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PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 2 a. m. . . . . .08
Season to date . . . . .5.84
Normal precipitation . . . . .4.03
Last year to date . . . . .3.49



**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.

# SUB SINKS TANKER OFF COAST

**In The Day's News**  
By FRANK JENKINS

PROBABLY the best commentary on Churchill is that no one is surprised to hear that he is in Washington, conferring with Roosevelt on the future conduct of the war.  
He has always been that way. Roosevelt, also.  
THEY are going about it in the best American manner. (Churchill is half American, you know.)  
If two big outfits in this country had a job to do between them, their first move would be to get their head men together to talk it over, iron out difficulties arising out of differing methods and then get down to business.  
That is what is being done in Washington.

TODAY'S Washington dispatches point out that the question before Roosevelt and Churchill include:  
Global strategy for synchronized allied action.  
A supreme allied high command.  
A formal alliance of all allied forces.

PERHAPS we'd better simplify Question No. 1, which is stated in the double-jointed words so dear to the hearts of the diplomats.  
What is meant is this:  
This is a world war. Its strategy must be world-wide. There must be no independent, unrelated forays by any of the forces opposing Hitler. Whatever is done must have back of it the idea of TEAM WORK.  
Few football games have been won by players going off on their own on what seemed at the moment to be a good idea.

EXAMPLE:  
Our navy in the Pacific must devote its attention to the problem of stopping the Japs in the South Seas instead of dashing back to protect the Pacific Coast from Japanese raids.  
We on the Coast will have to take care of ourselves with what we have.

THE other questions before Roosevelt and Churchill are easily understood. A supreme allied command is the same principle as ONE CAPTAIN for a football team. When the all-stars play in San Francisco (or used to before the war) they don't have as many captains as there are outfits. There is only ONE captain.  
It will have to be that way in this world war.

REMEMBERING that this is a WORLD war—not a war between Japan and the United States—today's big question is: What will Hitler do next?  
Nobody knows — maybe not even Hitler.  
But a Moscow broadcast says Bulgaria (German stooge) is speeding her war preparations along the TURKISH border. The same broadcast adds that Bulgarian mobilization is expected shortly.  
At the same moment, the Germans renew fiercely their attack on Sevastopol, the Russian naval base on the Black sea that has been holding out. Sevastopol would be a fine jumping off place for a water-borne drive on the Caucasus.

TURKEY, of course, is the natural land route for a German drive on the oil of the Caucasus and the Middle East generally.  
You may be quite sure there is plenty of excitement in Turkey today.  
Spain is also on the hot spot, for Spain would be a natural route for a swift German campaign into French Africa before it is too late.  
It is reasonably certain that Hitler (now his own supreme commander) must hit and HIT HARD somewhere before his prestige, which the Russians

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## Churchill, F. R. Discuss Strategy At White House

**BRITISH CHIEF PAYS SURPRISE VISIT TO U. S.**

Confidence Expressed By Two Leaders in Press Session

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, sitting side by side in the White House, voiced utmost confidence today in the abilities of their countries to fight the war to a successful conclusion.  
The two submitted to questioning at a joint press conference, with the British leader assuming the bulk of the task of replying and emphasizing at one point the allies were working out a complete unity of action in the southwest Pacific.  
**Russian Victory**  
To one inquiry, he said it was his opinion that Germany had suffered a very heavy rebuff in Russia. That was his reply when he was asked whether there was some element of trickery in Germany's retreat.  
To a question as to whether he anticipated a "German offensive on a new front," Churchill said there had been a lot of talk about such an offensive in the Mediterranean and of an invasion of England next year. He said he thought something was coming but that he could not tell when or where.  
The British executive cautioned that there was no reason to think Germany would run short of war materials. The nazis have a great accumulation of supplies, he said, and have captured much and have available material from captured countries, he said. But the quality, he indicated, may not hold up.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—President Roosevelt called a conference for 2 p. m. PST today with American army and navy officials and British Prime Minister Churchill and his staff. The White House said this group might be called the "war council."  
The American group invited included Secretary of War Stimson, General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff; Major General Henry H. Arnold, deputy chief of staff for air; Secretary of the Navy Knox; Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations. (Continued on Page Two)

**POINTS LINED UP FOR WAR PARLEY**  
Hitler's Next Action Vies With Pacific War on Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Allied counter-plans against any sudden Hitler stab to compensate for Germany's winter defeat on the Russian front were among a long list of war problems claiming the attention today of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.  
Predictions in the Spanish press of "startling" military actions such as "defense of western Europe against Yankee attack" kept the European situation high on the list even though the Japanese threat to Far Eastern bastions was of immediate major importance.  
For long-range consideration the president and prime minister had these problems:  
1. Obtaining full Russian cooperation in the Pacific;  
2. Preparing against any axis attempt to seize the French fleet and French African bases. (Continued on Page Two)

**Filipino Soldiers Mad, Morale Good Says Eye-Witness to Fight**

MANILA, Dec. 23 (AP)—"The Filipinos are pretty mad and morale is excellent among troops and civilians," Melville Jacoby, correspondent for Time and Life magazines, declared today when he brought back the first eye-witness story from the Lingayen invasion front.  
Civilians as well as troops are high in spirit, Jacoby said and, although villages in the battle zones have been evacuated, farmers in the region are going on with their rice harvesting.  
A mist overhung the coast, Jacoby said, but he could discern a long line of Japanese ships some of which appeared to be warships. Visibility was too poor to permit an accurate count. The rumbled of heavy artillery fire rolled incessantly across the country side and aerial activity was intense on both sides, Jacoby said.  
He said American fliers at-

## Germans Reported Marching Toward Spanish Frontier

**British Report Six More Axis Transports Sunk**

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The admiralty announced today that British submarines had destroyed six more axis transports or supply ships in the Mediterranean.  
One of the ships was a large supply ship which had already been seriously damaged by a torpedo from a submarine, the admiralty communique said.  
The ship had been beached and axis sailors were trying to carry out salvage operations when she was hit again by a torpedo and "this time destroyed," the admiralty said.  
Another submarine attacked a convoy of two large supply ships or transports with a destroyer escort. Both the supply ships were listed as sunk.

**UNION JACK STILL FLIES AT HONGKONG**  
Defense Makes Slight Gain Despite Heavy Jap Pressure

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23 (AP)—British defenders of Hongkong have made a slight gain from firmly held lines and the Malay situation is unchanged aside from aerial action in which two Japanese planes were destroyed and two badly damaged, the British command said today.  
While Chinese were reported to be striking at the Japanese rear at points from 14 to 40 miles away, a communique said fighting for Hongkong continued "all along the lines held yesterday, with a local success for us in the south of the island."  
"Guerrilla fighting (by the Chinese) is reported to have broken out at a point only 14 miles from the island," the British announced.  
**Chinese Move Up**  
The main British garrison was said to be in the western part of the island, "resisting Japanese attempts at further penetration."  
The advanced guard of regular Chinese troops moving to the relief of Hongkong was said to have reached Tamsui and Shamu. (Continued on Page Two)

**McNary Presses KF Airbase Proposal Before Air Corps**

Senator Charles L. McNary has conferred twice this week with the army air corps concerning the location of an airbase at Klamath Falls, he reported in a telegram received here Tuesday. The senator wired County Judge U. E. Reeder after receiving a number of telegrams from Klamath citizens and groups urging him to exert utmost efforts in behalf of a base here.  
In Washington, the senator told the air corps again of the importance of protecting the Oregon and California mountain line, and pleaded for an airbase here.  
"It (Klamath Falls) embraces strategic and defense factors which are in every respect challenging," said Senator McNary in his wire. He said the air corps reported it was exploring sites and would give Klamath Falls every consideration.  
Senator McNary explained that because of a new policy adopted by congress, he could not answer every telegram and asked that publicity be given his Tuesday message. Members of the city-wide airbase committee, who have been in constant touch with the senator, said he had pressed Klamath's airbase project for months.

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## American Hero



Private Joseph G. McElroy, 23, of Philadelphia, has been awarded the cross for distinguished service cross for heroism in action near Manila.

**Red Cross Appeals For Funds to Aid Bomb Refugees**

Action NOW on the Red Cross war relief fund is urged, so that Klamath county's \$10,000 quota in the national drive can be made available immediately for relief of civilian populations bombed from their homes; for aid of those under threat of enemy action; for work among the men in the armed forces.  
Klamath county's quota is being raised entirely by voluntary contributions, in order that every citizen may participate in America's war effort.  
Contributions are being received at Red Cross headquarters, First National bank, U. S. National bank, First Federal Savings and Loan association, Radio Station KFJI, chamber of commerce and The Herald and News offices.

**Gift Mailing Heaviest in History Here**

Christmas mailing reached the highest peak in the history of the Klamath Falls postoffice on Monday, according to Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins.  
During the day 404 sacks of parcel post, averaging 8080 parcels, and 65,778 letters, were sent to points throughout the nation by local postoffice patrons. This was higher than Saturday's heavy day when 397 sacks of parcel post, averaging 7540 parcels, and 55,877 letters, were sent out.  
Seven trucks were working from early morning until nightfall, delivering incoming mail, Hawkins stated. Thirty extra employees were on duty in the postoffice and on the delivery routes. "This is the greatest number of extra help ever employed here," Hawkins remarked. This year's incoming and outgoing mail exceeds that of other years to this date, it was learned.  
The postoffice department asks residents to have some person in the home in order that parcels may be delivered on the first call. If there is no one home when the delivery man calls, the parcel is returned to the postoffice and may not be delivered until after Christmas day, Hawkins stated.

## NIPPON TROOPS MAKE LANDING ON WAKE ISLAND

Philippine Defenders Continue Battle At Lingayen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The Japanese have landed at last of Wake Island, at a cost known only to themselves and the sturdy marines who fought off attack after attack in a stale that has thrilled the nation.  
In fact, since the navy department communique telling of the landing today gave no details, there was still hope that the tiny Pacific island was not lost entirely.  
This hope was not inspired by Wake's importance, for it has little, but by the almost incredible exploits of men who battled against overwhelming strength and refused to give up.  
In communique after communique the navy has issued the familiar 6-word report: "Wake and Midway continue to resist."  
The line was missing today, and officials declined to answer questions as to whether this meant that the leather-neck garrison had finally been pounded to helplessness.  
There was no mention of Midway in the communique.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—The war department reported today Japanese were continuing to pour troops on the Lingayen coast north of Manila in the Philippines.  
Fighting was continuing with "increasing intensity," it said.  
A communique said the invaders' landing operations were "being supported by increasing numbers of bombing and attack planes."  
**Some Success**  
Defending American and Philippine troops gained some initial successes, it was reported, in a major engagement fought in the vicinity of Santo Tomas, in the Lingayen gulf area some 120 air miles from Manila.  
The Japanese invasion onslaught has centered in the area around Santo Tomas, other landings have been made or attempted previously at nearby Agoo and Damortis.  
BATAVIA, Netherlands East Indies, Dec. 23 (AP)—Dutch naval aircraft attacked Japanese ships in the Philippine harbor of Davao today, aiding United States forces battling against the invaders. (Continued on Page Two)

**Ex-Klamathites Escape As Home Razed By Bomb**

Bombed from their home, losing all their possessions, but safe, was the word received by cablegram to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bellant of St. Francis park from their daughter, Mrs. Paul Sevcik (Esther Bellant), who is in the Philippine islands with her husband and 6-month-old baby.  
Paul Sevcik, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sevcik, former residents of this city, graduated from the school of mining at Yale and went to the Philippines about a year ago to take charge of a mine. The Sevciks and their baby were residing only a few blocks from the mine at Paracala when their home was destroyed by a bomb in a Jap raid. The mine was also put out of commission and flooded during the same bombing, according to word received here.  
Both Mr. and Mrs. Sevcik are well known in Klamath Falls where they attended school, Mrs. Sevcik graduating from KUHS.  
Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bellant are in the service, Raymond, stationed at the air base at Sacramento, who is expected home for the holidays, and Lawrence, a first class private in the quartermaster corps at Moffett field.

**Two Children Hurt When Sleds Strike Parked Cars**

Coasting on city streets since the weekend snowfall resulted in injuries to two young children city police were advised Tuesday morning. George Brandt, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brandt, 1345 Pacific Terrace, suffered a bad head cut when his sled crashed into a parked car on Del Moro street Monday afternoon. There were a number of children coasting at the time of the accident.  
Shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday morning Robert Bosworth, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bosworth of Conger avenue, ran his sled into a parked car on the Grant street hill near Second. He suffered facial cuts and injury to his mouth.  
Police asked motorists to kindly move their cars into garages or driveways when areas are being used by children on sleds. In both cases hurts were caused by parked cars which could have been placed off the street. "Slow" signs have been placed in areas where children have been coasting the past few days. Action on areas where boys and girls could use their sleds was referred to the police committee at a meeting of the city council Monday night.

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## NO CASUALTIES LISTED; SHOTS FIRED AT CREW

Second Tanker Flees After Attack by Undersea Boat

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23 (AP)—The 440-foot tanker Montebello was attacked and sunk by an enemy submarine at 4 a. m. today off the California coast, headquarters of the 12th navy district announced. Four lifeboats carrying survivors have landed.  
The navy said it had no report of any casualties.  
While the Montebello was being attacked, the Richfield tanker Larry Doheny was reported to have encountered trouble with an undersea raider in the same general locality, but to have escaped. The navy said, however, it had not been in communication with the Doheny since the attack.  
It was the eighth submarine attack on American freighters and tankers in nearby Pacific waters since opening of the war.  
From 3 a. m. until almost midnight the sound of gunfire rolled in to shore from action only a few miles off the coast. Occasionally a deep thundering explosion could be heard, that rattled windows and doors in coastal communities.  
Sheriff Murray C. Hathaway said longboats and fishing craft trying to rescue survivors from the tanker were shelled and fired on by machine guns from the attacking craft. Lifeboats with survivors were also fired on.  
By noon lifeboats were being beached at points along 100 miles of coast. The survivors all appeared uninjured.  
The navy withheld information as to the exact spot today's attack occurred.  
The attack on both boats was apparently made at about the same time, with the sound of firing and explosions audible on shore.  
The Montebello, built in 1921 by the Southwestern Shipbuilding company of San Diego, was 440 feet long and weighed 5107 net tons.  
**Gunfire Heard**  
The Larry Doheny, owned by Richfield Oil, was of 4348 net tons.  
Sounds of gunfire and of a shattering explosion were heard at Estero bay and at Morro bay, on the coast off San Luis Obispo, before dawn. Flashes from the guns could be seen on shore.  
Estero bay is about midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.  
The gunfire appeared to be about six miles at sea, north of the bay. Shooting started at 3:10 a. m., and continued intermittently until about 6 o'clock. The mighty explosion which rattled (Continued on Page Two)

## STRIKES, LOCKOUTS BANNED BY ACCORD

26 Representatives of Labor, Business Finish Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Labor and management representatives agreed today to forego strikes and lockouts for the duration of the war and to settle all disputes by peaceful means.  
The agreement was worked out by 26 representatives of industry, labor and the government after four days of deliberation.  
**Labor Board**  
The conferees also recommended that President Roosevelt set up a labor board similar to the one in operation in the last world war to handle disputes.  
Announcement of the agreement was made by William H. Davis, moderator of the conference. Davis read to reporters a letter from President Roosevelt to the conference in which Mr. Roosevelt said he was "happy to accept your general points of agreement."  
The president added that he accepted without reservation "your covenants that there shall be no strikes or lockouts and all (Continued on Page Two)

**\$205,800 in Bonds Bought Here Since War Declaration**

Klamath citizens have opened their purses to "buy a part of America," and a total of \$205,800 in bonds, and \$7712 in stamps, have been purchased since December 8, day the United States declared war on Japan, according to Andrew Collier, Klamath defense savings chairman.  
A rush on bonds cleaned out several institutions handling their sales, but the stores were replenished early Tuesday morning, Collier stated. In the event the desired bonds are not available, buyers will be given a receipt for their money and supplied as soon as possible, he said.

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