

Low 28	
PRECIPITATION	5.88
Season to date	5.88
Normal precipitation	4.21
Last year to date	3.97



COLD

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.

NAVY SINKS TWO JAP VESSELS

Japs Halted By Filipinos

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, in a personal message to the Filipino people today pledges that their freedom will be REDEEMED and their independence established and protected.

NOTE FDR's use of the word "redeemed." Then consult your dictionary, which will tell you that which is redeemed has first been LOST.

CHURCHILL, speaking in the senate of the United States last Thursday said: "There may be much ground LOST that will be difficult to regain."

DISPATCHES from Washington today tell us General MacArthur has "shortened his lines and consolidated his troops" in the area north of Manila to face HEAVILY AUGMENTED enemy infantry, cavalry and tank regiments composed of veteran soldiers with modern equipment.

THE British today acknowledge that Japanese forces have swept south of Ipoh, tin and communications center 290 miles north of Singapore.

WHAT does it all add up to? Simply this: That we must prepare our minds for the possibility of loss to the Japs of the Philippines, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

SUCH a statement isn't defeatism. It is plain, common, everyday REALISM. Our military (including naval) policy in the past has been based upon defense of the Western Hemisphere. We have never expected to hold the Philippines against a major attack by a major power.

Holding the Philippines was not necessary for defense of the Western Hemisphere.

SUDDENLY, however, we are catapulted into a world war. Japan, a major power, delivers a major attack on the Philippines.

Because we are in a WORLD war, and not merely defending the Western Hemisphere, we must hold the Philippines as long as we can with what we have there.

IN the news today there are hints of naval relief for the hard-pressed Philippines. Don't expect the U. S. navy to stake everything on an all-out battle with the Jap navy until it has at least EQUALITY in the air. That would be folly.

Up to now everything indicates that Japan has complete (Continued on Page Two)

LOGGER SHOOTS WOMAN, TURNS PISTOL ON SELF

Hans Swanson Dies After Gunplay Early Sunday Here

Hans Axel Swanson, 50, Tionesta lumber pier, was dead and his estranged wife, the former M. Mae Bagley, suffered wounds as the result of an early Sunday morning shooting which took place at the woman's home, 69 Pine street.

Swanson had been staying at a local hotel, police said, when he decided to visit his wife after he had seen her at a dance. They had been separated since last October, Mrs. Swanson stated. He appeared at the Pine street residence at 1:30 a. m. and fired four bullets from a .22 Harrington-Richardson revolver. One bullet lodged in the shoulder, near the spine, the other in the upper part of her right thigh.

He then turned the gun on himself, officers stated, sending one bullet through his right temple, the other through the chest under the heart. He died a few minutes later. The shooting took place in the living room of Mrs. Swanson's quarters. Swanson died at 2:25 a. m. as officers were putting him on the ambulance stretcher.

The injured woman is said to have run out the back door and into the front yard where she called for help. A man passing by the house rushed Mrs. Swanson to Klamath Valley hospital where she received emergency treatment. Her wounds proved to be superficial and she was discharged at 5:30 p. m. Sunday.

Swanson has been coming to Klamath Falls frequently the past few years. He was a native of Norway.

Looking Backward

One Year Ago Today—President Roosevelt in worldwide broadcast calls on the United States to become "the great arsenal of democracy."

Two Years Ago Today—British battleship, torpedoed by German submarine, limps into port. Twenty-Five Years Ago Today—Germans repulse French attacks on Le Mort Homme positions west of Meuse.

These figures leave Klamath county in the shade, with over \$6000 to go to make up the \$10,000 quota assigned here—a challenge to every Klamath man and woman to speed assistance to the U. S. armed forces. Action NOW is urged, while the need is crucial.

The following contributions were received over the weekend: Otto and Alice Vitus \$ 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Joens 5.00

Quake Breaks Big Windows In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—A short, sharp earthquake broke windows and shook the entire city at about 10:35 a. m. today.

A display window in a downtown store was shattered by the tremor, which lasted only a few seconds. In various parts of the city residents reported that upstairs windows rattled violently, and some were broken.

Fuses Blown A flood of telephone calls blew several fuses in exchange switchboards, and service in many sections of the city was disrupted for several minutes.

The shock seemed to be heaviest in the northwest part of the city, which is mountainous. One resident said "It seemed to be a repercussion from a tremendous blast," although she did not hear a report.

One shattered window downtown was attributed to the shock, but police said that a rock, possibly thrown from a passing automobile, was responsible. However, another display window downtown was shattered and several were reported to have been broken in residential districts.

FIRE NEAR MERRILL BURNS RANCH HOME

The 10-room ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott McKendree of the hill road near Merrill was destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. Personal possessions and household furnishings were lost in the flames which leveled the residence 40 minutes after occupants first discovered the fire.

Mrs. O. T. McKendree, mother of Scott McKendree, was awakened when she smelled smoke. Walking to her closet she was met by a billow of smoke. The family was awakened and the two little McKendree girls, Geraldine and Alice, were carried from the house. It was snowing heavily at the time. Cause of the fire was not learned.

The McKendrees are staying at the Waldo Klum home in Klamath Falls at the present time. The residence was 10 years old and built on the old McKendree homestead. Mrs. Singleton, housekeeper, was also in the house when the fire broke out.

Contributions Received in Red Cross War Relief Fund Drive

Contributions previously acknowledged	\$3688.88
Contributions received Monday	182.50
Total	\$3871.38
Three Oregon counties, Cook, Lane and Deschutes, have gone "over the top" on their Red Cross war relief quotas. Lane county by Sunday had received more than \$6000 over its \$15,000 quota. The drive in Deschutes county, it was reported, was successfully completed in six days, with contributions still pouring in.	
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F. L. Vincent	1.00
C. F. Nitz	1.00
Klamath Falls Typographical Union No. 691	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson	1.00
Marcell Newman	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Tatman	2.00
W. H. Elliott—Waldorf	100.00
Joy Rolph	1.00
Dr. Geo. Adler	5.00
Mrs. David Shirk	1.00
Edward Merkel	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Foster	5.00
Rene Prudhomme	2.00
Max Cresmon	1.00
Maud Weatherspoon	1.00
S. J. Jones Sr.	5.00
Frank Ferrari	1.50
Jack Schielmenich	1.00
Danny Carl and Lonnie Lewis	2.50
A. Pinell	2.00
Mr. S. J. Jones	2.50
Mrs. John R. Sterner	2.00
A. H. McLean	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wall	6.00
J. A. Kennedy	2.00
Pat Kitchen	2.00
Dr. G. A. Massey	10.00

U. S. DEFENSE LINES DRAWN IN NEW ZONE

'Suicide Squads' Stop Northern Attack as New Threat Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A three-hour Japanese air bombardment of coast defenses of Manila bay was reported today by the war department.

A communique said at least four enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft batteries of the defense which includes Fort Mills on Corregidor island, Fort Hughes and Fort Drum at the opposite side of the bay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur has shortened his Philippine defense lines north of Manila, the war department reported in a communique today which said that the Japanese invaders had been heavily reinforced.

MacArthur has consolidated the majority of his troops in Pampanga province north of Manila, and considerably south of the Lingayen gulf coast line where the original major invasion thrust started.

Reporting that American and Philippine troops were in high spirits and offering stubborn resistance against heavy odds, MacArthur said that "losses have been heavy on both sides."

The text of the war department's communique, No. 23, outlining the military situation as of 6:30 a. m. (PST) today: "1. Philippine theater:

"The commanding general, United States army forces in the Far East, has consolidated the majority of his troops in Pampanga province and shortened his lines.

Japs Threaten Changsha in China Drive

By SPENCER MOOSA CHUNGKING, Dec. 29 (AP)—The main spearhead of a broad central China Japanese offensive was reported in Chinese front dispatches today to have pierced to within 40 miles north of Changsha, capital of Hunan province and now for the third time the objective of a major Japanese drive.

Civilians were fleeing the city as the Japanese, reinforced by several thousand fresh troops, drew near, after forcing a crossing of the Milo river under a heavy artillery barrage, the dispatches said.

It was not known whether a small American community, composed mostly of missionaries, had withdrawn. Valuable American property in Changsha includes the Yale-in-China university, a hospital and a medical school.

The Japanese first tried to seize Changsha in 1939 but were beaten back short of their goal. Last summer they captured and held it for three days before withdrawing to bases further north, declaring the purpose of their thrust had been achieved.

Manila's Walled City Bombed



Japanese bombers were reported to have bombed the famous old walled city in Manila (above) after Manila had been declared an open city by American officials. In the foreground is the legislative building.

JAPS SWEEP SOUTH OF MALAY TIN CITY

Dutch Hit Transport Off Sarawak in East Indies

SINGAPORE, Dec. 29 (AP)—The British acknowledged today that Japanese troops had swept south of Ipoh, Malay, tin mining city and communications center 290 miles north of Singapore, and announced the fall of Kuching, capital of Sarawak on the island of Borneo.

A headquarters communique said the British on the Perak front in Malaya are "in close contact with the enemy south of Ipoh" but gave no further information.

The Tokyo radio broadcast an army announcement saying Ipoh had been in Japanese hands since about noon Sunday.

On the east coast, at Kuantan, Japanese aircraft bombed and machine-gunned British positions but no damage or casualties were reported.

Klamath Resident Reports Feeling Earthquake Monday

Distinct vibrations which he believed came from an earthquake were felt early Monday by Harold Hackett, 1025 California avenue, he reported Monday.

The tremor was noted between 1 and 1:30 a. m. Monday. A rattling mirror in Hackett's bedroom woke him up.

City police said they received no other reports of a quake.

A coincidence occurred in connection with Hackett's report. About the time he was relating the incident to The News and Herald by telephone, a report came over the teletype wires that Portland had just experienced an earth shock.

Britain, Russia Announce New War Plans, Hit Two Blows at German Flanks

By The Associated Press Simultaneous British and Russian blows on Germany from east and west underscored the vulnerability of the Nazis' exposed, far-flung flanks today as Britain and Russia announced a new agreement aimed at "the utter defeat of Hitlerite Germany."

Gloom Rising Inside Europe, Envoy Reports

ISTANBUL, Dec. 27 (delayed) (AP)—George H. Earle III, who has been United States minister to Bulgaria, arrived today from Sofia and described a deepening gloom settling upon Nazi-dominated Europe.

He said Rumanian and Hungarian hospitals were choked with German wounded from eastern front hospital trains and asserted the German people and soldiers alike were sickened by Adolf Hitler's assumption of personal command of the German army.

"German fortunes definitely are declining," he said, but added that "the death throes may be unprecedentedly violent."

Tire Curtailment May Reduce Gas Consumption, Prevent Ban

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A 35 per cent reduction in the nation's 1942 civilian gasoline consumption was considered likely today by government petroleum experts because of new restrictions making it impossible for the ordinary motorists to obtain new tires or inner tubes for their cars.

The effect of these regulations, these officials believed, would be to make motorists use their cars less to conserve their tires for necessary motoring and emergencies. Gasoline consumption accordingly would be sharply reduced.

The same quarters considered that the rubber conservation program might delay the need of direct consumer rationing of motor fuel, in event the war effort ties up the extensive transportation facilities used to distribute

FLEET ENGAGED AGAINST JAPS, COMMAND SAYS

F. R. Pledged Aid to Redeem, Protect Philippines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The navy reported today that United States submarines had sunk two more enemy ships in the far east and that a United States destroyer had suffered slight damage and minor casualties from Japanese planes.

The text of the communique, giving the naval situation on the basis of reports received up to 6 a. m. PST today follows: "Far east:

"U. S. submarines have sunk two additional ships of the enemy. One was a transport, the other a supply vessel.

"During enemy air operations one of our destroyers was attacked. Slight damage and minor casualties resulted.

"Central Pacific: "Thirteen survivors of the S. S. Prusa, torpedoed by an enemy submarine on December 18, have been rescued.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

In connection with the president's message, Stephen Early, Mr. Roosevelt's secretary, commented that it might take time for ample aid to reach the Philippines on account of the long distances involved and remarked that in a military sense, distances many times are synonymous with time measurements.

In response to a question as to whether Mr. Roosevelt's use of the word "redeem" indicated that the chief executive felt that the islands might be lost temporarily, Early replied, "I shouldn't think so, No."

The president arranged a relatively light schedule for the day, making separate appointments with Dr. Alexander Louden, the Netherlands minister, and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet.

Churchill Pays Visit to Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 29 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the Canadian cabinet today upon his arrival from Washington that he believed the salvation of the world depended on an organization having the English-speaking peoples as its core.

The British leader spoke at a luncheon, congratulating Canada on the dominion's war effort. After a round of conferences here it is expected he will return to Washington.

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