

## WEATHER

PRECIPITATION	
As of January 24, 1942	
Present stream year	7.14
Normal to that date	6.09
Last year to that date	6.93

## 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.

# SIEGE OF SINGAPORE STARTED

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
GENERAL Percival, British commander at Singapore, sums up the situation there briefly and clearly today. He says: "The battle of Malaya has come to an end and the battle of Singapore has started." That tells the story.

LAST night the British defenders retired across the Johore causeway to Singapore island. The causeway (connecting the island with the tip of the Malayan peninsula) was then blown up. "Breached" is the term used in the dispatches, indicating that great holes were blown in it. The breaching was done, the dispatches say, by the RAF and the navy. A causeway is similar to a railway fill.

The Japs' job now is to cross the mile-wide Johore strait and take Singapore itself.

THE Japs, today's dispatches relate, made little effort to interfere with the overnight withdrawal of British forces to the island.

Draw your own conclusions as to why. This writer doesn't know. At any rate, there was no Dunkerque.

PERCIVAL says: "Our task is to hold this fortress until help can come, as assuredly it will come. This we are determined to do." The only hint of help in today's dispatches is a story from Australia by way of San Francisco to the effect that an allied convoy headed for Singapore was saved (when, not stated) by a severe tropical storm.

Sixty Jap planes, the story says, were attacking and dropping their bombs when the storm enveloped the convoy and hid it from the attackers.

THE island of Singapore is about 24 by 14 miles in size. It is more or less flat, the highest hill being only 500 feet. It has well-equipped base for planes, which the Japs will be likely to put out of commission. It is regarded as probable that plane defense for Singapore will be based at Batavia, on the island of Java, 600 miles away.

WITH the siege of Singapore starting, the siege of Batavia goes on. MacArthur reports today that "determined enemy attempts at infiltration through our lines were frustrated."

MEANWHILE, the Japs hit hard again in a new place—the Dutch naval base of Amboina, lying just west of the Dutch part of the island of New Guinea. The assault is said to be a furious one, by both land and sea forces.

Amboina is the second most important Dutch naval base, and commands another of the passages by which allied reinforcements might be got inside the ring of the Indies islands. The Japs are apparently seeking to close ALL these entrances.

## Japs Land on Dutch Isle

### Formal Charge Filed in Local Kidnaping Case

RED BLUFF, Calif., Jan. 31 (AP)—Daniel J. Redmond of Klamath Falls, Ore., was charged formally today with kidnaping R. B. Boyd, Klamath Falls oil distributor. The FBI said he held Boyd at gunpoint in Klamath Falls last Tuesday. Boyd was forced from his car between Klamath Falls and Weed. Redmond, an Irish alien, was arrested the same day by the Highway Patrol and was jailed at Mt. Shasta City.

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## ITALIAN TRAIN BAN SUGGESTS AXIS ATTACKS

Russians Report 200 Villages Taken; Africa Quiet

MOSCOW, Jan. 31 (AP)—The red army's offensive in the Ukraine continued to smash through German lines and 200 villages have been restored to the soviet, a Kulbyshnev broadcast of war dispatches said today. Three thousand Germans were killed in the action, the broadcast said.

## KLAMATH TO HOLD BIRTHDAY DANCES

Infantile Paralysis Fight to Receive Annual Purse  
"Dance that others may walk!" In Klamath Falls and in various sections of Klamath county, orchestras will play and there will be the sound of dancing feet tonight as the county does its bit to celebrate the diamond jubilee anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday and drops its contribution into the infantile paralysis fund of a million or so dollars to aid in the research and prevention of the dread disease.

## Enemy Aliens to Sign Next Week For Identification

German, Italian and Japanese alien residents of Klamath county must register in the local postoffice building between the dates of Monday, February 2 and Saturday, February 7, inclusive, and notices printed in Japanese, German and Italian, were posted this week in the Klamath Falls postoffice lobby. These notices also included the information as to how identification cards could be obtained. Registration room has been designated as room 206, Federal building.

## Germany "Bum Shooters" But Polite Say Survivors of Torpedoed Vessel

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 31 (AP)—A story of "bum shooting" on the part of unusually polite German U-boat crewmen was told by the 30 survivors of the tanker Rochester when they were landed today at the naval operating base here. The tanker was sunk in broad daylight off the Virginia coast yesterday. The 6836-ton tanker, riding light, was torpedoed without warning. The submarine pierced the aft portion of the ship with two torpedoes and fired 13 shells at the hulk. Three Killed The first torpedo hit in the engine room and trapped three of the "black gang" there. Captain A. L. Clark said the three men were instantly killed by the explosion of escaping live steam. Captain Clark, a native of West Bedford, Mass., was not "too amazed" or "too confused," he said, because in the first World war two merchant ves-

## Blimp Patrol To Be Started On West Coast

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31 (AP)—A base for blimps, the dread of submarine commanders, was established on San Francisco bay today. The navy announced it had commissioned an airship patrol squadron on nearby Moffett field, and said that by the end of this year it was expected the entire Pacific coast would be under airship patrol as an aid to bombing planes and destroyers.

## AIR ASSAULT STARTS PUSH ON AMBOINA

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Jan. 31 (AP)—The Japanese have opened a fifth front in the battle of the East Indies with a furious assault and landings on Amboina island, site of the second most important naval base in this archipelago, and the Dutch declared today the fighting was "raging everywhere."

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## Gets Congressional Medal



The war department announced that President Roosevelt had awarded the first congressional medal of the war posthumously to Second Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger, 1941 West Point graduate, who was killed in the Philippines during the battle of Marabou.

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## MALAYA FRONT ABANDONED BY BRITISH ARMY



British Also Retreat From Moulmein in Burma Campaign  
By ROGER D. GREENE  
Associated Press War Editor  
Britain suffered two grave reverses in the far Pacific today as imperial defenders of Malay fell back onto Singapore island and far to the north, British troops evacuated strategic Moulmein, across the bay from Rangoon, Burma.

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