

### Blackout Signal

One 5-minute blast on sirens and whistles is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. A longer blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precautionary periods, watch your street lights.

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### Weather News

PRECIPITATION  
As of February 14, 1942  
Present stream year ..... 8.58  
Last year to date ..... 8.77  
Normal to that date ..... 7.28

# U. S., DUTCH BLAST JAP FLEET

## Farm Income Hits Record

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WE are at war. Things are not going well. The news is practically all bad. We are disturbed in our minds. So we feel the urge to criticize.

THE British are at war. They have been at war for more than two years. During all this time there has been little enough good news, but a great deal of bad.

They too are displeased. Their displeasure comes to a head when three German warships slip out of the French harbors in which they have been shut up, steam through the British channel practically unharmed and reach harbor in Germany. The British criticize sharply.

THE Germans also have been at war for two and a half years. Of late, things haven't been going altogether to their liking. They DON'T criticize. They DARE NOT criticize. They could be shot against a wall if they did.

THE right to criticize whatever and whomsoever we choose is one of the things we are fighting for. It is one of the things the British are fighting for. It is a precious right. It is WORTH FIGHTING FOR. It is worth dying for, if need be.

THE British lose Singapore. Its loss is a blow. Watching our own men fighting day after day on Bataan, it seems to us that Singapore should not have been lost—at least as quickly as it was.

So we criticize the British. We admire the fight the Russians have been putting up.

Yet we look at the map and see that Vladivostok is only a few miles (comparatively) from Japan. It would be so easy to send Russian bombers across those seemingly few miles of water and smack the Japs in their great cities at home. Because they don't do it, we are tempted to criticize the Russians.

CRITICISM, if it is to be of value, must be CONSTRUCTIVE. If we are to criticize constructively, we must know what we are talking about. When we criticize the British and the Russians, we DON'T know what we're talking about. Only their leaders know the facts on which their decisions have been based.

WHEN we criticize our army and navy for fighting defensively rather than offensively in the south Pacific, what do we really know about the whole vast subject that is involved? Very little.

We CAN'T know very much. Only those at the top, with access to the reports of the thousands of agents of various kinds who are working throughout the world to get the facts that are so jealously and so rigidly guarded, can know enough to take the tremendous responsibility of decisions. (Continued on Page Two)

**WAR DRUMS SOUND**  
PENDLETON, Feb. 21 (AP)—War drums of the Umatillas, which once sent their braves to battle, will resound again for the same purpose tonight at Mission, Young tribesmen, who will take the warpath through the draft and enlistments, will be honored at a war dance which will also commemorate Washington's birthday.

## AXIS PREY ON ATLANTIC OIL TANKER LINES

Survivors Land From U. S. Ship; Other Attacks Told

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21 (AP)—The sinking of the tanker Pan Massachusetts off the Atlantic coast Thursday afternoon by an enemy submarine was announced by the navy today after the landing here of 18 survivors. They told a harrowing story of their escape and the death of 20 fellow crewmen in an inferno of burning oil.

The Pan Massachusetts was the 31st ship officially announced as attacked in the current series of sinkings in north Atlantic coastal waters. Sea Afire

Capt. Robert E. Christy, 52-year-old sea veteran who lost the first ship of his career, said two torpedoes exploding in quick succession turned the ship into a mass of flames and "the sea soon was afire for half a mile around us as the gasoline and oil spread."

Three or four shells also exploded on us after we were ablaze, but the submarine "was not seen by any of us—the two lookouts died in the fire aboard ship, and they are the only men who might have seen it."

The survivors were picked up by a ship which Captain Christy said was about five miles back when the Pan Massachusetts was torpedoed. He declared the men on the rescue ship came to their assistance despite the danger of also being torpedoed, "launched boats and saved all who were alive—that is bravery."

The survivors were landed here yesterday afternoon but the navy withheld news of their arrival, presumably as a precaution for the safety of the rescue vessel. (Continued on Page Two)

## Uruguay President Ousts Congress, Cancels Election

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 21 (AP)—President Alfredo Baldomir kept a firm grip on the Uruguayan government today in an interior political squabble which resulted in dissolution of congress, cancellation of scheduled national elections March 29 and placed an army of 17,000 men in control of the country.

By an unexpected executive decree, he blocked Uruguay's leading opponent of Pan-American cooperation, Luis Alberto de Herrera, from forcing his hand on a technical voting dispute by which members of De Herrera's opposition party might hold cabinet posts and at the same time combat the government in congressional debates.

De Herrera has long opposed Baldomir's foreign policy and has been an outspoken critic of the administration's plan to build naval and air bases from United States funds.

## Gas Tax Revenue Up in January

SALEM, Feb. 21 (AP)—Who said tire and auto rationing had cut motor traffic in Oregon? These facts dispute such an assertion: Gasoline tax collections last month slightly exceeded those for January, 1941, incomplete returns at the secretary of state's office indicated today. The same office reported that motor vehicle registrations today were 11,783 higher than a year ago.

## Portugal Votes Protest on Jap Island Invasion

LISBON, Portugal, Feb. 21 (AP)—Premier Antonio Oliveira de Salazar told the national assembly today that Portugal already had entered an "energetic protest" to Tokyo against Japanese occupation of the southwest Pacific island of Timor, jointly the territory of Portugal and The Netherlands. The assembly unanimously approved the protest, and Salazar urged the nation to regain calm.

Salazar said that the Japanese knew that Portuguese troops were on the way to take over the protection of the Portuguese portion from Dutch and Australian troops, who occupied it last December. "We have remained faithful to the thesis that there can be no strategic reasons for the violation of the sovereignty of states," Salazar said.

## ALIENS SEIZED IN CALIFORNIA RAIDS

54 Arrested in Wide Roundup by FBI, Other Forces

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21 (AP)—Fifty-four enemy aliens, some of whom were members of organizations rooted in enemy countries, were seized today by the federal bureau of investigation in wide-spread raids in northern California.

Hundreds of local officers, sheriff's deputies and state highway patrolmen participated in the raids conducted by more than 100 FBI agents.

Nat Pieper, head of the San Francisco office of the FBI, said the 54 already in custody were booked as en route to the immigration department as potentially dangerous aliens. Among those seized were (Continued on Page Two)

## Paisley Defeats Merrill in Close Consolation Tilt

Paisley, only Lake county entrant in the Klamath-Lake B league basketball tourney in progress at the Altamont gym, edged into the finals of the consolation round Saturday afternoon with a narrow 26-25 squeaker over the Merrill Huskies.

At halftime of the second afternoon game Gilchrist led Bly, 22-16, as the two squads battled for the right to face Paisley tonight at 7:30 for the consolation title.

In the final game, slated for 8:30 tonight, Chilcoquin will meet Bonanza for the Klamath-Lake title.

## Beaverton Man Shot During Visit At Fiancee's House

PORTLAND, Feb. 21 (AP)—Shot three times, once in the chest, Arthur E. Miller, 47, Beaverton, was in a critical condition in a hospital here today. Detective John Abbott said Miller was shot while visiting his fiancee, Jessie Hawkins, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Marie Trainer, 63, here last night.

He quoted Mrs. Trainer as saying she believed a quarrel was impending and she fired as a warning, thinking the pistol was pointed above Miller's head. Mrs. Trainer was held without charge.

**DIRECT HIT**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—The British radio said today that Japanese planes scored a direct hit on one of their own ships at Koepang, capital of Dutch Timor.

## BASIN STOCK, CROPS WORTH \$13,698,900

Potatoes Return Over \$5,000,000; Total Tops 1936 Mark

Klamath basin agriculture yielded an income of \$13,698,900 in 1941, shattering all previous records by a wide margin. Even the fabulous returns of 1936 went by the boards Saturday when County Agent Charles A. Henderson compiled and released his final report on the 1941 values. His figures show that crops brought \$9,897,900 in the year, while livestock production hit an aggregate of \$3,801,000.

**Tops 1936 Total**  
In 1936, the previous record-holder, total agricultural returns for the basin was slightly over \$12,000,000. The figure for 1941 topped that by nearly a million and three quarters. The margin was much greater in a comparison with 1940, when the basin production value was \$8,864,645.

**Potatoes of the 1941 crop—**still being sold from the basin—zoomed to an estimated high of \$8,148,842. Here again 1936, remembered as history's banner potato year, is relegated to second place. The spud return in 1936 was \$4,800,000. In the crop division, potatoes led all field crops. The total for field crops was set at \$8,100,930. Here is the breakdown: Potatoes—17,215 acres; 8,197. (Continued on Page Two)

## Germans Withdraw As British Patrols Move in Libya

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 21 (AP)—German troops and armored forces withdrew to the north after an encounter with British patrols on the Tmimi-Mechilli line west of Tobruk, the British announced today.

The war bulletin said: "Operating over a wide front west of Ain El Gazala, our fighting patrols again reached several points on the track from Tmimi to El Mechilli. "Parties of the enemy including tanks were encountered but the general tendency of enemy patrols was to withdraw northwards."

## Question of Amputating Girl's Distorted Arm Raised in Court

SEATTLE, Feb. 21 (AP)—In the face of a mother's opposition, Washington's highest court must decide whether a court can order the amputation of an 11-year-old girl's grossly distorted arm.

Patricia Hudson, born with her left arm disproportionately large, is the pawn in the tragedy that has aligned her mother against her four brothers and five sisters in the controversy. The children first brought the case before Superior Judge William G. Long in juvenile court here. Little Patricia, wearing a cape to shield her greatly overgrown member, supported their appeal for an amputation order, even in the face of what she knows is a grave risk.

Seattle doctors to whom Judge Long recently submitted the case expressed the fear that death would be almost certain within a few years if the arm is not amputated. After arguments yesterday, which showed the arm to be 10 times the weight of the other, the court assigned the case for a written opinion. The mother, Mrs. Nora Hudson, asked the supreme court to



Port Darwin (1), north Australian naval base, was bombed by large concentrations of Jap bombers, probably from bases in Celebes and New Guinea (broken arrows), while the invaders fought a pitched sea and air battle with the United Nations around the island of Java (2), heart of the rich East Indies. Japanese thrusts into Burma (3) and 4) met stiff British resistance.

## NAZIS CLAIM MANY RUSSIANS KILLED

Crimean War Revived By Soviet Force At Feodosiya

By The Associated Press  
Adolf Hitler's high command asserted today that German tank forces had killed 27,000 Russians and captured 5,000 prisoners in a four-week battle of encirclement near Rzhev, key Nazi invasion base 125 miles northeast of Moscow, while the London radio reported that fresh Soviet troops had landed in the Crimea.

Russian front-line dispatches had previously declared that the German hold-out garrison at Rzhev, guarding the north flank of the Nazi retreat from Moscow, had been surrounded.

**Crimea War**  
In the Crimea, a BBC broadcast said Russian troops were advancing upon the port of Feodosiya, at the neck of the Kerch peninsula. Soviet warplanes aiding in the defense of Sevastopol, Crimean naval base, were declared to have killed nearly 30,000 Germans in a series of 300 offensive thrusts.

On the Moscow line, Hitler's headquarters said German troops, fighting in bitter sub-zero cold, had "destroyed the bulk of an enemy army and beaten a large part of a furwards." (Continued on Page Two)

## Evacuation of Darwin Ordered By Australia

Canberra, Australia, Feb. 21 (AP)—Evacuation of civilians from Darwin, northern Australian naval station which was bombed by Japanese air raiders Thursday, was ordered today as military authorities clamped strict control on all activities in the area.

All women will be removed from Darwin except nurses, an announcement said. Australian authorities, meanwhile, issued a flat denial of Japanese claims that heavy damage had been inflicted on allied naval units in the Darwin raid. They said, however, that for military reasons a detailed statement of the damage actually inflicted by the raiders could not be made at present.

Prime Minister John Curtin, denying a statement by the Tokyo radio that a hospital ship at Darwin was not attacked during a Japanese raid on that port, said that the "hospital ship was attacked and damaged and there were casualties."

## Offices to Close Monday in Honor of George Washington

The 210th birthday anniversary of George Washington which falls on Sunday, February 22, will be observed in Klamath Falls Monday with the closing of public buildings.

Both the courthouse and city hall will be closed Monday and the postoffice building will be closed. There will be one morning delivery by carrier, Postmaster Burt E. Hawkins announced.

## Convoy Eied for Trade Between U. S., Brazil

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—Acting Secretary of State Welles said today the question of convoys for inter-American commerce would be considered soon by the hemisphere defense board.

Commenting at his press conference on the sinking of two Brazilian merchant ships by axis submarines, the acting secretary remarked that convoys constituted one of the means by which the American republics would cooperate for their mutual defense.

He then added that correspondents could take it for granted that practical measures of that character would be worked out in the near future.

## ALLIED FLIERS STAB AT BURMA INVADERS

Americans Down Jap Planes Along Battle Line

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 21 (AP)—American and British fliers made strong offensive sorties against Japanese positions today, causing heavy casualties.

The Americans shot down three Japanese fighters which attempted to interfere, the Rangoon radio said.

There were no American losses. The allied forces strafed Japanese troops on the ground near the Bilin river front and attacked enemy transport columns and supply dumps.

RANGOON, Burma, Feb. 21 (AP)—The railroad town of Bassein on the Bassein mouth of the Irrawaddy river west of Rangoon was bombed today by the Japanese, a civil defense communique announced.

**TOKYO (FROM JAPANESE BROADCASTS), Feb. 21 (AP)—**Japanese forces, advancing on the Bilin river front on Burma, less than 80 miles from Rangoon, have destroyed more than 300 British mechanized units, the newspaper Asahi reported today.

## Klamath Airport Officially Okeyed For Private Flying

The Klamath municipal airport has been officially designated by the civil aeronautics authority as sanctioned for private flying, it was announced Saturday.

The airport is now open to all flying, private and commercial, having been taken outside the banned military zone by the CAA decree. Sometime in early April the port will be the site of a large civilian pilot training program course of 60 students from the University of Oregon.

## French Battleship Reaches Toulon

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Feb. 21 (AP)—The French battleship Dunkerque, seriously damaged during the British attack at Mers-El-Kebir in 1940, has arrived at Toulon under her own power, Admiral Jean Darlan, vice premier and navy minister, told the cabinet today. The announcement was the first indication that the powerful battleship had been repaired since having suffered grave damage in the engagement with units of the British fleet.

## ONE CRUISER SUNK, OTHER UNITS STRUCK

American Bombers in Thick of Battle Around Java

By ROGER D. GREENE  
Associated Press War Editor  
United States and Dutch warships, aided by dive bombers and fighting planes, smashed back at Japan's invasion hordes in a flaming sea battle off the island of Bali today, and by latest accounts had already blown up a Japanese cruiser and inflicted damaging blows on two other cruisers, two destroyers and four transports.

As the battle raged into its second day in the shark-infested Java sea, dispatches from Batavia said it was potentially greater than the fight for Macassar strait, the scene of Japan's worst naval disaster of the war.

**Blasting at Invaders**  
United States destroyers and heavy bombers, combined with Dutch cruisers and destroyers under the aggressive command of the Dutch Vice-Admiral C. E. L. Helfrich, was reported blasting furiously at the invaders.

A war department bulletin, issued in Washington, said at least 10 heavy American bombers attacking the Japanese armada off Bali scored direct hits on three enemy cruisers and four transports, and also shot down four Japanese planes. Four American planes were acknowledged lost.

**First Offensive**  
Batavia dispatches said the Java sea fight was the first allied naval offensive in the critical battle for the Indies.

One allied destroyer was torpedoed and sunk. A bulletin from United Nations headquarters in Java said the planes sank a large Japanese transport and scored a series of direct hits on enemy cruisers and destroyers.

"One of the cruisers, which received two direct hits of heavy bombs, was seen to be stationary and on fire," a communique said. Dispatches from Batavia said the fighting began shortly after midnight yesterday in Lombok strait, east of Bali, and continued on a major scale today as the struggle for the last United Nations stronghold in the Indies thundered toward a climax.

Allied submarines and treacherous coral reefs were reported playing havoc with Japanese landing forces. Bali, already invested by (Continued on Page Two)

## Filipinos Resist Jap Control of Luzon, Report

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (AP)—A rising tide of resistance to the Japanese invaders in the occupied areas of the Philippines was reported today by the war department.

A communique said that General Douglas MacArthur had reported that despite the harshness of the Japanese military rule "the spirit of the liberty-loving Filipinos remains undaunted."

**Secret Group**  
Many native informers have mysteriously disappeared, and a secret society known as "FFF" or "Fighters for Freedom" has been formed to foster civilian resistance. MacArthur's report contrasted with Japanese propaganda announcements that a Filipino administration had been set up to cooperate with the invaders.

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