

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 \$9,339.62
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ALLIES FIGHT INDIES INVASION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

JAPAN, striving desperately to get in the early punch that will win the fight before her bigger opponent can get going, spreads her attack to the Dutch East Indies islands of Celebes and Borneo—using parachute troops to gain a foothold. There is OIL at Tarakan, where they strike in Borneo. The stubbornly fighting Dutch say the Tarakan wells are mined and will be dynamited if they have to be abandoned.

STILL attacking with heavily superior forces, the Japs take Kuala Lumpur, crude rubber center 240 miles north of Singapore. The dispatches relate that rubber groves and accumulated rubber supplies are being destroyed.

The "scorched earth" policy worked against the Japs in China. It worked against the Germans in Russia. It is being applied in the South Seas.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX, addressing the U. S. Conference of Mayors assembled in Washington, answers the question that is in every mind. He says:

"The U. S. fleet is not idle, but so early, conclusive showdown with the Japanese fleet can be expected."

He tells the mayors that Germany, bringing Japan into the war, sought to divert British and U. S. attention from the battle of the Atlantic, which is still the war's most important struggle.

We were too smart, he says, to be caught in that trap. He adds: "It is HITLER we must destroy. That done, the whole axis fabric will collapse."

ABOUT the only news from Luzon as these words are written is that the Japs are still gathering their forces for the expected all-out attack on MacArthur and his little army. They want these heroic rear-guard fighters out of the way so they can concentrate on Singapore.

INTERESTING news comes today from Chungking, where a member of a Quaker ambulance unit returning from a round trip over the Burma road, says:

"The road is full of Chinese trucks moving WESTWARD toward the border with tanks, motorized artillery, Bren guns and light weapons. On both trips I met thousands upon thousands of Chinese troops, well-equipped, crack fighters—ALL MOVING WEST."

Your map will tell you that a military force moving WESTWARD from Burma would have as its objective taking the Japs in the flank and the rear, thus relieving the pressure on Singapore.

ONLY a little while back (as time moves in these days) we were saying commiseratingly: "The poor, helpless Chinese." Now we're looking eagerly to the Chinese to help us out of the hole we're in in the South Seas.

AND only recently we were cursing the Russians heartily for putting in with Hitler. Now it is the Russians who are running Hitler ragged. We look longingly at Vladivostok and think how easy it would be for the hard-hitting Russians, now our buddies, to smack the Japs from there.

World wars are full of surprises. LONDON reports today that a "foreign source whose information about Germany has almost invariably proved accurate" says Germany's army divisions have spread to the navy. According to this source, Vice-Admiral Doenitz, Nazi submarine chief, accuses Grand Admiral Raeder of misleading him about successes of the submarine raiders and AVAILABILITY OF RE-

Cannons Flame On Luzon

GROUND ACTION HOTTER AS JAP FORCE GROWING

Island Fort Blasted By Nippon Planes In New Raids

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—A heavy artillery battle along the entire front in the Philippines was reported today by the war department, with ground activity increasing as fresh Japanese troops moved up, accompanied by renewed air attacks on American and Philippine defenses.

Corregidor, the island fortress guarding the entrance of Manila bay, as well as front line defenses of General Douglas MacArthur's troops, were subjected to new assaults from the air, the department said, as fresh enemy troops increased the pressure on the defending forces.

Radio Ban The text of the morning communiqué, number 55, based on reports received here up to 6:30 a. m. PST.

"Philippine theater: A heavy artillery battle is in progress along the entire front. Ground activity is increasing as fresh Japanese troops move into front line position. Enemy air attacks are being renewed on defensive installations and fortifications.

"General MacArthur reports that Japanese troops occupying Manila are attempting to suppress the use of radio receiving sets by civilians. This apparently is designed to prevent the reception of broadcasts from the United States and England, even though the action also prevents reception of propaganda broadcasts from Tokyo.

"2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

Nazi Discontent Spreads to Fleet

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Growing dissension in the Nazi high command was reliably reported today to have spread to the navy today with a sharp disagreement between Grand Admiral Erich Raeder and his submarine chief, Vice Admiral Karl Doenitz.

Earlier the London Star quoted a Moscow broadcast that Field Marshal General Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the Nazi high command, suddenly had been taken ill.

A foreign source, whose information about Germany has almost invariably proved accurate, said Doenitz had accused his superior of misleading him about successes of submarine raiders and the availability of replacements. He flatly charged Raeder with "being responsible for the miscarriage of submarine warfare."

Machinery for a bang-up finish to Klamath county's Red Cross war relief drive was set up Monday, with a special block-by-block canvass of the business district by the Merchants' bureau, under the direction of Nicholas Long. Officials expect the drive, aimed at a \$10,000 quota, to finish by the end of the week.

In the canvass of the business district, two men will cover each square block. Since the drive began here December 12, \$6,

Seven Men Injured in \$2,250,000 Fire



Two explosions, followed by fire destroyed the Great Northern railroad's elevator X, giant grain storage plant, with loss estimated at \$2,250,000. Seven persons, including two firemen, were injured fighting the blaze in sub-zero temperatures.

Bond Pledge Campaign to Use Local Election Polls

Klamath county's regular election machinery will be put into operation on January 20 to receive defense savings stamps and bond pledges from citizens throughout the county, it was announced Monday.

January 20 has been designated as "bond pledge day" and every citizen in the county is asked to visit his precinct polling place on that day. There he will receive a pledge card which, if signed, will be an agreement to buy bonds or stamps. Even those who do not feel they can buy should call at their polling places, in order that their names may be checked off. Otherwise, they will be hunted up and interviewed after the "election day."

Pledges Confidential Polls will be open on January 20 from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m., and regular election boards will be there to hand out materials and receive the pledges which, incidentally, will be kept in strict confidence.

Plans for the unique effort in this county were shaped at a meeting called Saturday night by William Kuykendall and Jack Henry, chairman respectively of the county republican and democratic central committees.

County Clerk Mae K. Short will work with the committee chairmen as co-chairman and on Monday notified election board officials that they are asked to volunteer their services for bond pledge day. Sheriff Lloyd Low will have charge of distributing pledge cards and other material to polling places, as in the case of regular elections.

In general charge in each precinct are the democratic and republican central committees and committeewomen of that precinct. Committeemen who (Continued on Page Two)

Pedestrian Suffers Skull Fracture in Downtown Accident

Gust Erickson, 911 Walnut avenue, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from a skull fracture as the result of an automobile accident which occurred shortly after 1 o'clock Monday morning at Seventh and Main streets.

At a late hour Monday afternoon Erickson had not regained consciousness, according to hospital attendants. Investigating police said Erickson was crossing Main street at Seventh when a car, driven by Loyal B. Hopkins Jr., 21, Weyerhaeuser, struck him some 10 E. P. Brosterhouse 5.00 Poe Valley and Olene Extension Unit 2.87 C. H. Conroy 2.00 Clarence Hill 2.50 (Continued on Page Two)

KNOX SEES PACIFIC SHOWDOWN DELAYED

U. S. Fleet Not Idle But Atlantic No. 1 Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox said today that while the American fleet was not idle no early conclusive showdown could be expected with the Japanese fleet and that the battle of the Atlantic was still the war's most important struggle.

The navy's number one job, he said in a speech prepared for the annual United States conference of mayors, is keeping the sea lanes open between America and Britain to bring about the defeat of Hitler's Germany—"our great enemy."

Frank Statement "I would not be frank with you if I led you to believe that you could expect favorable, dramatic developments of triumph" (Continued on Page Two)

Rutherford's Last Wish Hits Legal Obstacle

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 12 (AP)—Lying on his deathbed, Joseph Franklin Rutherford, 72, world leader of Jehovah's witnesses, voiced a last wish.

He asked disciples to bury him at dawn of the day after death in a hillside crypt at Beth-Sarim, the estate he built here for the Biblical King David's return to earth.

Rutherford died at the estate last Thursday in a passing kept secret until Saturday. But today Rutherford's body was still unburied, his last wish thwarted by a county law forbidding burial on the estate because it is not a legally zoned cemetery.

Followers of the Jehovah's Witnesses' movement obtained a hearing date Jan. 24 to present their burial permit petition before the county health commission.

Rutherford, who once termed "organized Christianity" an "unholy alliance against the common people," had been ill here for two months. Chief of a movement that spread to 38 countries, Rutherford claimed 2,000,000 followers (Continued on Page Two)

MALAY ATTACK MOVES BRITISH DEFENSE BACK

Line Forms South of Kuala Lumpur, 150 Miles From Base

SINGAPORE, Jan. 12 (AP)—Loss of Kuala Lumpur, important rubber center and capital of the Federated Malay states, was indicated by the British today in a communique announcing that their troops had retreated to new positions before Seremban, 35 miles airline south-east of that city, under heavy Japanese assaults.

(The Tokyo radio broadcast an official announcement this morning that Japanese troops had entered Kuala Lumpur Sunday.)

150 Miles North The British withdrawal dropped the battle lines to little more than 150 miles north of Johore strait, the narrow channel over which a causeway connects Singapore island with the Malaysian mainland.

More than two-thirds of Malaya thus were left in Japanese hands and the invaders were reported continuing their attack on the land and in the air.

"Our withdrawal was closely followed up by enemy infantry with continued attacks from enemy aircraft," said a terse communique announcing the British retreat.

While intimating the loss of Kuala Lumpur, the communique indicated that Selangor state, in which the city is situated, had not been entirely surrendered to the Japanese.

"Severe fighting continues in the Selangor area," the bulletin said.

Seremban, on the main railway leading southward to Singapore, is in Negri Sembilan state, which borders Selangor state on the south.

The British bulletin also announced that the Japanese had landed a party of nine men dressed as Malaysians from fishing boats yesterday in the Bukit-Churang area of southeast Johore province but said that all had been captured.

It was the first Japanese landing reported in Johore.

Cigaret Tax Fight Started by West

SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—Oswald West, Portland attorney, came here today to file a supreme court suit attacking the law taxing cigarettes two cents per package. The law went into effect last Thursday.

West said he would file the suit this afternoon, but he would not give details nor tell who would sponsor the action.

Synthetic Rubber Program May End Rubber Shortage for U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—Jesse Jones, federal loan administrator, announced today a \$400,000,000 program for making synthetic rubber which he said would virtually end the American rubber shortage in about 18 months.

Jones told reporters that the president had authorized him to go ahead with a plan to build enough new factories to turn out 400,000 tons of synthetic rubber a year. He estimated the plants could be ready by the middle of 1943 and, along with other rubber sources would be enough not only to fill all military, but a limited amount of civilian needs, including automobile tires.

Process Pooled In the meantime, Jones said, there is enough rubber to meet all essential needs of the United States until the new plants can be completed. Jones announced that he had

Chinese Make Gains on Four Separate Lines

CHUNGKING, Jan. 12 (AP)—A new-found offensive power of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's forces has wrested successes from drives against the Japanese on four widely separated fronts, a communique announced today.

On one front, the announcement said, two villages have been captured in a new offensive which apparently endangered the entire position of the Japanese forces along the Lunghai railroad south of the Yellow river.

Third Victory Chinese attention continued to be centered, however, upon their third great victory at Changsha in Hunan province, where the communique said the Japanese were fleeing northward "in great confusion" after suffering 6000 more casualties and losing 1000 prisoners.

The Japanese force of approximately 100,000 which had set out from its bases around Tung- (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIES SEEK EIRE SITES FOR BASES

Report Shares Notice With Red Smash Through Nazis

By The Associated Press Reports of a renewed American-British diplomatic effort to win war bases in neutral Eire shared importance today with advice that Russian armies had breached a new German winter defense line on the central front, putting themselves in good position to close their pincers on perhaps 150,000 Germans in the Moxhaik sector.

The envisioned effects of air and sea bases in Eire were far reaching, but most immediate of all was their potential effect on Germany's already dwindling battle of the Atlantic seafanes.

Nazis Powerful That Germany still holds a great striking power in the Atlantic despite the curtailing effects of United States naval participation in patrolling and convoy protection was emphasized by a German communique announcing that another British destroyer had been sunk in the Atlantic by submarine action.

The Hitler command said that still another was torpedoed in the Mediterranean, presumably only damaged.

The Russian recapture of Lyudnovo tightened the vise on the Germans at Moxhaik, 57 miles west of Moscow and the closest position to the capital still held by the nazis. Salients have been driven westward both below and above Moxhaik.

The red armies reported forward smashes there and elsewhere along the vast front from the Arctic to the Black sea.

The British radio quoted a spokesman in Kulybshev, alternate Russian capital, as saying the Russians were within 80 (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. PLANES HELP DUTCH SCORE HITS

Cruisers, Transport Ships Struck in Aerial Attacks

BATAVIA, N. E. I. Jan. 12 (AP)—Hard-hitting forces of the Netherlands Indies' allies (presumably bomber and fighter squadrons from the United States and Australia) were declared officially today to be taking part in vigorous counter action in which the fighting Dutch battled strong Japanese invasions of Borneo and Celebes.

Reporting the joint action of two Japanese cruisers, a destroyer and two transport ships yesterday and today, an official Dutch announcement declared that "our allies are energetically taking part in the fighting against the invaders."

Ships Attacked The war department at Washington said in its Sunday communique that American planes "attacked an enemy cruiser and two large transports in the Celebes sea with undetermined results. The Batavia report specifically mentioned Australian planes in action also in that area.)

Japanese parachutists and sea-borne forces were battling doggedly in an effort to improve the positions they won early yesterday at the oil center island of Tarakan, off northeastern Borneo and on the northern arm of Celebes.

Stubborn Defense "The fight at both invasion points continues stubbornly," a special NEI armed forces statement declared.

Of the NEI and allied aerial blows at the shipping which carried and supported the invasion, the special statement said: "Our allies are energetically taking part in the fight against the invaders."

Hits Scored "Allied planes yesterday shot down four Japanese planes over Minahassa (northern Celebes) while they further scored two direct hits on a Japanese cruiser and a near miss on a destroyer.

"This morning two Australian planes near Menado (where the Japanese landed on Celebes) were shot down in flames by the Japanese.

"Our bombers this morning scored a direct hit on a Jap" (Continued on Page Two)

Seven Killed in Auto Crash Near Fairfield, Calif.

FAIRFIELD, Calif., Jan. 12 (AP)—Seven persons were killed today in an automobile accident and subsequent fire.

Highway Patrolman Leo Boyle said military buttons and pieces of clothing indicated some of the victims, possibly five, were members of the U. S. marine corps at Mare Island navy yard.

Hours elapsed before the victims could be identified. The identified dead were: Adriel C. Jones, 20, a marine stationed at Mare Island.

W. H. Kennedy, 25, of Vallejo, a Mare Island civilian workman. Donald R. Gehl, 25, also a civilian workman.

Private Rowe C. Kennedy, 19, Huttig, Ark., a marine and brother of W. H. Kennedy. Corporal William L. O'Donnell, 28, a marine, of Billings, Mont. Corporal Charles W. Webb Jr., 22, of the marines, Ellisville, Miss. Lawrence Breckinridge, Marysville, truck driver. Private Jones lived in Fulton, Miss. Six of those killed were in the Kennedy car.

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