

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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WEATHER

Low 30
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. .08
Season to date .537
Normal precipitation 3.85
Last year to date 3.20



HONGKONG GARRISON HOLDS OUT

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WITH the entire world at war, there is no dearth of news these days. There will be no dearth of news for months—possibly years—to come.

TODAY'S immediate hot spot is Hongkong, where a greatly outnumbered British garrison is still holding out against a determined Japanese attack.

THE Japanese objective is clearly the oil, rubber, tin, etc., of Malaya and the Dutch East Indies, which are guarded by Singapore.

FROM Cairo comes this dispatch today: "The axis retreat in Libya has turned into a ROUT, with Imperial (British) forces CHASING General Erwin Rommel's battered army and British air blows taking a staggering new toll of his remaining strength."

Enemy Subs in Atlantic; Nippons Stab at Davao

WARNING SAYS FOES PICKING UP RADIO NEWS

Weather Data Found Of Value to Undersea Raiders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The navy department disclosed today that enemy submarines have been operating off the Atlantic coast.

The information was given out indirectly in a heavy statement emphasizing the necessity of curtailing weather reports, and no details of the submarine operations as to place or time were divulged.

It was indicated, however, that American patrol craft, either surface or aircraft or both, had been on the trail of the submarines sufficiently to find out how they were profiting by weather forecasts.

Commands Hawaii



Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons (above) is the newly appointed commander of the Hawaiian department. He is 53 and has been in training for winged warfare since 1917.

Goebbels Appeals to Nazis To Give Clothing to Army

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (AP)—Through his propaganda minister, Paul Joseph Goebbels, Adolf Hitler appealed today to the German people to contribute warm clothing to the German army, saying that it was opposed in the east by "an enemy who is superior in numbers and material."

This statement appeared in a proclamation which Goebbels, in a radio address, said the fuhrer had commissioned him to read.

WEATHER BUREAU ESTABLISHED HERE Full-Time Operations Will Give Aid to Aviation

A full time government controlled weather bureau, operating on a 24-hour a day basis, will go into effect early next week, according to information received Saturday from the municipal airport where the bureau will be located.

Hourly reports from all points along the west coast, will be available to pilots flying through including licensed pilots and army flyers. This information will not be for the general public, it was learned.

Chinese Push Into Shumchun Near Hongkong

CHUNGKING, Dec. 20 (AP)—Chinese army headquarters announced today that Chinese forces pressing along the Canton-Knowlton railway in an effort to relieve the British on the island of Hongkong forced their way into Shumchun yesterday, on the mainland border of the British colony.

Official reports said the Chinese destroyed Japanese defenses there, burned down the railway station and blew up an ammunition dump.

Give Now to The Red Cross

Every citizen is urged to GIVE NOW to the Red Cross war relief drive so that Klamath's quota may be raised at the earliest possible moment.

ANOTHER JAP TRANSPORT HIT BY U. S. SUBS

Fierce Fighting Continues on Far East Front

(By the Associated Press) American submarines slashing at sea-borne Japanese invasion forces were credited by the navy today with sinking "an additional enemy transport" while U. S. armed forces in the Philippines battled a new Japanese thrust on Mindanao island and American fliers victoriously engaged Japanese warplanes in far-off China on the Burma road.

Dispatches from Chungking said members of an international air force, composed exclusively of American volunteers who resigned from U. S. armed forces to serve in China, shot down four of 10 Japanese planes without loss to themselves.

Moscow Reports Nazi Ships Sunk

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Moscow radio announced today that a Russian submarine had sunk three German transports, totaling 25,500 tons, in the Arctic.

The transports were fully loaded and were escorted by destroyers and patrol boats, the announcement said.

Charred Bones Found in Ruins

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20 (AP)—Dr. Joseph Beeman said yesterday the charred bones found in a burned Oswego home were of three humans.

The state crime detection laboratory director identified a hip bone of a child under 10, a jawbone of a person between 10 and 20 and the skull bone of an adult.

The house was owned by Mrs. Kathryn Hardesty, 37, who has been missing since the fire with her two daughters, Mary, 14, and Judy, 5.

Jap Planes Sink Russian Freighter, Batavia States

BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 20 (AP)—Japanese planes bombed and sank the 4200-ton Russian freighter Perokop on her run between Vladivostok and Surabaya, Java, the Netherlands news agency Aneta said it was learned here today.

British Withdraw in Malaya



The Japanese Saturday reported occupation of the island of Penang (1) as the British forces withdrew south of the Krian river (2) to form new lines. No junction of the two Japanese drives (shaded areas) has been reported and the invaders were reported checked in Kelantan province (3). A battle was reported near Grik (2) 300 miles north of the big Singapore base (4).

Axis Foes To Join Hands In War Strategy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) (Advance)—The White house disclosed today that "joint planning for unity of action" soon would embrace all governments "engaged in the common cause of defeating the axis."

Until the extension can be made, to Russia, China, the Netherlands and others, a statement said, the existing United States and British military liaison maintained in London and Washington would continue.

ADMIRAL KING TO HEAD U. S. FLEET

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox announced today that Admiral Ernest J. King had been elevated to command of the United States fleet and would be succeeded as commander of the Atlantic fleet by Rear Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll.

Five Dead in Spokane Crash Of Army Bomber

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (AP) The names of five men killed Wednesday in the crash of a four-engine bomber plane near Gieger field, at Spokane, Wash., were announced by the war department Friday.

NIPPON ADMITS BRITISH FORT UNCONQUERED

Volunteers Give Aid To Hard-pressed Military

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—A garrison of middlewestern and French Canadians, British Tommies and bearded Sikhs from India has staved off Japanese capture of Hongkong island, center of Britain's No. 2 naval base in the Far East, it was reported today by the Japanese themselves.

It was at dawn last Sunday that the Japanese, operating from mainland points of vantage on the South China coast, launched what they called a "terrible" offensive by land and air against the British Empire forces.

The Japanese have fought their way onto the island, according to Hongkong but today, according to a Tokyo Domei broadcast recorded by Reuters, admitted that Hongkong still was unconquered.

At the same time a military commentator declared that the last news from Hongkong "showed" there but he was unable to give the time that information was dispatched from the crown colony.

Welders Walk Out Of Big Bay Area Shipping Plants

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (AP) — Union representatives claimed today that approximately 60 welders had quit work during the morning at the huge east bay plants of the Todd-Calgifornia and Richmond Shipbuilding yards and that the walkout was a "successful" under way.

Welders who left their jobs received discharge slips as they left the company grounds. There was no mass exodus of the welders, but they came out a few at a time.

Russians Declare Italian Revolution Plotted by Group

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The Russian embassy announced today that a group of militant Italian anti-fascist and communist have formed a secret "committee of action" aimed at overthrowing Mussolini and concluding a separate Italian peace.

Oregon Man, Former Klamath Resident, Cited With Captain Kelly For Bravery

Second Lieutenant Carl Parker Gies, a former Klamath Falls man and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gies of Salem, received the distinguished service cross for extraordinary bravery, according to word received here from Manila.

An Associated Press story Saturday related that Lieut. Gies on December 10 was gaining altitude for patrol over another field, accompanied by one other pilot, when he received a radio report that his own field was being strafed.

Although he realized he was greatly outnumbered and with complete disregard for the great personal risk involved, this pilot (Gies) dove through the overcast into the midst of more than 20 hostile craft and downed one enemy airplane, the citation said.

"Upon rejoining his companion airplane, they immediately were attacked by three enemy fighters. Gies' furious attack sent one raider crashing and dispersed the two remaining enemy airplanes. His skill and determination further enabled Gies to fly his badly damaged plane back."

Mr. and Mrs. Gies, operators of a Salem motor court, received word this week that not only was their son safe, vastly cheering in itself, but that he had distinguished himself.

KELLY DIED IN CRASH

MANILA, Dec. 20 (AP)—Capt. Colin P. Kelly Jr., who became the number one American hero in the second world war by destroying a Japanese battleship, was killed in the flaming crash