

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.

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JAPS FAIL IN BATAN ATTACKS

State Smoke Tax Collection Halted By Supreme Court

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HEADED south. Not raining yet, but Shasta has that grayish look that tells of rain to come. They ought to conceal Shasta from the Japs. It is a sure tip-off on the weather, and so far isn't covered by the censorship rule.

(MAYBE they could put a crew of WPA artists to work painting camouflage on the snow. They could change the pattern every day or so, thus serving the double purpose of fooling the enemy and providing more work.)

CHECK in at the bug station south of Dorris. Inquire of the attendant why that kidnaper's victim the other day didn't kick up more of a disturbance. Get the logical answer that a gun in your ribs makes a lot of difference. "It was only a .22," he explains, "but a .22 makes a nasty hole."

Check. And double check. Reasoning like that can't be got around.

HOLDING between 40 and 50, even on these straight, level roads. This is 1942, and when tires are gone it will be just too bad. That thought, in these days, hangs over you like bad news just about to break. At first it seems like creeping. In a little while one becomes adjusted to it and higher speeds seem needlessly reckless. That's the way it will be with a lot of these war-time deprivations. At first they will be awful, and we'll be inclined to squawk. As we become accustomed to them, the inconvenience will vanish.

SO far, at least, this tire business is as it should be. We aren't saving tires because they're TOO HIGH PRICED. We're saving them because when they're gone there won't be any more. Not for ANYBODY. We hope. (And believe.)

The guy with a million dollars in his pants pocket won't be any better off when his present tires are gone than you and I. (If it isn't run that way, somebody's hide ought to come off.) Running it that way will make everything all right.

IF the war goes on as long as it looks now like it will and rubber stays as scarce as it now seems to be, a lot of cars are going to be laid up and a lot of people are going to start walking.

It isn't going to be too tough. Here's why: EVERYBODY ELSE is going to be walking. That will take all the sting out of it.

If YOU had to lay YOUR car up while everybody else went on riding, you'd be so humiliated you'd want to go off somewhere in a corner and die. But if everybody else is in the same boat you're in, you'll stick out your chest and your heels will hit the pavement hard and you'll whistle as you go.

(A THOUGHT at this point: If your tires last TOO LONG and you're riding while everybody else is walking you'll begin to feel like a heel and in a little while you'll lay your car up along with the rest. Just see if you don't.)

AHEAD is a lady driver with a Washington license. She's (Continued on Page Two)

Legislative Measure Referred to Public In November Poll

SALEM, Feb. 3 (AP)—The state supreme court today ordered unanimously the two-cent cigarette tax placed on the ballot at the next general election in November, and compelled the state tax commission to cease collecting the tax immediately. Earl B. Day, member of the tax commission, said the commission would stop collecting the tax at once.

Collection Stops
"The commission," Day said, "won't have any formal statement. The decision stops collection of the tax. And I can't imagine any cigarette dealer sending in any more money to the commission after he hears about the decision."

The law was passed by the 1941 legislature, but the State Retail Grocers association filed a referendum against it. Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle then advised Secretary of State Snell not to accept the referendum, Van Winkle holding that the association's expense accounts in connection with the referendum movement were inadequate.

\$45,000 Held Up
Snell then accepted Van Winkle's advice, and ordered the tax commission to begin collecting the tax. Collection began on January 8, after which the association filed the supreme court suit against Snell. The commission has collected about \$45,000, which will be placed in the state treasury and kept there until the people decide next November whether they want the tax.

Today's decision, by Justice Bailey, said that the statute requiring filing of expense statements by sponsors of referendum movements "does not require that the service for which money is paid be minutely described or that everything an employee does to earn his stipend be set forth in the statement of disbursements. It is our opinion (Continued on Page Two)

Fido May Lose Canned Foods For Duration
The nation's Fidos, whose tummies have carefully been fed canned dog food consisting of such delicacies as meat, cod liver oil, and vitamins this and that, will feel the pinch of war time rationing with the announcement Tuesday that no more canned dog food would be available following the consumption of the now existing pack.

Along with dog food will go that old standby of picnickers and campers—canned pork and beans. Joining the ranks of "there won't be any more" products is the delicacy, canned brown bread. Sauerkraut in tins is also listed.

Whether or not canned soup will come under the column of foods to be eliminated from grocery shelves, was not quite determined, although rumor has it that as long as the housewife can take a handful of fresh vegetables and a 10-cent soup bone, canned soup definitely becomes a luxury.

The run on sugar took a back seat the first of the week as the housewives decided they had enough on hand and started to lay in a supply of jar rubbers and lids. One wholesale house reported selling as many lids and jar rubbers Saturday as during a normal canning season.

There has been no federal rationing order on sugar, although merchants have set their own rationing figures, it was learned here Tuesday. The wholesale houses here will receive 80 per cent of the total amount of sugar purchased February, 1940, as the local allotment.

Good News—One Tax is Off



Harry Namits of Klamath Falls typifies the average citizen who learned Tuesday that one tax had actually been removed. He is buying cigarettes, on which the tax of 2 cents a package was lifted by action of the state supreme court Tuesday.

RUSSIANS SURGING TOWARD SMOLENSK

Weather 40 Below as Reds Say Break Imminent

By The Associated Press
Russian troops dragging machine-guns and cannon on sledges at 40 degrees Fahrenheit below zero were reported surging forward at several points today in a drive aimed against Smolensk, 210 miles west of Moscow.

At the same time, the British radio said German generals had demanded that Hitler send 20 fresh, picked divisions to the soviet front immediately, threatening that otherwise it would be "very difficult if not impossible to prevent a general Russian breakthrough."

Soviet dispatches said German air and tank reinforcements arriving on the southern (Kraie) front were being more than matched by red army weapons.

A London broadcast reported that Marshal Semyon Timoshenko's Ukrainian armies were "less than 20 miles from Dnepropetrovsk," site of the huge hydroelectric power dam at the bend of the Dnieper river which the Russians destroyed last summer.

British North African troops, thrown back 225 miles in less than two weeks, were reported attacking Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's armies "wherever found" in western Libya today in an attempt to check the headlong axis counter-offensive.

A British spokesman, emphasizing the prime necessity of destroying the enemy's forces in desert warfare, declared: "Area is not important. Tanks, men and trucks are."

Cairo headquarters indicated that Gen. Rommel's vanguards had reached the vicinity of Sionta, 105 miles northeast of Bengasi and 225 miles northeast of El Aghelia, highwater mark of the British January offensive.

Thief Gets Away With Auto Stamp
It started when the van on tires went into effect and the "rubber robbers" entered on a new system of picking the tires off cars parked overnight on streets and in alleys.

63 Per Cent of Potato Crop Now Shipped

Klamath's 1941-42 potato crop shipments hit 83.5 per cent of the season's crop on February 1, it was estimated Tuesday by Ross Aubrey, state-federal inspector.

An eight-year average for shipments to February 1 is 57.4 per cent. Inspector Aubrey reported that total shipment of this year's crop at the first of the month was 5084 carloads. This includes truck shipments, seed and other shipments omitted from the daily reports, but brought in for the count at the end of January.

Aubrey estimates that this year's crop will total 8000 carloads. That indicates there are 2916 carloads of potatoes yet to be shipped from the basin in this season.

Last year, 3867 carloads were shipped after February 1, Aubrey reported.

Japs Shoot Down Australian Airliner
MELBOURNE, Feb. 3 (AP)—Japanese fighter planes brought down an Australian civilian flying boat, killing 13 persons, in an attack Friday near the Timor island port of Koepang, it was disclosed today.

This apparently was the reason for an unexplained announcement yesterday that Empire air mail from Australia had been suspended for the time being.

TYPHUS SPREADS
BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 3 (AP)—Spotted typhus has spread from the eastern front to Germany and the Nazi-occupied areas, the German health ministry announced today, listing 128 cases in Germany and 138 in the occupied eastern countries.

Nipponese Learning Respect for American Gunners, Says Writer
By CLARK LEE
WITH GENERAL MACARTHUR'S FORCES ON THE BATAN FRONT, Feb. 1—(Delayed AP)—Bullseye shooting by artillerymen of the United States armed forces of the Far East is teaching the Japanese a healthy respect for 155 mm. field pieces.

Artillery officers told their men's accurate fire has repeatedly broken up thrusts against the American and Filipino lines.

When I visited the front, a single Japanese 105 mm. gun was firing. Battery commanders said they had silenced many of the Japanese batteries in the past few days, bringing welcome relief to the troops.

Planes Pound Singapore

NO LAND PUSH IN EVIDENCE ALONG JOHORE

Civilians Labor With Soldiers to Fight Bomb Flames

By C. YATES McDANIEL
SINGAPORE, Feb. 3 (AP)—Wave after wave of Japanese bombers hurled high explosives at this great British bastion today while Nipponese troops concentrated at the tip of conquered Malaya for an attempt to storm the island.

With imperial forces drawn up along the mile-wide coast of Johore strait and watchful around the entire 70 mile perimeter of this stronghold, firemen and police were kept busy throughout the interior controlling fires lit by the Japanese bombs.

City Bears Brunt
In the section of Singapore city which bore the brunt of this morning's bombing, authorities and ARP squads cleared away the debris within a few minutes to make way for fire trucks which quickly played water on a number of high-leaping fires.

When one of the shirt-sleeved civilians who was laying hose straightened up for a moment, I recognized Sir Shenton Thomas, governor of the straits settlements. He was working alongside scores of natives.

Aside from the air attack virtually no military action worthy of mention occurred during this fourth day of siege.

The big guns poised along the narrow Johore strait fired intermittently, but so far the targets have been well concealed.

Lid Clamped on Vice Here on Army Orders
The lid has been clamped tightly on professional prostitution here in accordance with army orders, Police Chief Frank Hamm said Tuesday.

Action was taken here following army announcement some time ago and a visit here by the regional field representative of the federal bureau of social protection. The army announced that no houses of prostitution will be permitted to operate in areas where defense forces are located.

The federal man conferred with city, county and state officials here and stated that records show a decrease in venereal disease in army areas where prostitution has been rigidly prohibited.

Shipyards Start Back to Work Move
TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 3 (AP)—With employers reporting a back-to-work move under way, idle welders of the Puget sound area announced today they would pursue an undisclosed new course in their rebellion against compulsory membership in AFL unions.

The change in tactics, which Shelly Knutson, new dealers' leader at Seattle, said he could not reveal yet, followed a stinging indictment by war leaders of the welders' walkout in Seattle and Tacoma shipyards.

Yard officials at Seattle reported welders returned to work today "practically 100 per cent."

Chinese Report Jap Troop Convoy Moving Southward

By SPENCER MOOSA
CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (AP)—A huge Japanese convoy including 41 warships and enough transports to carry an entire division has been sighted steaming south in Formosa strait off Amoy in one of several moves by the Tokyo high command to make up for its heavy losses in manpower in the southwest Pacific, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

He said the convoy consisted of 80 ships in all, with nine large, one medium and eleven small transports, six launches and a hospital ship in addition to the warships.

Other Divisions Move
The spokesman said several other divisions which had been reported moving south along the Tientsin-Pukow railway on January 23 were diverted at Tsinan to the north China port of Tsingtau, where they embarked on waiting transports. Tens of thousands of additional Japanese troops, he said, were pouring into Shanghai by train to board ships there.

As one of the heaviest blows to the Japanese in the Pacific area, the spokesman reported the virtual annihilation of the Japanese 16th division at Johore Bahru, across the narrow Johore strait from Singapore. He said 10,000 bodies already had arrived at Saigon, in French Indo-China.

Burma Drive
The spokesman told a press conference the Japanese were making thorough preparations for a drive into Burma from northern Thailand, and already had thrown pontoon bridges across the Salween river. Concentration point for the Japanese forces, he said, was at Chieng-mai, 100 miles due east of the river and 175 miles northeast of Moulmein, city at the Salween river mouth which already has been evacuated by the British.

A Chinese war communique today said Chinese forces had counter-attacked in the Nanchang area of central China after repelling two Japanese thrusts south and west of that city, capital of Kiangsi province.

More than 300 casualties were inflicted on the Japanese west of the capital and 500 on the Yen river to the south, it said. Among the dead listed was a Japanese lieutenant colonel.

Daniel Redmon Indicted on Kidnap Charge
SACRAMENTO, Feb. 3 (AP)—A federal grand jury Monday indicted Manuel Zuings, 22, and Frank A. Cortez, 42, both of Marston, Ida., and Daniel J. Redmon, 23, Klamath Falls, Ore., on kidnapping charges.

Judge Martin I. Welsh set bail for Zuings and Cortez at \$10,000 each and for Redmon at \$2500. Zuings and Cortez also were charged with violating white slave laws in connection with transportation of two young girls from Marston to Davis, Calif., last Oct. 16.

Redmon was accused of kidnaping R. B. Boyd, Klamath Falls, last Jan. 28. FBI agents said he forced Boyd to drive him from Klamath Falls to Mt. Shasta, Calif.

U. S. Still Gets Rubber Output of Dutch East Indies
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jones declared today the United States still was receiving practically the entire rubber output of the Dutch East Indies and that 116,000 tons had arrived in this country from the western Pacific and other sources since the war began.

Jones told the house banking and currency committee that rubber was arriving at an average rate of 35,000 to 40,000 tons a month. During January, he said, 78,000 tons were received and 70,000 tons allocated "so that the stock pile actually was increased."

Rubber losses in shipping in the war, he testified, amounted to only 1850 tons. Jones said he doubted it rubber imports would reach normal by next year "but I believe we'll have enough to get along if we're careful."

Strangled Child Found in Wash After Bike Ride
SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Feb. 3 (AP)—The body of Shirley Marie Bell, 8, strangled to death with her jump rope, was found partly buried in wild and brushy Lytle Creek wash, five miles northwest of here today.

She had been missing since starting to school yesterday morning. She later was seen on the handlebars of a bicycle ridden by a man about 20 years old. Bicycle tracks were followed to the wash, where Police Officer Lee Robb found the body partly buried against a bank.

BIG MOVEMENT OF ALLIES IN EAST REPORTED

Americans Ready for Nips in Drive on Batan Coast

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Australian Army Minister Francis M. Forde declared today that "a big movement by the allies is under way" to counter Japan's sweep in the far Pacific, even as Japanese dive-bombers struck violently at Singapore and a Tokyo military spokesman said that a direct assault on the island stronghold was imminent.

In a broadcast to the Australian imperial force at Singapore, Forde declared that each hour Japan's siege armies were held at bay permitted the massing and deployment of more reinforcements and the accumulation of more weapons.

MacArthur Holds
"I do not need my words to impel you, therefore, to hold on," he said. Forde did not specify the nature or direction of the allied movement.

In the Philippines, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's American-Filipino defenders wrote a heroic new chapter in the battle of Batan peninsula, beating off two fresh Japanese attempts to land on the Batan west coast, on the night of February 1, and successfully counter-attacking the Japanese right flank.

Three lines of enemy trenches were overrun, a war department bulletin said, a large amount of Japanese equipment fell into American hands.

Waiting on Beach
Gen. MacArthur reported that picked shock troops first attempted to land on the west coast, only to be driven off by artillery fire.

"A second and more serious attempt was made at midnight," the communique said. "A large number of barges under naval escort approached the coast. The raid was discovered by a few of our night-flying pursuit planes which immediately attacked the convoy with light bombs and machine-gun fire."

American troops and artillery gunners waited on the beach as the Japanese approached, inflicting bloody casualties with their deadly fire.

"None of the invading group reached shore," Gen. MacArthur reported, adding that in the morning a number of shell-smashed barges, some burning, others adrift, were found along the coast.

Java Raided
Japanese warplanes struck for the first time at Java, heart of the Dutch East Indies, raiding the big Soerabaya naval base.

Java is the headquarters of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's (Continued on Page Two)

INDIAN BILL
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3 (AP)—The senate Indian affairs committee today approved a bill (S1267) to authorize 78 Indians of the Klamath reservation in Oregon to place their lands in trust with the government if they desired, and legislation (S1218) to permit payment of \$147 to seven white land owners for damage done to their property in constructing the Fort Hall, Idaho, Indian irrigation project.

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