

The Weather

West Texas: Warmer this afternoon in Panhandle and South Plains but cold tonight.

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THE PAMPA NEWS

(8 PAGES TODAY) TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1942 PAMPA, TEXAS Wide World News—AP Leased Wire (PRICE FIVE CENTS)

Good Evening

Tell me thy company and I will tell thee what thou art.— Cervantes.

GREAT GOING



One can imagine there were plenty of scenes like this along the vast battleground of the Southwest Pacific as the American naval forces, joining battle with a huge Jap armada, sent it reeling in virtual complete destruction. The Japs, according to censored reports of the battle, evidently have lost any semblance of air control. The shattering defeat has been hailed as possibly the breaking of the back of all Japanese naval strength. The admiral who planned to lounge about the White House lawn may have to begin to plan that for his grandson.

Rationing Delay Move Gaining Powerful Support, Sponsor Asserts

Fire Destroys Milling Plant; Loss \$400,000

SNYDER, Nov. 17 (AP)—Smouldering ruins and burning seed today marked the Fuller Cotton Oil company mill, destroyed by fire of undetermined origin with estimated loss of \$300,000 to \$400,000. Despite efforts of the Snyder and Sweetwater fire departments, almost the entire plant was swept yesterday by flames, the bit and hull houses alone escaping destruction. The mill had been burning more than an hour when six large oil tanks exploded and at a late hour the plant was still aflame. The seed will burn for several days. Losses include equipment, which was partly covered by insurance.

POTTER AND GRAY COUNTIES IN CLOSE RACE FOR HONORS

With only eight pounds difference, citizens of Potter and Gray counties have been running a close race for per capita leadership in the salvage drive in the northern and western section of Texas since Pearl Harbor, according to reports received by Lewis C. Huff, associate executive secretary of the Texas General Salvage committee.

Pampa and Gray county led with 953 pounds per capita, according to reports of E. J. Hanna of Pampa, chairman of the Gray County Salvage committee, and Amarillo and Potter county accounted for 945 per capita, with Roy Greenhill of Amarillo, as chairman of the Potter County Salvage committee.

Jerry Vinson, of Wichita Falls, chairman of the Wichita County General Salvage committee, reports his county accounted for 715 pounds per capita to place his county third.

On the basis of total tonnage for the three counties, Wichita is in first place with 52,628,751 pounds; Potter county reports 51,318,000 pounds; and Gray county reports 22,788,000 pounds.

BIG BEND REPORT

AUSTIN, Nov. 17 (AP)—The State Board of Parks said today that representatives of the National Park Service examining titles to 800,000 acres of land in the Big Bend of the Rio Grande river would issue a report "sometime in January."

I SAW . . .

Deputy Sheriff Roy Pearce carrying two blazing cushions out of the court house yesterday afternoon. Some careless person had evidently dropped a cigarette, setting the cushions on fire. Smoke filled the court house corridors like a smoke screen put out by Uncle Sam's destroyers in the Solomons.

For most warm, circulated air, see the Estate Hestrola, Lewis Hardware.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A congressional drive to postpone the nationwide rationing of gasoline, now scheduled to start on Dec. 1, was reported by backers today to have gained influential strength.

Without disclosing names of more than a score of congressmen he said had assured support, Representative Johnson (D-Okla.) said there was "a splendid chance" for an early hearing on a resolution he introduced yesterday to set up a three-member board to study the entire petroleum situation.

Johnson's resolution automatically would forestall nationwide application of gasoline rationing for three months to give the board a chance to complete a survey. It was referred to the banking and currency committee, several members of which have been outspokenly opposed to extension of rationing into areas having plentiful supplies.

The board proposed by Johnson would be similar to the Baruch committee which recently completed a study of the rubber situation. Its three members, to be appointed by the President, would represent agriculture, industry and the petroleum business.

"I have received considerably more support from the members than I anticipated," the Oklahoman said.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A reduction in the value of basic gasoline ration coupons from four gallons to three gallons in the 17 Eastern seaboard states has been approved at least tentatively by the Office of Price Administration, an informed government source said today.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—Warren C. Platt, editor of the National Petroleum News, declared today an FBI investigation into origin of reports of a second postponement in nationwide gasoline rationing is "a Gestapo-like operation" and a "palpable effort to subvert the people's right to petition their government."

His declaration was made to a Cleveland news reporter.

OPA ADAMANT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Five Oklahoma congressmen went to the office of price administration today and protested against the allowance to traveling salesman of only enough gasoline for 500 miles of driving each month after December 1.

Temperatures In Pampa

6 p. m. Monday	49
9 p. m. Monday	45
Midnight	44
6 a. m. Today	44
9 a. m.	44
12 p. m.	45
3 p. m.	45
6 p. m.	45
9 p. m.	45
Midnight	45
Monday's maximum	45
Monday's minimum	44

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JAPS SHATTERED IN BIG BATTLE; BRITISH ATTACK

Secretary Knox Warns Japs Not Yet Out Of War As Naval Power

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox said today that the United States clearly had won round two of the battle for the Solomons Islands, but that it "must not be forgotten" that there may be a round three.

The secretary called last week's American naval victory—which cost the Japanese 11 warships and 12 other vessels sunk and 7 ships damaged—a major action, but not a decisive one.

"We have at the moment," Knox said in response to a press conference question, "naval supremacy around Guadalcanal."

Cloture Rule May Be Demanded To Compel Tax Vote

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Opponents of a bill to abolish state poll taxes openly challenged Administration leaders to a test of strength today with a move to invoke the seldom-used cloture rule limiting Senate debate.

A Democratic Leader Barkley, of Kentucky, maneuvered to take up the bill at a time when his motion itself would not be debatable. Senator George (D-Ga.) told reporters he had no doubt an attempt eventually would be made to obtain cloture.

"I think it would suit us all right if they went ahead and tried it," George said. "I don't believe the Senate would vote for cloture."

Mrs. Roosevelt Is Safely Home

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt returned to Washington today from a war-time trip to England.

The President's wife, who left New York October 21, arrived at a nearby airport by plane this morning, and was met by the President.

In England she was the guest of King George and Queen Elizabeth.



MRS. ROOSEVELT

and carried out an arduous inspection of military and civilian activities.

"The White House said she would hold a press conference at 10:00 a. m. Central War Time, tomorrow."

When Mrs. Roosevelt left England, and the route she followed returning, was not disclosed.

Indict Two Priests, Editor; Aided Carol

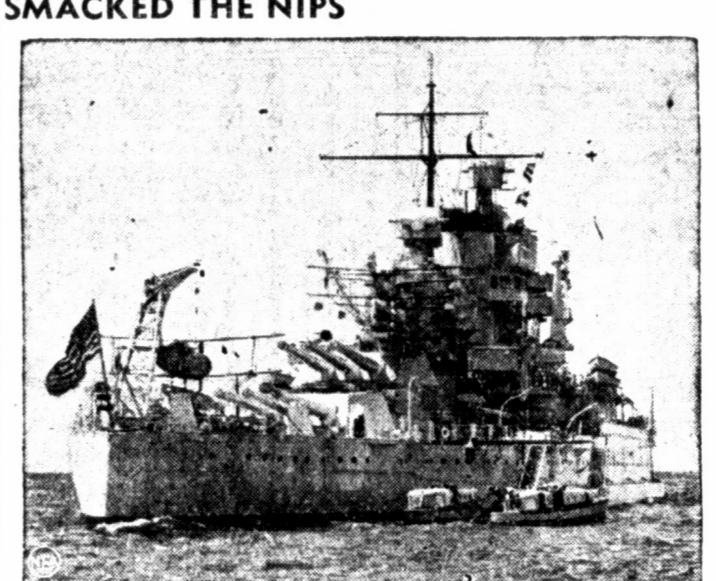
DETROIT, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Federal grand jury today indicted two priests of the Rumanian Orthodox church and an editor on charges of espionage.

The priests are Father Gilgheaciu Moraru, of Dearborn, Mich., identified in the indictment as leader in North America of the Free Rumania Movement; and Father Stephen Opranu of Detroit. Opranu and George Zamfir, Detroit editor of Rumanian publications, were named as agents of Moraru.

Louis M. Hopping, assistant district attorney, said Moraru twice visited the former King Carol, of Rumania, in Mexico and received \$13,000 from him to further the movement.

One of the four counts in the indictment charges violation of the espionage act. The others alleged the defendants acted as agents of an enemy power, failed to register as foreign agents, and disseminated propaganda without labeling it as such or furnishing files to the government.

SMACKED THE NIPS



While thus far there has been no official advice relative to the line, and arrays of screenings engaged, it has been made known by naval officials that the two fleets which were engaged in the bloody and destructive battle included battleships as well as other ships of the line, and arrays of screening craft. Here is one of the American "battleships" which may have been thundering its salvos of hell, the 33,400-ton battleship New Mexico.

Air School Chief Thanks Pampa For Reception Of Personnel

Tull, typical Air Corps officer, Lieut. Col. Daniel S. Campbell did his best to go "all out" in singing at the welcome dinner for the officers of the Pampa army flying school, held last night at the First Methodist church, but he simply couldn't sing "Sail, Navy down the field, and Sink the Army Gray."

A graduate of the United States Military academy, it wasn't to be wondered the Army man could not quite go all the way in singing the praises of the navy.

AT SEA WITH U. S. FLEET OFF GUADALCANAL, Nov. 6 Delayed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Rear Admiral Norman Scott of Kirkwood, Mo., 53, and Captain Cassin Young, 48, of Coronado, Calif., were killed in the furious night naval battle in the Solomon Islands on November 13, the Navy Department announced today.

The strength of the United States' grip on the Solomons area has been increased greatly by two successful landings by Marine and Army troops in the past few days.

Boy Slayer Of 2 Sisters Must Die

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 17 (AP)—Edward Haight, 17-year-old convicted killer of two little sisters, stood in county court today and heard himself sentenced to die in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison.

Haight was found guilty by a jury of six men and six women of luring Margaret Lynch, 7, and Helen, 8, into a stolen station wagon, Sept. 14, trying to rape one, maltreating the other, and tossing both into Westchester waters to drown.

One Killed, One Hurt By High Power Line

EASTLAND, Nov. 17 (AP)—When a truck crane came in contact with high-voltage electric lines here yesterday, W. M. Yates, 32, of near Gladewater, was killed and Bennie Thornton of near Longview seriously injured. Yates is survived by his widow and two children.

Darlan Status To Get Allied Study

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A number of British diplomatic and political advisers have reached French North Africa to help clear up the ambiguous situation revolving about Admiral Jean Darlan, the former Vichy vice-premier and defense chief.

Sea Action Claimed Greatest In History; Great Night Battle

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

A titanic smash at Japanese naval power was written into the record of American battle forces in the Southwest Pacific today, while far across the world, the United States and British troop columns moved toward a showdown fight with the Axis in Tunisia.

Lieut.-Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's Anglo-American Expeditionary Force was reported rolling steadily nearer the Axis-held Naval bases at Bizerte and Tunis, where air-borne Nazi reinforcements were said to be under orders by Adolf Hitler to hold at all cost.

FDR Will Address Nation Tonight; May Discuss Battle

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—President Roosevelt will address the nation tonight at 10:30 o'clock, Eastern War time.

The President's broadcast, scheduled in connection with the New York Herald Tribune's annual forum, will give him an opportunity, if he so chooses, to discuss recent American victories in the Pacific and in the Mediterranean.

Algiers Says Nazis Defeated

By The Associated Press

The Berlin radio, in an unconfirmed report, today reported that Madrid had ordered mobilization of all Spanish forces to "resist aggression."

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Reuters quoted the Algiers radio as reporting today that the Germans were driven back in the first clash between Allied and Axis reconnaissance forces in Tunisia.

Three-Day Ship Kaiser's Latest

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 17 (AP)—A Henry J. Kaiser shipyard claimed another record today—a three-day ship launching.

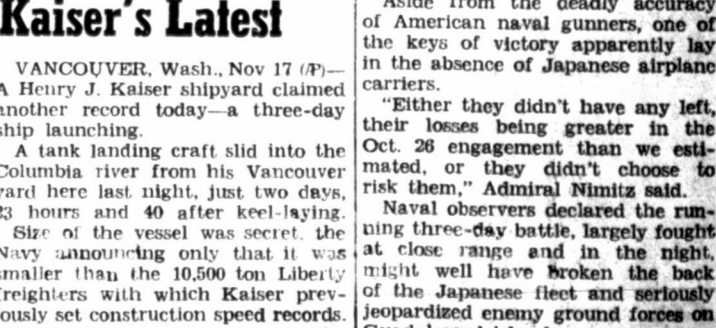
A tank landing craft slid into the Columbia river from his Vancouver yard here last night, just two days, 23 hours and 40 after keel-laying.

3,000 Nazis Toll In Red Fighting

MOSCOW, Nov. 17 (AP)—The Red army killed more than 3,000 Germans in fresh fighting while holding solidly all along the winter front and taking the initiative at some points, today's early war communique reported.

The official report said the Germans in the past two days spent 1,500 lives in futile efforts to retake an important town in the Volkhov front in the Leningrad sector where the Russians had seized the initiative and advanced after a long period of relative calm.

THE QUICK AND THE DEAD



Silhouetted against the desert sky, big English Army trucks rumbled past fresh German graves as the British Eighth Army chases the remnants of Rommel's forces into Libya.

I HEARD . . .

That a fourth Pampian has completed his pre-flight training at Adams, Ok., and will be assigned to the naval reserve air base at Dallas. He is Farrington Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lewis. His name was not included in a notice received here yesterday from the press relations officer of the Adams school.

Pampa Garage and Storage, 24-hour service. Skelly products, general repairing. 113 N. Prow, phone 970. Adv.

SERIAL STORY THE EDGE OF DARKNESS

BY WILLIAM WOODS

THE STORY: All Norway is preparing for revolt against the German conquerors...

TROLLNESS SHALL JUDGE

CHAPTER II

"By God, Gunnar, can you see what it means? Slowly the whole coast armed...



The captain and a whole body of troops came and searched the house after you left last night...

"Yes, yes, of course. The matter of contacts with the ships, the organization of a defense committee...

"Three ore for the postman, my dear? Well, so that's it. Stensgard smiled, reached into his pocket...

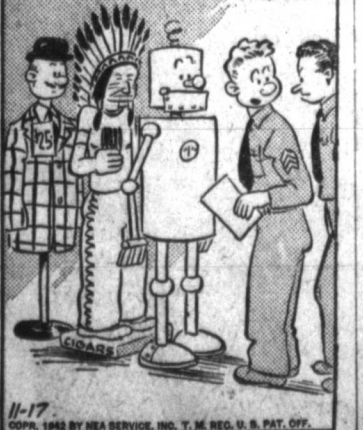
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Texas Jaycees To Wage War On Rats WACO, Nov. 17 (AP)—Plan for a permanent secretarial clinic for the Texas Junior Chamber of Commerce...

SWEDEN TO PRODUCE ALBUMIN FROM YEAST STOCKHOLM (AP)—Large scale production of albumin from yeast cultures is to be started by the Swedish Yeast Company...

HOLD EVERYTHING INDUCTION CENTER



Well, I guess this batch winds up the 1-A's in our district.

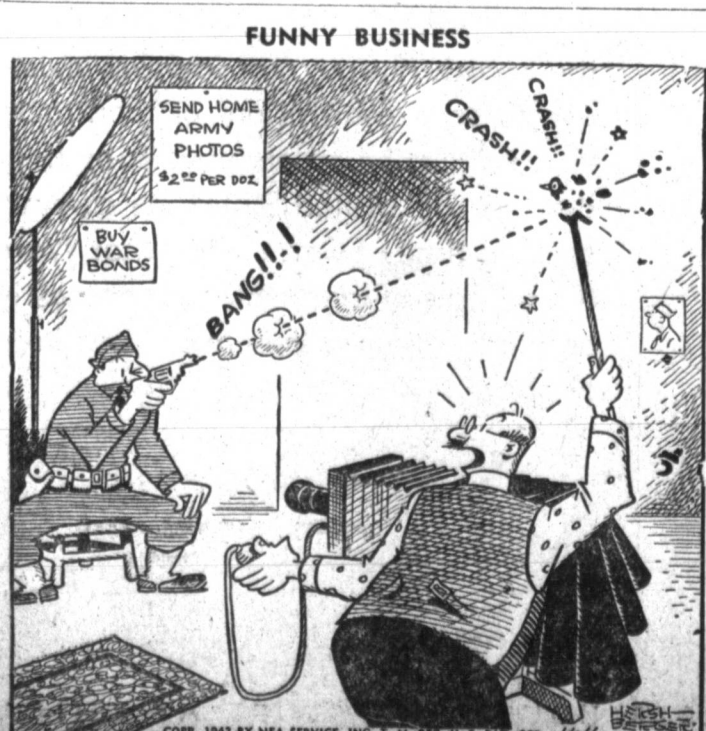
have returned, so there is no cause to worry any longer. "Oh, I see you wore your bearskin..."

"I will not have that boy in my house," he thundered. "Martin," she sobbed. "Oh, Martin. She clasped the letter to her breast and gazed at his flushed, angry face..."

At once she took hope. "Then you will talk to him? Oh, Martin, it cannot be true, what they say. And even so, all he has ever needed was your love..."

vantageously added to soups, sauces, flour and butter. A SHOBBY TRICK TO PLAY ON DOBBIN BIDDEFORD, Md. (AP)—If Old Dobbin comes into his own as a result of gas and the rationing...

FUNNY BUSINESS SEND HOME ARMY PHOTOS \$2.50 PER DOZ BUY WAR BONDS



No, no! You're supposed to look at the birdie—you don't shoot it!

TODAY'S WAR

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fetch goods, food and fuel from railway stations and ports with handcars this winter.

Politically, Hitler's last year has been barren. Instead of winning over the suppressed peoples, he was forced to use harsher measures to keep them in control...

On the home front the inflation bugle is more threatening. Black-out crimes are soaring. Clothing coupons issued originally for 15 months have been extended over a longer period...

Barely able to keep their households running, hausfrau's are beginning to defy compulsory billeting of bombed-out persons. On top of that is the deadly monotony of poor diet.

Sugar Ration Book Now Suffices To Secure Coffee DALLAS, Nov. 16—If a consumer has registered and secured War Ration Book No. 1...

WASH TUBBS TELL THAT FRENCHMAN NOT TO WORRY, CAPTAIN EASY NO IMMEDIATE DANGER...

BOOTHS AND HER BUDDIES SO THE INQUIRY THAT MAKES WITH OUR BLUE PRINTS HIDDEN INSIDE—THEY ARE GIVING IT TO THAT GIRL...

WHILE YOKUM SLEEPS NOW-AH DIVES INTO MAH SECRET HIDIN'-PLACE?—OH, SLEEPS SWEET INNOCENT L'L ABNER...

OUR BOARDING HOUSE FAN, JOE! CHOMP—CHOMP!—AREN'T YOUR CUSTOMERS COGNIZANT OF THE WAR?—LOOK AT ME, A FLEETING SHADOW...

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY I'LL PUT YOUR KEY RIGHT IN YOUR HAND SO YOU'LL HAVE IT HANDY WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR DOOR!

ALLEY OOP YOU GUYS, ER DANG TOOTIN' OUR SURE CHOKED WE DID, AN IN RANGERS OFF EENY'S ARE BACK BROADCAST...

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS I TELL YOU I DID ENTER THAT CONTEST! BUT MILLIE GOT HER HANDS ON THAT LETTER CLAIMED I WROTE IT TO HER!

On The Way REMEMBER, RED—I DON'T ASK YOU TO FIGHT FOR ME! JUST FIND OUT WHO'S STIRRING UP HATE AGAINST ME...

Calling Exhibit A ...SO LAST NIGHT WE WENT OVER AN STOPPED IT... AN MORE THAN THAT, WE BROUGHT BACK TH' GUY WHO...

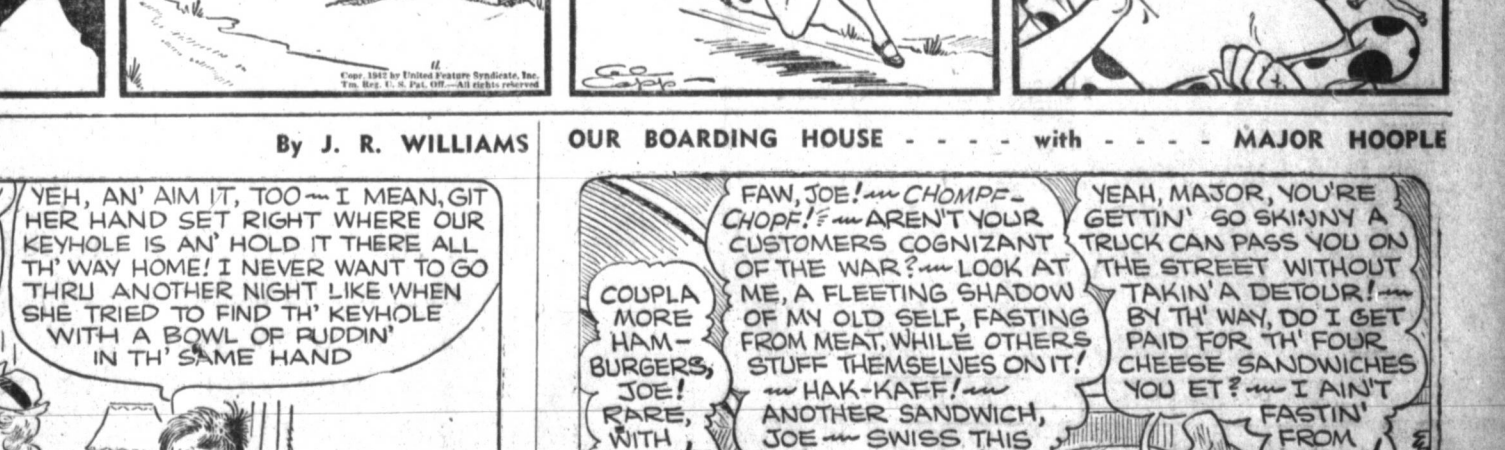
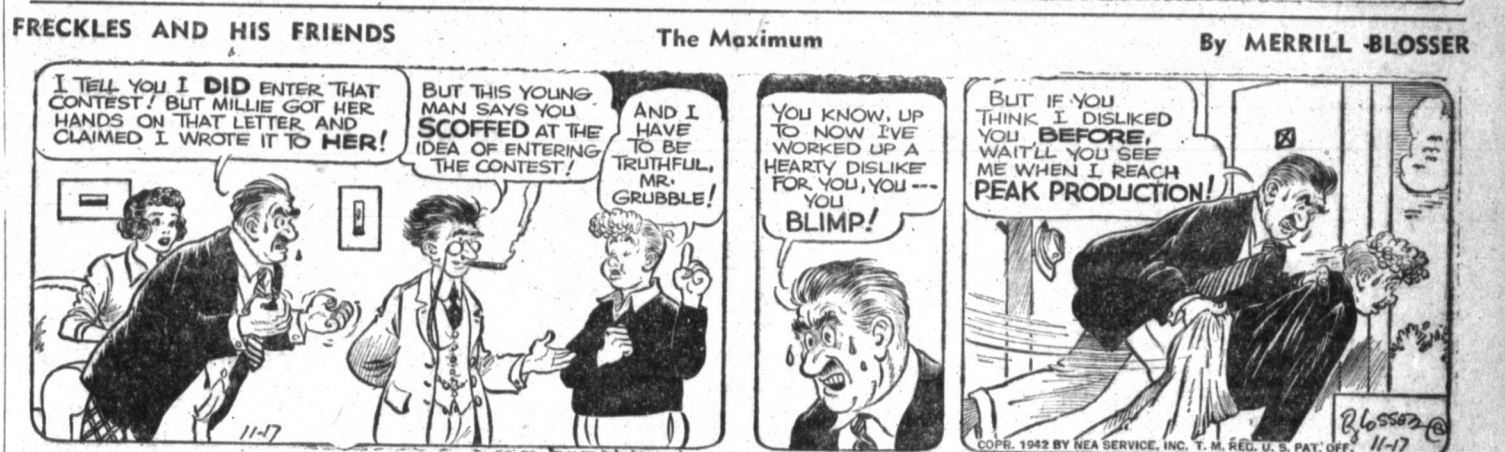
The Maximum YOU KNOW, UP TO NOW I'VE HEARD HEARTY DISLIKE FOR YOU, YOU YOU BLIMP!

Trying To Sneak Home GOOD! WE'LL DO SOME HEDGE-HOPPING! MEANWHILE KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR HEAVIES...

A Big Moment THANK THEM, BOOTS! THEY DID THE VOTING...

By J. R. WILLIAMS I'LL PUT YOUR KEY RIGHT IN YOUR HAND SO YOU'LL HAVE IT HANDY WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR DOOR!

RED RYDER On The Way



THAT "A" MILEAGE RATION BOOK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA F223976AX
OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION

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Here is the basic "A" mileage ration book which is to be issued to some 20,000,000 motorists outside the already-rationed eastern area. The coupon book is similar to that in use in the east save that it contains but four pages of coupons instead of six. Rationing goes into effect Dec. 1. Reproduced above is the cover of the book and the first page of coupons.

It's Champagne For 80 Cents In Good Old Oran; But Return 'Empty'

By NOLAN NORGAARD

UNITED STATES TWELFTH AIRFORCE HEADQUARTERS, Algeria, Nov. 13 (Delayed) (AP)—Four enlisted men who stepped from the landing boat with staff officers of the United States Twelfth Airforce were unaware that each of the four heavy bundles they carried contained a small fortune in American currency.

But those bundles marked the beginning of a strikingly swift change in the whole financial picture of French North Africa.

Scores of other bundles like those the four soldiers carried accompanied other U. S. units and today—within less than a week—Algeria has become a country with a dual money system.

The established rate is 75 francs to the dollar and United States greenbacks have quickly circulated through town and village.

Shop girls, waiters, and even the Arabs hawking tin engines along the roads already are expert at calculating change.

On a visit to Oran I encountered three U. S. sailors from a British warship who had supported the American landing. The banks were closed when they got ashore, and they were unable to buy even souvenir trinkets until I traded them four dollar bills for a pound note.

To Americans, shopping in Oran, or any other major Algerian city, is an experience long to remember. Items they consider in the super-luxury class are plentiful and cheap, whereas some of the most common staples at home are virtually unobtainable.

Perfume shops are crowded with U. S. officers and men buying famous exquisite scents at a fraction of the price they command in the United States.

With a dazed smile, a doughboy walks out of a wine shop with a bottle of Algerian champagne.

Price: 80 cents.

Wine bottles, however, are almost as valuable as their contents and purchases for consumption off the premises invariably require solemn pledges for the return of empties.

One may buy a pair of good binoculars dirt cheap—but leather is almost unobtainable and the case will be of pasteboard.

Only very poor French cigarettes are sold and the French and Arabs gratefully accept American smokes eagerly proffered by the soldiers.

But one light has to do for the crowd—because you seldom are able to buy matches for the crowd.

West Texas Mules Next Due For Draft

AMARILLO, Nov. 17 (AP)—West Texas mules—stubborn cousins of the jackrabbit and the camel—are due for induction.

Cavalry buyers were busy in the Plains country today seeking mules to serve as army pack animals.

Just any old mule won't do, however.

County Farm Agent J. E. Crabtree said government mules must be from 4 to 8 years of age, 14.3½ to 15.2 hands in height, 1,075 to 1,150 pounds in weight.

They must have short, straight backs, deep chests, big bodies, straight legs, good bones, must be gentle and sound in every respect.

No grey mules will be purchased.

Prices, Crabtree said, will average \$200 per head.

LEADS U. S. FORCES IN ICELAND

HORIZONTAL

1 Pictured U. S. Army official, Maj.-Gen. Charles H. _____

9 Disputed.

12 Type of fur (pl.).

16 Inactive.

17 Note in Guido's scale.

19 Incident.

20 Small diamond.

21 Nothing.

22 In want.

23 Symbol for radium.

25 Sensation of dryness.

29 Coast.

34 Tranquil.

35 Great Lake.

36 Protozoan.

39 Rosefish.

40 Out of Indian.

45 Meadow.

48 Chalk.

53 River in Sarawak.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1 NANCY
2 OPERA
3 NEWER
4 SADLY
5 TITLED
6 PILASS
7 IDLE
8 LEE
9 HARKNESS
10 OATEN
11 TILANO
12 COLLIER
13 COAL
14 ALICE
15 SASE
16 NEED
17 LEARN

25 Social occasion
26 Second son of Noah (Bib.).
27 Equal (comb. form).
28 Gypsy gentleman.
29 She.
30 Native metal.
31 Narrow inlet.
32 River in The Netherlands.
33 Beekeeper.
34 Cutting tool.
35 Suit.
36 Kimono sash.
37 Baglike part.
38 Area measure.
39 Gust.
40 Watercourse.
41 East Indies (abbr.).
42 Arched (comb. form).
43 Male sheep (pl.).
44 Greek letter.
45 Two fives.
46 Too.
47 New version (abbr.).
48 Opus (abbr.).

4 English statesman.
5 River duck.
6 Symbol for erbium.
7 Improves.
8 Exist.
9 Obscure.
10 Compass point.
11 Horn quince.
12 Born.
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VERTICAL

1 Uncovered.

2 Mustelid mammals.

3 New England (abbr.).

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Montgomery Ward's Reply To The NATIONAL WAR LABOR BOARD

National War Labor Board
 Department Of Labor Building
 Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:
 We have the National War Labor Board's order of November 5. *

In this order the board demands that Montgomery Ward & Company enter into a contract establishing a form of closed shop called "Maintenance of Membership," together with a check-off of union dues from wages. Under this form of closed shop, the employees who are members of the union would not be free to resign from the union without being discharged, and Wards would not be free to retain a competent worker who had resigned from the union. This making of union membership a condition of employment is the essence of the closed shop, whatever form it may take. "Maintenance of Membership" is the starting phase which inevitably leads to the full closed shop.

The President of the United States is quoted as having said, on November 14, 1941: "The government of the United States will not order, nor will Congress pass legislation ordering, the so-called closed shop." Wards is in agreement with this statement and believes that the board's order is not in accordance with the President's principles.

Wards believes that the board's demand not only violates the fundamental principles of liberty but are economically unsound and are illegal under the terms of the National Labor Relations Act.

If the board's order against Wards is enforced, the pattern will be established by which all unions in all industries can secure a form of closed shop and check-off merely by appealing to the War Labor Board.

The board further ordered a form of compulsory arbitration for Wards. Wards is not opposed to voluntary arbitration. However, Wards' management should not, as demanded by the board, abandon responsibilities which have been vested in it by the owners of the corporation, and so surrender to outside arbitrators the final decision on all matters which the union may wish to treat as grievances.

The board further ordered that Wards guarantee its wages and other working conditions for a one-year period. Wards believes that a fixed duration of one year is unsound in these uncertain times.

Wards operates in a highly competitive field composed of one million seven hundred

fifty thousand retail establishments. It is unfair to impose burdens upon Wards and not upon those with whom it is in competition.

Ward's efforts to preserve the essential freedoms between itself and its employees have not been prompted by any feeling of anti-unionism. The report of the mediation panel expressly recognizes this fact. Ward's policy has been to obey the law. Wards has twenty-nine union contracts with both A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions.

Wards has already given its employees the increases in wages previously recommended by the board. Wards did this even though its wages were already as high as or higher than those prevailing in the industry and had been increased an average of over 21 per cent since January, 1941. Wards is willing to include these increases in a contract with the union. There is no issue over wages.

The War Labor Board was created by the President to replace the old Defense Mediation Board. The Mediation Board was destroyed by the resignation of the union members following the board's vote of nine to two against a closed shop in the captive coal mine case. The War Labor Board, in name only, is composed of representatives of the unions, of industry, and of the public. The union representatives are men chosen for leadership by the unions, and have actually protected the interests of the unions. On the other hand, neither industry nor the public have had any voice in the selection of those who presumably represent them. By their decisions, the supposed representatives of industry and of the public have because of inexperience, prejudice or lack of understanding abandoned the interests of those whom they were appointed to represent.

Under the constitution, Congress is the sole law-making authority. If closed shop and compulsory arbitration are to become requirements upon employers, it is Congress and not the War Labor Board which should make them so. Congress has not empowered the board to order any employer to do any of the things it demands of Wards.

Accordingly, Wards rejects the orders of the board. If Congress imposes closed shops, compulsory arbitration or contracts for a year's duration on employers, or if the President of the United States, as commander-in-chief in time of war, directs that Ward accept the board's rulings, which we earnestly believe are illegal and uneconomic, we will respectfully obey.

Yours Very Truly
 (SIGNED) SEWELL AVERY
 President

* THIS ORDER AFFECTS WARD'S MAIL ORDER HOUSE AND STORE AT CHICAGO