


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.

Klamath's Quota	\$10,000
Received to Date	\$6020.90
Needed	\$3979.10

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RED CROSS

NAVY REPORTS JAP SHIPS SUNK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWO brief dispatches today tell the story of the South Seas fighting.

Here is one: "In the Philippines the Japanese, pouring in a steady stream of reinforcements to multiply their numerical superiority, pressed for an all-out attack against the remnants of General Douglas MacArthur's weary army northwest of Manila."

Here is the other: "On the Malay peninsula the British are being forced back relentlessly by the weight of unceasing enemy drives which are carrying the battle flags of Nippon ever closer to the great Singapore stronghold."

YOU have read and thrilled to the story of Leonidas and his Greeks who held the pass of Thermopylae against the Persian hordes.

On the island of Luzon and the Malay peninsula a similar operation is taking place.

MacArthur and his Americans and Filipinos and the British colonials are making a last ditch fight against superior enemy forces to GAIN TIME for the organization of an adequate defense against the Japs in the South Seas.

That is what Leonidas did at Thermopylae.

THE Persian hordes of Darius trampled over Leonidas and his 1400 Greeks and captured and burned Athens, but in the time gained at Thermopylae the allied Greek fleets rallied and came together and destroyed the Persian fleet in a great battle at Salamis.

THERE are signs today that in their all-out effort to smash Manila and Singapore before allied resistance can be organized in the South Seas the Japs have weakened themselves farther north.

China reports that Chinese armies have penetrated the outer defenses of Canton and Nanchang and that the Japs are still retreating from Changsha. Jap air strength in China has been so weakened that the small Chinese air force has been able to take the offensive on several occasions.

Chungking also reports that Chinese troops in British Burma are moving up to "designated positions" and that more Chinese troops are ready to enter Burma.

Burma is a threat on the flank and rear of the Jap drive toward Singapore.

THE bad news continues today, as yesterday, to come from the South Seas and the good news from Russia and Africa.

The Russians claim to have virtually broken the sieges of Leningrad and Sevastopol. Meanwhile, Premier Sikorski of the Polish government-in-exile in London asserts that in the next three months the Germans will be hurled back to a line based in Smolensk, 210 miles west of Moscow, and adds: "The carelessness of Hitler has been so great I would not be surprised if he had failed to prepare ANY new defense lines in his rear."

THAT is one man's opinion, of course. But carelessness on the part of a commander can be FATAL.

At Smolensk, on his way to Moscow in 1812, Napoleon was strongly advised by his generals to pause and bring up supplies and organize his campaign systematically. But Napoleon, like Hitler, was IN A HURRY. He wanted to SMASH RUSSIA, and he COULDN'T WAIT.

So he pressed on recklessly. His failure to organize his supply lines in the rear was responsible for the starvation and demoralization of his Grande Armee—demoralization so complete that of the nearly half a million who entered Russia in June only 8800 answered the roll-call after the disastrous

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Crop Values Set Record

RECLAMATION LANDS YIELD \$94 AN ACRE

\$8,000,000 Grossed On Farms Inside USRS Project

Klamath reclamation project farmers have experienced the biggest year in gross agricultural returns in the history of production in this area, with an average crop and livestock return to \$94.28 per acre, according to officials of the US bureau of reclamation. This figure pertains to the Main and Tule lake divisions of the Klamath project.

Farmers who have weathered killing frosts, poor market prices, as well as topnotch years, have seen nothing like this since 1936, when the agriculture returns per acre averaged \$77.86. The 1940 figure was given as \$60.18. These are the three outstanding years since 1930, reclamation officials said.

An estimated \$8,024,993 crop was harvested on the project during the past year according to government figures, surpassing the better than average year of 1940, when the crop totaled \$5,542,980.

A total of 12,074 carloads of hay, grain, livestock, potatoes, small seeds, wool and sugar beets, were shipped from January 1 to December 31, 1941, from the Klamath project, it was learned and following is a table which shows the monthly carloads.

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Here's a sight Americans would like to see repeated more often—wreckage of a Japanese torpedo plane being lifted from the water after it was knocked from the skies by U. S. anti-aircraft or plane attack. This is an official U. S. navy picture taken at Pearl harbor where the plane was salvaged following the Japanese attack December 7.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY PLANE IN EAST INDIES

One Killed; Survivors Reported Safe in Friendly Port

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The loss of the ship Ruth Alexander of the American President Lines, attacked by an enemy plane in Netherlands East Indies waters, was announced today by the navy department.

One member of the crew was killed and four injured, the navy said. The balance of the survivors were reported safe in a friendly port.

The Ruth Alexander was a vessel of 8000 gross tons.

In the Central Pacific, said the navy in the communicate telling of the ship's loss, operations continued against enemy submarines, but the Hawaiian area was quiet. Coastal defense plans, the navy said, have narrowed enemy submarine operations off the west coast.

The navy also has investigated "without tangible results," a report that an enemy submarine was operating in New England waters.

Chinese Army Threatens Two Jap Positions

CHUNGKING, Jan. 9 (AP)—The Chinese reported today that their forces had penetrated the outer defenses of two of the most important Japanese-held cities of South China, Canton and Nanchang, capitals of Kwangtung and Kiangsi provinces.

The Chinese claimed successes on a half-dozen other fronts of Central China and announced that while fresh expeditionary forces awaited only the word to enter British Burma, troops already massed there were taking up "designated positions," mostly in northern Burma.

An army communicate declared that two Chinese columns had driven into the northern and northeastern suburbs of Canton in the course of an assault on the outer defenses of that million-population city that began three days ago. Fighting was still in progress.

Chinese dispatches said heavy casualties had been inflicted on the defenders of Nanchang in an attack that penetrated the outer barriers of the city.

Canton and Nanchang have (Continued on Page Two)

NAMELESS SUB HITS VESSEL NEAR TOKYO

New Assault Looming In Luzon; Malay Forces Battle

By The Associated Press

Japan got a preview taste today of the thing she dreads most—a possible blockade of her densely-populated island empire—as imperial headquarters acknowledged an allied submarine raid within 100 miles of Tokyo in which the 2225-ton freighter Inokai Maru No. 1 was torpedoed and damaged.

The nationality of the attacking craft was not given.

Transport, Supply Ships

Previously, a U. S. navy bulletin reported that submarines of the American Asiatic fleet had sunk a 10,000-ton Japanese transport and three 10,000-ton Japanese supply ships.

In the Philippine campaign, the war department reported that "combat operations had dwindled to minor skirmishes" as the Japanese moved up troops for a climactic drive against Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces on Bataan peninsula.

Reports Delayed

The navy's communicate was the first report in many days from the sizeable undersea force operating in Far East waters at the start of the war, a month ago, but naval officials emphasized that the dangerous missions of the submarines made prompt reports foolhardy while operations are proceeding.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters said the attack in Japanese waters occurred early yesterday morning off the Izu Shichi-to islands, 100 miles south of Tokyo and Yokohama.

On the Malayan fighting front, a Tokyo communicate asserted that Japanese troops had driven the British out of defense lines at Troika, on the north-south Singapore railroad 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur, 240 miles above Singapore, where the British had taken a new stand.

COPPECK BAY MAY BE HOMESTEADED

6000 Acres of Tule Lake Land Sought For Filings

Homesteading of the Coppeck bay area of 6000 acres on Tule lake was recommended by the land use and agricultural committees of the Klamath county chamber of commerce at a joint meeting Friday.

This was one of a number of proposals which the committees asked Earl Reynolds, chamber secretary, to carry to reclamation officials in Washington, D. C., on a visit to the capital at the middle of this month.

The committees proposed that the Coppeck bay land be opened to entry at the expiration of the present leases in 1945.

They also suggested that a study be made of the feasibility of homesteading other reclaimed lands in the sump area.

The Coppeck bay acreage is a part of the sump area set aside for possible flooding in case of the presence of excessive water in the Tule lake area. Use of the land for this purpose has not been required, and it has been leased for farming purposes.

With the completion of the Tule lake sump and tunnel project, chamber committeemen pointed out, the danger of flooding of the Coppeck area will be greatly reduced if not eliminated because excess Tule lake waters will be delivered through the (Continued on Page Two)

3 Soldiers Play Dead to Escape Japs

(The following dispatch — by 39-year-old Clark Lee of Oakland, Calif.—is the first received from any of the three Associated Press reporters in the Philippines since Dec. 31, and the first from any American correspondent in the islands since the fall of Manila two days later.)

Lee apparently was able to evade the Japanese forces which marched into Manila and reach Fort Mills on the fortress island of Corregidor, whence he communicated with San Francisco by radio. His dispatch did not mention his colleagues of the AP Manila bureau, R. P. Cronin Jr., chief of bureau, and Russell Brines.)

By CLARK LEE

FORT MILLS, Luzon Island, P. I., Jan. 9 (By Radio) (AP)—A strange story came to light today in the adventure of five youthful American soldiers who escaped encirclement by Japanese invaders by a daring ruse in which three of them "played dead" for 28 hours.

The men were Sgt. Emil Morrello and Sgt. R. H. Mitchell, and Privates William Anson, Joe Gillis and William M. Hall, all of Salinas, Calif.

Their unit engaged the Japanese in southern Luzon on Christmas day but was cut off by an invading force which greatly outnumbered them.

Mitchell and Anson made their way through Japanese lines while the other three convincingly played dead. Japanese repeatedly paused over their prostrate forms, and one invader detachment ate lunch within a few feet of them.

All five met in the hills later and made their way over rugged country to rejoin in the main United States forces.

AXIS SUPPLIES HIT ON WAY TO LIBYA

British Blast Effort To Aid Rommel's Desert Army

By The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 9—With its land supply routes under almost incessant assault from the air, the axis has attempted by sea to provision the retreating Libyan corps of General Erwin Rommel, the British announced today, but the coastwise ships drew a storm of direct hits from the RAF.

"Our air forces operating in support of our Mobile columns over a wide area, had a particularly successful day, destroying a number of enemy aircraft in aerial combat," said a general headquarters communicate.

"Enemy lines of communication west of El Aghella also were repeatedly attacked. A number of direct hits were obtained on transport vehicles and also on coastal shipping which was being used to bring stores forward from Tripoli to beaches at various points on the Gulf of Sirte."

The supply effort of the axis indicated that Rommel, falling back onto El Aghella, at the innermost curve of the Gulf of Sirte, might try to make a stand there if supplies could be assured.

His main force was moving from the Agadabia area toward El Aghella, 70 miles to the southwest, ahead of a stubbornly resisting rearguard which used extensive minefields to supplement the hazard of mud in hampering the pursuit of the British imperials.

Meanwhile, more than 300 miles to the east, units of the British navy joined with land artillery and air forces in an effort to destroy axis hold-out forces in the Hulfaya (Hellfire) Pass area, along the Egyptian border of Libya.

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—Imperial headquarters declared today the United States aircraft tender Langley had been sunk by Japanese airplanes yesterday southwest of Johnston island.

(The Japanese have previously made various assertions that they had sunk or damaged the Langley in what Americans have construed to be "fishing expeditions" for information.)

RUSSIANS CRACKING SEVASTOPOL SIEGE

Leningrad Ring Also Broken by Red Army Report

By The Associated Press

Russia's armies were declared today to have virtually broken the long-drawn sieges of Leningrad and Sevastopol, and soviet dispatches reported that "east of Leningrad the Germans have now lost everything they have been able to capture in the past three months."

This would indicate that the invaders had been thrown back from the eastern arc of their siege ring, with defenders of the old czarist capital once more in direct communication with the rest of Russia.

Wave After Wave

At one stage of the siege, the German high command asserted that Leningrad was "completely isolated" from the south and that the only outlet was the precarious passage across Lake Ladoga.

Advices reaching London reported that red army storm troops now were battering the Germans in wave after wave in a sanguinary four-day-old battle at Poventa, at the mouth of the Stalin canal.

While maps failed to show Poventa, presumably it was a village in the vicinity of Schluesselburg, 25 miles east of Leningrad, where the Neva river flows into the Stalin canal.

The canal itself, a link in Russia's Baltic-to-Arctic waterways system, extends 100 miles eastward to Lake Ladoga.

Crimea Siege Broken

In the Crimea, red army troops who stubbornly defended Russia's great Black sea naval base at Sevastopol for two months were reported sallying (Continued on Page Two)

Separate Air Force Proposal Opposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The general staff has made it unmistakably plain to members of congress, Senator Chandler (D-Ky.) said today, that it is opposed to creation of a separate airforce.

Moreover, Chandler told reporters, war department representatives have urged the senate military affairs committee to reverse a previous order for hearings this month on a proposal by Senator McCarran (D-Nev.) for the establishment of a department of aviation, which would have full charge of all wartime air activities.

Lumber Workers Give Half-day's Pay for Red Cross War Relief

Contributions previously acknowledged	\$5261.35
Contributions received Friday	758.55
Total	\$6020.90

Klamath county's lagging Red Cross war fund quota was substantially bettered Friday morning when G. A. Krause, head of the d'l Giorgio Fruit Corporation, formerly Klamath Lumber and Box company, announced that every employee of the plant had volunteered to give a half day's pay to the Red Cross. A check for \$430.05, representing employee contributions, and a personal check for \$100. from Mr. Krause, accompanied the announcement.

This spontaneous and generous donation led the Red Cross board to hope that similar gifts

will be forthcoming from other industrial plants of Klamath county.

To date, 60 per cent of Klamath county's \$10,000 quota of the \$50,000,000 national Red Cross war fund has been paid in. No solicitors, however, have been sent out here, and the \$6020.90 so far collected has been voluntarily contributed. In other counties of Oregon, full-fledged drives with door-to-door canvassing, have been resorted to.

Voluntary contributions to the fund are coming in to the Red Cross headquarters at the rate of about \$100 a day. The bulk of these gifts is from small donors, and so far there has been a relatively light response from the business and industrial districts. Large gifts have been received from a few firms, but by far the (Continued on Page Two)

Marine Lieutenant Gets Navy Praise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Marine Lieutenant John Franklin Kinney, of Endicott, Wash., was given special praise in a navy department communicate today for his "outstanding bravery and fortitude" in the defense of Wake Island.

Major Paul A. Putnam, who commanded the marine air squadron at Wake, said he wished to comment particularly on "the indefatigable labor, and ingenuity, skill and technical knowledge" of Kinney. The report was written December 20 and Putnam said the fact that the squadron was operating then was due largely to the efforts of Kinney.

Army Inductions Stepped Up Sharply

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—Officials disclosed today that inductions into the army were being stepped up to double or triple the peacetime rate, and indications were that the immediate goal was a hard-hitting land force of four million men.

The army is accelerating the induction of present registrants, which included about 1,000,000 already classified as 1A, without waiting to draw from the 9,000,000 men between 20 and 44 inclusive who are expected to register February 16.

Tokyo Sounds Possibility of Invading West Coast of U. S.

TOKYO, Jan. 9 (Official broadcast recorded by AP)—The Japan Times and Advertiser, controlled by the foreign office, declared today it was within the realm of probability "that the armed forces of this country will land on the American continent" in the Pacific war.

Once such a landing were made, the newspaper said, "it will be a simple matter for a well-trained and courageous army to sweep everything before it."

"Can the United States be Invaded?" was its heading.

"The contention that the United States cannot be invaded," the article declared, "is as much a myth as that the Maginot line cannot be taken, or that Sing-

apore and Pearl Harbor are impregnable."

Japanese naval craft already have carried the war near the Golden Gate and air attack alarms have sounded in many Pacific coast cities, "bringing panic among the frightened citizenry," it said.

It said Britain had invaded the United States in 1812 because "the American navy was not strong enough" and declared "it will be invaded again." The newspaper's premise was an assertion that the US Pacific fleet had been badly crippled at Pearl Harbor.

The fall of both the Philippines and Singapore was forecast soon. After that, the newspaper said, (Continued on Page Two)

French People Get Words of F. R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 (AP)—The White House disclosed today that the RAF had carried out successfully its first mission for the United States government—the distribution over occupied France of more than 2,000,000 French language leaflets containing excerpts from speeches and statements by President Roosevelt.

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