

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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BRITISH BLAST ISLE OF RHODES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HITLER, speaking in Berlin at memorial exercises for Germany's war dead, warns his people of a hard struggle ahead, appeals for new sacrifices and promises a "crushing victory" over Russia this summer.

He adds: "If the Bolsheviks couldn't crush us during the unprecedentedly hard winter just passing, when they had the chance, we'll annihilatingly defeat them this summer."

HIS speech is a purely routine affair, dealing with what he would be expected to deal with on such an occasion.

If he had said (or intimated) that Germany might LOSE this summer, it would be hot news.

HAVE no doubts, however, as to this: Russia is the HOTTEST SPOT IN THE WORLD.

If, with such help as we and the British can give them, the Russians can lick Hitler this summer, thus releasing the forces we now have to scatter all over the globe, we can handle Japan.

DURING the present relative lull in the fighting (there is no lull in Russia) here are the places to watch:

- Australia.
- India.
- The Amur river in Siberia.
- Norway.
- Finland.
- Turkey.

THE Japs have to make up their minds whether to consolidate what they've already taken or GO ON.

They're afraid of Australia, which, if untaken, will always be a threat on their flank.

Australia expects invasion in force.

Premier Curtin appealed on Saturday for unlimited help from us, pointing out that with Australia gone our west coast will be on the front line. Today, General Bennett, speaking in Sydney, says: "Every man in the Australian Imperial Forces (including those overseas) is NOW NEEDED for defense of the commonwealth."

PRESENT fighting in India is in Burma, which is the back door to China by way of the Burma road. As long as China remains unconquered it will be a potential base for air attack on Japan.

(That is to say, a threat on the flank, like Australia.)

A JAP drive down the Amur river would cut off Vladivostok, another threat to Japan. (Consult your map.)

There is much uncertainty as to the forces Russia has in Siberia. Dispatches today to the London Daily Mail say Russia has 3 million men there, with immense reserves in training. Other sources have indicated movement of a considerable part of the Siberian army to the Russian-German front.

TODAY'S dispatches say Chungking thinks the Japs are likely to strike Siberia as suddenly and devastatingly as they struck Pearl Harbor.

GERMAN-HELD Norway is on the flank of the SHORT supply route to Russia by way of the Arctic. Getting British and American help to Russia this summer is all-important.

You must have noted the dispatches the other day telling of arrival of the Tirpitz, Germany's biggest battleship, at a Norwegian port.

That would indicate that Germany is planning flank attacks on the Arctic supply route to Russia.

THERE have been new intimations of late that Finland may be getting ready to quit fighting. Your map will tell what that would mean. It would clear (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Bomb Darwin Again

Police Seek Strangler of Portland Woman

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16 (AP)—Police traced today the few clues left them by the strangler of 28-year-old Margaret Gwen Ponsen, Portland stenographer. Her naked body, covered neatly by a quilt, was found last night in her apartment, in which there was no evidence of a struggle and only one thing was out of place.

That was a missing lamp cord. Deputy Coroner Gideon Snook said it probably was used to garrot the woman, then was carried off by the slayer. He said there was no evidence of criminal assault.

Of the woman, police knew little. They said her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ponsen, Seaside, Ore. A sister was also believed to live at Seaside. Mrs. John B. Shank, apartment house manager, said the woman had lived alone since a divorce two years ago. Police did not know his name.

Carl Magnuson, another apartment tenant, said two men (Continued on Page Two)

BRITISH STIFFENING FORCES IN BURMA

American Fliers on Hand for Battle To Stop Japs

MANDALAY, Burma, March 16 (AP)—Fliers of the American volunteer group whose air defense of Rangoon was one of the few bright spots for the United Nations in the southwest Pacific, are on hand for the defense of central and upper Burma and are being outfitted with new pursuit planes. They are prepared to continue their fight for air supremacy in the new phase of the Burma campaign and to make special efforts to halt terror bombings against civilians, one of Japan's most effective weapons in Burma.

MANDALAY, Burma, March 15 (Delayed) (AP)—British imperial forces, stiffening their resistance after a long retreat, were unofficially reported to today have recrossed to the east bank of the Sittang river in a counter offensive and captured Shwegyin, 80 miles north of Rangoon.

(A later communique from New Delhi said two additional villages were captured, but explained that the attack was intended only as a diversion and that the attacking forces had since returned to their original positions "according to plan.") The British were forced to draw back over the Sittang River a few days ago in a retreat which opened the way to the Japanese occupation of Rangoon, the capital and chief port.

Four Trainmen Die In Rail Collision

WAVERLY, Tenn., March 16 (AP)—Four trainmen, including a father and son, were killed and two other trainmen critically injured in the head-on collision of a passenger and freight train on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway line near here early Sunday.

Those killed, all of Nashville, Tenn., were: A. C. Hargrove Sr., 46, passenger train fireman; A. C. Hargrove Jr., 21, his son, fireman of the freight; A. H. Laudermilk, 44, engineer on the freight; and H. Edmondson, 32, apprentice fireman on the passenger train. Robert Hargrove, 65, also a N. C. & St. L. fireman, was on the scene as rescuers sought to extricate the bodies of his son and grandson.

FOURTH RAID ON AUSTRALIA DAMAGES BASE

Allied Airmen Strike Return Blows at Jap Forces

CANBERRA, Australia, March 16 (AP)—Fourteen Japanese bombers smashed at Darwin today, subjecting that north coast port to its fourth air attack since war swept to the southwest Pacific.

Early reports of the raid said that some damage resulted and that there were casualties, but details were lacking. Darwin, a potential naval base for the allied nations, was mass raided by more than 100 Japanese bombers and fighting planes for the first time Feb. 19. Many casualties and some military damage resulted and a civilian evacuation was ordered.

Return Blows

The Japanese carried out lesser raids the following day and on March 4. Australian and American airmen struck return blows today at Japanese invasion bases, including Dili in Portuguese Timor, a possible springboard for the attacks on Darwin.

Heavy American bombers were reported to have participated in broad offensive sweeps by the Royal Australian air force, during which, the air ministry said, attacks were made yesterday on a Japanese airbase at Dili, in Portuguese Timor, and on invasion bases at Rabaul and Gasmata, New Britain.

Sub Scores Complementing these air blows was the announcement that a United Nations submarine (Continued on Page Two)

\$100,000 Damages Asked of Zuckerman For Fatal Shooting

STOCKTON, Calif., March 16 (AP)—A \$100,000 damage suit was filed against Maurice Zuckerman, wealthy produce merchant, today for fatally shooting Otto Dander, prominent Stockton Legionnaire, in a bar room fight last fall.

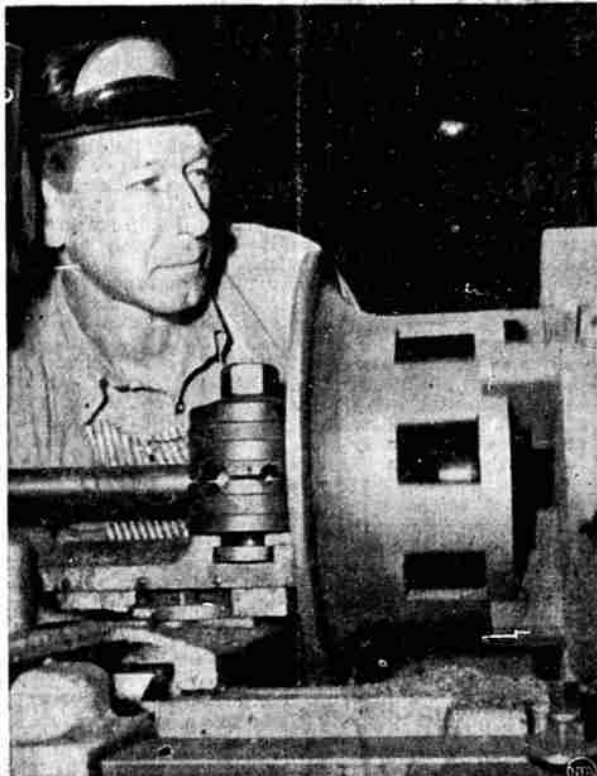
The civil action was filed in federal court by Hazel and Margaretha Dander, the slain man's widow and mother, respectively. Their brief complaint said Zuckerman "willfully shot" Dander. Zuckerman, who is held under guard in the County hospital pending a hearing March 23 for bail pending argument of a motion for a new trial on his manslaughter conviction, insisted he shot in self defense.

District Attorney Maxwell Willens said further statements had been obtained from Walter J. Green, defense witness who Willens said recanted his testimony. Green admitted in justice court he had perjured himself. Willens said he was considering taking further action, but did not indicate what.

Jap Propagandist Ex-Portlander

PORTLAND, March 16 (AP)—Japan's Lord Haw Haw, English-speaking radio propagandist, is Charles Yoshii, an American-born Japanese who attended school here in the late 1920's. Principal Charles A. Fry of Franklin high school said Saturday. Yoshii was graduated from Franklin high and University of Oregon, Fry said, then became a radio announcer in Los Angeles. There he met the touring Yosuke Matsuoka, former Japanese premier. He left soon for Japan, where he renounced American citizenship, Fry said.

In San Quentin, They Also Serve



If and when, the enemy strikes at the Pacific coast, products designed and turned out by inmates of San Quentin penitentiary will do their part in defense. Above, George W. Parsons works on a lathe-turned siren, designed by another inmate, a type now being used in many California communities.

TWO PENDLETON BOMBERS CRASH

Four Die in Crack-up Near Boise; Other Wreck Sought

PENDLETON, March 16 (AP)—Four army airmen, including the pilot and co-pilot, were killed and two injured in the crash of a B-17 bomber three miles south of Gowen field at Boise, Ida., Col. Frank W. Wright, commander of the Pendleton air-base, announced this afternoon.

Another B-17 which went down in the rugged Blue Mountains 20 miles south of Pendleton, will not be reached until late today by a crash crew of 21 men and doctors sent from the Pendleton base.

At Boise the dead are: Second Lieut. Charles S. Hoffer III, Butler, Penn., pilot. Second Lieut. Duane T. Crosthwaite, Pleasant Ridge, Mich., co-pilot. Pvt. Harold L. Gilliam, Everett, Wash. Pvt. Arthur L. Schifper, address unknown. Sgt. Morton L. Howard, Danville, Penn. Corp. George A. Gurlock, Danbury, Conn. The ship had signaled with (Continued on Page Two)

Opera Tonight Closes Concert Season Here

The final concert of the 1941-42 series will be presented tonight at 8 o'clock on the Pelican theatre stage when Mozart's gay "The Marriage of Figaro" will be performed by "The Nine o'Clock Opera Company" under the auspices of the Klamath Community Concert association. Simultaneously the 1942-43 concert drive for membership gets under way.

An operatic troupe which gets as many laughs as a smash Broadway review, which carries all its props in a suitcase and which has won the highest musical praise from New York's hard-boiled critics—this is the "Nine o'Clock Opera Company" which will play to a capacity crowd tonight. This is the fourth in a delightful winter series of concerts.

Mozart's opera has long been acknowledged the perfect masterpiece of opera buff. The audience will have a chance to see for itself that opera can be riotously funny and lose none of its musical appeal. Nowhere else does one find such a combination of unflagging wit and plot suspense with music of the highest order. The second act of "Figaro" has been called the most marvelous musical in all opera. But it is also the funniest, a fact which most Americans are quite unaware because the original libretto (Continued on Page Two)

NAVY REPORTS ENEMY SHIP SUNK BY SUB

U. S. Army Fighters Down Jap Planes In Australia

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The navy department reported today that a United States submarine had sunk an enemy freighter in Japanese waters and that a 3,000-ton enemy gasoline tanker had been sunk by undisclosed means in the Philippine area.

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The war department reported today that nine army fighter planes destroyed three Japanese aircraft in a fight north of Australia.

One American plane was lost in ramming an enemy fighter, a communique said. The engagement took place Saturday when nine American pursuit planes of the Curtiss P-40 type encountered a large flight of enemy bombers escorted by fighter planes.

The Americans attacked, although greatly outnumbered, the war department said. Earlier, the war department disclosed that an American four-motored bomber had attacked a Japanese-held airport on the island of New Britain last Friday, destroying at least two enemy planes on the ground and damaging the runway. In a communique, the department said the single American plane was on reconnaissance patrol when it attacked the Vunakanau airfield at Rabaul. No activity was reported from the Philippines.

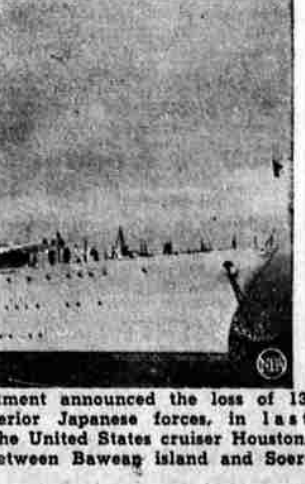
Klamath Flier Dies In Auto Accident Near Texas Field

Mr. and Mrs. Mose Andrews of 4211 Homedale avenue have received a letter from the air corps commander at Ellington Field, Tex., expressing regret at the death of their son, Private Raymond G. Andrews, in an automobile accident.

Private Andrews was injured March 6 and died in the station hospital March 10, Major H. M. McMillan of the 70th school squadron said in his letter. "Private Andrews was the highest type of soldier and was known for his friendliness and good-heartedness," the letter said. "His squadron joins in extending to you, his parents, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy."

Andrews was a native of Omaha, Ark. and had made his home in Klamath Falls for five years before joining the air corps. He was 21 years old.

Cruiser Houston One of 12 Allied Ships Lost at Java



Bad news was the order of the day when the navy department announced the loss of 13 United Nations warships, against eight for the numerically superior Japanese forces, in last month's epic battle for Java. One of the biggest losses was the United States cruiser Houston, above, and the U. S. destroyer Pope. The action occurred between Bawean Island and Soerabaya.

Hitler Predicts Victory Over Soviet Russia

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), March 16 (AP)—Adolf Hitler appealed to the German people yesterday for new sacrifices and warned them "a hard struggle" lies ahead, but promised a crushing victory over Soviet Russia during the coming summer.

Speaking at memorial exercises for Germany's war dead, Hitler also predicted the ultimate defeat of what he called President Roosevelt's attempts to "build a detestable new alien world."

The German leader made a special trip from his headquarters on the Russian front to attend the state ceremonies; later he reviewed units of the army, navy and air force and placed a wreath on the war dead memorial in Unter Den Linden. He acknowledged frankly that the German armed forces had met unanticipated obstacles in Russia after achieving victories which he said had "no parallel in history." Winter, for instance he said—came weeks earlier than expected.

"But one thing we know today," Hitler declared: "The Bolsheviks who could not defeat the German troops and their allies in one winter will be (Continued on Page Two)

GAS SUPPLIES CUT FOR OREGON AREA

Less To Be Delivered To Stations; 12 Hour Day Set

WASHINGTON, March 16 (AP)—The 100,000 filling stations of the eastern seaboard and Pacific northwest, which serve more than 10,000,000 automobile drivers, will receive 20 per cent less gasoline beginning Thursday and will be permitted to operate no more than 12 hours a day and 72 hours a week.

Orders to this effect were issued Saturday by Donald M. Nelson, director of the war production board, as a stop-gap until cards can be printed for a rigid rationing program on both coasts.

States affected are Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida east of the Apalachicola river, Washington and Oregon.

First Train Rolls Over Lofty Track Of Pit River Span

REDDING, Calif., March 16 (AP)—A 40-car Southern Pacific freight train rolled along track suspended 500 feet above the canyon-walled Pit river yesterday, and so inaugurated service over the highest double deck bridge in the world.

The train, which also for the first time covered the 30 miles of new mainline track from Delta to Redding, crossed over the lower deck of the bridge. The upper level, four lanes wide, will carry highway traffic when its approaches are completed, probably by summer.

Siskiyou Accident Proves Fatal

ASHLAND, Ore., March 16 (AP)—Ed Cortnell, 65, Hill, Calif., died of pneumonia here today resulting from exposure and injuries suffered Thursday as his car plunged down a 200-foot canyon in a blinding Siskiyou mountain snowstorm.

Lewis J. Layne, 42, Hill, also in the car, is recovering. (Layne is a brother of Mrs. Frank Kleiner of Klamath Falls. Further details on page 5.)

NAZIS ADMIT FRONT BROKEN BY RUSSIANS

Mediterranean Blow Shows Drive in Turkey Eyed

By CLYDE A. FARNSWORTH Associated Press War Editor British warships and planes within the past 24 hours have lashed out at the easternmost Mediterranean foothold of the axis, the Italian island of Rhodes, just off the Turkish coast.

The assault suggested British readiness for any springtime move of the axis to supplement the war with Russia by a south-eastward stab into Turkey.

Front Cracked The most astonishing of the latest reports from the war in Russia was Berlin's bald admission that the red army had breached the German line on the central front during a heavy snowstorm and that "heavy defensive fighting developed there."

That appeared in a special announcement of the Hitler command while the regular communique admitted that the Russians had renewed mass attacks against German forces of the Kerch peninsula of Crimea. From the Russian side came reports that liberation of the great industrial center of Kharkov, on the southern front but north of the Crimea, was imminent.

The German high command declared that the central front attackers were favored by a blinding snowstorm in achieving their "local breach . . . in closely wooded country." The assault started Saturday, it was said, and "after 15 hours of hard fighting the breach was closed again in a counter-attack. The Soviets suffered heavy and bloody losses."

Stab at Turkey The common opinion of many war observers has been that if Hitler cannot get his promised offensive under way in Russia he certainly will make a stab toward the Caucasus through Turkey. In such event, Rhodes might readily serve as a forward base for flanking assault on Turkey's Mediterranean shore.

Japs Report 500 Americans Taken

TOKYO (From Japanese Broadcasts), March 16 (AP)—Four hundred American troops were captured by the Japanese at Bandoeng, Central Java, and 100 more in eastern Java, a Domei dispatch said today.

All are now prisoners of war, it was said. War material seized from the Americans included 93 automobiles, 8 field guns, 19 machine guns, 390 automatic and regular rifles and 80,000 rounds of ammunition, the dispatch said.

Eight Killed in Illinois Tornado

DANVILLE, Ill., March 16 (AP)—Eight persons were killed in a Tornado that cut across eastern Illinois today, striking hardest north of here at the village of Alvin, where at least four were killed and perhaps two score hurt. Four others were killed in Champaign county.

Reports were that most of the buildings in Alvin, a town of 339 population, were destroyed and at least three burned when fires started in the wreckage.

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