

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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HONGKONG FALL SEEN LOOMING

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
PORTLAND, Wednesday.
Members of the advisory committee that superintends Oregon's annual expenditure of \$100,000 for promotion of tourist travel to this state voted this afternoon to suspend for the present plans for the advertising to have been done next year.

The idea of advertising Oregon's vacation advantages isn't to be abandoned. It is merely to be held up for the present. The department of the state highway commission that handles the advertising is to be continued and will resume its normal duties as soon as life on the Pacific Coast returns to a sufficiently normal basis to permit people to make plans again for such pleasant interludes as vacations. Oregon people are realistic. They recognize at once that under present conditions there is little time for planning vacations. There is too much else to be done.

The department handling this advertising consists at present of three persons — a director and two assistants. All three have been commandeered by the governor's office and are working all day and far into the night on state defense activities. Oregon's state government, you see, is doing what all the rest of us are doing — it is devoting all its energies to meeting the new situation created by America's sudden entrance into the war.

THERE is much talk these days about business as usual. The idea is basically sound. The life of the nation must go on. We must produce as we never have produced before, for modern warfare is unbelievably wasteful and waste can only be made up for by increased production. But this basically sound idea of business as usual needs some clarification. We can't carry on business AS USUAL, for in time of peace business is the first thought of all normal Americans. It isn't the first thought now. With our country at war, WINNING THE WAR must be first in our thoughts all the time. Everything else must be secondary.

Back of the idea of "business as usual" must be a clear understanding of this fact. We must carry on business as usual only to the extent of keeping up normal production and keeping up normal morale. We must be prepared all the time to do unusual things whenever called upon. If we don't, no one can say what the consequences will be.

BACK of all these plans for civilian defense is this thought of being ready and prepared to do unusual things. We can't let the unexpected creep up on us and find us unready. That would mean demoralization, and demoralization is the objective that is foremost in the minds of the ambitious gangsters who have upset the world. We mustn't play into their hands.

THE people of Oregon and the entire population are responding magnificently to the sudden emergency. On every hand, by the hundreds of thousands, they are asking: "What can we do?"

There will be plenty to do in the months to come. But meanwhile, RIGHT NOW, there is something everybody can do: Give, within the limits of our means, to the Red Cross.

HOTEL CLOSED

ASTORIA, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Gearhart hotel, large Clatsop beach resort, has been closed by war conditions. Manager Clyde Betts said the lighted hotel "stood like a beacon," and its closure was a military measure.

20-44 DRAFT BILL VOTED

REGISTRATION AGES 18-64 IN APPROVED ACT

Senate, House Reach Compromise, Send Measure to F. R.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the White House today legislation requiring the registration of all men from 18 through 64 and making those from 20 through 44 subject to compulsory military service. The chamber adopted a compromise conference report, previously approved by the house, which fixed the minimum age for active service at 20 instead of the 19 previously set by the senate and the 21 figure which the house had voted.

Administration leaders had encouraged the compromise 20-year proposal. Chairman May of the house military affairs committee said that conferees agreed to accept other minor senate amendments to the bill, including a provision for the payment of \$5000 to qualified survivors of all men who have died while on active duty with the military forces since last October 8.

"Santa" Gets Aid In Delivery of Christmas Feast

Old Santa Claus himself walked into The News and Herald office Friday and asked help in locating a family which needed and would appreciate a turkey dinner (with all the trimmings) for Christmas. Hard-boiled editors stopped their work and helped put Santa in touch with the proper parties who could tell him about a deserving family. The family was found, and as a result of this bit of generosity the parents and nine children are going to eat heartily on Christmas day.

Everybody felt very happy about it, most of all the man who played Santa on this occasion. He is E. E. Spencer, the caretaker at Moore park. "Spence" agreed to let us print the story, when it was argued that it might inspire somebody else to a similar good deed.

Six Army Fliers Killed as Bomber Falls, Explodes

BAKERSFIELD, Calif., Dec. 19 (AP)—A bomb-laden army plane crashed and exploded near the Muroc Dry lake bombing range yesterday, killing two army lieutenants and four enlisted men. Coroner N. C. Houze of Kern county identified the victims as: Lieut. Don Work, 25, pilot; Lieut. Theodore Richards, 23, co-pilot; Frank Seroa, 20, New York; T. J. Kennedy, 21, New York; J. J. Lucian, 20, New York; Alfred Legenhausen, 22, New Jersey.

Hawaii Divorce Trials Suspended

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 19 (AP)—Married folk in Hawaii are going to stay that way—at least until the war is over. A Honolulu broadcast recorded here by NBC said the territorial courts had reconvened but decreed that no divorce trials will be heard for the duration.

Jury trials and all hearings for which witnesses must be subpoenaed also have been dispensed with, the broadcast said.

Knox Praises Pearl Harbor Defense Force

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 19 (AP)—Secretary Knox, asserting that 30 minutes' warning of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor would have made "all the difference in the world," disclosed today that the third and final wave of enemy bombers met such a devastating barrage that it turned away without hitting a single objective. The navy secretary, speaker at graduation exercises for the naval academy's class of 1942, said Japan's assault on the great Pacific naval base was a "damning account of infamous treachery" such as "was never recorded in the history of the world."

COURT FIGHT SET ON CIGARET TAX

Snell Moves to Make Collections on Disputed Levy

SALEM, Dec. 19 (AP)—Secretary of State Earl Snell today paved the way for collection of the state 2-cent per package cigarette tax when he notified the state tax commission that he was accepting an attorney general's opinion that the measure, passed by the 1941 legislature, should not be placed on the ballot. The tax commission said it would make plans to collect the tax, but that it was likely that the State Retail Grocers association, which sponsored the referendum against the tax, would go to court to restrain the commission from collecting the tax, and to get a court order placing the measure on the ballot. The association sponsored the referendum to put the measure (Continued on Page Two)

REDS DESTROY NAZI DIVISION SAYS MOSCOW

MOSCOW, Saturday, Dec. 20 (AP)—The red army has wiped out the entire nazi 134th division, "not a single German escaping," the midnight communique announced early today. The division was trapped while trying to flee west of Moscow, it was stated. The commanding general was killed. A sweeping advance west and southwest of Moscow was reported, the Russians taking Ruzsa by storm, 60 miles due west of the capital, and cutting west of the important rail junction of Kaluga, 100 miles southwest, taking several villages there. Tarussa, northwest of Kaluga, also was captured.

WAKE ISLANDERS STILL HOLD OUT

Increased Activity in Philippines Shown in Communique

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The marine garrison on Wake island is still fighting off blows of the enemy, the navy announced today, and from the army came word that the Japanese air and ground activities in the Philippines had shown a "marked increase." One of the new attacks which the stubborn defenders of the far Pacific isle have withstood, a communique said, was "comparatively light" and the other was "in greater force." Text of the navy department communique, No. 12, covering the situation as of 6 a. m., PST today: "Atlantic theater—There are (Continued on Page Two)

Full General Rank Received By MacArthur

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—The senate confirmed unanimously today President Roosevelt's promotion of Lt. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of the United States army in the Far East, to be a full general. MacArthur, former chief of staff of the army, retired with the rank of general and then went to the Philippines to take charge of building up the island defenses. He was summoned back to active duty by President Roosevelt when the Japanese became acute several months ago and placed in charge of the Far Eastern army command, into which all Philippine forces were inducted. The president also nominated four brigadier generals to be major generals, 12 colonels to be brigadier generals, and Captain John F. Shafroth Jr., to be a rear admiral in the navy.

Enemy Bombers Over Hawaii Open Attack on U. S.

While the United States was waiting a formal reply from Japan regarding peace in the Pacific, this picture was taken over Pearl harbor the morning of December 7. Circles show some of the Jap bombers diving on objectives. At left, smoke rising behind mast of the USS Arizona after two direct hits. At extreme right, black spots are bursts of shrapnel from defending guns. (U. S. army signal corps photo).

\$25,000 PAY BOOST SLATED IN MILLS HERE

Six More Firms Set 2 1/2-Cent Increase For Employes

Over 3100 Klamath basin lumber workers have been granted 2 1/2-cent per hour wage increases effective January 1, a survey of district sawmills revealed Friday.

The boosts, coupled with those announced for 500 men Wednesday night and Thursday, will mean an increase of nearly \$25,000 monthly to Klamath payrolls.

Mills announcing pay raises were the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Pelican Bay Lumber company, Kesterson Lumber company, Shaw Lumber company, Ewauna Box company, and the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company. Four of the six also granted a one week's vacation with pay to all employes.

The other two, Pelican Bay and Crater Lake Box, announced to employes that a vacation proposal is under consideration. Officials of the Long-Bell Lumber company, Kalpine Plywood company and the Lamm Lumber company could not be reached for a statement. There was no announcement from the Algoma Lumber company.

The Weyerhaeuser increase, according to Superintendent R. R. Macartney, was announced to all employes Wednesday. The boost will benefit approximately 1200 men at Weyerhaeuser.

At Pelican Bay nearly 550 employes will receive increases; at the Shaw Lumber company mill at Tionesta, Calif., pay raises will go to 400 employes; at Ewauna 500 workers; at Kesterson 450 and at the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company nearly 300 wage scales will be upped.

Wednesday night it was announced by the Lumber and Sawmill workers union (AFL) that 300 men at the Big Lakes Box company would be boosted and Thursday morning the International Woodworkers of America (CIO) revealed that 200 employes of the Chiloquin Lumber company at Chiloquin will receive raises. Both announcements (Continued on Page Two)

Portugal Raps "Invasion" of Far East Isle

LISBON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Premier Antonia de Oliveira Salazar told his parliament and people today that Australian and Dutch troops "invaded" Portuguese Timor without the threat of a Japanese attack, and while mutual defense discussions were underway.

Although this speech had been forecast as one of Salazar's most important statements, he gave no hint of drastic change in Portuguese policy as a result of the occupation.

"The situation is not settled yet," he said, "and discussions still are going on. I shall disclose later the further developments."

Australian and Dutch forces have occupied the Portuguese part of the Far Eastern island to anticipate any Japanese action in Timor.

Salazar said the first suggestions for collaboration on defense were made on Nov. 4. The premier asserted that "there was no reason to consider that an attack by the Japanese was probable," and that while conversations were still in progress, Australian and Netherlands troops invaded the territory of Portugal—an ally of Britain.

BRITISH EVACUATE ISLAND OF PENANG

Japs Fought to Stop In Malaya Jungle; New Line Set

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19 (AP)—The Japanese drive in northern Malaya has broken through to a standstill, the British announced today, but the rich island settlement of Penang, outflanked by the Japanese on the mainland, has been abandoned by its British defenders.

Presumably the withdrawal of the garrison from Penang, leaving its 108 square miles and mixed population of 240,000 to Japanese domination, was undertaken while the Japanese were thrusting their spearhead about 100 miles into northwestern Malaya.

Ninth Army Corps Headquarters to Be at Salt Lake

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 (AP)—Headquarters of the army's ninth corps area is to be moved to Salt Lake City, the army announced today, and will become the headquarters of the zone of communications for this theatre of operations.

The ninth corps area embraces the Pacific coast. Most of the ninth corps area staff, enlisted men and civilian employes, will be moved to Salt Lake City. The change was ordered by Lieut. General John L. DeWitt, whose western defense command and the fourth army headquarters will remain in San Francisco.

A theatre of operations—in this case embracing eight western states—consists normally of a combat zone nearest the enemy, and a communications zone to the rear. Until now the communications zone has not existed in the ninth corps. Creation of this element in Salt Lake City is the purpose of the change announced today.

5000 Italians Killed at Sea

TUNIS, French Tunisia, Dec. 15 (Delayed)—(AP)—Approximately 5000 Italian seamen lost their lives December 12 when British naval units sank two Italian cruisers, a destroyer and three transports off the Tunisian town of Kelibia on Cape Bon. Some 1000 Italians were rescued and are being treated for burns and other injuries in cities along the Tunisian coast.

JAPS CONTROL BIG CITY ON ISLAND, CLAIM

Fierce Battle Raging For Naval Base at Latest Report

BERLIN, Dec. 19 (Official radio recorded by AP)—Japanese troops have occupied the city of Victoria, the chief settlement of Hongkong, a German broadcast declared tonight quoting reports from Tokyo.

All government and administrative offices of the British crown colony are in Victoria, which lies along the extensive Hongkong harbor.

The broadcast said that most of the islands was in Japanese hands and that British troops had withdrawn to Victoria hill—"The Peak" which towers almost 2900 feet high over Victoria and is the site of the governor's residence.

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Unbroken resistance by Britain's embattled Hongkong garrison was reported tonight by a Reuters reporter of a Domei announcement that fighting there and on the Malayan front overshadows any other in the east.

This report, the latest long-delayed, presumably represented the situation in the British crown colony early Saturday morning, Hongkong time.

Communications cut It followed by one hour the British colonial office's acknowledgement that communications with Hongkong have been out since early morning and that it is not known directly, therefore, what if any—new progress the Japanese have made.

Reuters quoted the Japanese agency as saying there was nothing important to report from the Philippine, Hawaiian or British north Borneo fronts.

The British agency previously had announced receipt of a German broadcast of a Tokyo dispatch conceding that the British still held key positions on the beleaguered island.

Hope Abandoned For Family After Oswego Home Burns

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19 (AP)—Hope virtually disappeared today for Mrs. Kathryn Hardesty, 37, and her two daughters, whose Oswego home burned yesterday night. Neighbors at first thought the house was unoccupied at the time.

State Police Captain Sam Malehorn learned yesterday from relatives, however, that Mrs. Hardesty and her daughters, Mary 14, and Judy 5, had returned home shortly before the blaze.

A pile of coal in the basement kept the ruins smoldering and prevented a thorough search for bodies. Malehorn said hope stemmed largely from a report the mother and daughters had gone to visit a friend known to relatives only as "Donna." However today Mrs. Donna Donna of Portland identified herself as the friend and said Mrs. Hardesty and children had not been with her.

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