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ALLIES OCCUPY NAPLES.

The 5th. Army have entered NAPLES are already pushing north on the heels of the Germans who are retreating towards AVERSA. The city's inhabitants greeted them with indescribable enthusiasm. For the last 48 hours the fall of this important port has been regarded as inevitable. Yesterday morning at 0000 hours, Allied vanguards moved into the city. First to enter were four war Correspondents and they were astonished at the delight of the populace. Shouting "Long live the Americans and English", soldiers jumped with joy and hundreds of shots were fired into the air. "Never have our troops been so thoroughly kissed" reported the correspondents. "We are saved. Liberty for everyone" was the general cry.

Italians were pleased to see them and well they might be. Indescribable destruction had been wrought with typical Hun ferocity. Unreplaceable historic places including the Royal Palace have been razed to the ground. The savage destruction wrought was evidence of the fact that the Germans neither intended, to hold NAPLES or ever return to it. The bay, however, is something they could not destroy. It is now in our hands and will be of inestimable value as a base for future operations.

GERMANS RETREAT NORTHWARDS. The 5 German divisions defending the city have retreated northward in good order. It is emphasised that they have essayed a delaying action here and have successfully avoided encirclement. On the other hand, the Axis tentacles on the property of others are gradually being loosened. One - sixth of Italy is now in Allied hands and the cost of 10,000 casualties in this area is not excessive.

SUCCESSES IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR. Latest Russian news is confined to successes in three sectors. In the GOMEL area a gain of 6 - 9 miles embracing 100 places is claimed. 20 more centres around VITEBSK have been occupied by the Reds while in the MOGILEF region Germans have been driven out of the important centre of CHERAKLEV. Here, the Russians in an advance of 6 - 12 miles and liberated 300 towns and villages. The Nazis appear to be making a desperate attempt to retain KIEV. Reds hold the east bank of the river and are using small islands as stepping stones for the assault. Shells whistle overhead as Germans dig trenches around the city. Germans are blowing up buildings and walls to make room for machine - gun nests and strong points. All the time they are under a hail of fire. To get across the river Russians are using the remains of the railway bridges spanning the DNIESTER. Overhead Stormovik bombers have control of the skies. Germans have already counter - attacked several times around Kiev and in one point Moscow admits that they have dislodged a Russian rifle company from a bridgehead. Many of these bridgeheads are continually changing hands. Correspondents emphasise that impending Autumn rains will assist German stand. Events of the next few days will have a significant bearing on the outcome of the battle.

AUSSIERS PREPARE FOR FINAL DRIVE ON FINSCHHAFEN. Australians have driven Japanese out of the last high point overlooking FINSCHHAFEN and are preparing to make a final assault on the town from three sides. The spot is known as KARABOS Spur and a sharp struggle ensued before the ridge was taken. Over 50 enemy were killed and many more hunted out of strong points before occupation was effected. Australians pushing through the jungle west of FINSCHHAFEN are now within 6 miles of enemy lines. Japs are counter - attacking around FINSCHHAFEN and are resisting stubbornly. Meanwhile paratroops advancing along the floor of the MARKHAM VALLEY have now reached a point 14 miles north-west of KAIPAIT. Air Force is continuing to blast Jap. strong points and airfields in N. Guinea. **FORESTRY UNITS COMING HOME.** 600 Australian and N.Z. members of Forestry Units yesterday marched through Broadway (N.York) and on to the City Hall where they were received by Mayor La Guardia and other notables of the city and American services. Troops have just completed four years' service in Scotland and are returning to Australia. They were accorded a flattering reception.

ITALIAN LUXURY LINERS SCUTTLED. Italian Naval Officers have reported that crews scuttled the luxury liners Rex (51,552 tons) and Conte di Savoia (43,502 tons), the former at TRIESTE and the latter at VENICE. Germans claim that the Italian destroyer Ugolino Vivaldi (1,628 tons) was sunk off the Spanish coast whilst trying to reach Gibraltar. **BLAIN RE - ELECTED FOR N. T.** Securing 1274 votes, Cpl. Blain P.W. in Malaya was re - elected by a majority of 126 votes over Murray (Lab.) for the Northern Territory seat.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

NAZIS DROP FIRE BOMBS ON ENGLISH CROPS. German planes have begun to drop bombs containing oil and phosphorus on English agricultural land. Crops are thereby poisoned and must be destroyed.

MOREMEN FOR INDUSTRY. 100,000 more workers are required for essential industries apart from munitions. Govt. announces that 20,000 workers from munitions are to be diverted to new jobs. 30,000 women will be called up and the remaining 50,000 they cryptically report will be obtained "in other ways". There is to be further reduction of unessential work.

FOOTBALL FINALS IN TWO STATES. S.A. Grand Final will be played between Port Torrens and Norwood North to-day. The latter are favored. K. Aplin will handle the game.

Rugby Final in Sydney to-day is between St. George and Balmain. Both teams will be at full strength and the match is expected to provide the season's tit-bit with two brilliant wingers in Arthur Patton and J. Lindwall, opposed to each other. **THEY'LL BE BRIGHT WHEN THEY GROW UP.** N.S.W. Chief Secy. Baddeley inquiring into effects of gangster films on child minds has had some surprises. Ronald Kennedy (14) said gangsters were sissies compared with soldiers. Norman Jones (13) said this class of film was more suited to adults who got "properly worked-up over them". Douglas Links (14) said it was a waste of time to attend stupid horror pictures.

AL FRESCO BARS, ADVOCATED. In a climate like that of most Australian cities, bars and cafes should be brought into the open air with decent surroundings and good music, thinks Dr. K.H. Fry of Adelaide. "Open air is not sufficiently used in Australia. People's idea of respectability is that they must have curtains and blinds"

MURDER MYSTERY SOLVED. Wharf workers reported to Police last night that they had seen a woman's head floating in the Yarra at Victoria Dock between a ship and the wharf. Police in a boat searched for several hours in the darkness and failing to find the head suspended the quest until daylight. To-day a Homicide Squad of detectives and the Harbour Trust employees continued the search and finally the mystery was solved. It was a dead cocker spaniel.

AMERICAN CRITICISES MELB. BUILDINGS. Melbourne has only two buildings worth praising, said Lt. Carrara (US) architectural expert addressing a conference on town planning yesterday. They were the new Royal Melbourne Hospital and the Capitol Theatre. "The Hospital is possibly the finest building in Australia and the theatre by Burley Griffin who was an American, though that did not mean anything is so perfect that even architects marvel at it."

MELB. BEER FAMINE OVER. Crowded bars celebrated in Melbourne yesterday with gusto the end, at least for a day or two, of Melbourne's beer famine. Publicans reopened their doors as soon as they received the first instalment of their Oct. beer ration and customers quickly flocked in. The beer shortage in Sep. was more severe than at any time since rationing was introduced.

NEW DATES FOR BIG RACING EVENTS. Dates of principal races in Nov. as approved by VRC. Committee yesterday are: Derby Day, Nov. 4, Melb. Cup, Nov. 13, Williamstown Cup, Nov. 20 and Ascot Cup, Nov. 27.

TEA SPOON SHORTAGE. At one cafe in Melb. shortage of tea spoons is so acute that each waitress has one tied to her apron. Filching is the cause.

FEARS OF GERMAN SAVAGERY CAUSES SUICIDE. Fears for the safety of his wife and five children at the hands of the Germans in Northern Italy caused Antonio Ronchi (45) Italian, to hammer stiletto-shaped knife into his heart. Ronchi's body was found in banana packing shed at his farm near Lismore (Qld)

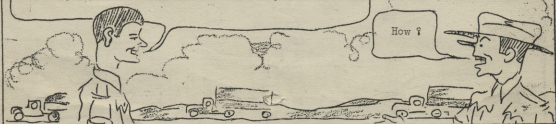
AROUND THE AREA. PICTURE SHOWS: Capitol: "Mountain Moonlight" and "It's Turned Out Nice Again." Pioneer: On Dress Parade and Dust be They Destiny. **LOST:** in Pioneer Theatre, Friday night. Brown leather wallet containing snaps and £1 note. Reward. Return Amenities. **CAMP THEATRE.** Lancer Spy and Shorts.

MULGA MICK

WHAT A LIFE!

Yes Mick. My uncle doesn't smoke, or drink. He has never been to a theatre or cinema and to-morrow he will celebrate his 80th. birthday.

How?



RACING EDITOR CUM GARDENER



In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to what his girl has been thinking of all Winter. Yes, lots of the fair sex are interested in racing too and such has been the demand for racing information that we've acquired, at last, at a princely salary, a racing editor, one of the area's oldest inhabitants, O.C. Post Office, genial George Newman is doing the job. Our commentator is prepared to take all care to supply up to date information but no responsibility if your investments go as a fly.

George is a popular figure in the Area of Anzac Hill. Military environment is no novelty to George as he spent 18 months at another well-known S.A. camp before coming here 22 years ago. A versatile chap with catholic tastes, he recently turned his hand to gardening with spectacular results. Our cartoonist has caught him in a familiar attitude, hard at work among his flowers and vegetables. "Yes we have some tomatoes" says George to interested passers - by. We also have melons, sage, thyme

parsley, mint, turnips, radish lettuce and French beans. "What about flowers?" (This as he pauses for breath) "Of - course", he resumes, "Phlox, stock, Scabiosa and Portulacca" That's certainly variety and a perusal of list discloses the fact that we've left out Popeye's favorite fruit. There's spinach in abundance as well.

"We are now in a position to disclose" that inspired by last week's appalling dust storm, it was George's pen that incited the lines so derogatory to Alice Springs. But that was in a potent moment. He really likes the place. And now for George's ---

RACING NOTES.

CAULFIELD CUP. Lugano, Dominate, Neutron, the Joker and Counsel entered discussions this week, but bookmakers are still without an outright favorite. In many quarters Dominate and Sun Valley share favoritism whilst in others there is little to choose between Dominate, Sun Valley, Primavera, Mating Call and The Joker. The enquiries for the stable mates Neutron and Counsel are interesting at this stage especially as first named showed improved form in division of the Hatherlie Hdcp. won by Mating Call. Lugano has been solidly supported from the right quarters and there has been further support for Spearman and Illyrian. It is claimed that Illyrian will be better suited at Flemington than at the Valley where he is inclined to hang out. Demand for the Joker is not surprising as he is pleasing his connections more every day and he now ranks as equal second favorite in some places with Mating Call and Counsel. Tranquil Star appears to have improved and recovered from her recent ailment as she moved freely and pulled up well at the end of a mile in 1.48½ at Caulfield yesterday morning. Pantheist reappeared at Flemington today and trotted quietly on the big sand. He showed no signs of lameness but there is still some feeling in his hind hock.

MELBOURNE CUP. The Joker, New Zealand's only hope in the Cup is to have his first race in Australia in the Melbourne Stakes at Flemington on Oct 9. He has deeply impressed track watchers at Wentone since his arrival, and, with Precept and other good horses to represent them, he confidently expects Wentone trainers to supply the Cup winner. The Joker is held on lease by F. J. Fay, a Dunedin business man, for his Australian tour only. No rider has been engaged for the horse but no doubt this will be settled on Mr. Fay's arrival in Australia. Gold Watch winner of the last Australian Steeplechase is regarded by his owners as a Melbourne Cup hope, and is expected to take his place in the big race.

Owing to the few jumping races in the Metropolitan area, Ballarat and Geelong racing clubs have decided to include hurdle races in their future programmes.

Denko, winner of the last Newmarket Hdcp. had his first sprint this morning since resuming work. He ran three furlongs on the outside grass in 37½. Denko has not raced since winning the Newmarket.

Eli Phillips, well known in racing circles underwent an operation on Wednesday.

Harold Badger, Melbourne's leading jockey for the last 5 years, who has been out of action since last February, when, among other injuries, he sustained a broken leg in a motor accident, has been granted permission to give his leg a try - out on the training tracks this week. If recovery is complete he will no doubt resume riding at Flemington on Saturday week. Badger's services have been sorely missed by some of the leading stables, and if he is able to resume, he will receive a great welcome on his return to the race - track. (Visualise the applause if he rides a winner first up - so look out. Ed.)

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NEWS FROM NEAR AND FAR.

SERVICE CHEVRONS FOR DARWIN AIRMEN. It is believed that alterations will probably be made to present Air Force arrangement, under which chevrons are given only to men who have served overseas. One plan being discussed is that chevrons will be issued to airmen stationed at Darwin and Northern Queensland.

SYDNEY BOXING. Stan Wilkes knocked out Jimmy Dundee in the fourth round on Thursday night at the Leichhardt Stadium. Wilkes had Dundee on the floor in the fourth with slashing right-hand attacks to the jaw. Wilkes is one of the most promising young boxers in Sydney. He has had only twelve fights and won eleven by K.O.'s. In the main supporting bout of 8 rounds, Sid Knight outpointed Bill Terrence in one of the most vigorously fought preliminaries for years.

PROVOSTS FOR THE C.C.C. A suggestion that the C.C.C. should have a provost Corps of its own to stop gambling within camps has been made by a P.M. Suggestion was made during the hearing of charges against 55 men for having been found in a common gaming house designated by Police as the mess hut of a C.C.C. camp in Brisbane.

POST WAR AVIATION. Quantas Director, Hudson Fysh, visualises a post war world in which Brisbane mails will reach London in 60 hours and passengers will make the journey in 8 - 9 days.

AUSSIE AIRMEN OVER EUROPE. Australian squadrons operating from Britain have made 7 1/2 % of all raids on Europe. This is apart from the thousands of airmen in the R.A.A.F. **LOVE ME - LOVE MY DOG!** 1,000 greyhound racing dogs in and around Launceston are provided with the best meat obtainable. "I have seen a woman purchase a few sausages for her husband's tea and 2 lb. of the best beef - steak for 2 greyhounds" said Launceston Trades Hall Official. Discussion was an impending meat shortage.

ARMY CAMPS WILL BE USED AFTER THE WAR. Plans for conversion of Army Camps into civilian camps for youths and industrial workers after the war were adopted by National Fitness Council in Canberra this week. Council will also discuss with Universities the establishment of a degree course in physical education at one University and diploma courses at the others.

SHOW HOLIDAY AND NO SHOW. Long queues outside picture theatres and groups of young people at Flinders St. Station dressed for country hikes were among few signs in Melbourne yesterday of the 4th. waiting show holiday but there was no show.

A.W.A.S. KILLED BY ARMY TRUCK. Hit by truck in Brighton Road St. Kilda on Thursday night, Marie Sinclair (20) an A.W.A.S. from Mildura died in Hospital yesterday. Allied serviceman who was driving the vehicle will be charged with manslaughter and tried by a Court Martial. Deceased and another A.W.A.S. were about to board a tram when the truck swept past and disappeared without stopping. The companion got clear but Miss Sinclair was dragged by the truck for 70 yards.

EXPENSIVE JIMMIE MONGERING. Four women who repeated a false rumour concerning the sinking of a ship which actually had not been sunk at all were each fined £1 with £1/4/- costs when charged in Perth Police Court yesterday, with having made false statements likely to cause despondency.

PLAN TO BREAK ARMY GOLF THEATRE. An organised plan by soldier prisoners to break out of old Melbourne Gaol now used as an Army "attention centre" on Thursday night was thwarted by Police and Provosts. A soldier was seen handling something through a cell window. Staff and prisoners of the gaol were upstared and searched and three hacksaw blades were discovered hidden in the gaol. How many prisoners were in the plot was not discovered but it was obvious from the rapidity with which smuggled blades were passed from one prisoner to another and then hidden that many soldiers in the gaol were aware of the plans.

WHEN DO THE HOTELS OPEN IN VIC.? Dialogue in Geelong Court on Thursday when a Sergeant was giving evidence against a motorist charged with having driven a car while under the influence of liquor was as follows. Sergeant: "When did you start the rounds of the hotels?" Witness: "I am not a Sergeant." "Come now the hotels are not open until 10 a.m." Witness: "That's all you know!"

YOUNG AND JACKSON'S CLOSED. Young and Jackson's hotel was closed on Thursday afternoon for the first time in business hours since 1919. It was among many hotels which were suffering from the beer shortage. 1919 closure, only other time at which the doors had ever previously been closed was for 3 days at the request of the Defence Dept. when troops were returning from the last war.

RACING NOTES (Cont.)

A. Breasley, whose term of suspension has expired, will resume riding at Flemington on Saturday week. He has not been engaged for any horses in the Cups but owing to the shortage of riders he should not lack opportunities when the time comes.

E. Preston, who rode Rivette to victory in the Cups double in 1939 will be astride Precept in his Spring engagements this season.

Leading Jockey's for this season's flat races are: H. Morris 5, Apprentice R. Finger and J. Partell 4 each, E. Preston, Olsen 3, V. Hartney and A. Cooper 2.

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