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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 \$6,898.12
Needed \$3,101.88



REINFORCEMENTS REACH BURMA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a lull in the shooting today. As always when the shooting lulls, talk rises. That is perfectly normal. Shooting and talking have worked together in war as far back as the records go.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX, talking to the reporters at his press conference, says:

"These stories of internal unrest in Germany are SPURIOUS and are being deliberately spread to take the edge off America's war effort."

He adds: "German withdrawals in Russia should not be regarded as a sign of a German debacle. There has been hasty retirement, but I don't believe there is a German rout in Russia."

ON the other side of the fence, "usually reliable informants" in Europe say today that German reverses on the Russian front have upset the whole axis apple cart.

Germany, they add, wants desperately to get the Italian fleet through the Dardanelles to smack the Russian fleet in the Black sea, but Turkey, impressed by Russian successes, is sitting tight as the guardian of the gate. Travelers from France and elsewhere in Europe report that the Nazi forces moved recently into France and to the Spanish frontier are battle-battered troops from the Eastern front and are replacing fresh troops which are being moved to the Russian and Bulgarian fronts.

TAKE your choice. This writer has an idea the truth lies somewhere between the skepticism voiced by Knox and the wishful thinking arising out of Hitler's definite failure to smash Russia this winter.

GERMANY has had a HARD JOLT in Russia, but is FAR FROM LICKED.

Napoleon got a harder jolt in Russia than Hitler has got, coming out with only a shattered remnant of the veteran army he went in with.

But he left his demoralized army inside the Russian border, hastened back to Paris, put down an incipient revolution, raised a new army, hastened back across the Rhine and fought for nearly two years, winning most of the actual battles, before being finally finished off and sent into exile.

The thing that finished Napoleon off was superiority in numbers and equipment on the part of his enemies, so that wherever he turned he faced TOO MANY MEN AND GUNS. That is what will finish Hitler.

ON the home front, we have a new deal—a war production board that supplants the old supply priorities and allocations board.

Donald M. Nelson, former mailer house man, is to be its chairman and FDR announces that his decision as to questions of procurement and production will be FINAL.

WHEN your business faces an emergency, you hire the best man you can lay hands on and tell him to go ahead and get results.

That is what the U. S. is doing. Nelson is the man, and apparently he's being told to go ahead and get results.

IN our part of World War I, Bernard M. Baruch was the man. He and his war industries board did their job so well that in his memoirs Field Marshal von Hindenburg acknowledged grudgingly:

"They (Baruch and his war industries board) UNDERSTOOD WAR."

NELSON says: Our goal is to substitute (Continued on Page Two)

Nelson Takes War Helm

Reshuffle of British War Cabinet Seen

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A reshuffle of the British cabinet as a result of criticisms over war management and changes in ministerial assignments were described as imminent today in parliamentary circles.

It was stated that announcements might even precede the return to London of Prime Minister Churchill from his conferences in Washington with President Roosevelt.

Some informants said the changes likely would involve appointment of a new minister of supply not because of dissatisfaction with Lord Beaverbrook, who now holds the post, but because he is expected to be kept (Continued on Page Two)

KNOX DOUBTS NAZI 'COLLAPSE' TALES

Stories Planned for Effect on U. S., Says Secretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Knox today said he believed stories of internal unrest in Germany were spurious and deliberately spread to take the edge off America's war effort.

"Almost everyone of the stories about the terrible situation in Germany originates in territory controlled by Germany," Knox told a press conference. "This alone should raise suspicion."

"Assuming that they are doing it deliberately, it is intended to take the fine edge off the sense of urgency and singleness of purpose with which this country is pushing its war effort."

Knox said also that German (Continued on Page Two)

Precinct Boards Taking Part in Bond Pledge Day

County Clerk Mae K. Short said Wednesday that precinct election boards are responding wholeheartedly to the plan for using the boards in conducting the "bond pledge day" program throughout the county January 20.

Mrs. Short on Tuesday night completed sending out notices and instructions to the boards. They will open precinct polling places from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. January 20, and every citizen in the county is asked to visit his polling place to obtain pledge cards.

A number of volunteers offered their services Wednesday, and Mrs. Short said more volunteer service will be acceptable. She also is taking applications for work on election boards at the primary election in May.

Contributions Received by Red Cross in War Relief Campaign

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| Contributions previously acknowledged | \$6,829.62 |
| Contributions received Wednesday | 268.50 |
| Total | \$7,098.12 |
| War relief funds for the Red Cross \$50,000,000 nationwide drive poured in by dollars and two-dollars and on up the scale of voluntary contributions Wednesday, to bring Klamath \$268.50 closer to its \$10,000 quota. Officials were hopeful that the drive would be completed here by Saturday, as individual contributions continued at the peak and the business district canvass progressed. | |
| Wednesday, the following contributions were recorded: | |
| Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Thomas | \$ 2.00 |
| Paul Hanna | 1.00 |

LAST POSITION NEAR MOSCOW KNOCKED OUT

Eastern Front Now in Motion, Say Reds; Kharkov Hit

By The Associated Press Russian troops were reported advancing within 100 miles of Adolf Hitler's winter headquarters at Smolensk today, while in the south, red army forces were pictured as storming at the outer gates of Kharkov, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine.

Soviet military dispatches said collapse of a German wing defending a flank of the Moscow-to-Mozhaisk highway had knocked out the Germans' "last zone of positional warfare" before Moscow and that "the whole front is now in motion."

200,000 Killed The Russians declared that Hitler's reeling armies had lost 200,000 killed between November 16 and January 6, with 20,000 slain in recent fighting in the Donets river industrial basin.

Soviet troops were described as now battering heavily against German defenses at Mozhaisk itself, 57 miles west of Moscow, where a Nazi garrison of 100,000 men still held out despite the danger of being trapped by (Continued on Page Two)

Defense Stamps, Money Stolen at Riverside School

The meanest man in town added another feather to his cap and erased all doubt as to his right to the title when he broke into Riverside school some time Tuesday night and took money, defense stamps, and defense stamp books which children of the school were filling.

City police were baffled by the activities of the marauder who added Riverside to a list of other schools including Joseph Conger, Fairview and Fremont, as well as several churches which he had plundered within the past few weeks. Methods used at Riverside were similar to those employed in the robberies of other buildings, police officers said.

In each of the four schools entered by the robber, a quantity of defense stamps was taken. A total loss of \$50 was reported by city police.

NAMED RIGHT CAMP FORREST, Tenn., Jan. 14 (AP)—The newly appointed camp transportation officer here is First Lieutenant Pullman Carr.

Tire Rationing Board Grants 4 Applications

Klamath's tire rationing board has acted on seven applications, granting four of them, it was announced Wednesday. The board will meet on Friday of this week to pass on further applications.

Applications were granted as follows: One obsolete size tire, to a railroad worker.

One passenger car tire, to a woman who drives a mail route.

Two truck tires to an oil company transporting fuel. Two obsolete size tires. (Obsolete tires can be rationed to anyone who needs them, regardless of other eligibility factors.)

The board rejected the applications of (Continued on Page Two)

PROBLEMS FACED BY RIO CONFAB

Argentina Withholds Support; Ecuador Eyes Dispute

By ALBURN WEST RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 14 (AP)—Twenty-four hours before its first official session, the Pan-American conference of foreign ministers appeared to have struck two obstacles today—Argentina's reluctance to commit herself to any military alliances or "acts of pre-belligerency," and Ecuador's determination to settle her 100-year-old boundary dispute with Peru before entering into any general discussions.

In the behind-the-scenes diplomacy aimed at creating a united western hemisphere front against the axis, Argentina was considered the chief obstacle. Its policy was reaffirmed at Buenos Aires last night by President Ramon S. Castillo, who said his government could not assent to any "measures of belligerency" which might come before the conference, and earlier had been laid down along the same lines by Foreign Minister Enrique Ruiz Guinazu.

(Private advices from Buenos Aires have indicated that the Castillo government is under strong popular and political pressure to change its isolationist attitude. Argentine sources in the United States say the government might even face a coup if it does not adopt a more pro-allied stand.)

From a most authoritative source it was learned that Tobar Donoso, foreign minister of Ecuador, had declared he would not take part in the conference sessions unless a basis of settlement was reached in the boundary dispute with Peru.

The same source said a third problem had been created by the apparently unwavering determination of the Central American and Caribbean nations to force the conference to act on a proposal calling for all the American nations to join in the war against the axis.

The 13,425 owners of cars operating in Klamath county will line up in the Klamath Falls postoffice starting January 26, and plunk out \$2.09 for the federal auto tax stamp which, after February 1, will be required for legal operation of a motor vehicle.

A stamp, costing \$2.09, will carry the motorist through to next July 1, according to an Associated Press report from Washington, D. C. A new stamp, costing \$5, will be required for the ensuing 12 months' operation. The internal revenue bureau, in speeding issuance on the stamps, said some points of the country would not be supplied immediately. Klamath Falls apparently fell in this category as the local postoffice said they did not expect the stamps before January 26, giving local operators but four days in which to buy the stickers.

Oldster, Anxious To Help, Appeals To County Clerk

Because he couldn't afford to pledge even 25 cents a week to Klamath's defense bond and stamp campaign, one 70-year-old man was upset he took his troubles to the county clerk's office for help. "I'm already getting relief," he explained, "and I don't see what I'm going to do about this pledge day they're having. I'd sure like to help, but I can't."

Mae K. Short, county clerk, advised him to sign the pledge card January 26 and write his explanation on it. In such a case, good intentions are worth a great deal, she felt.

NEW BOSS MAY CALL SHAKE-UP TO WIN FIGHT

Entire Production of War Put Under One Man

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—America's new war production boss, Donald M. Nelson, told the army, navy and OPB today that he was ready to shake up the entire defense setup if necessary "to lick Hitler and the Japs."

"Any organizational changes that have to be made in order to do this job will be made," Nelson declared in a letter to William S. Knudsen, OPB director general; Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, and Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

First Act The letter marked Nelson's first official act since his selection late yesterday by President Roosevelt as the one-man head of the nation's entire war production and procurement machinery.

"We have just one job to do—to make enough war material to lick Hitler and the Japs, and to do it in the shortest possible time," the brief said.

"Everyone connected with production and procurement, in all agencies of the government, must carry on with the utmost devotion and energy."

Earlier Senators Connally (D-Tex.) and Wiley (R-Wis.) urged in the senate that Nelson be given "complete authority" over the nation's machinery of production and supply.

At the White House, Stephen Early, presidential secretary said an executive order formally establishing a war production board was in process of preparation but that its promulgation awaited word from Nelson on the type of setup desired.

Early indicated the order would be drafted to conform to Nelson's recommendations and wishes. President Roosevelt announced yesterday that Nelson would head up the war production and supply efforts. An executive order making this setup effective is yet to come.

It will be Nelson's job to duplicate, if not surpass, the masterly economic generalship which (Continued on Page Two)

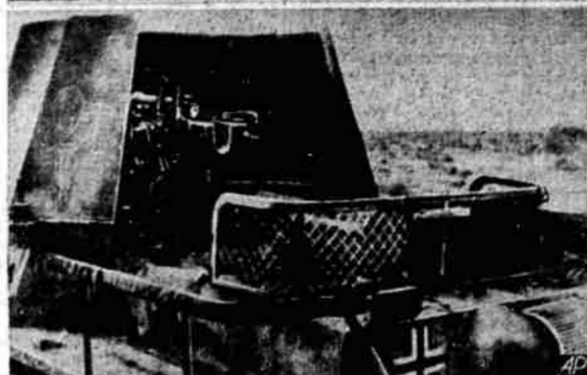
Klamath County Car Owners to Pay U. S. Tax

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State police said the stamps were green with a Liberty bell printed in the center. The stamps will be affixed to the lower right hand corner of the windshield much as a temporary sticker is used. The stamps are to remain on the windshield. Postal authorities said two windows would be open for the sale of stamps.

Nazi 'Secret Weapon' in Libya



Two views of a captured German tank, which British say is a "secret weapon" in Libya. Top: tank has appearance of heavily-armored vehicle. Bottom: turret, stripped, revealed as a thin metal shell of heavy caliber gun firing armor-piercing shells with range of 5000 yards. British say such tanks were used as mobile artillery, covering advance of regular tanks.

Chinese Call For Action in Pacific Area

CHUNGKING, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Chinese press declared today that signs of British and American reinforcements in the Far East were lacking, that the situation allowed of no optimism, and turned severe criticism upon the conduct of the war in the Pacific.

"British authorities in Malaya have shown themselves wanting in both vision and determination" was the blunt assertion of the Chinese army organ, Sao Tang Pao.

The term "Pacific war" appeared in publications 20 years ago and was the subject of constant discussion in Japan, yet Americans were caught off-guard at Pearl Harbor, and the Philippines are left to look after themselves with a small force," it continued.

"Signs of Anglo-American reinforcements are absent while British and American authorities continue to indulge in side-tracking remarks. Both Knox (United States secretary of the navy) and A. V. Alexander (Britain's first lord of the admiralty) urged the allies to strike Hitler first. If Japan is allowed to take Singapore and the Netherlands East Indies it will be easier said than done for America and Britain to start the counter-offensive."

While other papers strongly supported demands for the speedy dispatch of land, naval and air reinforcements to the Far East, Sao Tang Pao took the gloomy view that if Japan gained control of Malaya and the Dutch Indies she would attain self-sufficiency.

Scrap Steel Collection Sought To Uphold Production for War

By IRVING PERLMETER WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A group of responsible government officials today saw the nation's huge war program threatened in 1942 by a possible shortage of from four to six million tons of scrap steel—the very metal which Japan bought up so avidly here in the pre-war years.

Accordingly, they urged an immediate rummage of the nation's vacant lots, backyards and cellars for all available scrap.

WAVELL TAKES HAND IN DUTCH INDIES REGION

MacArthur Halts Jap Attacks; British Still Retreat

By The Associated Press Land and air reinforcements for hard-pressed British forces in the Far East have arrived in Rangoon, on Japan's Burma flank, it was announced today.

The landing of anti-aircraft units and ground crews for additional aircraft, along with fully equipped British and Indian soldiers, was disclosed at the same time that cancellation of some postal services from Singapore showed that the defenders of that bastion in southeastern Asia had been forced into a further retreat.

Counter Action The Rangoon announcement said more reinforcements were on the way. The new units were sent at once to guard airfields, some of which are hidden in the jungle near the Thailand frontier.

These were signs that the allies in the Pacific war were getting set for counter action. Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, commander-in-chief of the new allied Far East command, has arrived in the Dutch East Indies and already launched a series of dynamic counter-blows against Japanese invasion forces, military dispatches said today.

Dutch troops were reported moving into action on the border of the "White Rajah" kingdom of Sarawak, where Japanese troops had seized the capital, Kuching, and most of the northern territory.

Gen. Wavell's second in command, Lieut-Gen. George H. Brett, former chief of the US army air corps, arrived at the same time to help direct strategy for the Indies' fighting defense.

Dutch Indies soldiers were also reported battling hand-to-hand with Japanese invaders near Lake Tondano, on the northeast tip of Celebes Island. Simultaneously, Dutch warplanes bombed Japanese-occupied Tarakan Island, off the coast of Dutch North Borneo, and a Japanese base in the southern Philippines.

American Attack The Philippine base was pre- (Continued on Page Two)

Officers Listed For Klamath Unit Of State Guard

Thomas B. Abbott and Nelson Reed were listed as commissioned officers and the names of 14 non-commissioned officers disclosed today in an announcement by D. E. Van Vactor, captain of Company B of the First regiment, Klamath Falls unit of the Oregon State Guard.

Van Vactor said the appointments, made by him, have been forwarded to state headquarters for issuance of certificates. Abbott was commissioned a first lieutenant and Reed a second lieutenant.

Other appointments were: First sergeant, Robert A. Thompson; supply sergeant, Louis A. Turpen; mess sergeant, Darrell E. Christie; other sergeants, Don R. Chase, Arthur L. Anderson, Paul O. Landry, Robert O. Odell; corporals, Charles L. McDonald, Harry L. Kellis, Newton B. Nelson, Joy A. Ustick, Abraham M. Neslin, Walter H. Hansen, William E. Call.

A complete roster of the guard is scheduled for publication tomorrow.

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