This Week Of The War Showing Progress Of The All Out Effort

The Navy's anouncement of a recent conference of American, British and Canadian officers to discuss the protection of Allied shipping in the Atlantic revealed that this was only one of a series. Conferences of this sort have been and will continue to be held, the announcement said to review all phases of the anti-submarine campaign and to determine the most effective uses of Allied escort vessels, anti-submarine craft and aircraft. According to OWI Director Davis, the agreement between the U. S., Great Britian and Canada for a concerted war against the submarines gives us reason to look for increased efficiency in this sphere, although the U-boats are still a considerable problem. March, he said, looks like a bad monthe for Allied shipping, but although sinkings so far have been serious it is still too early to tell what the month's total may be. January, which also started out badly, eventually proved one of our best months so far.

U. S. Submarines Also Menace

A late report from the Navy gives the other side of the story. American submarines operating i nthe Pacific recently sank 4 Japanese vessels (a destroyer, a large transport and 2 cargo vessels) and damaged 3 others. Earlier in the week the Navy reported ship losses for the entire Solomons campaign so far: 64 Japanese ships sunk against 32 U. S. vessels sunk. Japanese ship losses in that area since the campaign began August 7, 1942, included 10 vessels probably sunk and 108 damaged, in addition to the 64 sunk, and thus came to a total of 182. Our losses, according to the report, totaled 39—the 32 sunk plus 7 others damaged or overdue.

Japanese Merchant Fleet Losses

Some estimates on the Japanese merchant ship position were given last week by Secretary of the Navy Knox. At the beginning of the war, he said, Japan's merchant tonnage was estimated at 6,369,000 gross tons; and by March 1 of this year her estimated losses had totaled 1,857,000 tons, or almost one-third of her entire merchant fleet. Mr. Knox admitted that perhaps half of this has been replaced by the seizure of foreign vessels in the Asiatic waters and by new building and salvage, but declared that Japan's total tonnage is probably 1 4percent less than that with which she set out to establish her grandiose "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere." Japan, he said, is just as dependent on shipping as we are, and in the long run perhaps far more so because of her limited resources of raw material at home.

Americans Occupy Gafsa

The news from Tunisia shows heavy Allied air attacks against the Mareth Line and against the Axis base of Gabes, in what may be the start of the offensive against Marshal Rommel's Afrika Korps. Bad weather, however, has been restricting operations. Allied forces in central Tunisia have occupied Gafsa, after a 30-mile advance encountering little enemy opposition. The Axis seems to be withdrawing southeast, in the direction of Gabes, leaving behind mines and booby traps to impede the Americans advance, but Allied forces are still pushing ahead, following the retreat.

A communiqque from Allied headquarters announced that Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who is recognized as one of America's leading exponents of tank warfare, has been named to succeed Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, who commanded American troops on the southern Tunisian front during the recent battles of Faid Pass and Kasserine. Gen. Patton commanded the U. S. task force that captured Casablanca and other Moroccan key towns in the original American landings in North Africa last November.

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Maryland Musings

Maryland early potato growers intend to plant approximately 6,300 acres this year, or about 26 percent more than the 5,000 acres harvested last year, acording to estimates of the Maryland Crop Reporting Service.

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Losses from animals killed or injured by roving stray dogs, while not large in proportion to the total meat supply, are nevertheless too serious to be afforded, and are particularly heavy on the individual farmers affected.

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If the ground work for your victory garden is good, it will make the job of caring for your crops in the growing season easier, when the weather is warmer and you may not feel so energetic.

—M M—

Maryland turkey growers plan to raise 450,000 birds this year ,compared with 405,000 in 1942, according to a survey by the Crop Reporting Service. For the country as a whole, returns from over 5,000 farmers throughout the United States indicated a crop of 37,000,000 turkeys this year. This would be the largest crop of turkeys ever produced in this country—12 percent larger than the 1942 crop.

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As a result of learning in their Homemakers' Club how to make slip covers and upholster furniture, a group of homemakers in Kent County are undertaking the job of recovering the seat cushions of the Still Pond Methodist Church. This the oldest Methodist Church in the county and the oldest continuous preaching place of organized Methodism on the Maryland-Delaware Peninsula. Mrs Carson Greenwood is chairman of the project.

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During the last war, clever propagandists succeeded in imposing a nation - wide prohibition against the legal sale of alcoholic beverages. The years of crime and bootlegging that followed this ignoble experiment are among the blackest in American history.

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Twenty-seven months after Canada declared War on Germany, 27.8% of the eligible male population of Canada, a total of 681,598, young Canadians had volunteered for service anywhere.

Canadian Soldiers have taken part in raids on the European Coast. Apart from the Dieppe engagement, a Canadian raid on Spitzbergen was the largest raid of this nature.

Canadian Soldiers are serving, or have served, in Newfoundland, Iceland, the West Indies and Bermuda. Canadian engineering units have built roads in Britain and have worked on the fortifications of Gibralter.

All Canadian Army Training is closely co-ordinated with that of Britain and the United States. Training in Canada is integrated with training in Britain, and there is an extensve two-way exchange of officers between the Canadian Army in Britain and the Canadian Army in Canada.

Training of Troops is being brought to completion so far as practical in Canada so that when they are sent abroad they will be prepared for actual combat.

The Canadian Army which has stood guard over the British Isles since 1940 is said to be the most highly mechanized and hardest-hitting fighting force of its size in the world.

SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST AT KENNEDYVILLE

The P. T. A. served a banquet to the corn growers on Thursday evening in the school house.

Mrs. William Dempsey entertained the Womans Home Makers Club on Thursday afternoon. About 25 members were present. They opened with the song, "Stars of the Summer Night" and later sang "Londonderry Air." The demonstrations were given by Miss Schellinger. She taught the Club how to clean a rug and it looked fine. Then later a chair was cained.

The Club made a contribution to the Red Cross drive. All had a very profitable afternoon. One new member was taken in. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess. The Club will meet in April with Mrs. William Crow.

Mrs. Clarence Kelley visited in Baltimore a part of the week.

Miss Marie Miller and sister, Miss Anna Miller spent the week-end at their home.

Mrs. Joseph McHenry is spending sometime in Baltimore.

The Nursing Class entertained Mrs. Lumpkin on Friday evening. They presented Mrs. Lumpkin with a blue silk cord bag with a contribution in it. Refreshments were served and all had a very enjoyable evening.

Miss Mildred Melvin spent Friday in Milmington. Mrs. Charlie Miller substituted for her at school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Glenn, Mrs. William Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Miss Bertha Grantlin and sister Miss Ruth Grantlin of Wilmington spent the week-end with their parents.

Mrs. Lula Dukes of Chestertown has been visiting her son Mr. Bruce Dukes and wife.

Mrs. Theodore Dempsey of Baltimore visited Mr. and Mrs. William Dempsey last week.

Dottie Groves spent the week-end with Ann Sutton.

Miss Frances Sutton spent the week-end with Miss Sara Scotten on Sunday, Miss Betty Scotten, Miss Bernice and Sara Scotten, Miss Frances Sutton, Mrs. William Anthony and Mrs. Harry Scotten visited, Mrs. Carl Lynch and family in Newark, Del.

Mr. James Lusby and Mr. William Crow spent the week-end in Cumberland, Maryland.

Mrs. Mullikin of near Baltimore spent the week-end at her home here.

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