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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 \$6248.90
Needed \$3753.10



JAPS SAY KUALA LUMPUR TAKEN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
YOU'RE familiar, of course, with the old saying that runs something like this: "More haste, less speed."

There are interesting (even sensational) hints in today's dispatches that both the Germans and the Japs have been making too much haste for their own good.

THE Japs are booming into the South Seas with irresistible force.

Everywhere — from Manila, from Malaya, from Sarawak, from Davao — the reports have told of overwhelming numbers of Jap planes, Jap ships, Jap troops, Jap tanks.

Obviously, their purpose has been to get into the South Seas with the "mostest men fustest."

It is undeniable that they have succeeded in that purpose.

BUT ominous rumors are coming from China.

Something approaching calamity has happened to the Japs at Changsha. So precipitate has been their retreat before the Chinese there that they have left behind hundreds of their dead for the Chinese to dispose of.

(Like all barbarians, the Japanese have a horror of leaving their dead behind.)

Chinese troops are reported fighting in the outskirts of Canton (only a short distance back of Hongkong) and of Nanchang, from which both rail and water routes lead to Shanghai.

Jap prisoners say SHORTAGES of food and supplies were the main factors in the Japanese collapse at Changsha.

THE implication back of these Chinese reports is that the Japs have put EVERYTHING THEY HAVE into their gamble in the South Seas, hoping to knock us out before we can get started.

If they fail—

Well, that's part of the gamble.

THERE are rumors of internal troubles in Germany. Some of these rumors have told of placing of machine guns in anticipation of possible attempts at revolution.

The Nazi foreign office is said to have called correspondents out of bed in the middle of the night to deny these rumors.

Foreign correspondents confirm today that no open or organized revolution exists in Berlin, but express surprise that the rumors caused so much concern to the Nazis that an immediate denial was considered necessary.

IN a dispatch from "somewhere on the German frontier" the AP says today that INCREASINGLY information from reliable sources indicates that the German army's troubles began when Hitler over-ruled General von Brauchitsch's plan, which reportedly was to fall back to the Beresina river before winter set in.

Hitler is said to have been determined to press on to Moscow (as was Napoleon when his generals counseled against it)—whereupon von Brauchitsch resigned. Other high commanders declined to take responsibility for an effort to continue the Russian offensive. It is said to have been at this point that Hitler took over personal command.

By that time (the rumors go) it was too late to turn back. Real winter set in before construction of barracks for housing the German army during the winter could be started.

THE German press acknowledges today that the situation on the Eastern front is serious, but denies reports that a defense line is being built along the Oder river in EASTERN GERMANY.

AS to all these rumors, you will be wise if you watch, wait and keep your fingers crossed. Authoritative sources in London warned yesterday that there is

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Berlin Admits Reverses

REVOLT HINTS DRAW DENIAL FROM OFFICE

Russians Claim Toll Of 12,000 Nazis At Leningrad

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's own press chief prepared the German nation for a jolt today, solemnly acknowledging that Nazi military operations "have reached an extremely serious and indeed critical phase" as the Russians swept on to new triumphs.

At the same time, advices from "somewhere on the German frontier" said persistent reports of incipient revolution in Germany coinciding with the debacle on the Russian war front had impelled the German foreign office to issue a middle-of-the-night denial.

Immediate Denial
These advices said the Wilhelmstrasse called foreign correspondents from bed one night this week and told them of the reports and the official denial. The foreign office asserted that the reports were spread by British and American sources.

Some of the correspondents expressed surprise that the stories created so much concern in the Wilhelmstrasse that it was felt necessary to make an immediate denial.

Russians Advance
On the fighting front, the British radio quoted a Moscow announcement that 12,000 Germans had been killed in the Volkhov and Tikhvin sector on (Continued from Page One)

Youth Killed by Sentry's Bullet Near San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 10 (AP)—Guth Meek, 18, of Imperial Beach, was shot to death early today when he failed to heed the challenge of an army sentry in the South Bay area.

E. A. Turner, deputy coroner, reported Meek was driving a car in which his sister, Mary, and two friends were passengers.

Entering the area under military guard, he apparently failed to hear or misunderstood the sentry's warning.

Two shots were fired. One pierced the car and struck Meek in the heart.

Army officials did not identify the sentry.

Contributions Received by Red Cross in War Relief Campaign

Contributions previously acknowledged \$6020.90
Contributions received Saturday 226.00
Total \$6248.90

Growing response in the industrial district to the Red Cross war relief fund was indicated Saturday, with a check for \$100 from the Kesterson Lumber company added to the drive.

Combined with the steady flow of individual contributions, this upped the total so far received to \$6248.90, just \$3753.10 short of the local \$10,000 quota.

Saturday's contributions were:
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kimball \$25.00
Lula B. Leftwich 5.00
Mrs. F. J. Long 5.00
Mrs. W. H. McMillan 1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Simmers 5.00
Mrs. Robert A. Thompson 15.00
Howard Cantrell 1.00
G. J. Hilyard 5.00
Mrs. Ella P. Minnis 1.00

American Newsmen Writes Of Rescue After British Warship Sent to Bottom

(Editor's note: On Dec. 16, the Associated Press received word that Larry Allen, its correspondent with the British Mediterranean fleet, was in an Alexandria hospital after having swallowed much oily water and suffered cuts and bruises in a 45-minute plunge into the sea.

Today, recovered from his injuries and permitted by British censorship to explain how he came by them, Allen tops a long list of dramatic eye-witness accounts of sea war in the Mediterranean with the following first-person account of the destruction of the British cruiser Galatea and his own narrow escape from death.)

By LARRY ALLEN
ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, Jan. 10 (AP)—The British light cruiser Galatea, struck by three torpedoes from an axis submarine, flopped over like a stabbed turtle and went down within three minutes off the Egyptian Mediterranean coast in the inky darkness just after midnight the morning of Dec. 16.

The torpedoes, launched from close range, smashed in swift succession against the Galatea's after port side, amidships and forward, tearing into her interior with loud blasts and spurting flame.

Flung Into Sea
On the dying cruiser's quarterdeck I clung tenaciously to the starboard rail until the list of the ship flung me into the cold, choppy sea.

Then I battled through thick, oily scum for 45 minutes before being rescued.

(The British admiralty announced yesterday that a submarine had sunk the 5220-ton Galatea but did not specify the date, place or number of casualties. The Germans claimed on Dec. 16 that they had sunk a cruiser of this class in the Mediterranean.)

We had been dive-bombed for more than seven hours on Dec. 14 while patrolling with a squadron of cruisers and destroyers off the Libyan coast, but the Galatea successfully beat off those attacks and headed eastward.

At midnight on Dec. 15 the cruiser's announcer system warned: "First-degree readiness heavy armament."

Gunners thus were ordered to stand by for expected action.

A marine sentry aroused me from a nap in the captain's cabin, and I ran to the commander's cabin and informed the Reuters naval correspondent, Alexander Massy Anderson.

Adjusting lifebelts, we stepped out into the inky blackness of the quarterdeck and raced toward the bridge.

We had barely started when the first torpedo smashed into the after portside with a burst of flame, heavily rocking the Galatea. The time was 12:02 a. m.

Torpedoes seemed to chase us (Continued on Page Two)

STORM DAMAGE IN VALLEY EXTENSIVE

Trees Ruined During "Silver Thaw," Roads Icy
PORTLAND, Jan. 10 (AP)—The army decided today it would be all right to announce there had been some snow, sleet and a silver thaw earlier in the week. Under censorship regulations such information is not publishable for 48 hours.

The weatherman indicated that Portland was on the edge of the storm, which centered somewhere in the middle Willamette valley. Damage was much more extensive in Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Eugene. Salem estimated that 80 per cent of its trees were damaged, some ruined. The storm did not spare the rare trees on the capitol grounds. Many orchards were severely damaged.

The Pacific highway was a sheet of ice that all but stopped traffic. Wires were down to many sections and service was intermittent everywhere.

Salem called the storm its worst in 20 years.

People coming here from Eugene earlier in the week described the "silver thaw" there as the worst in 30 years. They told of great damage to trees, (Continued on Page Two)

SENATE VOTES TO LIFT PEAK FARM PRICES

Price Bill Approved After Farm Bloc Wins Change

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The senate approved a broad wartime price control measure today after its powerful farm bloc forced a higher ceiling limit for farm prices—a change opponents of the revision said might boost food prices 25 per cent.

The legislation, intended to curb costs of war and rising living expenses, now goes back to the house.

It had passed a price control measure November 28, which senators described as weaker than the senate bill.

Overturning a demoralizing leadership, the senate voted earlier, 55 to 31, to raise the limit on farm prices before wartime controls could apply.

Adopting an amendment by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) to the pending price control bill, the chamber voted to link farm prices to urban wages by revising upward present basic "parity" levels. These revisions would be effective only for price-fixing purposes.

Amendment Restored
The revised O'Mahoney amendment also restored to the bill a house approved provision, previously eliminated in the senate banking committee, providing that no price ceiling should be fixed on farm commodities which was below the 1919-29 average price of those products.

As it came from the committee the bill carried a section providing that no price ceiling could be established which was lower than 110 per cent of parity, a computed price calculated to give farmers comparable purchasing power with others.

The O'Mahoney amendment would boost this parity level about 10 per cent for price-fixing purposes. The O'Mahoney proposal also provided that no ceiling should be fixed lower than the October 1 or December 15 price of a product, whichever ever was higher. The house previously had approved the October 1 date as one of the limits on farm price fixing.

Explosions, Fire Wreck Grain Plant

SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 10 (AP)—Two explosions, followed by fire, destroyed the Great Northern railroad's elevator X, giant grain storage plant, today with loss estimated at \$2,250,000. Seven persons, including two firemen, were injured fighting the blaze in subzero temperatures.

Around noon, Fire Chief Edward Nelson said that unless there was a shift in the high wind fanning the still-burning heap of grain, other elevators and oil storage and coal docks — in the heart of the city's vital defense production center — would be safe.

Origin of the fire was not determined immediately. The principal theory advanced was that it started when grain dust exploded. The railroad, FBI, state fire marshal and Superior police started investigations.

The first explosion rocked the building, injuring five employees. The second blast hurled two firemen nearly 100 feet.

The authorities were unable to determine the origin of the explosion immediately. Firemen fought the blaze in 12 below zero weather.

The injured men were taken to St. Mary's hospital where attendants said they were not hurt critically.

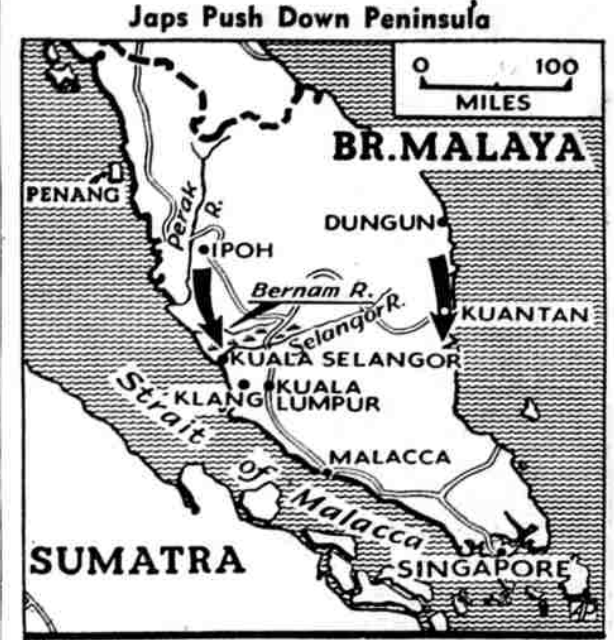
Elevator X contained 1,500,000 bushels of grain, valued at \$1 a bushel. Damage to the elevator proper was set at \$750,000, but officials said it could not be replaced for less than \$1,000,000.

Elevator X and elevator S situated 1500 feet away, formed a joint grain storage pool described as the largest in the United States. The buildings had a total capacity of about 12,000,000 bushels.

Rumor Says Langell Valley Men Safe

LANGELL VALLEY — Mrs. Lloyd Papple and Mrs. Wes Carter have heard indirectly that their husbands are safe and on their way home by way of South America, they told friends.

Papple and Carter left here July 7 to take defense work on Wake Island and no word has been received from them since the island was bombed by the Japanese.



Japs Push Down Peninsula
Invading Japanese, striking by land and air in British Malaya, reported Saturday the British had abandoned Kuala Lumpur in the face of a drive down the main road from Ipoh. No confirmation of the claim was forthcoming from the British who merely announced further withdrawals from the north.

Fire Destroys Planing Mill, Shed at Baker

BAKER, Jan. 10 (AP)—Fire, believed of incendiary origin, completely destroyed the planing mill, box factory and dry shed early this morning of the Stoddard Lumber company plant and threatened for a time to take the sawmill, located adjacent to the planer. Loss was estimated in excess of \$200,000 by Fire Chief Otto Karg.

Flames from the mill shot 150 feet into the air and blazing embers were distributed for a radius of at least 20 blocks over the city. Only the fact that a heavy snow covered rooftops saved many residences from burning.

Chief Karg stated today that in his opinion the fire must have been set since it gained such a foothold. The blaze started around a moulding machine.

Firemen believed they had it under control when it suddenly jumped a 14-foot fire wall and spread throughout the plant. Several firemen were dragged from the building, overcome by heavy smoke. However, none was seriously injured.

Two watchmen discovered the fire and laid company lines at its base. A frozen water hydrant prevented use of the lines and let the fire get still more underway before firemen reached the scene. A pumper truck prevented spread of the flames to the sawmill. Fifteen lines were laid to the fire.

Insurance was carried but the amount is unknown.

Evacuated

ONTARIO, Jan. 10 (AP)—Roscoe Conklin of Ontario has been evacuated from Midway island to Honolulu, his wife learned today. He was with a civilian construction crew.

Dorris Again Tops Northern California Travel Entry Points

Travel at the Dorris gateway on the California state highway system again led all other stations in the north, according to figures just received for the month of December from the California state department of agriculture, and released by the Klamath county chamber of commerce.

The Dorris gateway leads the Hornbrook travel by 27 per cent for the month, and it is significant to note that travel into California through all stations is up 2 per cent. In December, 1940, the Dorris gateway was slightly behind the Hornbrook station.

Travel figures for December, 1941 are: Dorris, 7358; Hornbrook, 5788; Redwood highway, 1739; Coast highway, 1603; Alturas, 809 and Tulelake, 332.

Survey Shows Klamath Old Age Assistance Load Below Average

By MARY JANE JENKINS
Klamath county holds the record for a consistently lighter old age assistance load than that carried by other Oregon counties of comparable size, according to a survey compiled Friday by the county public welfare commission. The small number of assistance grants here is explained by the fact that only 3 per cent of the population of Klamath county is over 65 years of age, in comparison to 7 per cent of the state population.

According to statistics compiled for November, 1941, Klamath county's old age assistance grants averaged 224 per 1000 population of 65 years and over, as against an average of 324 for the state. These are the most recent full statistics available, but later figures will not vary significantly, said Willa Urquhart, welfare head.

In November, for example, Klamath county paid 247 old age assistance grants at an average cost for each case of \$22.53, making a total of \$5568 for the

month. The state average per case was \$22.05.

"It should be noted," Mrs. Urquhart stated, "that old age assistance is supplemented in case of necessity for extra medical care, from the general assistance fund."

JAPS REINFORCE PHILIPPINE PUSH

More Vessels Appear Off Mindanao, Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—The war department reported today intensive patrolling and artillery duels between the Philippine defenders and the Japanese and said heavy enemy reinforcements were being brought up.

These reinforcements were apparently ordered in preparation for a renewed Japanese offensive drive on Luzon.

Also the department said, a considerable number of enemy vessels had appeared off the coast of the southernmost Philippine island of Mindanao, indicating the probability of additional Japanese landings there.

Lull in Fighting
Hostile air activity again was said to be limited to observation flights. It was the third successive day of a relative lull in fighting between General (Continued on Page Two)

Louis to Join Army Next Week

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (AP)—Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, appeared at local Board 20 of the selective service board this afternoon to have his induction papers transferred to New York preparatory to joining the army — probably next Wednesday.

His appearance came a short time after it was announced in Chicago that he had been ordered to appear there Monday for a physical examination.

U. S. Nationals To Be Interned

TOKYO, Jan. 10 (Official Broadcast Recorded by AP)—The Domei news agency reported today that the Japanese commander in the Philippines had ordered all United States and British nationals to report to the army immediately for internment "for their own protection."

Those failing to comply by Jan. 15 will be "dealt with appropriately on the presumption that they are engaged in anti-Japanese activities," the agency added.

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By The Associated Press
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There was, however, no confirmation from the British that they had yielded Kuala Lumpur.

British Far East headquarters tersely acknowledged that battle-weary British imperial troops had withdrawn "farther to the south" from the latest of a series of defense lines 50 miles north of Kuala Lumpur. No details were given.

On the Malayan battleground, Donnell, Japanese news agency, said the Mikado's invasion forces were closing in on the city from two directions—one moving (Continued on Page Two)

Japanese Ship Losses Reach 28; U. S. Loses Six

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (AP)—Japan has lost at least 28 naval vessels and transports and the United States, six, since hostilities broke out between the two nations a month ago.

A compilation of official reports by the army and navy shows these Japanese losses:

One battleship (the Haruna), along with one light cruiser, five destroyers, five submarines, one gun boat, one mine sweeper, 10 transports, four supply vessels.

United States losses reported by the navy were:

One battleship (the Arizona), one target ship (the Utah), three destroyers, and one minelayer, all lost in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7.

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