierse who finished third to Nightbeam and Flight in the Metropolitan and is a probable runner at Rosehill next Saturday.

PATRICK PREPARES FOR TOUGH FIGHT

Vic Patrick is more severe on his sparring partners than he has ever been. He has stopped several of them with left cuts to the body. Patrick is throwing all he has into his preparation for the Australasian welterweight title contest at the Sydney Stadium on Saturday night with the New Zealand ironclad, Vic Caltaux. Patrick believes Caltaux is tough as he will have to be tough too.

Manager Billy McConnell informed Stadiums Ltd. that should any unforeseen circumstances crop up during the week forcing either Patrick or Caltaux to stand down from next Saturday night's fight, Alan Westbury would be available to fill the vacancy at a moment's notice. Now that Westbury is down to the welter limit, it makes things easier, said McConnell.

MCABE KEEN TO PLAY

A Macquarie Street specialist is making every effort to get test batsman Stan McCabe fit for club cricket this season.

McCabe, who is suffering from trouble in having special supports made this week for his arches and hopes to be able to play again shortly. X-rays of both feet were taken to check whether the trouble may be due to chipped or broken bones, but McCabe thinks this is unlikely.

DOG TROUBLE AT BATHURST

Bathurst Dog Club might be asked to recoup punters who lost their money when a wrong dog was allowed to race on October 21.

Smoky's wish, who had started in a previous race, competed in the Maiden Stake in mistake for Roy Conbon. The dogs are almost identical in appearance.

Secretary of the Bathurst Dog Owners' and Trainers' Association, Mr. Allan Johnson, said his Association contended that the Club should take steps to reimburse punters. This could be done only where claims were substantiated and checked with bookmakers' ledgers.

TOPS ADELAIDE BATTING AVERAGES

With an average of 156 runs, Kierse, Prospect captain, has gained a strong grip on top place on the list of batting averages in district cricket this season. McLean (Port Adelaide) has been the outstanding bowler with 18 wickets in two games.

BOXING YESTERDAY AND TODAY

(By Pat Gleeson)

Years ago when in Auckland, New Zealand, with other Australian boxers, I visited old "Torpedo" Billy Murphy, one of the greatest boxers to ever come out of the Antipodes. Murphy was a New Zealander, born in Auckland in 1861. He won the world's feather title from Ike Weir by knockout in 14 rounds in San Francisco. Billy won a diamond-studded belt with the title.

He fought Griffo three times and was beaten by the Sydney slyder every time.

The fights took place in America. Murphy had a positively wicked right hand and has been known to knock even middleweights with his wallop.

When we met him he was a very old man, white and all that, but still wanting to fight. He had a clothes cleaning business at Kybur Pass, Auckland.

None of us was game to ask him to show us his right hand—he'd be liable to "donk" you with the lot. Every now and again he would ask the boxing association to let him box, even an exhibition, but he was just on 70. A great old fellow, however, he could not enough for us, showed us his gramophone, explained how he used to take it to bits, clean it, and put it back OK whenever he started to feel lonely, for he lived alone.

He and Bob Fitzsimmons were the only two world champions to come from this part of the world. Fitzsimmons hailed from Timarau, New Zealand, but was born in England.

Vic Caltaux, New Zealand welter champion, who fights Patrick on Saturday night, is a tough shagger. However, he is a fine living chap and the first thing he asked Jack Dunnevey, after Jack had fixed him up with accommodation in the city was: "How do I get to church in the morning?" Jack, himself a strict churchgoer, soon gave him directions.

Very many of the American boxers who came here years ago were also strict churchgoing fellows. The night before he fought Lea Darcy I saw George Chip, ex-world's middle weight champion, and his brother Joe. (Joe fought Dave Smith and others here) in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.

Leo Kelley here some years ago, who knocked out Ambrose Palmer and others, was a Dacon of his church in America. "Sunny" Jim Williams, another negro middleweight, who knocked 'em right and left here about 1928, was always going "crook" because his cobbler "Frisco" McGale, a welter who fought here, wouldn't go to church.



VIC PATRICK