

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.

Weather News

PRECIPITATION
As of March 5, 1942
Present stream year 9.92
Last year to date 9.94
Normal to that date 9.23

RUSSIANS LAUNCH HUGE ATTACK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WHILE we are waiting to see whether the Japs really mean to take on all of Australia, thus stretching themselves thinner and making it easier for us to tackle them on the flank, India and what is likely to happen there are interesting subjects for speculation.

(INTERESTING, but not very encouraging. If the Japs take all of India, they will be in a position to effect a junction with Hitler—if that is part of their plan. Your map will tell you what that would mean.)

THE situation in India doesn't look hopeful.

About the only way India can be saved is by giving the people of India an incentive to FIGHT THE JAPS. The British themselves have no armies to spare for fighting in India.

Providing such an incentive AT THIS LATE DATE looks like an impossible task.

THE basic trouble is that the people of India don't really care much who rules them.

They've always been RULED. Through all these centuries of rulership they haven't got much for themselves. Their living standards are unbelievably low. Grinding poverty is all the masses have ever known.

Give the governing British all the credit that is due them. Admit (as historically you must) that Britain's rulership has been better for the masses of India than that of the native princes who were there when the British came.

The fact remains that these masses are too poverty-stricken (as well as caste-ridden, disease-ridden and superstition-ridden) to care greatly who governs them.

At least, they aren't willing to fight and die to prevent a change of rulers.

THE situation is complicated by religious and other issues. The 80 million Mohammedans won't submit to being ruled by the 240 million Hindus—as would happen if India were given self-governing domination status. They say they'll revolt if that happens.

Hindu nationalist leaders say they won't fight for Britain unless India is given self-governing domination status NOW.

That will give you some idea of the mess.

BRITAIN (too late, as usual) is moving heroically to clean up the mess.

Churchill is sending Sir Stafford Cripps to India to see what he can do. Cripps is an extreme liberal. For that reason, it is hoped that he may be able to talk to the people of India in a language they will understand, respect and BELIEVE.

Cripps is also Churchill's leading opponent. It is Cripps who will probably take over the government if Churchill should fall. If he saves the situation in India he will be the MAN OF THE HOUR.

If he FAILS there, he will be discredited.

Churchill displays high patriotism when he sends his leading opponent into a situation that may make him the man of the hour. Cripps displays high patriotism when he accepts a mission that will break and discredit him if he fails—as he is likely to do.

BOTH are to be admired for doing what they are doing. But to an outsider it looks as if it is being done too late.

Such jobs normally take time. The crisis in India is a matter of weeks—perhaps days.

THE situation in India brings into sharp relief the problems of world empire.

This writer (admitting that (Continued on Page Two)

Tokyo Opens Verbal War

U. S. BOMBERS CRIPPLE PART OF JAP FLEET

Tojo Hits Australia, India in Blast At British

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Heavy U. S. bombers were credited today with crippling at least part of a Japanese invasion armada sailing down the coast of New Guinea toward Australia, while in Tokyo Japan's war lords unleashed a new verbal bombardment directed at the two most likely targets of Japan's next military moves—India and Australia.

Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo, boasting that allied sea power had been crushed in the far Pacific and that Japanese armies have taken more than 210,000 prisoners, declared Japan was bent on erasing the last vestiges of British control in India. He warned Australia she would "follow in the tracks" of the Dutch East Indies if she did not fall in line with the "greater East Asia sphere."

Ghandi Doubtful
In India, Mohandas K. Ghandi, supreme leader of the Hindu nationalist majority, professed to see little hope for a solution of India's political problems in Britain's promise of post-war dominion status. Britain first must confess and undo her primary crime of imperialism, Ghandi declared.

"The main fleet of the United States and Britain has already disappeared from the surface of the Pacific," Tojo asserted, in a speech celebrating the conquest of the Dutch East Indies.

In Washington, the army reported that eight big United States bombers dealt a staggering blow to Japanese ships Tuesday in New Guinea waters, dropping 18 tons of bombs which left two vessels sinking, four in flames and another stranded on the beach. The American forces returned intact.

An Australian government spokesman declared the assault was "only the beginning" of allied counter-blows to snag (Continued on Page Two)

Civilian Aviation Program Doubled For War Effort

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The CAA civilian aviation training program today was ordered more than doubled in size and geared completely into the war effort as a part of the urgent expansion of the nation's air power.

The war department announced the move, explaining it was worked out in cooperation with the army air forces.

The number of students given elementary pilot training is to be raised from 25,000 to 45,000 a year, and the facilities of the secondary flying course tripled to train 30,000 students annually.

In addition training is to be provided for the first time for ground technicians. About 31,000 are to be given this training annually.

Bataan Fighting Lull Reported

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The war department in one of the briefest communiques of the war reported today that the lull in fighting on the Philippines' Bataan peninsula continued.

It was the fourth consecutive day that the department reported absence of activity on the fighting front.



Black arrows mark the course of Japanese invasion so far. Broken arrows outline pushes which Japs might attempt from springboards established by their conquests—into Indo China from the south; across Burma into India for a drive to the Middle East; across the Indian ocean to Madagascar; or into Australia.

MILLAGE FOR FIRE BUREAU PROPOSED

Vote on 8-Mill Levy On Continuing Basis Eyed

A vote at the May primary on a proposed continuing levy of 8 mills to support the Klamath Falls fire department will be recommended to the city council Monday night by a special citizens' committee named to look into the fire department problems.

Eight mills would raise approximately \$75,000 annually. The fire department now receives about \$38,000 a year out of the general budget.

Under the committee's proposal, the budgeted amount would be eliminated entirely, and the fire department hereafter would be supported exclusively by a fire department levy, similar to the method of financing the city library, parks and recreation departments.

Obsolete Equipment
The committee, composed of G. A. Krause, chairman, Alfred Collier and P. O. Landry, was appointed to study physical conditions of the fire department.

"We have found that the present equipment has been in service many years, is obsolete and in bad physical condition, and improperly manned," the committee report states.

It added that one fire station is not sufficient to protect properly the heavy-risk district, and (Continued on Page Two)

Six Killed in Crash of Bomber

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 12 (AP)—Three officers and three enlisted men were killed last night when their army B-25 medium bomber crashed and burned nine miles east of Yoakum, Duncan field officials announced today.

Esler field authorities announced at Alexandria, La., that the following were killed in the crash:

- First Lieut. Angus M. Johnston, 23, Taft, Calif. Wife, Huddle street, Pineville, La., formerly Miss Betty Pleasant, Palo Alto, Calif.
- Second Lieut. Dana W. Bradford, 24, pilot, born at Townsend, Mont. Mother, Los Angeles, Calif.
- Second Lieut. Ronald C. Hocking, 22, co-pilot. Father, Ab-saraka, N. D.
- Master Sgt. C. G. Frazier, 37, wife, San Rafael, Calif.
- Tech. Sgt. Earl F. Ricks, 42, Bridgeport, Ind.
- Sgt. Stanley A. Smithwen, 31, S. D.

Jury Acquits Jackson on Murder Count

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP)—Lawrence Dale Jackson, 17, was acquitted in federal court yesterday of the murder of a fellow Klamath Indian, Merlen Chocktoot, 20, on the Klamath reservation last December 8.

Jackson pleaded self defense. He had been accused of beating Chocktoot to death with the butt of the latter's rifle.

Manufacturers Suggest Sales Tax for U. S.

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The National Association of Manufacturers suggested a \$7,600,000,000 tax program to congress today, featuring a \$4,400,000,000 sales tax and moderate increases in individual and corporation levies.

The recommendations, presented to the house ways and means committee by J. Cheever Cowdin, called for only one-third of the increases in individual and corporate tax rates proposed by Secretary Morgenthau, and contemplated making up the difference through either a manufacturers' or retail sales tax which Morgenthau forthrightly opposed.

"Grant all the objections to a war tax on consumption," Cowdin observed. "How else can you meet the nation's need for tremendous amounts of new revenue?"

For corporations, Cowdin proposed a combined normal and (Continued on Page Two)

83 Survivors Landed From Two Ships Sunk By U-Boats

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, March 12 (AP)—United States naval district headquarters authorized the publication today of the arrival here Monday night of two United States ships bringing 83 survivors of a British tanker and a Swedish freighter torpedoed and sunk in the Caribbean area last Thursday and Friday nights.

The American motorship Idaho landed 49 officers and crew members of the medium-sized British tanker, and a few hours later the waterman liner Ipswich brought in 34 survivors of the small Swedish freighter.

No lives were lost in the sinkings, which occurred approximately 20 miles apart.

BRAZIL TAKES OVER AXIS ALIENS' FUNDS

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 12 (AP)—An angry crowd of several hundred persons, some shouting, "Kill them!" broke the show window of a blacklisted German firm today on Rio De Janeiro's main street, Avenida Rio Branco.

The outbreak, directed chiefly at the German store, Casa Lohner, came just after noon and followed upon anti-axis measures taken by the Brazilian government.

The government confiscated up to 30 per cent of the funds of axis subjects in this country in a decree which branded Germany, Italy and Japan as aggressors and strengthened belief that a declaration of war might follow.

The decree by President Getulio Vargas said the confiscations were based on "acts of war practiced against the American continent," and singled out Germany as particularly responsible.

Since Germany, Italy and Japan are allies, they are "united in aggression," the decree stated. It blamed Germany for failure to pay admitted obligations for damage to a Brazilian ship in the Mediterranean some time ago and for attacks on peaceable unarmed Brazilian merchantmen—at least four of which have been sunk recently off the Atlantic coasts of the United States.

Troops Moved to Alaska Road Site

EDMONTON, Alberta, March 12 (AP)—The third trainload of United States troops to pass through Edmonton on their way to Dawson Creek, British Columbia, where they will work on construction of the Alaska highway, arrived here today and left three-quarters of an hour later for the north.

BOND RALLIES

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP)—A roped-off block in downtown Portland for noon-hour defense bond sale rallies has been asked of the city council by the defense bond sales staff. In the first World War a liberty temple was constructed on Sixth avenue for patriotic rallies.

4 SHIPS SUNK BY U. S. SUB IN FAR EAST

Enemy Seaplane Shot Down Off Midway, Says Navy Note

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP)—The navy announced today that three enemy freighters and a passenger cargo ship had been sunk by a U. S. submarine in Japanese waters and that an enemy seaplane had been shot down west of Midway island.

These new actions against the Japanese were reported in navy communique number 53, based on information received here up to 1 p. m., PWT, today. The communique:

"Far East—A U. S. submarine has sunk three enemy freighters and one passenger cargo ship in Japanese waters. These sinkings are in addition to those reported in all previous communiques.

"Central Pacific—On March 10 two large Japanese four-engined seaplanes were detected west of Midway island. They were intercepted by four of our fighter planes based on the island. One of the enemy planes was shot down. The other escaped. One of our fighters was damaged and the pilot wounded. He succeeded in returning to his base safely.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

The report was the second this week on American submarine activities in the western Pacific. On Monday the navy announced that a Japanese destroyer leader and a naval tanker had been sunk and an aircraft carrier and three cruisers torpedoed in the preceding week to bring to a total of 138 the number of Japanese vessels of all types sunk and damaged by American forces. Yesterday the war department announced the sinking or damaging of seven vessels north of Australia, raising the total to 145, and today's action raised it to 149.

Pelicans Ousted From Tourney By Eugene, 45-34

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—Eugene's Axemen eliminated Klamath Falls, tallest team in the tournament, from the Oregon state high school basketball tourney today by defeating the Pelicans 45 to 34.

The victory kept Eugene, eliminated from championship play last night by Astoria, in the consolation play for fifth place.

Eugene, trailing 7 to 10 at the end of the first quarter, got its attack clicking in the second period, taking the lead and steadily increasing its margin. Eugene led 21 to 16 at the half.

The Axemen made a complete rout of the second half, running through and around the Klamath Falls players who, despite their height, could not get the ball off the backboards.

Mainstays of the Eugene attack were Bob Hodgens and Ray Cain.

Salem's inspired Vikings, one of the favorites until knocked over by Corvallis Tuesday night in the opening round, staged a terrific comeback in the consolation round of the state high (Continued on Page Two)

Music Director



Andrew J. Loney, Jr., La Grande, named director of public school music in Klamath Falls for 1942. He will serve both the elementary and high school districts.

SCHOOLS NAME NEW DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

La Grande Man Heads Department for All City System

Andrew J. Loney Jr., of La Grande, has been elected director of music education for the entire public school system of Klamath Falls, it was announced Thursday.

Loney's election was completed at a meeting of the elementary school board Wednesday evening. He had previously been approved for election by the Klamath Union high school board.

Good Record
The new music education director has headed public school music at LaGrande for the last eight years, and is at present studying for a degree in music at the University of Oregon. He is on leave of absence from LaGrande.

Loney has a record of widespread accomplishment in the music education field, and groups under his direction have won contests in divisional and national competition. At La Grande he was several years associated with Arnold Gralapp, superintendent of the Klamath schools, who recommended him for the position here. He is the third key man from LaGrande to be selected for the school system here, the others being Gralapp, former LaGrande superintendent, and Rolla Goold, principal-elect of the high school.

Re-elected
Both Charles Stanfield, present music supervisor at Klamath Union high school, and Lillie Darby, elementary school music supervisor, have been re-elected to the music staffs of the respective districts. Their exact status (Continued on Page Two)

Child Killed by Accidental Shot

TOLEDO, Ore., March 12 (AP)—A bullet accidentally fired by her five-year old brother late yesterday claimed the life of Darlene Downing, 18 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Downing of Chitwood.

The baby died in a hospital today. The brother, Donald, found the gun in the glove compartment of the car. The children had been left in the car, parked in front of the local postoffice, by the mother who was transacting some business.

The father operates a sawmill at Chitwood.

DISTILLERS INDICTED

DENVER, March 12 (AP)—Nineteen of the nation's major distilling companies were indicted by a federal grand jury today on charges of fixing wholesale and retail liquor prices in violation of the federal anti-trust statutes. The indictment also named eight wholesale liquor dealers, two liquor associations, and 54 individuals.

1,500,000 MEN HURLED ACROSS SOUTHERN LINE

Simultaneous Drives Start at Central, Northern Points

By The Associated Press
The Russians were reported today to have hurled 80-odd armored and infantry divisions, perhaps 1,500,000 men, into a great offensive on the southern front stretching from Taganrog on the sea of Azov to the vicinity of Kharkov in the Upper Ukraine.

Simultaneously, they were heavily attacking in the Orel sector, some 250 miles above Kharkov and 200 miles south of Moscow, and about Staraya Russa, the area where the 16th German army is encircled below Leningrad.

Lines Penetrated
In the Orel fighting, the German high command acknowledged that its lines had been penetrated northeast of the city and that Nazi forces were wholly on the defensive.

All this indicated that the soviet command had embarked upon the greatest offensive action since the beginning of the Russian campaign.

Red army troops scored another important break-through north of Lake Ilmen on the Leningrad front, it was reported, smashing strong German defense positions.

Suicides Reported
Soviet front-line dispatches said the remnants of the 96,000 German soldiers trapped in the Staraya Russa sector, below Lake Ilmen, were bolstering their dwindling food supplies with horsemeat and that suicides were increasing among the beleaguered nazis.

The trapped German 16th army, which had already lost 12,000 men, was said to have suffered additional thousands of casualties in the last few days.

Heavy new blows against the allies at sea were claimed by the axis today, with the Germans asserting that 823,200 tons of shipping had been sunk in (Continued From Page One)

Tokyo Admits Three Warships Damaged Off New Guinea

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts) March 12 (AP)—Imperial headquarters acknowledged today that three of its warships were damaged and six others sunk, beached or damaged in landing operations Tuesday at Lae and Alama on the northeast coast of New Guinea.

The announcement said one cruiser, two destroyers and three "requisitioned ships" were damaged slightly. Two other "requisitioned ships" and one military transport were reported sunk or grounded.

(A Berlin version of the announcement referred to the requisitioned ships as "enemy" vessels taken over by the Japanese.)

Newberg Man Asks Wooden Tire Permit

SALEM, March 12 (AP)—L. O. Nelson, Newberg, asked the state highway commission for permission to use wooden tires on state highways.

Nelson said he has applied for a patent on his wooden tire invention. The commission will consider the request at its meeting in Portland March 19.

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