

HUNTERS!

SUNRISE TABLE

Thursday, December 4

Sunrise 7.13

Duck hunting to 4 p. m.

The Evening Herald

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

UNITED PRESS

WEATHER

Low 33
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. .25
Season to date .287
Normal precipitation 2.88
Last year to date 2.86



KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1941

Number 9450

RUSSIANS RETAKE 40 VILLAGES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S highlights:
1. The Germans are still retreating from Rostov, and appear to have been checked at Moscow.

2. The British have suffered a setback in Libya, but appear to be confident of ultimate victory there.

3. The Japs HAVEN'T STARTED SHOOTING.

TO these three, we might as well add a fourth: The Vichy French are still talking halfheartedly about collaboration with Hitler, but haven't done anything yet.

ROSTOV, as your map will tell you, is the gateway to the Caucasus. The Caucasus contains the oil Hitler needs so terribly. If he gets the Caucasus, he will be in a position to go on.

If he fails to get it, it will hurt. Being thrown back from the Caucasus gateway is a setback that he can't conceal or laugh off.

IT is obvious from the dispatches that the British are taking their present reverses in Libya rather calmly.

So far, they have prevented axis reinforcements from getting across the Mediterranean. If they can keep that up, the fate of the Germans and Italians in Libya will be sealed.

No army can go on fighting without supplies and reinforcements.

THE Japs and the French are moving slowly — and very cautiously. They are WATCHING HITLER. If he is stopped in Russia and Africa, they will be much more interested in GETTING LOOSE from him than in becoming more deeply entangled.

NAPOLEON, who upset the world a century and a quarter ago, was finally bottled up in Europe. Eventually, he cracked up.

It is beginning to look now as if it might be possible to bottle Hitler up in Europe.

DON'T expect it to happen right away. His bag is still not empty of tricks. Churchill warns that if they are stopped in Russia, the Germans will be likely to turn on Britain in full fury.

But keep in mind that bottling Hitler up in Europe is the big objective.

ON the home front, Senator George (of Georgia) says he is convinced the cost of the defense program will have to be spread over two or more generations by borrowing which may boost the national debt to 150 BILLION DOLLARS.

He says he is informed that federal expenditures for the calendar year beginning January 1, 1942, will probably aggregate 36 billions while tax receipts are not expected to exceed 16 billions.

That will mean a 20 billion dollar deficit in one year.

THE defense effort, of course, HAS to be gone through with. There's no way out of that.

But let's keep in mind that the debt we are piling up will be contracted with INFLATED dollars whereas the payment of it will have to be made with DEFLATED dollars.

Turkey Gets Lend-Lease

MOVE VIEWED AS IMPORTANT IN NEAR EAST

British Report Libya Battle Slackens For New Test

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that Turkey had been brought under the benefits of the lend-lease act.

A statement by the White House said: "The president announced that he had found the defense of Turkey vital to the defense of the United States and had directed Lend-Lease Administrator E. R. Stettinius Jr. to see that the defense needs of the government of Turkey were filled as fast as possible."

No other details were given and White House officials would not amplify the one-sentence announcement.

The announcement was regarded by observers as significant, coming as it did at the height of British-axis fighting in North Africa and European developments pointing to Turkey as an important route to near eastern oil fields.

It comes also at a time when the president is sending William C. Bullitt, former ambassador to Russia and France, as his special representative to the Near East, to ascertain the needs of British and other forces opposing the Italians and Germans in that region. Bullitt is expected to leave late this week.

Lend-lease materials have been going to the Near East for several months via the South African and Red sea routes. Just (Continued on Page Two)

60 Persons on Trial for Plot Against Il Duce

ROME, Dec. 3 (AP)—A vast revolutionary plot which included a before-the-war assassination attempt against Premier Mussolini is charged to 60 persons on trial before a fascist court at Trieste today.

The 60, including students, were declared officially to be members of an anti-Italian terrorist band of 71. The other 11 defendants were reported missing, presumably fugitives abroad.

A revolt in the northeast corner of the country, annexed from Austria after the world war, was the aim of the conspirators, the state contended. Prosecutors said communists dreamed of a soviet republic that would embrace the Slavic regions of Italy, Austrian Carinthia and Yugoslavia.

The state said it had "definite and material proof" of espionage, three powder factory explosions, blowing up of railroad tracks, an attempt to dynamite a bridge, slaying of a couple and an attempt to kill Premier Mussolini while he was visiting Caporetto in 1938.

Mussolini's escape from death at Caporetto was declared by fascists to have been miraculous, but exact details of the incident were not disclosed. There have been eight other announced attempts (Continued on Page Two)

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press
One year ago—Greeks capture 5000 Italians on Albanian front, but run into heavy resistance at Argirocastro.

Two years ago—British fliers bomb German warships at Helgoland.

Twenty-five years ago—German forces in encircling movement draw closer to Bucharest.

Dutch Man Outposts As Jap Forces Strengthened

By The Associated Press
The Dutch East Indies mobilized guards in her outer defenses as Japan was reported massing powerful land, sea and air forces in southern Indo-China.

Observers were quick to point out that Japan, operating from Indo-China bases, could strike against either Thailand or the rich Indies with their resources of rubber, tin, oil and other war needs.

Outer Defenses
Dispatches from Batavia, the Indies capital, said Holland's far east colony had placed its army and navy on a war footing and that troops had taken their stations in the outer defense sectors—presumably in Borneo, Celebes and New Guinea, north of the Malay Archipelago and nearer Japan.

Termining the arrival of British warships at Singapore "the last strong warning to Japan," the Indies newspaper Javabode declared: "We hope Tokyo is not yet too blind to understand this warning."

Dispatches from Bangkok, the Thai capital, said reports of warlike preparations on all sides of Thailand caused deepening anxiety there, and officials expressed surprise at a statement circulated by the Japanese news agency (presumably Domei) asserting: "Even a Japanese attack on Thailand is not expected to lead to war between Japan and the United States."

Thailand has repeatedly warned Japan as well as other nations that she would resist any attempt at invasion.

In Washington, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox told newsmen that the United States had been informed in advance of Britain's fleet reinforcements at Singapore—headed by the new 35,000-ton battleship Prince of Wales—and that one other of the craft was a battleship.

In Tokyo, the Japanese people were told that President Roosevelt had asked certain questions about "Japan's intentions regarding current problem" but the nature of the questions was not made public.

What Mr. Roosevelt asked Japan, in forthright terms, was what Japan meant by increasing her armed forces in Indo-China.

SEN. GEORGE SAYS TAXES NEAR LIMIT

Defense Borrowing to 150-Billion Mark Predicted
WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Senator George (D-Ga.) said today he was convinced that federal taxes had reached near maximum levels and that the cost of the defense program would have to be spread over two or more generations by borrowing which might boost the national debt to \$150,000,000,000.

George said he believed a majority of the senate finance committee, of which he is chairman, agreed with him that federal taxes already were so high as to be only a little under the maximum amount that could be drained out of the national income "without tremendously weakening our whole economy."

While the Georgia senator told (Continued on Page Two)

Engineer Reverses Wheels as Train Goes Into Canal

EAST CHICAGO, Ind., Dec. 3 (AP)—The engineer of a passenger train perished in his submerged cab last night after throwing his locomotive into reverse and preventing the coaches from plunging through an open bridge into the Indiana harbor ship canal.

The only victim of the accident in which six coaches were derailed but remained upright was Jack O'Connor, 70, of Garrett, Ind., engineer of the Chicago-to-New York "Shenandoah" of the Baltimore and Ohio road.

A. E. McCurdy, mechanic, of Pittsburgh, and Rush B. Moody, fireman, Garrett, escaped. McCurdy was in the front unit of the diesel locomotive which hurtled through the gap and buried its nose under about 20 feet of water.

Railroad men reaching the scene said the wheels of the derailed locomotive were spinning in reverse. They theorized O'Connor had missed a warning signal because of fog, then threw the locomotive into reverse when he first sensed danger. They said a more disastrous accident might have occurred had not the engine been reversed.

7000 PRISONERS ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Dec. 3 (AP)—Seven thousand axis prisoners, captured on the Libyan desert, many of them German fliers, arrived here today and were transferred to internment camps. They came on warships, in truck convoys and aboard a 14-coach train.

NEW COMMANDER
FORT LEWIS, Dec. 3 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Horace H. Fuller took over command of the 41st "Sunset" division today.

HOUSE VOTES ANTI-STRIKE LEGISLATION

60-Day 'Cooling-Off' Period Included In Features

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 (AP)—Far-reaching legislation designed to curb defense strikes by requiring a 60-day cooling-off period for the disputants and by prohibiting violence and jurisdictional and sympathy strikes was passed by the house today and sent to the senate. The vote was 252 to 136.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Smith (D-Va.) and termed by its opponents as repressive and "anti-labor," was adopted on a roll call vote.

Registration
It would require registration of unions, would recreate the national defense board, and would direct that settlements of defense labor disputes be attempted through conciliation, mediation and voluntary arbitration.

Defense strikes would be prohibited unless they were approved by a majority of workers voting by secret ballot. Employees who violated the law would lose their rights under the Wagner labor relations, unemployment compensation and social security acts.

The bill would freeze open and closed shop arrangements in defense plants.

The bill was a substitute for less drastic bills offered by Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.) and Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.).

Smith's bill would compel labor disputants to maintain the status quo for 60 days during which the national defense mediation board would seek a (Continued on Page Two)

Montana Governor Signs Extradition For George Parks

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 3 (AP)—Extradition papers for the removal of George Parks, 34, to Klamath Falls, Ore., were signed yesterday by Gov. Sam C. Ford.

Parks, arrested in Great Falls in a forgery case, will be returned by Sheriff Lloyd L. Low to Klamath county, where Low said, he is charged with slaying Dr. Salem A. David in the Bufalo Lunch robbery last March 16.

German Raider Set Afire by Sinking Warship, Report

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 3 (AP)—The 9400-ton German surface raider Stiermark scored a direct hit on the 6830-ton Australian cruiser Sydney in an engagement November 19 and then was set fatally ablaze by a broadside of the sinking warship, German survivors said today.

Two boatloads of men from the crew of the raider, also known as "No. 41" and the Kororan, were landed last week at Carnarvon, West Australia, authorities reported.

(The Australian government announced yesterday that the Sydney was missing and presumed lost after an engagement in which she destroyed the Stiermark, which was charged with sinking nine British, British-allied or neutral ships in the Atlantic and Indian oceans.)

German survivors of the November 19 engagement were said to total 320, some of them wounded. All were made prisoners. The captain of the raider was picked up by an Australian ship, authorities said.

No survivors of the Sydney have been reported.



While the Russians reported routing the German armies west of Rostov, other fierce battles raged at three points indicated by arrows above, where Nazi forces have cracked red defense lines in the two-month-old battle of Moscow.

Paris Curfew Spreads As Nazi Officer Slain

PARIS, Occupied France, Dec. 3 (AP)—The German command in Paris announced today that a German medical corps officer had been shot last night in the Boulevard Magenta, and immediately imposed a 6:30 p. m. curfew on the entire tenth arrondissement.

The announcement said the curfew would continue indefinitely and specified that German authorities "reserved the right to take graver measures" later.

Streets throughout the district were ordered cleared and all public places closed at the curfew hour. Subway stations there also were closed, just as they have been in Montmartre since similar restrictions were imposed there a few days ago.

The tenth arrondissement is a working class district including east station where a German soldier was shot by terrorists some time ago.

It was the fourth district of Paris hit by restrictions for terrorist activity within a week. Besides Montmartre the others were the Latin quarter and Montparnasse.

The Germans have warned of "serious consequences" if attacks were repeated in any of the districts.

More Troops Stop Here Wednesday

The 116th quartermaster detail under command of Major C. C. Holcomb were due to arrive in Klamath Falls in 73 trucks Wednesday afternoon.

Quarters in the army were provided for the 107 men and two officers under arrangements made by Lieutenant Olds, advance man.

Grand Jury Gets Back to Work After Jones Mixup Cleared Up

E. M. Hammond, well known Merrill farmer, was drawn for duty on the Klamath county grand jury Wednesday, filling a vacancy which developed Tuesday as a result of confusion over the name of Jones. The jury, whose operations had been held up for a day, then went back to work and presumably was investigating the case of Eugene Hugh Smith, now serving time for failure to stop at the scene of an accident in connection with the death of Marie Etta Russell.

The place now occupied by Hammond on the jury became vacant after Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg discovered that H. E. Jones, summoned for jury duty, was not the H. E. Jones whose name and address was on the jury list.

The man on the jury list is H. Edwin Jones, 614 Lincoln street, a machinist. The man served with a summons, who also started service on the jury, is Harry E. Jones, 3526 Bisbee street. When Judge Vandenberg discovered the wrong man had been served, he ordered H. Edwin Jones summoned, but excused him from duty because of busy private work.

In court Wednesday morning, Judge Vandenberg referred to the mistake that had been made and stated that the summons for Jones, prepared in the sheriff's office, had carried only the name and initials. The summons should include the address and occupation of the juror, he said. If that is done, there should be no (Continued on Page Two)

GERMANS FLEE WESTWARD IN BLOODY FIGHT

Nazi Claim of Gains Around Moscow Rejected

By The Associated Press
Russia's Ukraine armies, pressing triumphant "counter blitzkrieg," were reported today to have advanced into the suburbs of Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov-on-Don, and driven the Germans out of 40 villages, while on the blizzard-swept Moscow front, other soviet troops sent the Germans reeling back 12 to 24 miles.

A soviet radio broadcast announced that "bloody battles were fought yesterday evening in the suburbs of Taganrog," and soviet dispatches said the nazis were in headlong flight.

A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch said the Germans had fallen back 38 miles in three days in the retreat from Rostov.

Burning Equipment
A soviet broadcast said the Germans were putting up signposts pointing "to Mariupol" and were fleeing so precipitately that they were burning and abandoning tanks, trucks, carts and other equipment.

"All attempts to halt the advance of our troops have failed," the Russians said. "Yesterday and today our units on the southern front continued in pursuit of the enemy, who is fleeing in disorder."

In Reverse
On the central front, the nazis were apparently suffering further reverses.

Quoting latest advices from Moscow, the British radio said the Russians had sent the panzer forces of Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian spinning in reverse.

A communique from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters claimed fresh gains in violent tank and infantry battles before Moscow, but the Russians said the Germans had been thrown back into two key sectors and generally painted a brightening picture of the two-month-old struggle for the capital.

In the Ukraine, soviet dispatches said red armies counter-marching back through the Donets river industrial basin were finding the frozen bodies of Germans wrapped in flimsy blankets, huddled in roadside ditches, and that to save themselves from the bitter cold the nazis were fighting with suicidal fury to hold villages where (Continued on Page Two)

Touch of Winter Brought to Basin By North Wind

A biting north wind swept over the Klamath basin and a touch of real winter sent chills down the spines of southern Oregon residents. The minimum temperature was 33 degrees.

A spitting snow fell around 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, and again at 2 o'clock the northwind carried snow in the city limits.

Three inches of snow fell on the summit of Sun mountain and it was still snowing early Wednesday morning according to the state highway department. Snow also fell on Sand Creek where a minimum of 28 degrees was reported. A light snow was reported on Green Springs and Bly mountains. Colder weather was forecast for Thursday.

News Index

Table with 2 columns: News Item and Page Number. Includes City Briefs, Comics and Story, Courtroom Records, Editorials, High School News, Information, Market, Financial, Midland Empire News, Pattern, PTA Notes, Sports.