

WEATHER

Low 32
 PRECIPITATION
 24 hours to 8 a. m.4.08
 Season to date 4.55
 Normal precipitation 3.82
 Last year to date 2.28



Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EN ROUTE to Portland.
 At all the railroad bridges, and at the important highway bridges as well, there are soldier guards, carrying rifles. One feels certain there are armed guards at the railroad tunnels as well.

We are at war.

THEY are good-looking, alert, typically American. It takes only a glance to see that anyone fooling around these guarded bridges would get into plenty of trouble, plenty quick.

THESE are the same boys who a few weeks ago—as a matter of fact, only a few days ago—were resentful at the fact that they had to be taken away from their schooling, or their jobs.

All that is gone.

One look at them and you know there is no longer resentment. They are where they are now to DO A JOB.

There is no complaining.

IN recent years, heads have been shaken over American youth. Many and many an older has said: "I can't understand them."

Age NEVER HAS understood youth. It is likely that in the Neanderthal age the Old Man of the tribe, gazing at the crop of youngsters coming on shook his head and gloomed.

"I don't know what the world is coming to. Certainly in MY time boys and girls weren't like they are now."

At any rate, the oldsters have been doing it ever since.

AND always they have been wasting their time.

ALWAYS these boys and girls who were the subject of all the head shaking have come through like heroes when the pinch came.

They are coming through now. If you have any doubts as to that, read the papers and listen to the radio. It is these same youngsters who were resentful of the draft a little while ago who are making history in the islands of the Pacific these days.

WHATEVER you do, DON'T lose faith in the younger generation.

The older generation has been doing it for centuries, but every time a great emergency has arisen it has been these same youngsters who stepped into the breach and saved the world.

The record of their heroism is written on every page of history.

IT isn't a pleasant job these alert, uniformed, armed youths who are guarding the bridges have. Especially if the bridges, tunnels and what not they are guarding are far from the centers of civilization.

Like all soldiering, it is a VARIED job. Some of them are luckier than others. Those who are stationed near the larger places, for example. One of them feels he is in luck. He is quartered in the basement of a church, where it is warm and dry and they have SHOWER BATHS.

There are plenty of them, at the more remote spots who have to sleep out under a tree and be glad at the opportunity to sleep at all.

BUT one hears a complaining. They have A JOB TO DO now. It is a real job. Their resentment is ALL GONE.

Don't worry about these youngsters. Don't worry about what the nation is coming to.

The United States of America will be safe in their hands.

BOMB KILLS SIX

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Six persons, presumably Germans, were killed today when a bomb exploded in the gasop headquarters of a Paris suburb, the BBC said in a broadcast heard by NBC and CBS.

BRITISH STAB REAR OF AXIS LINE IN LIBYA

Russians Continue to Pursue Retreating Germans

By The Associated Press

Britain's desert armies in North Africa have swept 70 miles west of Tobruk and slashed into the heart of strongly-held axis positions in a great new battle of tanks and men, Cairo headquarters reported today, as a decisive phase in the struggle appeared under way.

British armored forces have now encircled all remaining German tank units in Libya, it was announced.

Thrust Westward

The British Middle East command said Imperial troops, outflanking axis divisions, had driven 30 miles beyond Gazala, which lies 40 miles west of Tobruk, and were continuing their thrust against the enemy reserves and rear.

Advance British forces, the command said, have already penetrated the center of axis defenses manned by strong elements of three German-Italian divisions.

Not Decisive

Earlier advice reaching London said "No decisive result" had yet been achieved in the fighting.

However, Lieut.-Col. L.C.M.S. Avery, British secretary for India, declared in London that the Libyan campaign "now seems definitely turning toward a great decisive victory."

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's high command said German North African forces were fighting "heavy defensive battles" west of Tobruk.

The German communique asserted that axis troops "smashed strong sections of the enemy," captured several hundred prisoners and seized or destroyed a large number of tanks and guns.

An Italian communique reported that fascists motorized and armored divisions, supported by large German units, were fighting tenaciously against the British sweep to the west, inflicting heavy losses.

Reds Hit Flanks

On the Russo-German war (Continued on Page Two)

Hoover Asks Price Control For President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover asked Congress today to give President Roosevelt the "widest latitude" in legislation establishing wartime controls over prices and commodities.

"We cannot know what the situation may be a year or five years hence," Hoover told the senate banking committee as he drew from his experience as food administrator during the last world war to suggest a 14-point program for controlling prices and commodities.

Replying to questions, Mr. Hoover said he favored most provisions for price controls asked by the administration except the power to license business.

Still ruddy-cheeked, the only living former president shook hands with nearby senators and waved to veteran Senator Glass (D-Va.) before he began reading a prepared statement at the huge committee table. Only a few spectators were in the large committee room as he began his testimony.

Mr. Hoover said he agreed with Leon Henderson, defense price administrator, that declaration of war had changed the entire situation since the house passed a price control bill.

"The problem has moved from the limited area of preparedness to the direct field of total national mobilization to fight a long and desperate war," the witness said. "This change makes even a wider degree of controls imperative."



JAP PAPER QUOTES ADMIRAL'S SCHEME

Seizure of Islands, San Francisco Not Enough, Claim

TOKYO, Dec. 16 (Official Radio Received by AP)— The following dispatch was broadcast today by Domei:

"The strategy of surprise which was carried out with such success by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in chief of the Japanese combined fleets, was planned by him earlier, according to the Yomiuri (Tokyo newspaper)."

"The Yomiuri published a letter which Yamamoto sent a close friend, dated Jan. 24 this year. Therein Yamamoto, who said that humiliation was felt by all the Japanese navy at the time the 1934 naval disarmament conference at London failed, made this statement:

"Any time war breaks out between Japan and the United States I shall not be content (Continued on Page Two)

"Ganap" Leader Confesses Plot To Aid Japanese

MANILA, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Philippines secret service announced tonight that the leader of the anti-American Ganap organization had confessed that Ganap had plotted to help the Japanese conquer the Philippines.

The announcement said the confession of the leader, Ramon Mantile, had implicated many of his fellows. Twenty-seven members of Ganap, including Mantile, were charged with illegal association bordering on treason.

Police who raided Ganap headquarters said they seized evidence of pro-Japanese activities, including documents and photographs of Japanese militarists.

The secret service quoted Mantile, who was employed as a laborer in Manila, as saying that the final meeting of the Ganap was held Nov. 20, when plans were completed for fifth column activity. Members were certain war would break out in a few days.

"Singin' Cowhand"

WAR POWERS APPROVED

REDUCTION OF DRAFT LIMITS WINS SUPPORT

F. R. Recommends 19 To 44 Ages for Army Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)— Responding to an appeal by President Roosevelt, the senate military committee voted without dissent late today to make all able-bodied men from 19 through 44 liable for military service.

Under the legislation, men from 18 to 64, inclusive would have to register, but only the 19-44 age group actually could be drafted for military service.

Asked by F. R.

Senators Chandler (D-Ky.) and Austin (R-Vt.), members of the military group, said the unanimous vote undoubtedly was due to President Roosevelt's recommendation earlier in the day that the minimum age for actual military service be reduced from 21 to 19.

War Powers

Congress gave quick approval today to legislation granting President Roosevelt broad additional powers to prosecute the government's war efforts.

Among other things, the bill passed first by the house and minutes later by the senate, would permit the chief executive to set up a censorship over outgoing communications to foreign countries, to transfer functions from one government agency to another and to control alien property and alien financial transactions.

(On the suggestion of Senators Taft (Ohio) and Vandenberg (Mich.) the senate wrote in restrictions on wide powers to the president to change defense contracts.

The limitations provided that no existing profit limitations could be disturbed and also that all such modifications should be made a "matter of public record."

Because of the minor differences between the senate and house versions, the legislation now must go to a joint committee for adjustment before final enactment.

An omnibus affair reviving and putting into effect war authority given President Wilson in the first world conflict, the legislation also would permit the chief executive to redistribute the functions of governmental agencies. And it would empower him to revise government contracts to obtain war material speedily.

The censorship section of the bill was aimed at "communications x x x passing between the (Continued On Page Two)

President, House Planning Probes of Hawaii Attack

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP) President Roosevelt told his press conference he hoped to announce later in the day the appointment of a board which would investigate why Japan was able to surprise Pearl harbor Dec. 7.

He said he thought the board matter would be discussed in a conference arranged with war and navy department executives.

Asked whether there was any thing he could add to the disclosure by Navy Secretary Knox that fifth column activity had aided the Japs in Hawaii, Mr. Roosevelt responded that of course, this was being analyzed in order to try and prevent a recurrence of it in other parts of the world. He did not answer directly an inquiry on how the Japanese had obtained information in the islands.

A question about coordination of military command among the

'Stop and Go' at Last Comes to Local Streets

Klamath Falls' traffic lights were put into operation at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon shortly after the arrival here of State Traffic Engineer John Beakley of Salem. Officers were stationed at each intersection where the signals had been installed in order to iron out any difficulty which might arise.

"Pedestrians were urged to obey pedestrian "walk and wait" signals and not to pay attention to the red, yellow or green signals which are for vehicles only," Beakley stated. The pedestrian and vehicular signals do not work together, the engineer explained.

Beakley and his assistant, Wayne Taylor, were slated to arrive early Tuesday morning in order to have the lights in operation by 9 a. m., but their train from the north was delayed until after noon.

Klamath Wades in Slushy Snow, Country White

Klamath waded in slush Tuesday as a wet snow whitened the ground and left a heavy covering over the entire mountain country east of the Cascades. The minimum temperature was 32 degrees.

At Sand Creek seven inches of fresh snow fell during the night, and 12 inches at Sun mountain, bringing the total at that point to 18 inches. Chains were advised by the highway department. Roads were said to be "in good winter condition." All available highway equipment was set out in the district which the Klamath shops serve.

A few minor accidents were reported to police but there were no injuries. Motorists were stalled in slush and several hill streets in the city were impassable.

City snow equipment, including plows placed on trucks and blades on the road grader, were in use early Tuesday morning but melting snow caused crews to leave their work and attempt to keep the gutters clear to take care of the un-off, according to City Engineer E. A. Thomas.

Property owners were warned that they must clean sidewalks within 24 hours after the snow fall in keeping with a city ordinance.

Snow to the north and heavy rains south of Dunsmuir made train service into Klamath Falls two to five hours late Tuesday morning.

The Southern Pacific reported that six inches of rain in 24 hours at Felts, Calif., caused the northbound No. 20, due here at 11 a. m., to arrive at 1:45 Tuesday afternoon. No. 12 (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. ISLANDS COUNTER WITH HEAVY BLOWS

Philippine Assaults Slacken; Malaya, Hongkong Hot

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)— The navy announced late today that two islands in the Hawaiian area, Johnson and Maui, have been shelled by Japanese war vessels in the past 24 hours.

Wake Island, much battered and outpost west of Hawaii, has sustained two new bombing attacks, one of them very heavy but both Wake and Midway "are countering the blows of the enemy," a communique said.

First Attack

The bombardment of Johnston island by enemy ships was the first development of action at that naval outpost since the start of the war. The shipping center of Kahului on the island of Maui was shelled by an enemy submarine at about the same time as the action against Johnston island, the navy said, but damage in both instances was described as slight.

Operations against the enemy are continuing, the navy added. The navy's 2:30 p. m. P. T. communique:

"Two islands in the Hawaiian area have been shelled by Japanese war vessels within the last 24 hours. The naval outpost of Johnston island figured for the first time in Pacific action. It was bombarded by ships of the enemy at dusk. On the northeastern coast of the island of Maui, the shipping center of Kahului was shelled by an enemy submarine at about the same time. Damage in both instances is believed to be slight. Naval operations are continuing against the enemy.

"Wake island has sustained two additional bombing attacks. The first in the afternoon, the second in the evening. The first attack was light, the second heavy. Wake and Midway are (Continued on Page Two)

Indians Vote to Buy Additional Defense Bonds

Klamath Indians have voted for funds at least \$150,000 of tribal funds—defense bonds in addition to \$228,000 already purchased by individual members, it was announced Monday by Agency Superintendent B. G. Court-light.

"Action of the Japanese has somewhat provoked the Klamath Indians," said Superintendent Courtlight in a message to The Herald and News.

At a special meeting, he said, the Indian tribal business committee voted to have their Washington tribal delegates, Levi Walker and Boyd Jackson, seek approval of the interior department and congress for expenditure of an appreciable percentage of the Klamath funds—probably less than \$150,000 and probably more—for defense bonds.

When tribal funds are involved the Indians, Secretary Ickes and congress of the United States must jointly approve.

Courtlight said that eight Klamaths have enlisted recently in the nation's armed forces and one, Loran Richard Wilson, is at Pearl harbor.

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