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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17—All the most active warring nations are beginning to feel the pinch of plane losses.

The Japs had to withdraw their bombers from the Philippines (virtually ceasing attacks on MacArthur) in order to make the current raids on Singapore. This is a convincing indication that while we may have underestimated the Jap air strength in the beginning, we are tending to overestimate it now.

The Russians have air supremacy over the nazis on their front, it is true, but only because they withdrew their planes from the Far East. Japan knows this and has been able to cut the wings of her home defense force to the fuselage for the Malayan campaign.

And the nazis lost their supremacy over the reds because they had to shift to Libya, Sicily, Sardinia and the south Ukrainian fronts. Their losses in Russia run 25 to 30 per cent of their total air force, and Goering's old command is now scattered all around Europe. Yet the nazis have more than 4000 planes left and could replace their losses with three months' production, if they have the materials.

This is where our swelling plane production will begin to bear weight.

NAZIS WANT MALTA

A spectacular nazi air attack on Malta has been expected the past several days. It is looked upon as no more of a dress rehearsal for an invasion of England, than was the similar conquest of Crete. An entirely different formula would be used for England.

The nazis want Malta for better reasons than rehearsing. That British stronghold sits astride the route from Italy or Greece to Libya, with a strong plane force which accompanies and warns the British fleet, refueling it from underground storage. Malta has survived 1200 bombings with its terrific concentration of anti-aircraft guns.

If it falls, the British will be able to get some ships around it, back and forth through the Mediterranean, but only with great danger.

TYPHUS PLAGUE

Reports that the devastating typhus has reached Berlin are doubted here. There may be a few cases, but the delousing system and sanitary conditions in the nazis capital make an epidemic unlikely. Throughout Warsaw and Poland the disease is spreading, but it has not reached an epidemic stage. If the nazis are pushed back so fast that their sanitary facilities break down behind the lines, their army may suffer later in the winter.

Virulence of the disease varies. In mild epidemics, the death rate has run below 25 per cent; in serious plagues, as high as 80 per cent. It spreads rapidly. While the body louse requires 14 days to infect the victim, after the tenth day all lice on the victim become carriers. The lice collect on fur clothing (widely used by the German army) and on tables, furniture and chairs.

The Russians are better prepared to fight the louse, through a long acquaintanceship. Previous infection also provides some immunity.

REDS SLOWER

What has happened on the Russian front can be measured more accurately upon the map

SIDE GLANCES



"If it weren't for my charge account here, I wouldn't come into the place!"

than from the florid phrases of the communiques. Hitler's advance into Russia averaged 400 miles, measuring from the original Russo-Polish border (Minsk line). The Russians have pushed him back an average of 40 miles (exactly that in the south, none at all north of Leningrad).

Only one tenth of nazi-conquered territory, therefore, has yet been regained.

LIMITED OBJECTIVES

The red campaign is not an ambitious drive to destroy the German army or invade Germany. Limited objectives are evident in the tactics employed.

One is the relief of Leningrad. This would reopen valuable supply railroads behind the lines, push the Germans back beyond easy bombing range of Moscow (close-in their pursuit planes could heavily protect their bombers.) More important, it would allow the reds to clear the Finns from the shortest rail line to the White sea and open a section of their supplies. The Finns have cut the railway around Lake Onega.

The second grand objective is to clear the Black sea to insure its supply lines. The reds, fighting up through the Crimea, are seeking to cut in behind the German advance post between Mariupol and Taganrog (on the sea of Azov). Relief of the naval base at Sevastopol is in line with this coastal clearance.

Heaviest fighting of the rest of the winter will come in this southern region. It is no secret to the Germans that the reds are planning a great new effort there. Fighting on the Moscow front has already been conducted in waist-deep snow.

Courthouse Records

FRIDAY
Decreases

Dale Hendrickson versus Ruby Hendrickson. Granted divorce. Edwin E. Driscoll, attorney for plaintiff.

Paul C. Hanna versus Mary M. Hanna. Granted divorce. William Kuykendall, attorney for plaintiff.

Kenneth I. Bold versus Addie M. Bold. Granted divorce. D. E. Van Vactor, attorney for plaintiff.

Justice Court

Robert C. Wicham, no motor vehicle license. Fined \$5.50, suspended.

Arthur H. Stanley, no motor vehicle license. Fined \$5.50.

John T. Houston, killing game animals during closed season. Fined \$100, \$7.50 costs.

Klamath's Yesterdays

From the files — 40 years ago and 10 years ago.

From the Klamath Republican January 16, 1902

C. C. Low was in Oleno Monday and called at this office. He reports that Dairy is improving considerably. He says that I. F. Davies has greatly improved the postoffice and his store, and that George Vaughn is putting up a new building for a store.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Reames departed yesterday on their Californian trip.

I. J. Straw of the Carr ranch passed through town yesterday with a herd of several hundred cattle.

The city council of Ashland decided not to issue any liquor licenses and henceforth Ashland will remain dry.

From The Evening Herald January 17, 1932

Mrs. H. W. Poole and Mrs. E. H. Pike will be in charge of this week's meeting of the League of Women Voters.

Rapid thaw turns snow into slush.

Al Melhase regains consciousness at Redding hospital.

Mayor and Mrs. Fred Cofer returned last night after two weeks spent in San Francisco.

New directors of the Lake county chamber of commerce are B. K. Snyder, Gene Favell, E. A. Fetsch, J. J. Van Keulen, Zim Baldwin, Dr. H. E. Kelly, A. L. Thornton, Vint Miller and C. J. Clause.

WAITING

MILES CITY, Mont., Jan. 17 (AP)—Joe Strizich became football coach at Miles City high when his predecessor was called into the army.

He took over basketball, too, when the coach of that sport received a similar summons.

Now the draft board is doing some reclassifying and Joe's waiting for his papers.

Winter Top State Insurance Man

Paul R. Winter, Klamath Falls life insurance agent, topped all 57 Oregon agents of the New York Life Insurance company both in dollar volume and paid volume during 1941, it was revealed Friday.

He jumped from seventh place in 1940 to the top spot in 1941, records showed.

Winter was also awarded a certificate of merit for his eight-year record of turning in at least one policy each week during the entire period.

Two Years Ago—Copenhagen hears 40,000 Russian troops in full flight from Salla front in Finland. Britain halts imports of American tobacco.

25 Years Ago—Canadians raid German trenches northeast of Cite Colonne, France, while other British troops drive toward Beaucourt-sur-Ancre. German raider sinks eight British steamers in Atlantic.

Your Federal Income Tax

Your Federal Income Tax No. 11

Returns of Income of Decedents

A return is required to be filed for a deceased individual if the gross income to the date of death is \$750 or over, and the individual was single, or married and not living with husband or wife for any part of the taxable year, or if the gross income to the date of death is equal to, or in excess of the credit for personal exemption (not including credit as head of family or for dependents,) and the individual was married and living with husband or wife for all or any part of the taxable year. The return for a decedent must include all items of income and deductions accrued up to the date of death, regardless of the fact that the decedent may have kept his books on a cash receipts and disbursements basis or did not keep books.

The income return of a decedent for the year in which he died is considered a return for 12 months and not for a fractional part of a year, and is due on the 15th day of the third month following the close of the taxable year during which the decedent died. After his appointment and qualification, an executor or administrator may immediately file a return for the decedent without waiting for the close of the taxable year.

With the nation now actually at war, I feel the bonds of the family unit will be strengthened.—Rev. Edwin C. Mulligan, St. Joseph's college.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

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Looking for Bargains? Turn to the Classified page.

RAINBOW
DIAL 1511
ENDS TODAY!
BIG 2 HITS

Ways Merris in Tom Brown

Three SONS O' GUNS

And — "SUNSET RANGE"

SUN. - MON. - TUES.
TWO HITS!

A DOUBLE MURDER
WITH
WEDDING
PRESENT!

LLOYD NOLAN
in
DRESSED TO KILL

with
MARY BETH HUGHES
— AND —
TOM KEENE in
"RIDING THE SUNSET TRAIL"

Weekend Roundup

FEARFUL stories still trickle over the mountains from the Willamette valley concerning the "silver thaw" that virtually stopped everything over there a fortnight ago.

This story, one of the biggest weather incidents in Oregon in a quarter of a century, was never comprehensively told. At the time the freeze was on, the army had the lid clamped tightly on all weather news and not a word was printed in the newspapers. They carried vague stories about trees falling down and interrupted light and power service, but didn't say what caused it all. They couldn't, under the army rule.

By the time the military authorities would permit news about the thaw, it was old stuff to the Willamette valley people and their papers didn't go into the story in the way they would had it been current news. Not in this writer's newspaper experience in Oregon has there been such a big state story with so little coverage. The war was responsible.

Klamath men who happened to be in the valley during the misnamed thaw tell some remarkable things. They saw cross-arms on power and telephone poles actually broken off by the weight of the ice on the lines. They saw trees in orchards split down the trunk to the ground. One observer reports he did not see a single tree in the valley that had not been damaged in some way. A local man who visited Salem described the capital building lawn, where every blade of grass wore a coat of ice and looked like (and was) an inverted icicle. Power, light and telephone service was cut off for hours, and people with old wood ranges in their houses were the envy of their neighbors. Cooking with "canned heat" was a general practice.

Willamette valley people, among whom there is woeful ignorance about the country east of the Cascade mountains, got their newspaper news during the storm because the weather over here was better than that in the valley. Press service lines up the east side from Klamath Falls to The Dalles and into Portland were intact, and news was routed around this way and back up through southern Oregon to the Willamette valley papers. We may have some cold weather over here, but this writer has never seen anything east of the Cascades that paralyzed communications and utility services like the Willamette valley's 1942 silver thaw.

People given the responsibility of soliciting for defense savings pledges and purchases should avoid high pressure methods and implied threats.

One man, who was soliciting some public employes for participation in a payroll allotment plan, was heard telling a woman that those who do not join in the plan will be "investigated." Another defense savings promoter talked about "putting the finger" on people.

This sort of thing creates a resentful attitude on the part of the public, and it is strongly disapproved by Andy Collier, the county defense savings chairman. Persuasion is all right, but no threats. "Selling" is definitely approved as a method for defense savings promotion.

And there is something to sell. The person who puts his money in defense savings bonds is making an investment; he is not "giving" anything. But he is helping his country prosecute a war, supplying money when it is badly needed. And he is making a sound investment.

Did you ever think of making a note of the serial numbers of the tires on your car? It's a sensible thing to do nowadays, with tires a priceless possession and tire thievery a serious menace. The numbers are stamped on each tire and may become a vital factor in the recovery of stolen property.

A Klamath woman got a letter the other day from Italy. It had been mailed on November 20, and it had been censored in Italy, Portugal and New York. Believe it or not, the already well-read missive came through to the recipient without a word deleted.—M. E.

NO SALE

PORTLAND, Ore., (AP) — A man strolled into the lobby of a hotel and offered to sell Don Russell an overcoat.

But he fled when Russell shouted: "Hey! That's my coat!"

It had been taken from Russell's car, parked in front of the hotel.

Read the Classified page.

Continuous Today **PINE TREE** DIAL 3262

LAST TIMES TODAY!

— HIT NO. 1 —
Western Thrills
Ray Middleton as
"HURRICANE SMITH"

— HIT NO. 2 —
Comedy - Drama
Edgar Kennedy
"Snuffy Smith The Yard Bird"

★ **STARTING SUNDAY** ★
CONTINUOUS — DOORS OPEN 12:30

It's As Big As The Lone Star State Itself!

TEXAS
with WILLIAM HOLDEN
GLENN FORD CLAIRE TREVOR

★ **MARCH OF TIME** ★
"NORWAY IN REVOLT"
★ DISNEY PLUTO COLOR CARTOON ★
★ LATEST METRO NEWS ★

TODAY and SUNDAY

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

James Cagney in
"THE GREAT GUY"

2 FEATURES

AND

RIP-ROARING ACTION!

TIM HOLT in
"RIDING THE WIND"

★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CONTINUOUS TODAY AND SUNDAY FROM 12:30 DIAL 8414

VOX

PELICAN

LAST TIMES TODAY!
—Laugh Hit No. 1—

"BLONDIE GOES TO COLLEGE"

with PENNY SINGLETON ARTHUR LAKE LARRY SIMMS DAISY

—Action Hit No. 2—

FIGHTING FURY!

ROY ROGERS

"Man From Cheyenne"

George Gabby HAYES

★ ★ Starting Tomorrow ★ ★

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30 — FEATURE TIMES 1:56 - 4:32 - 7:08 - 9:44

RICH AND WILD IS THEIR HUMOR!

DEEP AND BOLD ARE THEIR PASSIONS!

RECKLESS AND LUSTY ARE THEIR LIVES!

MIGHTY AND ETERNAL IS THEIR STORY!

Richard Llewellyn's
HOW GREEN WAS MY VALLEY

with WALTER PIDGEON • MAUREEN O'HARA
DONALD CRISP • ANNA LEE • RODDY McDOWALL
JOHN LODER • SARA ALLGOOD • BARRY FITZGERALD • PATRIC KNOWLES
Produced by DARRYL F. ZANUCK • Directed by JOHN FORD
Screen Play by Philip Dunne • A 20th CENTURY-FOX PICTURE

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★ **15 MINUTES OF PICTURES!** ★