

WEATHER Low 25 PRECIPITATION 24 hours to 8 a. m. .00 Season to date 4.47 Normal precipitation 3.88 Last year to date 2.28 SNOW

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.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

UNITED PRESS

PRICE FIVE CENTS

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1941

Number 9461

U. S. SUBS HIT JAP VESSELS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS PORTLAND, Late Tuesday evening. Pouring rain. This writer has sat all day in a meeting of the state defense council and county defense coordinators. One of the subjects discussed was the havoc Jap air men may be able to work next summer in the forests of the Pacific Coast with incendiary bombs and what to do about it.

JAPS LAND IN BORNEO

OIL RESERVES DESTROYED TO BLOCK SEIZURE

Jap Strategy Seen to Cut Allied Lines In Quick Stabs By The Associated Press SINGAPORE, Dec. 17—Japanese forces have landed in Sarawak, a British area on the northwest coast of Borneo, it was announced today as the Japanese threw their land, sea and air forces into a spreading offensive around the South China sea.

Advice Given Pedestrians, Motorists. As New Signal System Operation Begins

Vehicular and pedestrian traffic signals, put in operation Tuesday afternoon, have worked to the satisfaction of the motoring public as well as state highway engineers, it was believed by traffic engineers late Wednesday after the signals had been observed for a 24-hour period. State Traffic Engineer John Beakey said the highway department would accept the job from the contractors, Trowbridge and Flynn of Medford, after "several minor corrections had been made."

REDS REPORT NEW GAINS ON MOSCOW LINE

British Pressing for Knockout Blow to Axis in Libya By The Associated Press Russia proclaimed a series of smashing new victories in the war with Germany today, and for the first time Adolf Hitler's high command wryly acknowledged that the German invasion of the Crimea was "shortening their lines" along the soviet front and were hard-pressed on the defensive in North Africa.

HONGKONG REJECTS JAP PEACE FEELER

Chinese Assaults in Rear Ease Threat To Navy Base LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Lord Moyne, colonial minister, disclosed tonight that Hongkong had rejected a second Japanese overture for its surrender and that he had sent the Crown colony's governor, Sir Mark Young, a messenger approving his decision and telling him to "hold on."

Klamath Bond Sales Surge To High Mark

Klamath county bids fair to pass the million dollar mark in the purchase of United States defense bonds and stamps if buying since the declaration of war on December 8, continues at its present pace.

Nazis Demechanized As Russian Boys Seal Cranks

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—The Germans were caught without crank handles to start their motors because all had been stolen by Russian boys, a writer in Izvestia reported from a village beyond recaptured Klin today.

Oil Destroyed

Oil was an obvious objective at Miri but the Batavia radio said "everything was destroyed" (Continued on Page Two)

HONGKONG, Dec. 17 11:10 A. M. (7:10 P. M., PST, Tuesday) (AP)—The official communique today said that Japanese-besieged Hongkong had spent a quiet night apart from some shelling in the early morning hours.

American Reporter Describes Nazi Air Raid on British Navy

(Larry Allen, Associated Press war correspondent with the British Mediterranean fleet whose vivid descriptions of numerous air and naval battles in that sea have been among the war's journalistic highlights, is lying in a hospital in Alexandria. He is being treated for painful but not critical face and body bruises and the effects of a bad 45-minute plunge into oil-filled water. How he got there is still hidden by the censorship but the Germans announced yesterday they had sunk a British cruiser off Alexandria. The following story may describe the action leading up to his injury).

Island Attacks Termed 'Weak' By U. S. Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—The navy department announced today that there were no injuries to personnel during the Japanese attack on Johnston island, which was reported late yesterday.

Three Trainmen Killed as Two Flyers Collide

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 17 (AP)—The west bound Katy Flyer, passenger train of the M. K. T., crashed head-on into the standing eastbound flyer four miles north of here early today, killing three trainmen and injuring five other railroad employees.

Klamath Youth Lost in Sinking Of Battleship

Paxton Turner Carter, 29, chief petty officer aboard the U.S.S. Arizona, was revealed Wednesday as the first known Klamath Falls service man killed in action in the U. S.-Japanese war.

Shortening Lines

"In the course of transition from aggressive operations to stationary warfare for the winter months, necessary improvements involving the shortening of lines now are being systematically undertaken on various sectors of the eastern front."

Formosa Earthquake Kills 190; Railroads, Communications Hit

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—"A major earthquake is again reported from eastern Turkey," said the Paris radio in a dispatch heard today by NBC. "Considerable damage is said to have been caused but details are not as yet on hand."

Klamath Falls' First War Victim



Chief Petty Officer Paxton Turner Carter, above, was the first known Klamath Falls man to be killed in action in the U. S.-Japanese war. It was revealed Wednesday. He was aboard the battleship Arizona when it was hit and sunk by a Japanese bomb in Pearl harbor on December 7, date of the first Jap attack.

21-44 DRAFT AGES APPROVED BY HOUSE

Move to Put Limits Below 21 Rejected By Congressmen WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Legislation for the registration of all men from 18 to 64, inclusive, and making those from 21 to 44, inclusive, subject to military service was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

TIRE RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson announced today that government rationing of automobile tires would begin January 4.

War Map on Page 14

An excellent map showing the new war area involving the United States will be found on page 14. It is provided through courtesy of United Press. Clip it, paste it on cardboard, and use it for reference as you read the news.

HART REFUSES ANY DETAILS OF SUCCESSSES

26 Enemy Planes Put Out of Action; Front Quiet BULLETIN WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (UP)—Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel has been relieved of command of the US fleet and replaced by Admiral Chester V. Nimitz, the navy department announced tonight.

Small enemy forces in the Aparri, Vigan and Legaspi areas are "still under attack," the communique said.

Washington, Dec. 17 (AP)—The war department in its late-afternoon communique said, "The American forces have the situation well in hand" in the Philippine theater.

Elaborating upon an official warning December 15 concerning possible operations by hostile submarines and aircraft against Japan, he said the submarines were of a superior 2000-ton type with a cruising radius of 3200 miles and urged that Japanese seamen be on the alert for them.

MANILA, Dec. 17 (AP)—U. S. army bombers destroyed 26 Japanese planes and fired fuel supplies in a heavy attack yesterday on the beach head which the Japanese established last week at Vigan on the Luzon west coast, 200 miles from Manila, army headquarters announced today.

Freezing temperatures throughout the district turned slushy streets into ice bound roadways, according to a check made throughout this area Wednesday. Highways were coated with ice and motorists were advised to use chains in travel.

The temperature in Klamath Falls was chafed up as 25 degrees, however, it was much lower at other points in the basin. At Stronghold the minimum was 20 degrees. No information could be obtained from the northern section of the county where telephone service was reported down.

Four inches of fresh snow fell at Sand Creek, bringing the total there to 10 inches. It was 25 degrees at 8 a. m. On Sun Mountain six inches of new snow fell, a total of 22 inches reported. Six inches of snow fell during the night on Quartz Mountain, and Greensprings mountain was covered with snow. All highways were in an "icy condition."

News Index City Briefs Page 5 Comics and Story Page 12 Courthouse Records Page 4 Editorials Page 7 High School News Page 5 Information Page 5 Market, Financial Page 14 Midland Empire News, Page 8 Pattern Page 13 PTA Notes Page 9 Sports Page 11