

Klamath's Quota \$10,000
Received to Date \$6,629.62
Needed \$3,370.38



GIVE
RED CROSS

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.

JAPS TAKE INDIES OIL CENTER

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE Japs capture the little oil island of Tarakan, just off the northeast coast of Dutch Borneo, where it faces on the Celebes sea.
Batavia, Dutch East Indies capital, adds officially: "The stubbornly fighting little Dutch garrison held them off until all oil fields and all equipment were THOROUGHLY DEMOLISHED."
THE dispatches indicate that the Japs literally overwhelmed Tarakan, pouring upwards of 20,000 men onto it—first parachute troops and then soldiers landed from transports.
Wherever they attack (so far) in the South Seas, the Japs have overpowering superiority of troops and equipment.
(An interesting sidelight of this particular attack: The Takharan oil is said to be of such high grade that it can be pumped into ships for immediate use without any refining processes.)
MACARTHUR'S little army still fights stubbornly. Today's dispatches tell us his artillery broke and scattered attacking Jap formations and smashed 11 Jap batteries. (A battery ordinarily includes four guns.) Loss of 44 guns isn't anything for the Japs to be happy about.
MacArthur's American gunners are said to be definitely superior in their marksmanship.
RUMORS of Anglo-American reinforcements spread today in the South Seas.
A British dispatch says: "An announcement can be expected at ANY MOMENT which may change the Malayana (Singapore) situation considerably in Britain's favor."
This is taken to indicate that powerful allied counter-blow may be struck soon.
AGAINST this optimistic feeling must be set this statement from Washington: "Some observers here see the possibility that the United Nations may be forced back as far as Australia before a major counter-offensive can be launched."
In order to keep your thinking straight, remember that the whole South Seas area is far distant from Britain and America but relatively close to Japan.
FROM airports only 150 miles away, the Japs are bombing Singapore heavily. Recall at this point that if they can't take Singapore outright they may be able to destroy its usefulness as a naval base.
Plenty of allied fighter planes is the way to head off that scheme, but allied fighter planes are scarce in that part of the world.
Bombers can be flown in, but the shorter-ranged fighters have to be transported by ship.
FROM Europe today come reports that Hitler is massing Germans in Italy for a drive on Malta. (Malta is the British naval base just off the southern point of Sicily, the big island at the toe of the Italian boot.)
Malta has been useful to the British in raiding axis supply lines between Italy and Greece and northern Africa.
British fliers report large movements of axis troops westward toward the channel coasts. (Maybe to invade England. Maybe to forestall a British attempt to cross the channel.)
IN London today the governments-in-exile of eight axis-occupied countries—Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Norway, Greece, Luxembourg, Poland and Czechoslovakia—meet and lay the groundwork for post-war punishment of axis officials and soldiers "judged to have acted contrary to accepted ideas concerning acts of war—mass executions, mass expulsions, execu-

Luzon Invaders Repulsed

RUSSIANS TAKE OREL, CLOSING PINCERS TRAP

By The Associated Press
Russia's armies were unofficially reported today to have recaptured the key rail city of Orel, 200 miles south of Moscow, where a force of 200,000 Germans was believed virtually encircled by the southern claw of a giant soviet pincer aimed at Smolensk.
The British exchange telegraph agency quoted Berlin sources as saying Adolf Hitler already had moved his field headquarters from Smolensk, 210 miles west of Moscow, to a city in southern Russia.
Approaching Vyasma
A London broadcast said the BBC "understands unofficially" that soviet troops had retaken Orel, while other red army forces driving northwest from Kaluga, 110 miles southwest of Moscow, were reported more than halfway on their 80-mile trek to Vyasma, on the Moscow-Smolensk road.
In the north, Hitler's high command admitted that the battered German armies had been thrown back to the Valdai hills, the upper starting-post of last October's German drive against Moscow which the fuhrer boasted would be the "last great, decisive victory" of 1941.
Driving on Kharkov
The nazis high command also reported quickening action on the southern (Ukraine) front, where the red armies of Marshal Semyon Timoshenko are driving to recapture Kharkov, the Russian "Pittsburgh."
German troops on reconnaissance raids east of Kharkov were reported to have killed 219 Russians and captured 83.
Salum and Captured
Hitler and his axis ally, Front Marshal Mussolini, suffered a new blow as British troops were officially reported to have recaptured the desert town of Salum, on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier, where axis forces had held out as a threat to communications of the British counter-invasion into Libya.
More than 300 miles to the west, British vanguards have reached the road from El Agheila, on the Gulf of Sirte, to Marada, a desert city 70 miles to the south, "along which general line the enemy appears to be preparing to make a stand," middle east headquarters said.
Amid these reverses in Russia (Continued on Page Two)

War Labor Board Handed Job of Speeding Defense

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt indicated today that he hoped to enlist the services of James A. Farley, Alfred E. Smith, and Charles Evans Hughes, to assist the new war labor board.
The war labor board is an outgrowth of the recent industry-labor conference in Washington which agreed to end strikes and lockouts during the war and to settle all disputes by peaceful means.
Davis, the New York patent lawyer who also headed the defense mediation board, will be one of four men representing the public. Industry and labor will be represented by four each with equal representation divided equally between the CIO and the AFL.
Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school and chairman of the presidential fact-finding committee which settled the threatened nationwide railroad strike in December, is a member of the new board.

JAP ARTILLERY SILENCED BY U. S. GUNNERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—American and Filipino artillery batteries have "proved definitely superior" to the Japanese, the war department said today in announcing that columns of enemy tanks, other armored units and infantry had been "shattered and dispersed" in a 24-hour battle.
Eleven Japanese batteries were silenced and others were forced to fall back under relentless shelling by the American-Filipino guns in defense positions on the Batan peninsula west of Manila bay, the department said.
The usual artillery battery in the world's armies consists of four guns. On this basis the report from the Philippines would credit the defenders with wiping out 44 field guns, a considerable measure of fire power in the comparatively small fighting area.
Japanese losses were called "heavy," while that of the defenders were labeled "relatively slight."
Japanese dive bombers supported the enemy artillery fire, the morning communiqué said, but there were no enemy bombing attacks on the fortifications at the southern tip of Batan or Corregidor Island, the guardian of Manila bay.

PRESIDENT FLAYS NEW PRICE BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt described the price control bill as it passed the senate, at a press conference today, as one that would compel inflation.
The president made his views known following a conference earlier in the day with five house members who have been appointed to attempt to work out a satisfactory bill in conference with a senate delegation. The president said he thought the house conferees were pretty sympathetic toward his views.
He said he had pointed out to them two important things: First, that the overwhelming majority of farmers in every section of the country did not want to be accused of starting a kind of spiral which, in the long run, would be costly to them and to everybody in the United States. The majority of farmers, he said, do not want to be responsible for having so-called farm leaders upset the entire apple cart of the war effort.
Second, the O'Mahoney amendment, if it became law, would start a spiral sooner than anything that could be suggested and would do more than anything else to saddle a huge debt on this and later generations. Furthermore, he said, it would encourage people doing other things, such as producing bombs or tanks, to demand wage increases to meet a higher cost of living.

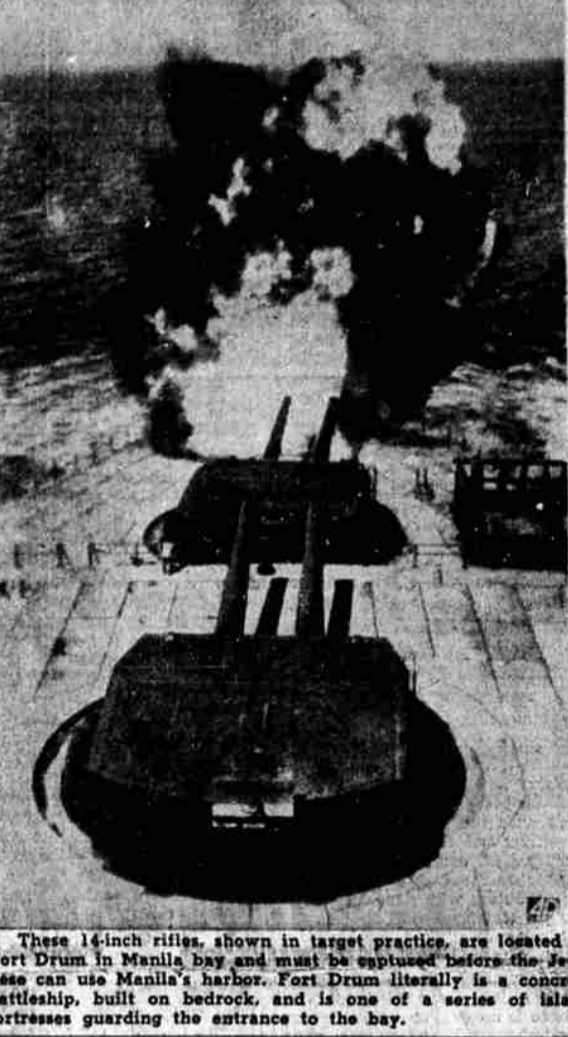
First Traffic Death Marked For Klamath

Klamath county's first traffic fatality was chalked up shortly after 12 o'clock noon Tuesday with the death of Gust Erickson, 43, 911 Walnut avenue, who died following injuries received early Monday morning when he was struck by a car.
According to state police, Erickson suffered injuries when he was struck by a machine driven by Loyal B. Hopkins Jr., 21, Weyerhaeuser, at Seventh and Main streets about 1 a. m. January 12. He was moved to Klamath Valley hospital by ambulance, expiring almost 36 hours later without regaining consciousness.
Death was attributed to a basal skull fracture and internal injuries, it was reported. Police were investigating the accident late Tuesday. Erickson has lived in this vicinity for the past 15 years. He was a native of Sweden and officials of the Oregon State Employment office said he had not become a citizen of this county.

Civilian Flying Ordered Grounded Along Coast

SEATTLE, Jan. 13 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Carlyle H. Wash, commanding the 2d interceptor command, today grounded all civilian aircraft, with the exception of approved air lines, in western Washington and Oregon as a matter of "military necessity."
His order said classes already being trained in the official civilian pilot training schools would be permitted to complete their courses, but that no new students might be enrolled.
The prohibition applies to all offshore areas and to all of western Washington and Oregon bounded on the east by the 21st degree meridian, north of the 45th parallel, and by the 121st degree, 30 minute meridian south of the 45th parallel.

Fort Drum Guns Roar at Japs Now



These 14-inch rifles, shown in target practice, are located on Fort Drum in Manila bay and must be captured before the Japanese can use Manila's harbor. Fort Drum literally is a concrete battleship, built on bedrock, and is one of a series of island fortresses guarding the entrance to the bay.

DUTCH BLAST SEA ARMADA OFF BORNEO

Hints of Coming Aid Seen; Oil Works Destroyed
By The Associated Press
Dutch bombers were reported blasting today at a Japanese invasion armada off the Japanese-conquered island of Tarakan, Dutch North Borneo, as cheering word spread that Anglo-American reinforcements were en route to the new Far East battle zone.
Simultaneously, British dispatches declared cryptically that an important announcement could be expected at any moment "which may change the Malayana situation considerably in Britain's favor."
Forces Thinned
Taken together, these seemed to indicate that powerful allied counter-blow may soon be struck.
Washington military observers further pointed out that the Mikado's invasion horde, striking in Malaya, China, the Philippines and the Dutch East Indies, had now spread out dangerously thin and become vulnerable to a concerted allied counter-stroke.
Dutch East Indies headquarters at Batavia acknowledged that its garrison at Tarakan had been compelled to surrender in the face of overwhelming odds, but said Japanese conquest of the tiny, oil-rich island off the northeast coast of Borneo was "very costly to the invader."
20,000 Attackers
A small part of the garrison escaped, it was announced.
Authoritative quarters said the small Dutch garrison "fought bravely for two days" until Japanese sea-borne and parachute (Continued on Page Two)

Retail Trade Workers Canvass For Downtown Red Cross Drive

Contributions already acknowledged	\$6,339.62
Contributions received Tuesday	290.00
Total	\$6,629.62

Pledging all their time until the job is finished, the following members of the Klamath Retail Trade Bureau are covering the business district in a whirlwind campaign to bring in the downtown share of Klamath county's \$10,000 quota of the national \$50,000,000 Red Cross war fund:
Mahr Reymers, Dick Reeder, Vic Vehring, Keith Moon, Louis Serruys, Rudy Jacobs, Webb Kenneth, Ed Livingston, Lou Langworthy, B. E. Hardenbrook, R. R. Proebstel, C. Roy Whytal, Clemens A. Lundy, Wait Wiesendanger, Vern Moore, George Davis, John Fowler and Ralph Howard.
The business district drive is being directed by Nicholas Long. It is hoped to have it completed by Saturday night.
The board of directors of the Kiwanis club, meeting Monday night, led off for the city's service clubs with a donation of \$25, voted unanimously by the members of the board.
Meanwhile plans are being shaped at many of the county's industrial plants to follow the lead taken last week by employees of the Di Giorgia Fruit corporation, successor to the Klamath Lumber & Box company, who donated a half day's pay each to the Red Cross war fund. If these plans go through, as hoped, a large sum will be added to the fund.
The city of Portland, using a staff of hundreds of canvassers in house-to-house calls, hopes to complete its war fund quota by the end of this week. In Klamath (Continued on Page Two)

Willkie Claims U. S. Paying Price of Ease

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—"It is paying the bitter price of our worship of expediency, our endless seeking of the easy way out," says Wendell L. Willkie.
"We will be doing our job the hard way because we have so long sought the easy way," the 1940 republican presidential candidate said last night.

Klamath Receives More Road Money Than Expected

Klamath county's road fund was richer this week than anyone had anticipated, with receipt of a state appropriation check for \$14,000 more than the budget-tune estimate made here. The additional apportionment, made over Klamath's \$85,742 share of the basic \$2,000,000 state fund, amounted to \$34,943.01. The estimate here was for \$20,500.
Total 1941 apportionment for all counties amounted to \$2,815,071.90, or 15.7 per cent of the receipts from motor vehicle and operators' registrations, fuels taxes, carrier fees and fines for motor vehicle law violations.

Bond Pledge Card Shown On Page 4

A copy of the defense bond and stamp pledge card to be used in the bond pledge day campaign here January 20, will be found on Page 4 today.
The treasury department has asked that every citizen be reached with a request that he sign one of these pledges. In Klamath county, citizens are asked voluntarily to visit their precinct polling places on January 20, either to sign a pledge or to show their names checked off to have their names checked "contacted."
The bond pledge card is published in this paper, at the request of defense savings officials, so that citizens will have time to study the matter and decide what they can pledge in savings toward the American war effort. The pledge is not an order, and can be revoked at any time by the pledger by writing to defense savings headquarters.

KLAMATH LUMBER ORDERED BY ARMY

Contracts Given for 12 to 15 Million Feet of Pine
Orders totalling an estimated 12 to 15 million feet of ponderosa pine for defense construction use were granted Klamath area mills at last week's government auction in Seattle, it was learned here Tuesday.

Vice Lid Closing in Klamath Following Army Clean-up Order

The vice lid, which was said this week to be slowly closing on houses of prostitution in Klamath Falls as well as other cities in the state of Oregon, will probably be clamped down securely this week, according to information received here from Salem where the state board of health was called in session by Dr. Frederick Stricker, state health officer.
The board, complying with an army request that houses of prostitution "adjacent to military establishments" be closed, met to discuss measures for control of venereal disease among prostitutes. According to city police, no word had been received to take final steps in closing the houses, and Dr. Peter H. Rozendal, Klamath county health officer, said he had received no definite instructions.
By placing Klamath Falls "adjacent to military establishments," rumor was rife that Klamath might be selected for an air base site, or would be too close to the Medford area where a cantonment was assured. Three officials of the army medical corps were in Klamath Falls Monday. Police said they were not aware of their presence.
It is understood here that a survey has been completed by the state board of health in regard to existing houses in Klamath county.
Dr. Rozendal made the following statement in regard to closing the houses in this area: "If the houses in Klamath (Continued on Page Two)

Suit Filed to Challenge New Cigaret Tax

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Suit challenging the two-cent cigarette tax law was filed in state supreme court today by the state Retail Grocers' association, the court accepting jurisdiction and ordering Secretary of State Earl Snell to show cause on January 23 why he should not be compelled to place the measure on the referendum ballot next November.
No effort was made to restrain the state tax commission from collecting the tax pending outcome of the case, but there were indications that such action might follow within a few days.
The association contended that Snell had accepted its referendum petitions as adequate, and that the attorney general's ruling, that the association's expense statements were not sufficient, has no bearing on the validity of the referendum.
The law was passed a year ago, but enforcement was delayed by the referendum. After the attorney general's opinion, the state tax commission began collecting the tax last Thursday.
If the court holds in favor of the association, the tax will be suspended and the people will be permitted in November to decide whether they want the tax.
If the ruling is in favor of Snell, the tax will continue.
The tax was expected to raise about \$1,200,000 a year, with five-sixths of the revenue to be used for old age pensions, and one-sixth for vocational education.

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