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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLOTT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Navy Secretary Knox only hinted at what this government has discovered about Japanese fifth columning when he said it was more efficient than the worm-burrowing of the Nazis.

A Pacific-wide system of underground communications by short wave radio has been detected as the basis of Jap spy operations. Small sending sets, some especially adapted to use in cellars or ground shelters, are in daily operation over that half of the world, especially along our coast and in our island possessions. These reach only to small fishing boats offshore, but the fishermen relay the information to battleships, and the reports are then sent to Tokyo.

Cases upon which our agents are working are not yet ready for disclosure, but a sample is furnished by the experiences of the Chinese in two instances known to our authorities. When the Japs seized Hainan, the Chinese belatedly discovered that an old farmer, who spoke only Chinese and was married to a Chinese, had been raiding from a dugout cellar out on his farm, daily weather and other reports to the Japs for 20 years. His family was unaware of his activity. When the Jap forces steamed in to take over Hainan, local guides met them in the dark at remote beaches to lead them by hidden paths to places of strategic importance. They were ready to shoot before the Chinese inhabitants were aware of being attacked.

SIDE GLANCES



"I'm not jealous because Jinnie falls for Bill's stunts—she always calls on me when she gets stuck with her home work!"

Defense Bond Quiz

Q. How does the government feel about people who redeem their defense savings bonds?

A. If the circumstances make it necessary for people to draw on the savings represented by the money they have loaned to the government for national defense, that is their privilege in the purely voluntary defense savings effort, but of course you can't spend your bond and have it too.

Q. May the owner of a defense savings bond sell it or give it away?

A. No. Defense savings bonds are not transferable. Owners are permitted to redeem them prior to maturity in case they want or need to do so.

Note—To buy defense bonds and stamps, go to the nearest postoffice, bank, or savings and loan association; or write to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C. Also stamps are now on sale at retail stores.

Sense in Censorship

AN indication that good sense is making headway in the development of news censorship is the appointment of Byron Price as director of the new set-up.

Mr. Price is executive news editor of the Associated Press, a practical newspaper man with extensive experience and recognized ability. He will have the confidence of the press, the press associations and presumably, because of his appointment, the army, navy and governmental offices.

What Americans want in war news is unvarnished truth, with censorship applied only to prevent the dissemination of information that will give aid to the enemy. Moving here and there in the administration circle in recent years have been certain individuals with ideas of controlling public information to the point of making it all look good for the regime in power. It would have been disastrous to have given war-time censorship power to any such person.

The men who collect the news for the newspapers and radio stations of the United States are patriotic citizens who can be depended upon to avoid mistakes that will be helpful to the enemy. If there are exceptions, they will be discovered by their employers and eliminated. It will be possible, therefore, to permit a considerable freedom, appropriate to a democratic nation, with the rules carefully worked out and understood by all. When a question of propriety of news is involved, a check must be made by an authority that can be easily reached.

Heartening this week was the blunt, straightforward story of Pearl Harbor given out by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox. It satisfied the American people, who were beginning to grumble about an apparent attempt to make a secret of that whole situation. In admitting mistakes, it gave the public a feeling the mistakes would be investigated and not permitted to happen again. That is what we want.

This City "Grows Up"

WERE living in a "grown-up" city now, with an elaborate system of traffic signals that has a lot of us old-timers trying to look both ways at once. What with the war and all, it's quite a strain. But give us time—we trust Frank Hamm and his boys will do that—and we'll learn.

There are probably bugs in the traffic system that will have to be ironed out as experience dictates. There are some things that don't look right to some of the 16,497 traffic engineers living in Klamath Falls and the thousands of others who trade and drive in the city. The experts no doubt will discover these things and do something about it.

There is quite a lot of stop-light running, the result of habits established in the devil-take-the-hindmost era now at an end. Stop-light running cannot be tolerated for long. It is dangerous and is unfair to those who make an honest effort to obey the rules.

Rugged individualists, who are really irked by the new era of traffic control, will find the going more to their liking on Pine street, Klamath avenue and other alternate routes. If the signal system breaks up the needless concentration of traffic on Main street, it will have accomplished an important improvement in the general situation.

Fires Raging In Hongkong, Say Japanese

TOKYO, Wednesday, Dec. 17 (UP)—(Official Japanese broadcasts recorded by United Press) A dispatch to the newspaper Nichi Nichi today reported fires set by "indignant Chinese" were raging in besieged Hongkong and the city was in "utter confusion."

The dispatch said fires were spreading in the Victoria center and Happy Valley district of Hongkong. The fires, according to Nichi Nichi, were set by Chinese who were fired by refusal of British authorities to capitulate to the attacking Japanese forces.

A Bangkok dispatch said the United Press and Sydney Herald Bangkok correspondents were arrested Sunday 30 miles from Bangkok while they were "attempting to flee to the Burma border."

The two newspapermen were returned to Bangkok under heavy guard and charged with spreading malicious propaganda against the Japanese.

Japanese authorities claimed with landings in Malaya, Philippines, Guam and now British Borneo, the Japanese have shown they are able to establish footholds at any British-American defensive position in the Pacific area.

Earlier Navy Minister Shigeyasu Shimada told a war session of the diet that since outbreak of the U. S.-Japan war the Japanese have "sunk three American battleships, one submarine, one mine sweeper and one large transport."

Red Cross Lists Places to Take Contributions

Contributions to Klamath Falls' voluntary Red Cross drive for war funds will be received at the following places:

Red Cross Headquarters.
 First National Bank.
 U. S. National Bank.
 First Federal Savings and Loan Association.
 Radio Station KFJI Herald and News.
 Chamber of commerce

G-Men Nab Cows As Saboteurs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP) It wasn't saboteurs who short-circuited high voltage wires connecting the Bonneville dam power station in Oregon with the Columbia power line last Saturday night.

The culprits, the justice department announced today, were cows with itchy backs. They scratched them on guy wires of poles supporting the lines.

It won't happen again, the G-men said.

THEORY COLLAPSES

CHICAGO (AP)—A friend told Helen Senné any Chicagoan could experience such a degree of solitude in busy Wabash avenue at the rush hour that she even could go singing down the street unnoticed.

So, picking her way across Madison at Wabash, one of Chicago's noisiest intersections, she began singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," but her solo swelled into a chorus as policemen, cab drivers and pedestrians joined in.

VOX ENDS TODAY

Shows at 2:00; 7:00 - 9:00
HEDY LAMARR ECSTASY
 ORIGINAL VERSION

2 FEATURES

Hit No. 1
Anne Shirley "Anne of Windy Poplars"
 Hit No. 2—
 William Gargen "ISLE OF DESTINY"

RAINBOW

Shows as usual during blackout

ADULTS ONLY

Shows at 2:00; 7:00 - 9:00
HEDY LAMARR ECSTASY
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Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 100 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions following these rules, are warmly welcome.

Radio Reception Problem

BONANZA, Ore. (To the Editor)—Through your paper I wish to point out to the civilian defense board, Copco and the radio commission the deplorable conditions of radio reception in this community.

OLD GLORY

(Dedicated to the men in the service)
 Old Glory, it's good to see you fly!
 To see you survive as nations die!
 My eyes how they glisten like the dew,
 When flutters unfurled the red, white and blue!
 Each star and each stripe a sigh, a tear,
 As we welded a nation strong and dear;
 Though often we clashed in rocky glen,
 We picked up the flag to go on again!
 We injured ourselves as children will,
 When liberty beckoned far up-hill;
 Though scorn and derision oft were ken,
 We picked up the flag to go on again!
 Like brothers in blood but not in heart,
 How we bitterly fought to break apart;
 But lured by the souls of dying men,
 We picked up the flag to go on again!
 We saddened our laughter with world strife,
 As lightly we valued human life;
 Though knee-deep we sunk in marshy fen,
 We picked up the flag to go on again!
 Old Glory, your cause is not in vain,
 Though the lessons to learn may hold their pain;
 No tyrant shall drag you to his den—
 We'll pick up the flag to go on again!
 Elizabeth Alice Thies

HERE'S AN IDEA

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—Buy a bond for defense. Chinese and Filipinos hereabouts have taken special precautions to publicize their identity. Joe Chiang, famed Chinese correspondent wears a sign saying: "Not Japanese, please!" Filipino taxicab drivers proclaim on the windshield: "I am Filipino, 100 per cent for the USA."

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SCHOOLS SCHEDULE YULETIDE PROGRAMS

Three days more of school and Klamath county children are concentrating largely on Christmas programs before their release Friday for a vacation that will last through December 28th.

New excitement has been added this year, as several county schools have changed from traditional evening programs to afternoon to avoid possible blackouts.

Christmas programs on schedule are: December 17, Shasta primary, Altamont junior high, Sprague River and Bonanza. December 18, Bly, Keno, Shasta Intermediate, Summers, Henley, Merrill and Malin. December 19, Weyerhaeuser Camp, Fort Klamath and Algoma. December 20, Modoc Point. Chiloquin school is having room programs, and joining all other organizations for a community program sponsored by the churches and PTA.

Former Sailor Vows to Aveng Old Ship Buddies

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Vowing to avenge his former buddies on the sunken destroyer Downes, "Jack" Leo Stapleton, 22, formerly of Port Ladonia, Ore., was back in the navy today.

"I should have been at that forward 5-inch gun when the Japs came over," he said. "That was my station, and my second station was a machine gun."

Stapleton finished his enlistment in February, 1940, and was working in an auto supply firm's shipping department when he learned his old ship had been sunk.

Accepted for reenlistment yesterday, Stapleton said his wife would live with his family in Portland.

HE'S GUARDHOUSE-PROOF!

WICHITA FALLS, Tex. (AP) Maj. Glenn C. Thompson, depot supply officer, was certain he had the army's personnel experts stumped when he wanted a safe cracked.

Officers thumbed through classification lists and dispatched Pvt. Dana T. Mudd to the scene. He twiddled the dials a while and the big safe door swung open.

Private Mudd is a locksmith.

PETER ENAR FRYXELL

Peter Enar Fryxell, for many years a resident of Klamath county, passed away at his late residence in this city on Tuesday, December 16. Deceased was a native of Tolby, Sweden, and was aged 59 years five months and 13 days when called. The remains rest in Ward's Klamath funeral home. Notice of the funeral arrangements will be announced later.

RODS - REELS - CREELS

All the best makes - The Gun Store - Puckett and Houston - 714 Main.

OFFICERS FOR BLACKOUTS IN BLY SELECTED

BLY — On Saturday evening, December 13, Jack Harrison, defense coordinator for the Bly district, called a meeting of citizens to get organized and make plans for carrying out precautionary blackout measures and civil defense work.

Those appointed to be responsible for various specified tasks were Fred Stone, CCC camp; Clark Abbott, light and power; T. E. Shea, water; R. E. Detrich, first aid; Leo Moll, fire; Hubert Pound, Jeff Causebie, Joe Harris, Norman Bannister, Carl Deering, Joe Milligan and Leonard Dyer, wardens; Willis Panke, general traffic and police, Erna Carstans, telephone, Jim Fitzgerald, telegraph. The CCC camp will be headquarters for the radio transmitter and doctor.

Klamath Indians Hold Election for Business Committee

The Klamath Indians held an election on Tuesday, December 16, for members of the tribal business committee. Members elected will hold office for two years starting January 1 and will hold meetings four times a year to discuss business of the tribe.

The election was held in Chilcoquin and Beatty by secret ballot.

Those eight elected are as follows: Dice Crain, 141 votes; James Johnson, 115; Lee Corbell 104; Syldan Crume, 111; Wernie Foster, 87; Tom Long, 82; Joseph S. Ball, 87, and Boyd J. Jackson, 85.

Bly

BLY—Mills in the Bly district are now working two six-hour shifts.

Harold Crane spent a few days of last week in San Francisco on business.

Lem Houston who has been in charge of a camp at Drews Creek moved the camp to Bly last week. He directed about 40 CCC boys doing road work since last April.

Mrs. Ward and family spent the weekend in Ashland. Her mother, Mrs. Holms, became ill while visiting here and wished to be near her doctor.

Mrs. John Beeler is in Portland. Beeler will drive up there when she is ready to return to Bly.

Aaron Hoffman is in Lakeview with some CCC boys building a ski slide.

Mr. Harbison remained away from his work at the CCC camp for several days last week due to illness of his wife.

E. X. Kendall is in Ashland confined to his bed with an infected knee.

Art Estage and family moved to Klamath Falls on Monday. He has been working in the meat department at the Sycan store the past year and is being replaced by Mr. Mendenhall, formerly of the Sycan store at Beatty.

Bob Poteet and family are living in Bly again. Bob will be on his former job at the Sycan store. He was employed at the Beatty store before it burned down.

Alyce Boyd is spending a few days in Portland with her husband. The beauty shop is open and making appointments upon her return.

Cards were received by several people in Bly from Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coke announcing the birth of a baby boy at Medford on December 6.

Shirts that are Different—Newer Styles—lower Prices—Broadcloths—Silks—Gaberlines—Free Xmas Wrapping. The Gun Store - 714 Main.

Courthouse Records

TUESDAY
 Justice Court
 Donald Joseph Wilson, drunk on a public highway. Fined \$10 or five days. Committed to county jail.
 George Dumore, drunk on a public highway. Fined \$10 or five days. Committed to county jail.
 Floyd Leroy Joiner, violation of basic rule. Fined \$15.
 John Kandra, unlawful sale of liquor. Released on \$100 bail.
 Orville Sutton, unlawful sale of liquor. Bail set for \$100.
 Marriage Licenses
 LAFLEUR-JONES, John Gilbert Lafleur, 27, Klamath Falls, mill worker, native of Wisconsin. Marjorie E. Jones, 25, Klamath Falls, office assistant, native of Kansas.

STILL A RECORD

AURORA, Neb. (AP)—J. A. Isaman, a Sunday school teacher, still has his unbroken attendance record, thanks to a cooperative class.

Isaman came to his class every Sunday for more than 21 years, so when he became ill and couldn't leave his bed, the class came to him.

Read the Classified page.

Gems of Thought

ENDURING TREASURES
 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold? And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver? Prov. 16:16.

By wisdom wealth is won; but riches purchased wisdom yet for none.—Bayard Taylor.

Self-forgetfulness, purity, and love are treasures untold—constant prayers, prophecies, and anointings.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Therefore, come what may, hold fast to love. Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it.—F. W. Robertson.

There never did, and never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in the character which is a stranger to the exercise of resolute self-denial.—Walter Scott.

Christian Science

"God the Preserver of Man" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 14.

The Golden Text was, "Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord; let thy loving kindness and thy truth continually preserve me" (Ps. 40: 11).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. For in him we live, and move, and have our being, as certain also of your own poets have said, 'For we are also his offspring.'" (Acts 17: 24, 25, 28).

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlative passages from the "Christian Science" textbook, "Science and Health" with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "The Spiritual man's consciousness and individuality are reflections of God. They are the emanations of Him who is Life, Truth and Love. God, the divine Principle of man, and man in God's likeness are inseparable, harmonious and eternal. God and man are not the same, but in the order of divine Science, God and man coexist and are eternal" (p. 336).

*** PLAYS TODAY and THURSDAY ***

TWO COMEDY-ACTION HITS!

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 FRANKIE DARRO

—Hit No. 2—
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 Dick Foran - Leo Carrillo - Andy Devine

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