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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.

22 KILLED IN AIRLINE CRASH

Singapore Crisis Nears

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific picture today is not so bright.

The Japs, checked yesterday by the hard-hitting Australians, have poured again around the flank of the British on the Malay peninsula, reaching Malacca, on the strait of the same name—about 100 miles from Singapore.

The strait of Malacca separates the Malay peninsula from the Dutch island of Sumatra. It is the main shipping route guarded by Singapore. It is the route by which water-borne reinforcements must reach Singapore.

(Your map will make the situation here much plainer than words can.)

THE Japs claim today that General MacArthur's forces on the Batan peninsula are in "general retreat toward the coast of Manila bay, presumably in hopes of finding shelter on Corregidor island."

(The U. S. war department in Washington fails to confirm this Jap claim, reporting only that an attack by OVERWHELMING Japanese numbers, well supported by planes and artillery, is being stubbornly contested by MacArthur's army.)

AS an American, capable of thinking for yourself, you should read the enemy reports but should CONSIDER THEIR SOURCE.

Tokyo gives out news not for the purpose of INFORMING but for the purpose of MISLEADING. The same holds true for Berlin and Rome. Germany, Italy and Japan are dictatorial countries, whose press and radio are WHOLLY under the thumb of the ruler and are used primarily for propaganda.

War propaganda has two main purposes: To deceive, confuse and terrify the enemy and to ENCOURAGE the people at home. Tokyo, Berlin and Rome have no scruples about using their press and radio for these purposes. You must take that fact into consideration in reading or listening to ALL news from axis sources.

FROM time to time bits of news given out by the axis prove to be accurate (especially when they deal with axis victories). So you can't afford to disregard them entirely. But in reading them ALWAYS CONSIDER THE SOURCE. Never believe them implicitly. Always check them against other sources.

IF you will take a look at a map of the Batan peninsula, you will see at once the reason for MacArthur's success in holding back a superior force. His front is narrow. His flanks are protected by water or by precipitous mountains.

Always, since war began, small forces have chosen such positions for stubborn stands against superior forces.

The pass of Thermopylae, where Leonidas and his 1400 Greeks held back the Persian hordes, was a narrow front, protected on one side by the sea and on the other by the mountains.

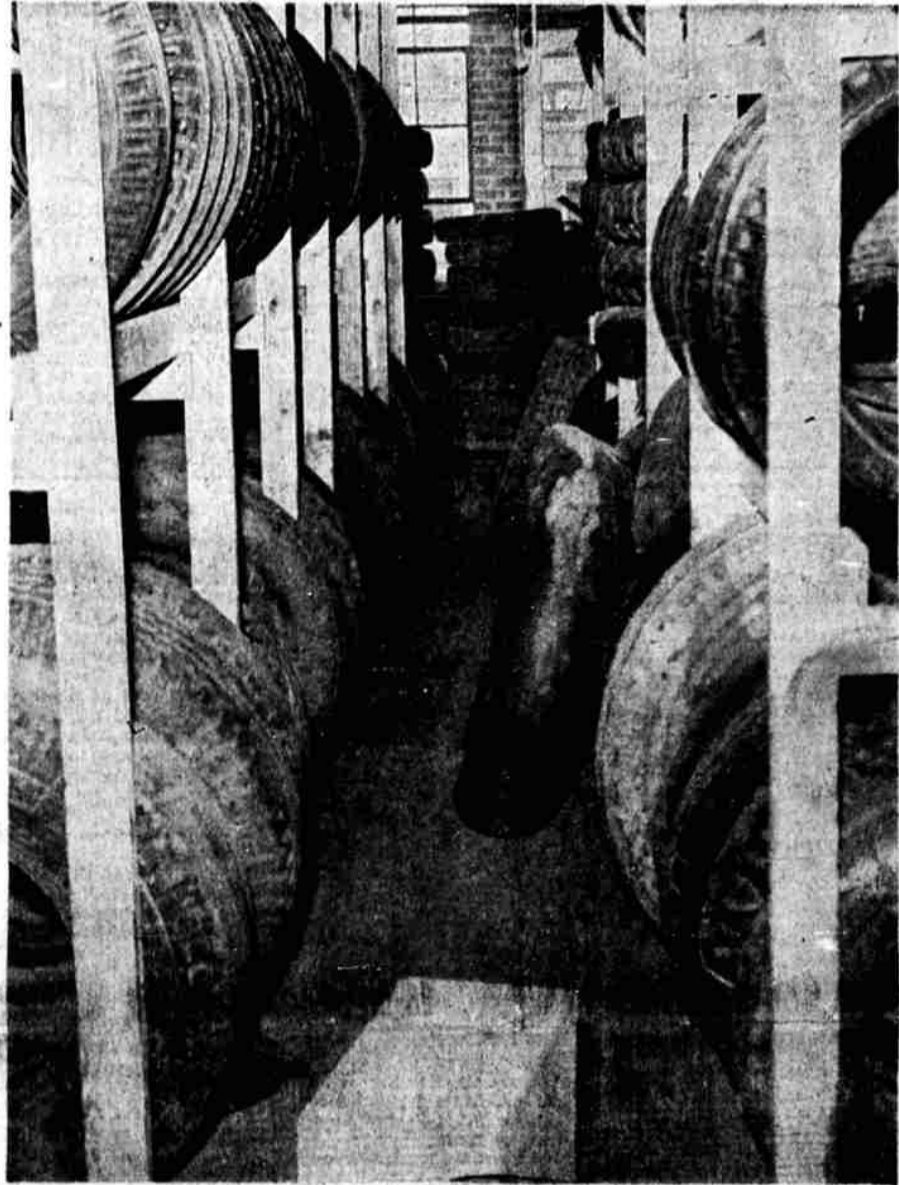
In such positions, the superior attacking force is compelled to make a costly frontal attack. In open country, it can pour around the ends, enveloping and smothering the smaller body of defenders.

THE British have had a narrow front on the Malay peninsula, with water on both flanks, but the Japs have apparently possessed sufficient naval superiority to enable them to outflank the defending British BY WATER.

THE war picture, admittedly dark in the Pacific, is brighter elsewhere—at the moment.

The British today take Halfaya pass by storm, thus clearing the road along the Mediterranean for supply of the British advanced armies pushing on westward toward Tripoli. In the

Klamath Tires Wait Re-Capping



Scenes like this are common in Klamath Falls tire re-capping establishments as the motoring public floods them with orders. Re-capping houses report that if all business were accepted it would keep them busy until mid-July. Some are currently quoting three-weeks delivery but many motorists are holding off until the rush abates.

Tire Re-Cappers Operating On 'Gold Rush' Basis Here

By BOB LEONARD
(Pictures on Page 14)

The rubber shortage may cut into your business but it's money in the pocket for Klamath re-capping shops which this week were doing a gold-rush, boom-town trade in the face of scarcity.

Local shops, jammed to the guards by priority-less motorists, are either turning down orders entirely or making no promises on delivery. A few are quoting three weeks with no assurance.

Blitzkrieg

The situation resembles Pearl Harbor on the morn of December 7. Caught with blitzkrieg suddenness by the SPAB's drastic order, re-cappers here, as elsewhere, found themselves with a shortage of equipment and trained men when the de-

Klamath People Urged to Sign Pledge on Bonds

Klamath people are urged to go to their precinct polling places Tuesday, January 20, which is "bond pledge day" in Klamath county.

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. Each citizen will be given the opportunity of signing a pledge for savings stamp or bond purchases. If, later on, he finds he is unable to purchase as pledged, he may revoke the pledge by writing to defense savings headquarters.

Bond pledge day is to be observed here because the treasury department has asked that every wage-earning citizen be solicited for defense savings pledges. Under the Klamath plan, citizens call voluntarily and eliminate the huge task of hunting everybody down for interviews.

Those who are already buying stamps or bonds should sign the pledge and indicate what they are doing.

MADRID SAYS FREE FRENCH RAID ISLE

Three Axis Merchant Ships Seized by Warship, Claim

By The Associated Press

MADRID, Jan. 17.—Three axis merchantmen have been seized by a Free French destroyer in a raid on the harbor of Santa Isabel, in non-belligerent Spain's island of Fernando Poo, off the west coast of Africa, the newspaper Arriba asserted today.

Arriba, the official organ of the Falange, the sole political party in nationalist Spain, indicated that Spain already may

WAKE ISLAND

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—Senator McNary (R-Ore.) has notified seven Roseburg women the navy was trying to ascertain through the International Red Cross at Geneva the fate of industrial workers on Wake Island, captured by the Japanese.

Kesterson Employes Swell Red Cross Fund With Payroll Split

Contributions previous	\$7547.43
acknowledged	
Contributions acknowledged Saturday	381.85
Total	\$7929.28

Saturday's outstanding development in the campaign to raise Klamath county's \$10,000 quota of the national Red Cross war fund was a donation of \$748.17 by employes of the Kesterson Lumber corporation. This sum, the largest yet contributed, represents gifts of a half day's pay by each of the employes, both office and plant. Even Buster, the lone horse used around the plant, is included in the list of employes contributing a half day's pay.

In addition to this generous gift by employes, a large contribution was made by the Kesterson corporation early in the campaign.

Kesterson's is the third lumber operation to complete a plan for employer and employe donations to the Red Cross war fund. The first was Algona Lumber company, completed on December 24. The second was di Gior-

TOKYO CLAIMS WAR GAINS IN MALAY, LUZON

Enemy Radio Reports Break-Through 50 Miles From Base

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The navy said today a United States submarine had sunk three enemy merchant ships off Tokyo bay.

The communique reporting this also announced that Admiral Thomas C. Hart had assumed control of allied naval forces in Far Eastern waters.

The text of communique No. 30, was based on reports received up to 2 p. m., Pacific standard time.

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

An official Tokyo broadcast asserted today that Japan's invasion armies had broken through Australian defense lines in the Batu Pahat sector, only 50 miles northwest of Singapore, and it was apparent that a crisis was near in the fate of Britain's \$400,000,000 stronghold.

Another Tokyo broadcast, quoting dispatches dated "With Japanese Forces on Batan Peninsula, Luzon Island," declared that U. S. army defenders of the Philippines were in general retreat toward the coast of Manila bay, apparently hoping to find shelter on Corregidor island.

British Say 90 Miles

The Tokyo radio said Japanese observation planes reported American and Filipino artillerymen were abandoning battery positions and that large columns were joining in a general retreat toward Manila bay and the west coast of Batan peninsula.

British headquarters in Singapore acknowledged that Japanese troops had gained a foothold on the south bank of the strategic Muar river, 90 miles north of Johore strait which

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prosaically from a train this afternoon, home from a history-making visit to the United States and Canada, after having flown the Atlantic from Bermuda to Plymouth.

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4 Persons Give Up Seats, Miss Airline Crash

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan. 17 (AP)—Joseph Sziegeti, famous

Hungarian violinist, and three women gave up their seats to army pilots and escaped a crash of a TWA Luxury liner near Las Vegas, Nev., in which all aboard apparently perished.

Sziegeti, now an executive of the music department of the National Broadcasting corporation, was reported en route to Hollywood to work on a new picture with Irving Berlin.

He with the others—identified by TWA as Miss Mary Anna Johnson, Benicia, Calif., Mrs. Florence Sawyer, Portland, Me., and Mrs. Carl Brandener, Holton, Kas.—left for the coast by the next TWA plane last night.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 17 (AP)

"Carole, don't take that plane."

Those were the words Mr. and Mrs. James C. Todd of Indianapolis heard Movie Star Carole Lombard's mother say to her at the Indianapolis municipal airport early yesterday morning.

The blonde screen actress boarded the plane, however, and she and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Peters, presumably rode to their death in a crash in the Nevada mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd were at the airport awaiting the arrival of another plane when they overheard Mrs. Peters ask her daughter not to fly back to California. Miss Lombard came here by train Thursday to take part in a defense bond rally.

Churchill Back In Britain Via Flying Boat

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BRITISH CAPTURE HALFAYA POCKET

Berlin Says Russian Crimean Attacks Thrown Back

By The Associated Press

British siege forces today captured the "axis Tobruk" stronghold at Halfaya (Halfeyah) pass, on the Egyptian-Libyan frontier 300 miles behind the main battle sector, as the hold-out garrison of more than 5500 German and Italian troops laid down their arms in unconditional surrender.

Cut off from water and other supplies, the garrison hoisted the white flag amid a tempestuous assault by British dive-bombers, artillery and guns of the British fleet.

Last Resistance

The fall of the cliff-guarded citadel, announced by British middle east headquarters, wiped out the last axis resistance in the Libyan-Egyptian border area and gave the British access to the main coastal route of supply to their advanced armies driving into Tripolitania.

While axis forces held the pass, the British had been compelled to detour reinforcements and supplies over a hazardous

Second Klamath Youth Reported Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gillette of Montelius street received word Friday from the United States navy that their son, Warren Clayton Gillette, 21, was listed as "missing in action" since December 7. Young Gillette is the second Klamath boy to lose his life since Pearl Harbor.

The Klamath Falls boy enlisted two years ago January 12, in the navy and was a member of the crew of the Oklahoma which was damaged during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He served as squad leader and range finder. Young Gillette visited his home here last fall and spent some time deer hunting in the Klamath country. Before his enlistment he was employed at the largest ranch on the Midland road.

Roland Gillette, the youth's father, is a Southern Pacific employe and a veteran of the first World war. Last word from Warren was received during the Thanksgiving holidays, his parents stated. Following is the letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Gillette from W. M. Hobby Jr., Commander USN, Pearl Harbor, and brought to the mainland by clipper:

"With extreme regret I must tell you that your son, Warren Clayton Gillette, is listed as

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STAR CAROLE LOMBARD ONE OF VICTIMS

All Dead When Posse Arrives at Scene Near Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 17 (AP)—A ground party reached the wreckage today of a luxurious transcontinental airliner—carrying Screen Actress Carole Lombard and 21 other passengers—and found all of them dead.

Undersheriff Glenn Jones reported from Jean, Nev., that wreckage and bodies were strewn hundreds of yards and that most of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

The plane apparently hit less than 500 feet from the top of Table Mountain.

By The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Jan. 17 (AP)—Ending hours of fretful waiting in a hotel room, Actor Clark Gable today joined the 18-hour old search for a missing luxury airliner believed to have carried his wife, Carole Lombard, and 21 other occupants to their deaths.

Gable, nervous and distraught, had been persuaded by police to await word here. But soon after noon the strain became too much, and he left for the mountains with Sheriff M. E. Ward.

The actor's face was drawn and lined. Dark glasses hid his eyes. He wore a slouch hat carelessly and his shoulders were stooped.

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Bomber Crashes Near Pendleton

FORT GEORGE WRIGHT, Wash., Jan. 17 (AP)—Eight men, three of them second lieutenants, were killed today in the crash of an army air force bombing plane 2 1/2 miles north of the Pendleton, Ore., air base, the second air force airman.

The dead:

Second Lt. A. L. Francisco, pilot; Second Lt. R. C. Schow, co-pilot; Second Lt. L. E. Grindle, navigator; Staff Sgt. A. D. Spiers, Sgt. D. Clark, Corp. V. A. Learman, Private G. T. Vrable, Private L. Fagan, home addresses of the men were not available.

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