

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 7, 1942
Present stream year 9.82
Last year to date 9.84
Normal to that date 9.31

ALLIED LOSS AT JAVA 13 SHIPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NEWS from the Pacific front today is slack. Either nothing much is happening at the moment or nothing is being told. Probably a little of both.

THE Japs have won the first round. They have taken the East Indies. They have all the Philippines but Bataan. They have closed the Burma road.

They must either stop and consolidate their gains or GO ON. The only safe assumption is that they will go on.

If they are going on, they are busy now preparing their next blow. Obviously they aren't going to tell us where it will fall. Equally obviously, we aren't going to tell them how we are going to meet it.

In such situations, censorship is justifiably rigid.

ANY good quarterback knows that tipping off his plan of attack (or his plan for defense) to the other team would be fatal. It works the same way in war.

Hence censorship. Censorships are ADMINISTERED BY GOVERNMENTS. Governments are not immune to the temptation to tell their people only what the individuals who make up the government think the people OUGHT to know.

Because of this fact, many mistakes are made by the censors.

WE learn by our mistakes. In the first year of the war, the inclination of the British censors was to tell the public nothing—going on the principle that the less the public knew the less the enemy could find out.

It didn't work. Knowing NOTHING, the British people became confused. Being confused, they soon BECAME SCARED. Or cynical. Frigate and cynicism led to DIS-TRUST of the government.

Morale began to suffer. Fortunately the British censorship learned its lesson in time and began to tell people in considerable detail what HAD HAPPENED.

British morale immediately rose.

THIS writer thinks our own government has been leaning too far in the direction of telling us only what the government thinks we OUGHT TO KNOW.

People are beginning to fear they aren't being told the whole truth.

Distrust of the government is spreading. MORALE IS BEGINNING TO SUFFER.

Just as happened in Britain in the first year of the war.

OUR government isn't deliberately misleading us. It is merely setting itself up as the

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New Oil Burning Equipment Banned By War Board
WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Acting to conserve fuel stocks in coastal areas, the war production board issued orders today to discourage installation of new oil burning equipment in 17 eastern states, the District of Columbia, and Oregon and Washington on the Pacific coast.

DUTCH STILL FIGHTING IN EAST INDIES

Communication With Island Continues, Chief Reports

MELBOURNE, Australia, March 14 (AP)—Dutch troops still are carrying on a large scale fight against the Japanese in Java, Sumatra and the Celebes, Lieutenant Governor Hubertus J. Van Mook of the N. E. I. declared here today.

"We are still in radio contact with Sumatra and hope to establish additional communication with Java," he said in an interview.

The Dutch resistance might continue indefinitely, the lieutenant-governor said.

Van Mook said he had learned from a flier who escaped to the Japanese arrived in Bandoeng that the invaders had been delayed an entire day by the unexpectedly successful delaying tactics of Dutch troops.

Without air protection, these troops had been expected to fall quickly, he pointed out.

"Their valiant day-long struggle gave our forces in Bandoeng many additional hours in which to escape.

"Japanese claims of capturing the entire forces are false and our men are fighting in the hills now."

Guerrilla Warfare
"They are fighting a guerrilla warfare which does not require huge munitions and supplies and can live mostly off the land."

Bandoeng, former military headquarters of the N. E. I., was badly bombed last Saturday, it was said. Previously the airports and military objectives were the principal targets but the Japanese, roused by the staunch ground defense, finally turned loose a heavy attack upon the partly deserted city itself.

Van Mook, who left Bandoeng last Saturday on the last available runway strip, came here from Canberra with 14 N. E. I. ministers and officials with whom he is seeking to marshal Dutch forces to continue the war. He said he soon would visit President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill again.

He asserted the scorched earth policy of the Indies was the most thorough of the war.

"It is impossible to estimate the value of the property destroyed but it was even more than was intended," he said. "Our engineers say the Japanese need four to six months uninterrupted by bombs to restore even the easiest oil sources."

Aircraft Workers Wounded by Shots Fired by Sentries

SEATTLE, March 14 (AP)—Two Boeing aircraft workers were shot by army sentries when they drove an automobile through army barricades at plant No. 2 at 3:30 a. m. today.

Jack Vandelaar, 42, mechanic, Woodinville, listed in police reports as the driver, was shot in the neck. He was booked without charge.

George M. Smith, 25, laborer, Seattle, was shot in the back of the head, not seriously.

Charles Rex, 22, laborer, Seattle, also in the car, was uninjured. He said he did not realize they were running through a road-block.

Sportsmen Congratulated



Theodore R. (Ted) Conn of Lakeview, left, appointed this week to the unexpired term of the late Francis Olds as state game commissioner, looks on as Elmer L. Myers, president of the Klamath Sportsmen's association, points to the newspaper story of the association's resolution to support the war effort even if it means closing Oregon forests. Conn congratulated the group on its self-sacrificing attitude toward hunting and fishing.

Stanfield Says Plans for Next Year Clarified, to Continue on KUHS Staff

Charles Stanfield, Klamath Union high school music supervisor, said Saturday that his work for next year had been more fully clarified and that it is his present intention to remain in the school system the coming year.

He made the following statement: "On Friday afternoon, Superintendent Gralapp and Chairman Murray of the high school board talked to me at some length about high school plans for next year. As an outgrowth of this conference, I feel that it is possible for me to continue my work in the system, as has been urged upon me by many fine friends."

Mr. Gralapp stated I would have full opportunity to choose the work which I will handle next year. This more fully clarifies the action taken at this week's school board meetings.

"I am strongly for cooperation in any coordinated program in the public schools here—in fact, no one knows better than I the great need for such coordination for the success of our music program."

Informally, Stanfield declared his strong feeling for the welfare of the high school and his desire to further the interests of the school.

Stanfield's status for next year became the subject of widespread discussion and agitation in the community this week when it was announced that Andrew Loney, La Grande, had been selected by the two local school boards for director of all public school music. Students at the high school held an unauthorized assembly and circulated petitions urging Stanfield's selection for the post of general director, and Stanfield's supporters declared his successful work here in the last four years justified giving him this position.

Stanfield's statement Saturday indicated an understanding whereby he will continue to conduct the high school work, in connection with the coordinated program in the two systems—high and elementary schools. Superintendent Gralapp confirmed this understanding.

Loney will be general director of all public school music. Miss Lillie Darby, present supervisor of elementary school music, will (Continued on Page Two)

Brothers Die Same Way, in Same Area
ASTORIA, March 14 (AP)—John Dahlstrom, Knappa, Ore., was killed four months ago by logs spilling from a railroad car.

Less than a mile from the death scene, his brother, Andy Dahlstrom, 54, Knappa, was killed in the same manner yesterday.

Yanks in Ireland Get Shaves, Shines
A NORTHERN IRELAND TOWN, March 14 (AP)—Shaves and shines—American troops demanded 'em and got 'em.

The first shoe shine boy got the first license after soldiers complained they missed that old American custom.

Three \$200 barber chairs were installed in one camp when soldiers likewise complained of U. S. barbers: "You got so much lathering you'd think they were trying to rub your beard off."

Red Trap Slowly Closing

20-MILE GAP LEFT AS NAZI ESCAPE ROUTE

Heavy Fighting Rages Around Smolensk Key Point

By The Associated Press
Russian troops were reported to have narrowed the "escape corridor" of Adolf Hitler's armies on the Moscow front to 20 miles today as the soviet counter-offensive rolled on toward Smolensk and crushed desperate German attempts to strike back.

Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, is the key Nazi base on the entire central front.

Closing Jaws
Advices reaching London said the Russians were steadily closing the jaws on a trap around German forces now virtually bottled up in the Rzhev-Viazma region.

The lone channel of retreat was cut to a width of 20 miles presumably near Durovo, on the Viazma-Smolensk highway about 55 miles west of Viazma. Russian troops had last been reported 70 miles apart in that area, driving down from Bely in the north and up from Dorogobuzh in the south.

A soviet bulletin reported tersely that "our troops continued offensive operations against the German fascist invaders and advanced."

Information was lacking on the number of German troops threatened by the huge red army encirclement, but at the peak of the Nazi offensive against Moscow between 600, (Continued on Page Two)

Sugar Rationing Still Month Away
WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Sugar rationing probably will not become effective until some time next month, the office of price administration indicated today.

Details of the program still must be worked out, officials said, and a decision to determine industrial allotments on an individual basis will require additional time.

Survivors Land After 80 Hours
AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, March 14 (AP)—Twenty-nine exhausted, frost-bitten seamen from a torpedoed allied merchantman have been landed here after being tossed for 80 hours in lifeboats on the north Atlantic.

British, Nazi Planes Stage Dogfights Above Channel

LONDON, March 14 (AP)—British fighter planes shot down 10 German Messerschmitts in repeated dogfights over the English channel today in a mid-morning followup of overnight raids in which the Rhineland industrial city of Cologne was hit hard by British bombers, an official announcement said.

The statement declared that not a single British plane was lost in the channel battles. (The German high command said earlier that eight British planes had been downed by German fighters over the channel.)

The raid on Cologne was announced by the air ministry which said a "great weight" of high explosives was dumped on the city in a continuation of the RAF's pre-spring aerial offensive.

Many large fires were left burning in Cologne, the center of a maze of water, highway and rail transportation lines, the air ministry said, by this attack in force. Other raids upon Germany were implied in the statement that Cologne was "the main objective."

Four bombers were reported missing.

President Asks 40 Mile Speed Limits Fixed

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—President Roosevelt has written state governors asking their cooperation to conserve rubber by limiting the maximum speed of all motor vehicles to 40 miles an hour and requiring frequent checking of tires for possible repair or retreading.

The White House announced today that identical letters had been sent to the governors of all 48 states.

"Reduction of speed limits and regular inspection of tires," the president said, "constitute another important means of federal-state cooperation in the war effort."

SALEM, March 14 (AP)—Oregon "will do its utmost" to comply with President Roosevelt's request to fix maximum highway speeds at 40 miles an hour and to require checking of all tires, Governor Charles A. Sprague said today.

The present limit is 55 miles per hour, but the state highway commission was given authority by the 1941 legislature to fix either higher or lower limits.

Sub Stays on Top After Sinking Ship
Three Torpedoes in Atlantic Listed by Government

NORFOLK, Va., March 14 (AP)—A small American steamer was torpedoed and sunk off the Atlantic coast early Wednesday morning by an enemy submarine which cruised brazenly about the area for four hours after the attack, showing a strong yellow light from its conning tower.

Seven members of the steamer's crew landed at Norfolk by a rescue ship, which picked them up after they had been adrift 10 hours on a life raft, said there was little chance their 21 shipmates had survived.

The fifth naval district announced the sinking today.

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—Two, possibly three, more merchant ships have been torpedoed, and marine underwriters have raised war risk insurance rates for Atlantic coastal cargoes "as a direct result of the continued submarine menace in these waters."

The navy announced the torpedoing of a small US merchant ship in the Caribbean area. The captain of the Norwegian vessel was killed and five men are missing. Fourteen survivors reached shore.

The schooner of the 7005-ton US freighter Texan, was announced Saturday.

U. S. CRUISER, DESTROYER ON CASUALTY LIST

United Nations Navy Sinks Eight Jap Warships

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP)—The American cruiser Houston, the American destroyer Pope and 10 other warships of the United Nations were lost in the battle of Java, the navy disclosed today, adding that a 13th allied ship was reported beached and presumed lost.

In the great battle in which they went down—British, Australian and Dutch along with the United States vessels—the United Nations accounted for eight Japanese warships.

Devastating Fury
The action started on February 27 between Bawean island and Soerabaja and broke in its devastating fury through efforts of the United Nations forces to block the landing of Japanese troops from convoys.

The Houston, a 10,000-ton cruiser launched in 1929, was once the flagship of the commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet and was a favorite of President Roosevelt for use on ocean cruises.

The Pope, a "four stacker" World war type ship, was launched in 1920 at Philadelphia. The Pope was a 1190-ton vessel.

The allied losses made public in a joint British admiralty and U. S. navy department communique which listed the allied losses as: Cruisers—the Houston, United States; Exeter, British; Perth, Australian; Java, Dutch; Destroyer, Dutch.

Destroyers—Pope, United States; Korteneer, Dutch; Electra, British; Jupiter, British; Enderbury, Dutch.

250 Klamath Men In Draft Quota Slated for April

Klamath county will send 250 men into the army in the April selective service group, draft headquarters officials announced Saturday.

One hundred will be furnished by Board 1 and 150 by Board 2, the announcement revealed. The group will be by far the largest sent from the county since inception of the draft act.

The draft office said that Board 1 registrants will leave here the night of Friday, April 2, and Board 2 men will depart Tuesday night, April 7. A list of the entire group is scheduled for publication next week.

Honolulu Has Air Raid Alarm

HONOLULU, March 14 (AP)—Air raid sirens screamed an alarm over Honolulu today, for the third time in three weeks.

The alarm sounded at 9:46 a. m. (12:16 a. m. Pacific war time). The warning lasted for 87 minutes. No enemy planes appeared.

Radios were on the air right up to the time the alarm sounded. A week ago today, when the last previous alarm was sounded when enemy planes were heard off the Hawaiian Islands, the radios went off the air half an hour before the warning.

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Local Airman Identified by Parents



When the above picture appeared in The Herald and News this week Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Doty, 1738 Menlo Way, recognized their son, Norris Doty, as the airman on the extreme right. Young Doty, 25, is a former employe of Big Basin Lumber company and the California Oregon Power company. He enlisted more than a year ago in the United States air corps and has seen foreign duty for some time. A week ago his parents received word he was "OK" but had previously been advised the young flier was in Australia. This picture is the first to reach the United States showing America's armed forces in Australia. Above is a crew of a "flying fortress" leaving this plane after arriving from action in the Philippines. The ship carried scars of battle. Doty is unmarried, was graduated from Klamath Union high school where he was student body president, and attended Linfield college before going into the service. His father is employed as roofer at Big Basin.