



### 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.

# ENEMY SUBS NEAR WEST COAST

## 80,000 JAPS CHARGE ON LUZON IN LANDING TRY

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
**JAP** submarines attack two American tankers off the central California coast, sinking one and scoring a flat failure on the other because of poor marksmanship.

Because the news that is nearest home always bulks largest (in interest — not necessarily in importance), that is the weekend's principal development on the Pacific Coast.

**LOOK** for other raids of a similar nature.

Above everything else, the Japs would like to frighten the people of this country into demanding returns of the U. S. navy for defense of the mainland.

That would give them a free hand in the far South Seas.

**WE** must remember always that this isn't just a war between the United States and Japan.

It is a WORLD war.

Our strategy must be determined by the needs of ALL the fighting fronts.

**HITLER** fires his No. 1 general and assumes personal command of the Nazi fighting forces.

Because this is a WORLD war, that is easily the biggest development of the week-end.

There is considerable uncertainty as to its real meaning, but there is NO DOUBT WHAT-EVER as to its importance.

Whatever else it may imply, it means that things aren't going so well for Germany as she thought.

**OBSERVERS** in neutral Switzerland offer three possible explanations of Hitler's new move:

1. That reverses in Germany have shaken Hitler's faith in his generals.

2. That a quarrel between the Nazi party and the German army has developed.

3. That the whole affair is a bit of trickery designed to distract attention from some startling new German move now in the making.

**THIS** writer doesn't pretend to know what is in the mind, but offers a guess that if Hitler DOESN'T pull some startling rabbit out of the hat pretty quickly his goose will be cooked.

These world conquerors have to KEEP ON WINNING. They can't stand defeat.

Napoleon proved that.

**THE** little British garrison at Hongkong, fighting stubbornly to the last, is still holding out as these words are written (Monday noon), but little hope is held in London that it can resist much longer.

The Japs apparently regard Hongkong as out of the picture, for they are throwing heavy forces into a new and fierce attack on Manila, No. 2 step in their campaign against the Dutch East Indies and Malaya—where lie the oil, rubber and tin they so sorely need if they are to be able to keep on fighting.

A fleet estimated at more than 100 troop ships and conveying naval vessels is discharging an invading army estimated at (Continued on Page Two)

### CENSUS SHOWS KLAMATH TOP INDUSTRY AREA

#### Payroll, Products of County Lead State Outside Portland

Klamath county holds an unchallenged position as Oregon's first industrial county outside of metropolitan Multnomah, it is shown in the report of the U. S. census bureau of manufacturers received here Monday from Washington.

Klamath county has more wage earners, pays more wages, produces products of higher value and adds more value by manufacture than any other non-metropolitan county in the state.

A map prepared by the U. S. census bureau and sent out recently to all newspapers, shows the "principal industrial counties of the United States." Only Klamath and Multnomah counties in Oregon are so classified on this map. (See cut, Page 8).

The census figures are based on the 1939 census of manufacturers, and were released for the first time this week.

Number of establishments: Klamath, 79; Clackamas, 82; Clatsop, 78; Coos, 88; Deschutes, 24; Jackson, 61; Lake, 20; Lane, 169; Marion, 127; Multnomah, 822.

Wage earners: Klamath, 5101; Clackamas, 1968; Clatsop, 3259; Coos, 3460; Deschutes, 2342; Jackson, 1144; Lake, 564; Lane, 4717; Marion, 3808; Multnomah, 18,594.

Wages: Klamath, \$7,723,386; Clackamas, \$2,394,511; Clatsop, \$4,097,895; Coos, \$4,453,644; Deschutes, \$3,561,902; Jackson, \$1,419,822; Lake, \$874,987; Lane, \$4,919,072; Marion, \$3,685,765; Multnomah, \$22,985,830.

Value of products: Klamath, \$24,199,279; Clackamas, \$14,248,782; Clatsop, \$21,991,392; Coos, \$16,528,018; Deschutes, \$8,573,161; Jackson, \$5,438,677; Lake, 2,766,350; Lane, \$15,901,792; Marion, \$22,951,037; Multnomah, \$139,779,866.

They show that Klamath county has 73 manufacturing establishments, with 5101 wage earners receiving \$7,723,386. The value of Klamath's manufactured products is given at \$24,199,279, and the value added (Continued on Page Two)

### Gift Mailing at Peak Saturday, Monday Here

Klamath postal employees were up to their ears in work Monday as the local postoffice experienced its second heaviest day of the year in the dispatch of outgoing mail, according to Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins. Saturday was the heaviest day.

The postmaster said Monday was the heaviest incoming day during holiday season. This included both letters and parcel post.

There will be no delivery on Christmas day, Thursday, but carriers will make as many deliveries as possible on Wednesday, and parcel post packages will be delivered "as long as we can see on Christmas eve."

"We hope to get all cleaned up Christmas eve and think that we can do a good job of getting packages delivered throughout the city that night," said Assistant Postmaster R. L. Griffith Monday afternoon.

### President Talks Unity of Action With Allies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) In conferences with the Russian, Chinese and Netherlands envoys to the United States, President Roosevelt today took preliminary steps in "joint planning for unity of action," by the countries combatting the axis.

The chief executive scheduled talks separately with Maxim Litvinoff, the Russian ambassador; Dr. Hu Shih, the Chinese ambassador, and A. Loudon, The Netherlands minister.

He saw Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, yesterday. The White House said that all these conferences were in line with an announcement Saturday night that Britain and the United States already had taken steps toward coordination of the war effort and that the joint planning for unity of action would be extended to Russia, China, The Netherlands and other governments engaged in the common cause of defeating the axis.

### HONGKONG HOLDING IN FACE OF JAPS

#### Capture of Fortress Held Certain in Face of Odds

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—Japan's assault on Hongkong was continuing with undiminished fury today, according to reports from Tokyo received here this afternoon.

LONDON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The Japanese were "being held" at Hongkong up to late afternoon Sunday despite furious assaults, the colonial office said today.

The brief announcement was based on a message from Sir Mark Young, governor of Hongkong, which was issued in the embattled island at 5:30 p. m., Sunday, Hongkong time (1:30 a. m., Sunday, PST).

The colonial office said its information was based on excerpts from this communique which said "the enemy has been very active all day" but "is being held."

With all the resistance that weary British Empire soldiers can put up against overwhelming odds, however, no hope was held here that the crown colony could be saved.

A Singapore broadcast said Hongkong's defenses apparently still were holding today.

### Germans Report Carrier Sunk

BERLIN, Dec. 22 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—The German high command announced in a special communique today that a British aircraft carrier has been sunk in the Atlantic.

"A submarine operating in the Atlantic under the command of Capt. Bigalk," the announcement said, "torpedoed a British aircraft carrier. The ship sank."

### ARMY BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) President Roosevelt signed today the bill enlarging the selective service plan while the senate heard demands that all recruitment be halted and that the nation rely entirely upon the draft to build up a war machine of 6,000,000 men or more.

### DEFENDERS PUT UP HOT BATTLE NEAR LINGAYEN

#### Barges Bring Nippon Troops From 80 Transports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—The war department estimated today that from 80,000 to 100,000 Japanese troops, comprising six to eight divisions, were taking part in the new onslaught on the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

A communique reported heavy fighting on Lingayen gulf 150 miles north of Manila, where the Japanese are attempting a landing in force.

**Strong Escort**  
 After a fleet of about 80 troopships under strong naval and air escort appeared off the Luzon west coast, a larger number of 150-man barges attempting landings in the vicinity of Agoo, entered Lingayen gulf.

"Some of them succeeded in getting ashore," the communique said, adding that "the attempted invasion is being met with fierce resistance by American and Filipino troops."

Fighting was reported continuing near Davao on the island of Mindanao more than 500 miles south of Manila.

The communique, outlining the military situation as of 6:30 a. m. (PST) said:

1. Philippine theatre: "Heavy fighting is in progress on the Lingayen gulf, 150 miles north of Manila, where the Japanese are attempting a landing in force. Under strong naval and air escort a fleet of about 80 troop ships appeared off the west coast of Luzon and soon afterward a large number of 150-man barges entered Lingayen gulf, attempting landings in the vicinity of Agoo. Some of them succeeded in getting ashore."

The Japanese force is estimated at from 80,000 to 100,000, from six to eight divisions.

"The attempted invasion is being held as spy"

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Justice Murphy made this assertion in a 7 to 0 opinion returning to the labor board litigation involving the Virginia Electric and Power company for "a redetermination of the issues in the light of this opinion."

The board had found that a union of company employees was a company dominated union but the supreme court said that this conclusion "seems based heavily upon findings which are not free from ambiguity and doubt."

### AIR ATTACK

RANGOON, Burma, Dec. 22 (AP)—The RAF attacked a Japanese air base in eastern Thailand, destroying grounded planes and gasoline reserves yesterday in the first aerial smash at the enemy forces there, it was announced today.

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Eighty Japanese troop transports were reported to have unloaded thousands of troops on Lingayen gulf 100 miles north-west of Manila to attempt to gain a foothold at this gateway to the Philippine capital. The Lingayen gulf is shown above at 2. Other landings have been attempted on the northeast corner of Luzon, shown at 1.

### 3-Point Plan Presented for Labor Parley

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) President Roosevelt's labor-management conference was reported today to have received a three point proposal from Senator Thomas (D-Utah), associate moderator.

The plan called for:

1. No strikes or lockouts during the war.

2. Peaceful settlement of all industry-labor disputes.

3. Drafting by President Roosevelt of the necessary machinery to insure peaceful settlements.

The conference, called by Mr. Roosevelt to work out a formula for uninterrupted war time production, resumed discussions today after reaching no decision in three days of meetings last week.

At the conclusion of last week's discussions, the 26 representatives of labor, business and government were understood to be deadlocked over the question of the union shop.

### Court Upholds Employer Right

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British patrols, sweeping 50 miles beyond Derna, entered Cirene and Apollonia yesterday, and contact was made with axis covering forces east of Bengasi, Cairo reports said. However, the main body of the Italian and German armies was still in flight, leaving enormous quantities of war material in their wake.

The German announcement yesterday that von Brauchitsch had been ousted from the army command said that Hitler's "intuitions" were guiding him but the implication was that retreat in Russia was behind the hunt.

A British foreign office commentator said that Hitler "evidently is relying on that curious and rather mystic reputation which he hitherto has enjoyed in Germany as a means of restoring confidence and contentment of the German people and the German armed forces."

He said that in von Brauchitsch, Hitler had found his "scapegoat" (Continued on Page Two)

## Four U.S. Ships Attacked Along Southwest Coast

### 30 Survivors Landed In Hawaii After Boat Sunk

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 22 (AP)—An enemy submarine fired a torpedo at the Standard Oil tanker H. M. Story this morning off Point Arguello, 45 miles north of Santa Barbara, the coast guard announced. The tanker was not hit, however.

The tanker was attacked shortly before 8 a. m. From the shore onlookers could see the Story zig-zagging its course to avoid being struck.

The tanker, after being fired on, immediately laid down a smoke screen on the water. After several minutes of maneuvering the enemy craft submerged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP)—A third submarine attack on American shipping off California over the weekend was disclosed by the navy today along with word that 30 survivors had been rescued and four crew members lost in the sinking of the steamer Lahaina between Hawaii and San Francisco in the first week of the war.

A submarine, presumably Japanese, fired shells and a torpedo at the steamship Samoa off California Saturday but although the attack was from close range, a navy communique said, "all shots missed their mark" and "there were no casualties or damage."

Poor Japanese marksmanship also enabled the tanker Agwiworld to out-manuever its foe and reach port safely but the tanker Emidio was shelled and torpedoed and abandoned by its crew. Thirty-one survivors, five of them injured, were brought to Eureka, Calif., today. Two of the crew were killed and five are missing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22 (AP)—All but five men of a crew of 36 survived the enemy submarine attack on the tanker Emidio, the captain of the ship said today as he and his men were landed at Eureka by a coastguard cutter.

He described the Saturday torpedoing and shelling of the tanker as the "most ruthless thing I've heard about." Three of the ship's lifeboats were shelled.

Captain Clark A. Farrow of Long Beach said five of his men were injured, but no one was in serious condition. The Emidio still was afloat. Eureka is about 275 miles north of San Francisco.

"Six shells were fired at us," the captain said. "About 15 minutes after the last shell was fired a torpedo hit us in the stern in the engine room. The concussion was so strong it threw us to the deck."

"A plane flew over, apparently." (Continued on Page Two)

### Explosions Heard Off Maryland

OCEAN CITY, Md., Dec. 22 (AP)—Loud explosions offshore rattled windows and slightly shook houses in this resort city today and were heard in Berlin, Md., eight miles inland.

Henry Burbage, a garage owner, said the explosions began between 9:30 a. m. and 10 a. m., and continued at intervals for more than an hour and a half.

Burbage and other residents said there would be three or four quick explosions, then silence, followed by other outbursts.

G. E. Henry, who lives at Berlin, said the explosions shook his house slightly and rattled windows.

Coast guard officials here would not comment. The sounds also were heard all along the lower Delaware coast.

Army officials at Fort Miles, Lewes, Del., and at Fort Saultsbury, Del., reported hearing the explosions, and said neither fort had been firing its guns.

### British Draw New Line in Malaya

SINGAPORE, Dec. 22 (AP)—British forces, drawn up on a new line across the Malay peninsula about 300 miles north of Singapore, were reported today to have smashed heavily at Japanese forces gathering for a push toward the important tin mining center of Ipoh.

The battle, a communique said, took place somewhere on the main highway leading south from Grik, where the Jap-ness had been using the Perak river to move up reinforcements by raft.

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