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IMMEDIATE MARCH INTO TUNISIA \$3,000,000,000 War Loan Drive Off To Good Start JAP BEAT AUSTRALIA DISCLOSE

Associated Press Bulletins

CRUISER LOSS CONFIRMED LONDON—The Italian High Command confirmed today the loss of a cruiser by the Italian Navy, presumably that sunk by the United States Army Air Forces in its bombing of the Italian naval base at La Maddalena, North Sardinia, Saturday.

CHANNEL GUNS ROAR BRISTOL—The thunder of heavy gunfire rumbled across the channel today from the French coast.

RAID CASUALTIES LONDON—An air raid on London today resulted in 23 killed, 100 injured and 439 injured.

BRITISH SUB LOYALTY LONDON—The British Admiralty today announced that it had received reports of sub-loyalty in the Mediterranean.

AIR PLANT TAKEN OVER LONDON—The Government today took over control of the Short Brothers Aircraft Company to speed production of bombers.

PLEADS GUILTY NEW YORK—Edgar Aulrich, 33, an importer and leader in the social register, pleaded guilty today to criminal negligence in a three-car automobile accident in which Thomas S. Cooke, a vice-president of the Standard Oil Co., was killed two years ago.

CHINESE MAKE GAINS CHUNGKING—Chinese troops have gained "considerable" ground in pushing northwest of Hankow, engaging the Japanese in a series of battles.

NEW CRUISER CHICAGO—WASHINGTON—The secretary of the Navy today announced that a contract has been let for the construction of a new cruiser to be named "Chicago."

Jones Urges Trade Accords WASHINGTON—Commerce Secretary Jesse Jones today urged that the current struggle against the Axis in North Africa is merely a preliminary skirmish when viewed in its setting in the entire war scene.

RAF Makes Raid On Koenigsberg LONDON—The Berlin radio today announced that the RAF had made a raid on Koenigsberg, a key point of the German campaign in Russia.

Mass 200,000 Soldiers At Nearby Bases

News Comes While Allies Are Scoring Another Great Air Victory ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA—(AP)—News of a smashing Allied air victory in the skies over Port Moresby, New Guinea, was coupled today with an official warning that the Japanese have massed 200,000 first-line troops at bases above Australia and that a new enemy offensive is being planned in the Southwest Pacific may be expected at any moment.

REMARKABLE EFFORT That the Japanese are still a force to be reckoned with, however, was emphasized by Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, commander of Allied ground forces in this theater, who today held a press conference that the enemy is making a tremendous effort to regain parity and then mastery of the air.

Reds Pound Nazi Supply Columns

No Big-Scale Activity By Either Side Along Ground Front MOSCOW—(AP)—Soviet aviation kept up its pounding of German supply columns today, but along the muddied, slushy front there was no major-scale action by either side.

Africa Fight 'Skirmish'

Patterson Points To Great Struggle Ahead WASHINGTON—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson today told the House Military Committee that the current struggle against the Axis in North Africa is merely a preliminary skirmish when viewed in its setting in the entire war scene.

Germany and Nazi-held Europe, and the rich possession seized by the Japanese are the chief battlegrounds, and those battles have not yet been fought," he declared while testifying in support of legislation to draft civilians for war work.

Send Your Fighting Dollars Into Battle

TO THE READERS OF THE NEWS: The 12 billion second war loan is the responsibility of every one of us. As Americans, we must lend our Government every dollar we can during these hectic days.

Remember: They give their lives—they are only asked to lend our money. Do it today. Do it gladly. Do it to the utmost of your capacity.

Morgenthau Emphasizes Great Need For Funds

Early Reports Encouraging By GEORGE CULLEN WASHINGTON—(AP)—America is responding with a flood of dollars, the Treasury reported today, to the greatest appeal for funds in history—the Government's \$13,000,000,000 second war loan campaign.

"This is a people's war—as all of the people must have a part in financing it," Morgenthau told the New York rally.

Borden Tells Of African Success

After fourteen months devoted to building airfields in Africa for American forces, Major Mitchell Borden, U. S. Air Corps, returned to Charlotte and reported today that American "ingenuity, skill, plain stubbornness and plenty of money" successfully met a supreme test in those jungles and deserts.

Kay Kyser Is Turned Down

Bandleader Rejected For Army Service LOS ANGELES—Surgeons at the Los Angeles isolation station today announced that Kay Kyser had been rejected for military service.

Will Seek Hoover's Views Concerning Food

WASHINGTON—The Republican Congressional Food Study Committee announced today it would seek the views of former President Herbert Hoover on the present food situation and the conduct and operation of the Food Administration during the last war. No date was set.



MAJOR BORDEN

Break Made At Alcatraz

Three Men Wear Army Uniforms SAN FRANCISCO—Three convicts were missing after a break from Alcatraz Island prison today.

Knox Unable To Tell Whether Jap Moves Are For Attack Or Defense

WASHINGTON—Navy Secretary Knox said today it is impossible for him to determine whether the Japanese have built up strong points north of Australia for attack or defense.

Algiers Report Places British At Enfidaville

Nearly Whole of Italian Vittoria Division Reported Captured By DANIEL DE LUCE ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—Allied forces pushed the enemy into a steadily contracting area in the northern tip of Tunisia, gaining new ground north of Soussa and Kairouan, on the southern end of the Axis box, and in the Medjez-El-Bab sector on the northwest, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Sfax Greet Deliverers

Tumultuous Welcome Given Eighth Army By DON WHELAN WITH THE BRITISH 8TH ARMY AT SFAX, April 12, (AP)—The city was a happy populace of this city freed from German control.

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Congress Easter Vacation Is Out

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Whispered that the House of Representatives will spend the season this year searching for a way out of the pay-as-you-go tax muddle.

WEATHER

Color late tonight. Preceded by light scattered rain.

Today's Temp.: 71-74 Sun Today Sunrise Tomorrow 6:08 Additional U. S. Weather Service data will be found on page 6.

Vertical text on the left margin including 'Greetings!', 'Sax Greet Deliverers', 'Make your money!', 'Money!', 'Company', 'Columbia'.