

TIDE TURNS TO ALLIES IN ITALY

Six Towns Captured, Nazis May Fall Back 20 Miles.

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tion hanging at the mercy of the allies.

The position of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th army was described officially as satisfactory. But the Germans still held some high ground on the Volturno front, and their artillery fire was troublesome.

The fact, however, that they were showing signs of breaking off the action meant that the battle had gone in favor of the allies and had secured a springboard for the push on Rome.

As the Germans withdrew at points, they used their customary tactics of spreading mines in great profusion. They also maintained a fairly strong barrage over the river crossings in futile efforts to prevent enlargements of the allied bridgeheads.

Engineers Busy

Engineers were busy along the northern banks of the Volturno searching out and deadening the German mines.

Anglo-American forces improved their positions north of the Volturno-Calore confluence when they stormed into Amoreli. Beyond them the 8th army battered down stiff resistance by rear guard forces to overrun the key positions on the Terni-Naples highway.

The Germans had been using the railroad line which runs near Campobasso and Viterbo to switch heavy artillery from point to point. The two towns also had been major supply bases for both wings of their embattled forces in southern Italy. They now must fall back at least 20 miles to reach the next lateral road.

Cerroso Captured

The 5th army advanced 2 1/2 miles to seize Cerroso, north of the Calore river extension of the Volturno line, and also captured Amoreli, one mile north of the junction of the Calore and Volturno rivers; Cerreto, 15 miles northwest of Benevento, and Caluso, eight miles east of Capua.

Slogging through dreary rains, the 8th army extended its bridgeheads to the Tyrrhenian sea at a point about three miles north of the Volturno river.

Official reports indicated the sledge-hammer blows of the allies, supported by a steadily increasing weight of armor and guns rushed across pontoon bridges over the Volturno, were beginning to tell on the battered Germans.

Retreat Across Plain

Retreating across the coastal plain toward the Garigliano river, only 50 miles south of Rome, the Germans showed signs of attempting to break off the fighting. However, the 5th army was holding tenaciously to the pursuit.

A spokesman described conditions as most favorable to the 5th army.

The disclosure that the Germans were attempting to disengage themselves followed the issuance of a communiqué which reported that fierce fighting was continuing "as the enemy struggles to prevent the enlargement of the bridgeheads gained."

The German air force appeared over the Italian battlefield for the first time since the start of the Volturno battle. Fifty Messerschmitt 109's were sighted northeast of Capua by tactical air force fighters, which broke up the attacks and destroyed six enemy aircraft. Anti-aircraft gunners shot down at least seven more.

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WASHINGTON Calling

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done the damage to Germany that airmen hoped for when big air offensive started, this spring. Few still hope for an air knockout.

Heavy losses in Schweinfurt underscore necessity for our winning European bases from which to send our bombers. Thunderbolts were able to escort the force only part way on the 800-mile flight.

WAR DEPARTMENT Likes Results of Its Labor-Management Conference

CONFIDENTIAL CONFERENCE so much it plans to hold four more in various parts of the country. First will be at Ft. Knox, end of this month. As before, highest-ranking army officers will fill in workers, manufacturers and other prominent citizens on progress of war, outlook for future.

Manpower Program Gets Results

DRASTIC WEST coast manpower program gets results in aircraft-manufacturing town. Faced with loss of contracts, manufacturers are hustling for workers, suddenly seem able to find them. They've stopped crying about shortages, having buckled down to production.

Jimmy Byrnes plans to get monthly reports, keep a close check on future developments.

HOT FIGHT brews over plan of National Association of Railroad and Utility Commissioners to get legislation through congress taking jurisdiction from federal power commission over accounting, rates and financing of utility companies. Two state commissions, Alabama and California, threaten to resign unless association abandons plan.

RATION POINT value of butter may be reduced in next revision of OPA lists. Housewives are balking at giving up 16 points for a pound, and supplies are piling up. Also it's due to get more plentiful now that current production is going into civilian channels, with military and lend-lease drawing on storage.

AND NOW that censorship has been lifted on publication and broadcast of weather reports, you can look for relaxation of restrictions on the forecasts themselves. Weather bureau and military authorities are working on it now. Present system prohibits forecasts longer than 26 hours ahead. (Before the war, bureau was making forecasts for 36 to 48 hours in advance, and issuing weekly five-day predictions).

School Subsidies to Be Aired

PRESSURE Of teacher lobbies from almost every section of the country will force hearings before house education committee on federal subsidies for public schools. But whether the senate passes it or not, there's little chance house committee will ever report it. Committee is heavily loaded with northern—southern Democrats are chief backers of the bill. Committee members were hand-picked with this in mind at start of present congress. Bill probably would pass (in spite of \$300,000,000 appropriation) if it got to the floor; members hate to "vote against education."

POLITICAL NOTES:

Senator Vandenberg and other backers of MacArthur-for-president movement plan to blitz the G. O. P. convention for their candidate. Quiet build-up is being organized by Gen. Robert E. Wood, former America First leader.

Ohio Republican congressmen, worried by prospects of aggressive Willie campaign, plan to unveil Governor Bricker as a candidate at a Washington appearance. The governor is being consulted as to time and setting.

SOUTHERN COTTON MERCHANTS are lobbying here to prevent renegotiations of their contracts for sales of the raw staple. War department's price adjustment board, however, will not quit unless stopped by legislation. Cotton men say they don't know whether staple they sell is going into war orders, defying the army to determine costs, insist their business is thoroughly competitive. Some say that if renegotiation proceeds, cotton merchants will be put to great expense, cotton growers will get lower prices. War department still isn't convinced, still suspects excessive profits.

'Purpose' of Ration Tokens

OPA EXPECTS use of ration tokens, starting early next year, to reduce period-end buying rushes. But officials concede they'll have to deal with rushes to exchange paper coupons for non-expiring tokens. Also they anticipate some swapping of tokens among families, but don't expect serious results.

Note—OPA has taken double precautions against counterfeiting of the new auxiliary currency. Tokens will be treated with substance giving them fluorescent qualities when examined under ultra-violet light, and makers of vulcanized fiber have agreed to supply it only to firm which will make tokens.

MADISON, a small Indiana town on Ohio river, near OWI Director Elmer Davis' birthplace, forms the background for latest OWI propaganda movie. It's to be released in allied and conquered countries to offset impressions of U. S. A. gained through enemy propaganda and wild west and gangster movies.

HOUSE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE will get some frank and salty advice next week when it hears Controller General Lindsay Warren (once a house man himself) give his views on proper procedure for cancelling war contracts.

HOUSE DEBATE on dependency benefits indicated how congressmen plan to explain necessity for father draft to constituents. Their argument: Congress wasn't responsible; blame rests with war manpower commission for failing to force industries to release hoarded labor, and for allowing draft eligibles to stay on government payrolls.

ETHIOPIA REFUSES ITALY AS PARTNER

LONDON, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—Ethiopia refuses to accept a status of co-belligerency for Italy, according to a cable received by the News Chronicle from Haile Selassie and published tonight.

"We refuse to admit that a nation, which, through treachery and cowardice in 1935 and again in 1940 of her own volition declared war upon her peaceful neighbors, can at a moment's notice in her hour of defeat claim the status of co-belligerent," Haile Selassie said.

Rocket Gun's Mastery Near

LONDON, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—The air correspondent of the London Daily Mail said today that allied commanders believe they have the answer to the Nazi rocket guns with which the Germans are believed to have shot down some of the 60 Flying Fortress lost in Thursday's raid on Schweinfurt, central Germany.

"It is suggested in London that swift counter-measures can be expected," The Mail said.

The RAF's four-engined night bombers were idle last night for the seventh straight night, but German planes dropped a few bombs on the East Anglian coast. Three raiders were shot down; and one pilot was captured.

FRATERNAL GROUP CLOSING SESSIONS

The Indiana Fraternal Congress comprising 40 organizations closed its two-day convention here yesterday with election of new officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Gertrude Hoople, of East Chicago, was named president, succeeding August Schuster, of Hammond. Mrs. Hoople, represents the Royal Neighbors of America.

Others elected were J. B. Greig, Indianapolis, first vice president, of the Teachers' Protective Association; August P. Faubus, Indianapolis, second vice president, of the Association for Lutherans; Mrs. Dorothy Adang, Ft. Wayne, third vice president, of the Women's Catholic Order of Foresters; William E. Rider, Crawfordsville, fourth vice president; of the Ben Hur Life Association; C. B. Webster, Marion, alternate vice president, of the Protective Home Circle; and Frank J. Leibold, Indianapolis, secretary-treasurer, of the Maccabees.

STRIKERS TOLD TO GO TO WORK

WLB and Lewis Concur in Request That Coal Mines Reopen.

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and would include travel time in their work day.

Davis said the board has asked Lewis and Kennedy to discuss the practical effects of the proposed contract. Hence it was indicated that the board was concerned not only with the relationship of the agreement to its wage stabilization program but with the effects of production.

Would Disrupt Industry

In an opinion June 18 on the Appalachian wage case, Davis wrote that a "portal to portal" wage structure such as the Illinois agreement represents would have a disrupting effect which the industry could not stand in wartime.

It was believed that the WLB might call in operator spokesmen to discuss the practicability of the agreement. No hearing has been scheduled because neither the U. M. W. nor the Illinois operators asked for one.

Most observers doubted there would be another general walkout, although only 15 days remain for the miners to work under their last set of instructions from Lewis. They were ordered June 23 to work until Oct. 31.

COAL PROSPECTS IN INDIANA ARE DIM

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union member explained that the walkout probably was inspired by a similar situation in Alabama. He cited also that miners were dissatisfied because of the WLB's failure to approve worker-company agreements in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Louis E. Austin, president of District 11, had no comment on the situation and Harvey Cartwright, commissioner of the Indiana Coal Operators' association, was out of the city.

Strip Mines Not Affected

Michael Scollard, commissioner of the Indiana Coal Producers' association, said that strip mines had not been affected.

As attempts were made to end the Indiana work stoppage, the WLB appealed to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, to urge "full and continuous production of the war-vital fuel."

The WLB appeal said that the strike "is contrary to labor's pledge of no-strike pledge and the national policy."

STATE HEAD WARNS DRAFT DELINQUENTS

"Delinquency charges" against selective service registrants may be a short cut into the armed forces, or war work.

Col. Robinson Hitchcock, state selective service director, today urged these "delinquents" to remove charges at their local boards by Nov. 1. Boards are now authorized to classify promptly any man who has failed to perform any duty required of him without having documents in the files formerly necessary for classifications.

Approximately 100 men are reported monthly by Indiana draft boards to U. S. attorneys for delinquency, Col. Hitchcock said. However, about 85 per cent of the cases are handled without prosecution, because the violators have become delinquent through failure to notify their boards of a change in address or status.

Non-registrants may report to any draft board to register and give necessary information and may be inducted by any board.

New delinquency regulations will co-ordinate efforts of local boards, attorneys and state and national headquarters, Col. Hitchcock said.

THREE FAMILIES GET DEAD SONS' MEDALS

FT. WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 16 (U. P.).—Air medals and accompanying oak leaf clusters will be awarded posthumously late today to parents of three Ohio army air force fliers killed in action in the European theater of operations.

Maj. L. R. Kavanaugh, public relations officer at the Baer field army air base, said the presentations will be made publicly at a formal parade-review.

The medals go to Mrs. Hazel Wagner, mother of S. Sgt. Lloyd E. Wagner; and Carl H. Jones, father of 2d Lt. Carl G. Jones, both of Lima, O., and Mrs. Katherine R. Kreischer, mother of Sec. Lt. Bruce M. Kreischer, Convoy, O.

Maj. Kavanaugh said the presentations are in recognition of the heroism displayed by these men while under enemy fire.

U. S. WOOS ARGENTINE TO DROP NEUTRALITY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—The United States was believed today to be engaged in a final attempt to divorce Argentina from her neutral position, holding out a promise of lend-lease arms if she breaks with the axis and planning to reduce relations to the minimum if she refuses.

The present Ramirez government has openly sought military supplies from this country to place her on a par with Chile and Brazil.

PYTHIAN SISTERS TO PLAY

Irrington temple 411, Pythian sisters, will give a public card party at 8:30 o'clock tonight in the I. O. O. F. hall, 5420 E. Washington st. Mrs. Ida Snedeker is chairman, assisted by Mrs. Minnie Mountjoy and Mrs. Thelma Watts.

Fires of U. S. Vengeance Light Up Wake

By JOHN E. MORRIS
United Press Staff Correspondent
MARMAGAO, Portuguese India, Oct. 16 (U. P.).—More than 1200 Americans, prisoners in Japanese concentration camps for almost two years, waited aboard a Japanese liner in this neutral harbor today for their transfer to a homeward-bound Swedish steamer.

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Hundreds Line Rail

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WASHINGTON staple cotton for relief threatening. Fabrics are using previously, stock made only from cotton. The exportation at Beltsville succeeded in using plentiful shorter stockings with a ard of durability tlicity.

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