

WEATHER

Warmer this afternoon and tonight than Sunday afternoon and night.

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Six Pages Today

Have You Bought Your Defense Stamp Today?

Enemy Sends Better General To Try His Luck In Bataan

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The war department announced today that the Japanese conqueror of Malaya, General Tomoyuki Yamashita, had been transferred to command of the invaders in the Philippines.

General Yamashita succeeds Lieutenant General Masaharu Homma, who is reported to have committed suicide because of chagrin over his failure to destroy General Douglas MacArthur's outnumbered defending force.

Showdown In Crop Parity Fight Nears

Radio Talks Tonight Due To Present President's Views

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The house tentatively wrote into the agriculture appropriation bill today a limitation of \$1,000 per person on soil conservation payments.

Japanese Consolidate Gains On New Guinea

Suspect In Robbery Here Is Spotted

A suspect was reportedly under surveillance at Brady Monday after officers and even a serial unit of the Texas Defense Guard had scoured this area for a lone bandit who robbed a service station here early Sunday morning.

Australia Steps Up Preparations

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 9 (AP)—Strong Japanese landing forces were engaged today in consolidating two footholds which they won on the northeast coast of New Guinea yesterday in lightning thrusts covered by the big guns of warships.

Japs Claim Surrender Of Java Forces

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—Japanese invaders overrunning the final Dutch citadel of Java have captured the war capital of Bandung and their imperial headquarters declared today they had forced the unconditional surrender of 80,000 Dutch and 5,000 United States, British and Australian troops.

Directors Of C Of C Plan Annual Drive

Support for the organization's membership drive—the first in two years—was voted by chamber of commerce directors at their luncheon session at the Crawford hotel Monday.

British Withdraw From Rangoon

NEW DELHI, India, March 9 (AP)—The British announced today that their forces were withdrawing from Rangoon, Burma, after carrying out essential demolitions.

Brady Officer Believe Hijacker Is Located

The bandit appeared at the Thornton Service Station at 1000 W. 3rd shortly past 4:15 a. m. Sunday and took \$40 at a point of a gun. He fled eastward along the street in a car fitting the description of the one stolen from Brady.

Public Health Building For City Sought

Big Spring has been recommended for a public health unit building, it was learned here Monday. The building, which would cost several thousand dollars, would be used to house a health unit, possibly one on a county wide basis.

Australia Ready To Scorch Earth

CANBERRA, Australia, Tuesday, March 10 (AP)—Drastic war powers authorizing the government to apply a scorched earth policy in any part of Australia endangered by the enemy were provided in national security regulations issued today.

Price Limit On Wool Confused

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The government today ordered a halt in what it said was the practice of some wool dealers to deliberately misrepresent the terms of the price ceiling on domestic shorn wool to "deceive farmers into selling their grease wool without free negotiation."

Texas Truck Quota Fixed At 750

FORT WORTH, March 9 (AP)—A tentative March quota of 1,310 new motor trucks for Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana was set today as rationing of that type of vehicle started.

Landon Says More Tough Guys Needed

KANSAS CITY, March 9 (AP)—Alf M. Landon thinks that what the country needs is some "tough guys in high office." "We need some tough guys in high office who have only one thought, one ideal, one single purpose: winning the war," said the republican leader in a radio talk last night over the Blue net work.

Halifax Postpones His Trip To Texas

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—Lord Halifax, British ambassador, has postponed a vacation trip to Texas and Oklahoma late this month because of diplomatic business here, British embassy attaches said today.

Record Attendance At Sunday Rally

The biggest crowd yet was the group that attended the community sing-song Sunday afternoon at the city auditorium, according to officials in charge.

Reward Offered For Negro Slayer

JACKSON, Miss., March 9 (AP)—Governor Paul Johnson said today he had offered a \$200 reward for the capture of the negro who fatally stabbed Miss Ernestine Holt in Greenwood early Saturday.

US Navy Plane Crash Kills Eight

SEATTLE, March 9 (AP)—A Catalina flying boat bomber crashed into the Columbia river near Tongue Point, Ore., in an attempted takeoff yesterday, killing eight men.

European Belligerents Prepare For Spring

By the Associated Press Pending materialization of rival war plans for spring, the conflict in eastern Europe remained generally today an offensive for the Russians and a defensive for the Germans, by their own admission, but in western Europe there was

a renaissance of German bombing as if to overtake the RAF. In Africa, the war marked time once more with "no fresh word of late week's Free French sortie which smashed three fortified positions at Fozzan Oasis 300 miles south of Tripoli, the Libyan capt-

attacks on axis-held islands in the Aegean Sea between Greece and Turkey. The Hitler command's report on the war with Russia told of "further heavy defensive battles" on the southern part of the front, continued Russian attacks at other places and claimed only "local successes" for German offensive actions.



Where Northern Front Is Urged—Shaded area shows German-occupied or doubtful areas of Northern Europe, in connection with London reports of soviet pressure for a second front—possibly at the top of Norway (1)—to link British, United States and Russian troops in a new strategy against Hitler. This is coupled with American urging for increased British and American bombing attacks on German industrial areas (2) to enable soviet to put more effective pressure on the western Russian front (3).

Procurement Office Opened In Dallas

DALLAS, March 9 (AP)—Establishment of district procurement offices of the chemical warfare service here was announced yesterday by Major Herbert P. Heiss.

Biggest Taxpayers Week Is Underway

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—The biggest taxpaying week in American history began today, and by a week from tonight is expected to bring \$2,750,000,000 into the United States treasury.

THE WAR TODAY: Japs May Try Even Further Extensions

By DEWITT MACKENZIE Wide World War Analyst With the Japanese defeat of Java an accomplished fact for all practical purposes, the battle of the Pacific enters a second phase—the effort of the Mikado's forces to consolidate their great gains before retribution overtakes them.

Editorial --

Cotton Must Meet Competition

Cotton used to be proudly called "King" and it may still be entitled to that appellation, but if so it is in the condition of most of the things across the water--out of a king's crown, and what are we going to do about it.

One suggestion that has been made is to reverse the practices of the experimenters who for years have been trying to increase the lint proportion of the bolls, and then their endeavors to producing cotton with more seed and less lint.

SHOW BOAT GIRL

Chapter Four No Great Shakes Randy said quietly. "You're right, of course, Mrs. Marlowe. Some stalwart river man will come along some day and marry her."

she would hear from him; that he would write to her or send her a message. But as the weeks passed and he did none of these things the image of him faded a little.



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Man About Manhattan-- Making Somebody Out Of Nobody Is Glaser's Job

By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK--Let's play What's My Name today. I'll give you some hints. In fact, I'll tell you everything I know about myself. Ready to go?

I was born in Chicago. My dad was a doctor. I'm the guy who started the Rent-a-Ford Plan. Later I sold it to another company and they made it into the Drive-Yourself plan.

Here's a story I picked up after the theater last night. It seemed incredible, I'll admit--but so did Pearl Harbor last Dec. 7. The story is this: A representative of Franco's Spanish government in New York is on record as saying that Spain will become an ally of the United States and Britain in the war against Germany and Italy within 60 days.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds-- Weather Prank Gave California Hollywood

By BOBBIN COONS PHOENIX, Ariz.--This is the city in the Valley of the Sun, in the state that might have forestalled the development of Hollywood as the nation's movie center but for one day of unusual weather back in 1912.

That was the day Cecil B. DeMille, heading west to make "The Squaw Man" and full of tales about Arizona's unending sunshine, stepped off the train at Flagstaff to sample it. It was raining. DeMille kept on westward to the end of the line--Los Angeles. It rains in Hollywood too, but Flagstaff and Arizona had missed their chance.

Several weeks now, making a movie called "Lady in a Jam." Arizona's beautiful landscapes--desert studded with the tall, many-fingered cactus known as the saguaro, mountains in fantastic shapes and as many colors as there are hours of the day--usually serve as background for movie westerns.

Safety Council Convenes Today

Regular monthly meeting of the Big Spring Safety council will be held at 5 p. m. today in the chamber of commerce office.

Brazilian Ship Is Sunk, No Lives Lost

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 9. (AP)--The 378-ton Brazilian freighter Arabutan was sunk Saturday night 70 miles off Newport News, Virginia, but all aboard were saved.

The Timid Soul



