

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 10, 1942
Present stream year 9.82
Last year to date 9.84
Normal to that date 8.43

MAC ARTHUR TAKES ALLIED HELM

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S spot news is thrilling.

MacArthur has been taken out of beleaguered Bataan, landed safely in Australia and made supreme commander of United Nations forces in the East Indies, the Philippines and the South Pacific.

Whether he ranks Wavell in India isn't made clear by today's dispatches.

IT may be supremely important as well as thrilling. History tells us that GENIUS IN COMMAND is the most important ingredient in the recipe for victory. It was Hannibal, Alexander and Napoleon, rather than the forces they led, that rocked the world. It was not until Grant was found that the North began to capitalize upon its superior resources in man power and industrial organization.

SECRETARY OF WAR STIMSON discloses at the same time that U. S. troops and air corps units "in considerable numbers" have arrived in Australia.

Australian Premier Curtin announces that Australian air forces that took part in the East Indies and Malaya fighting are back for the most part on their home soil, providing a core of hardened and experienced fighters.

A reception is being prepared for the Japs, if and when they decide to move on to the south.

AS to such a decision, there are rumors in plenty but no definite, confirmed developments.

Dispatches today to London papers assert that the Jap naval forces that participated in the Java invasion—consisting of cruisers, carriers and shoals of destroyers—are on their way to Australia now. They are reported to be massing heavy air forces in New Guinea.

The Japs are said to be planning to launch their offensive against Australia's eastern seaboard, where the great cities are, instead of attempting an invasion from the far north across waterless deserts.

THE Chinese repeat their warning of a sudden Jap attack on Siberia. (The Chinese intelligence service has been pretty good so far.)

Hitler, whose big job is to lick Russia, the Japs smack the reds at the back door while he is tackling them anew from the front. This writer has an idea the Japanese will co-operate with Hitler ONLY when it suits their own purposes to do so.

IT is becoming apparent that Hitler's big job is to lick Russia now.

He can't lick Russia in Africa, or in Spain, so it may be assumed that anything he starts there will be a diversion to keep the British busy.

He is probably putting all the pressure he can bring to bear on the Japs to go after the Russians in Siberia. (You must have noted his honeyed references to "our brave allies, the Japanese" in his Sunday speech.)

IF the Japs fight the Russians in Siberia and at the same time invade Australia and India, they will be biting off a big piece.

It seems a good guess that if they go ahead in Australia and India, they will pull their punches in Siberia.

But you never can tell what a Jap will do.

AS to Hitler and Russia, a couple of straws appear in today's winds:

1. The Germans are authoritatively reported to have sent strong reinforcements to their Norwegian garrisons. Earlier reports indicated that they are continuing to be sought, and that

Midwest Tornado Kills Scores

LONDON FEARS ICELAND STAB IN NAZI PLAN

German Preparations In Norway Warn Of Threat

By The Associated Press
London quarters today saw the threat of a possible German attack against Iceland or upon American-British supply lines to Russia as a result of Nazi orders closing all Norwegian ports from North Cape to Alesund, and at the same time it was disclosed that Germany's mightiest battleship, the new 35,000-ton Tirpitz, may be loose on the high seas.

The Norwegian coast would make a likely jumping-off point for any Nazi assault on Iceland, now guarded by United States and British forces.

Other Evidence
A responsible London source, declaring the German order was "ominous," cited these other evidences that a major new campaign in the north may be imminent:

1. Authoritative reports that the Germans have sent strong reinforcements to their Norwegian garrisons.
2. Today's German high command announcement of intensified fighting in Lapland, whose far north frontier is only 50 miles from the vital Russian supply base at Murmansk.
3. Massing of Nazi warships at Trondheim.

The source declared Germany was now believed to have between 150,000 and 200,000 troops in Norway, compared with the 100,000 reported there last summer.

Avoids Attack
A British spokesman said that the powerful Tirpitz, sistership of the battleship Blismark, "appears to have avoided" an attack by British aerial torpedoes off the Norwegian port of Narvik (Continued on Page Two)

Juke Boxes, Pinball Machines Under Ban

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Juke boxes, weighing machines, pinball games and other amusement machines today joined the growing list of articles banned from production due to the war.

The war production board gave the industry until May 1 to use up fabricated or partly fabricated materials on hand before being converted entirely to the war effort. But, it prohibited immediately the production of any repair parts for gaming machines and banned the cutting, stamping or processing of any copper, copper alloy, nickel or stainless steel for the machines to be banned.

Council Sets Vote in May On Fire Department Levy

After protracted discussion, city councilmen last night decided to place on the May ballot a proposal for a four-mill additional levy for the city fire department.

If passed, this levy would be added to \$38,000 now raised annually for the fire department, giving the department a total of about \$76,000 a year.

The proposal is for a continuing lev, which would be added to the tax bills each year hereafter unless or until repealed.

Virtually the Same
As finally agreed upon, the proposal is somewhat revised from the original recommendations of a special fire committee, but in effect is virtually the same. The committee had recommended that they are continuing to be sought, and that

Chiller Diller



Terrifying in looks, but it's designed to save lives. At Los Angeles Capt. S. Kronhaus demonstrates his newly-invented lifesaver—a rubberized water and air-tight suit that can be donned in two minutes, keeps occupant warm and afloat indefinitely.

20 LOST IN SINKING OF AMERICAN SHIP

Uruguay Seizes Nazi Boat in Reprisal For Attack

NEW YORK, March 17 (AP)—Fourteen survivors of an American merchant ship, torpedoed last Saturday off Atlantic City, N. J., have landed at Staten Island. Twenty men were reported missing.

The third naval district said that six of the men were hospitalized for bruises, exposures and shock. They were taken to a marine hospital at Staten Island.

Capt. Gardner D. Clark, 57, of Machias, Me., said he was in his cabin when the New England steamer was attacked without warning at 1:45 a. m.

The first of three torpedoes struck midships, wrecking the lifeboat on the starboard side, he said.

Canada Approves Alaska Highway

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The war department announced today that the Canadian government had given final approval to construction of the new highway to Alaska.

This approval, the department said, was the final step in formal negotiations by the United States and Canadian governments of these projects, which had been agreed upon generally by March 6.

"Contrary to published reports," the department said, "at no time were negotiations hampered by lack of cooperation by the Canadian government."

LOCAL DRIVERS FACE RATIONING OF GAS SUPPLY

Details of Order Not Learned by Service Stations Here

Klamath motorists face the certainty of gas rationing beginning Thursday of this week, but details and the practical effect of the restrictions in this community were still in a vague stage.

In general, it was explained by one oil company official, the distributors will deliver to the gas stations on the basis of 80 per cent of the sales in some designated period of last year. It will then be up to the station operators to dole out the gasoline until the supply is gone.

Last Year Base
Much depends upon what period of last year is designated as the base. Gasoline consumption here ran high in some months last year, and if the high months should be made the base, there might be an ample supply for the reduced demand this year.

It is expected that oil companies will be required to supply gas first to essential users, such as operators of farm equipment, industries, etc. Because of these varied factors, oil company officials cautioned the public against jumping to conclusions until definite details and rulings are announced.

"Scare" On
The "scare" was on, however, and many motorists were pestering gasoline company offices for information on the possibility of storage in barrels buried on their property—a plan which they soon discovered presents many difficulties.

Barrel rental was set at \$3.50 by one company. It was pointed out that restrictions in the city on buried gasoline tanks are very severe, while outside the tanks might affect or even invalidate fire insurance.

Harold Franey, city building inspector, said the city follows the rules on such barrels set up by the underwriters bureau. A buried tank must be covered by two feet of dirt, must not be closer than 10 feet to a house or

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Commissioner Of Philippines Reaches Hawaii

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—Francis B. Sayre, American high commissioner to the Philippines, arrived in Honolulu today, President Roosevelt disclosed to a press conference, and is on the way to the United States for conferences and to make reports.

Mr. Roosevelt said Sayre had been directed to come home and report and that probably he would return to the southwest Pacific area as soon as possible. He did not suggest that Sayre would go back to the Philippines.

How the high commissioner got out of the islands was not told.

MILITARY AREA SET IN KLAMATH FALLS

Downtown Section of City Outlined in New Army Order

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17 (AP)—Additional military areas announced today by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt, fourth army commander, includes 41 in Oregon from which "such persons or classes of persons as the situation may require will be subsequent proclamation be excluded."

Among the areas are two bombing ranges, the Pendleton air base, radio station KJJE at Pendleton, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company property at Troutdale, parts of The Dalles, Klamath Falls, Bend and Baker, 11 railroad bridges, eight railroad tunnels and 13 highway bridges, viaducts or railroad overpasses.

MISSISSIPPI HARDEST HIT IN 148 TOTAL

Over 1000 Injured in Seven States; Loss Of Property High

By The Associated Press
Striking through warm spring air, tornadoes tore at seven southern and midwestern states yesterday, killing 148 or more, injuring over 1000 and smashing property worth millions.

Terrific winds cut across the northwestern section of Mississippi where at least 73 were known dead, and approximately 650 others injured. High winds also left a trail of death and destruction in western Kentucky and Tennessee, struck south-central and north-central Indiana, and killed at least 20 in east-central Illinois. The lethal winds cut across the northernmost tip of Alabama, killing two near Florence, and severe storms were reported as far west as Missouri.

The toll of dead and estimated number of injured by states:

State	Dead	Injured
Mississippi	73	650
Illinois	20	170
Kentucky	24	60
Tennessee	27	100
Indiana	2	50
Alabama	2	?

Mississippi, hardest hit, rushed all available aid to the disaster zone, covering an area 150 miles wide and about 100 miles deep. The section, mostly rural with only a few scattered cities, was without communication for several hours in many places. Torrential rains followed the high winds and washed out many roads.

Thirty-four were known dead and 206 injured in Leflore area in northwestern Mississippi, and at least 18 were killed and 45 injured in the vicinity of Water Valley, a small town in the north-central section of the state.

Other Mississippi cotton belt towns reporting were Grenada 6 dead, more than 100 injured; Baldwin four dead, 90 injured; one missing; Avalon five dead, many injured; Oxford and Tula five dead, many others injured; near Michigan City six dead; near north Holly Springs two dead. The area is populated largely by negroes.

BULLETIN

Kiva Hutchinson, Copco accountant, and Claus Sievers, Yamsay, were the first Klamath county men whose numbers were drawn in Tuesday afternoon's draft drawing.

Each had the serial number of 441, the first number drawn that applies to local boards. Hutchinson is in board No. 1, and Sievers in board No. 2. Each was assigned the order number of 10,001.

City Installing New Siren for Raid Warning

Klamath fire department's new siren is soon to be mounted on the roof of the central fire station.

The big noise-maker came in somewhat different form than ordered, according to city officials. While Fire Chief Keith Ambrose had ordered a siren with a directional head, the device that arrived here had a vertical head. An adjustment with the company is underway.

At Monday night's city council meeting it was stated the siren will be used for air raid alarms along with other whistles, but its primary use is for a fire alarm.

When the siren is installed, it will be tried out, probably at 12 or 1 o'clock when other whistles are blowing. The public will be given advance notice.

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LABOR HEADS AGREE TO FOREGO STRIKES

Green, Murray Claim Plan Better Than Legislation

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The leaders of organized labor indicated today that labor had yielded its right to strike during the war as a more satisfactory answer to the problems of production and national unity than restrictive legislative enactments by congress.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO, who called at the White House with members of the labor-war board, disclosed after an hour's conference with the president that it was agreed wage rates and "standards would be fixed, without resort to strikes, or interruption to production, through these three methods:

Collective bargaining, conciliation or mediation, or operations (Continued on Page Two)

Rangers Seek 'Brown Men' Who Fired at Boy Scouts

BOULDER CITY, Nev., March 17 (AP)—The reclamation service sent rangers into a box canyon three miles below Boulder dam today to investigate Pvt. William F. Colley's story that he and 20 Boy Scouts were trapped in the arroyo two nights and a day by gunfire from two little brown men.

Colley, a scoutmaster, told Chief Ranger Charles F. Peterson he believed he killed one of the men and that the body would be found in the Colorado river. He said he found bloodstains on the bank. He speculated that the men were Italians or Mexicans.

Colley's story, as related by Peterson, was: The party, on an exploring

trip, was fired on Saturday afternoon by two little brown men who commanded the mouth of a box canyon from a cave. Colley fired 24 shots and believed he killed one of the men.

Whenever the boys attempted to leave the canyon, they were fired at.

Colley sent 16 boys out of the canyon yesterday morning as an airplane, sent to search for them, flew overhead. The boys' families, worried at their prolonged absence, had asked for the search.

Rangers notified by the 16 escapers brought out Colley and the other four scouts.

Peterson said Colley's story was corroborated by the boys.

BATAAN HERO IN AUSTRALIA AT NEW POST



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Jap Naval Force Reported Heading For Australia

LONDON, March 17 (AP)—Dispatches from Australia to some London newspapers, which informed sources here could not confirm, reported today that the Japanese naval force which participated in the invasion of Java now is moving southward on Australia.

This force was said to include cruisers, airplane carriers and scores of destroyers.

The dispatches also reported the Japanese are massing heavy air reinforcements in New Guinea, possibly for large-scale air attacks to clear the way for a naval offensive against Port Moresby, on New Guinea's south coast, and on northern Australia. RAAF reconnaissance pilots were cited in the dispatches as authority for the fleet movements.

Other dispatches printed in London said the Japanese were expected to launch their attack first against the eastern Australian seaboard, where the continent's chief cities are, instead of attempting an invasion from the north which would mean fighting their way across hundreds of miles of waterless desert.

Status of Wavell in India Not Clear After Shake-Up

WASHINGTON, March 17 (AP)—The arrival of General Douglas MacArthur in Australia to assume the supreme United Nations command in that region was announced today by the war department.

The assignment was requested by the Australian government, the department said, and President Roosevelt directed MacArthur on February 22 to transfer his headquarters from the Philippines he has been so brilliantly defending to Australia as soon as the necessary arrangements could be made.

Perfects Command
MacArthur requested a delay until he could perfect arrangements within his Philippine command, and this delay was approved by the president.

MacArthur was accompanied on the plane trip to Australia by Mrs. MacArthur and their son; by his chief of staff, Major General Richard K. Sutherland; Brigadier General Harold H. George of the air forces, and several other staff officers.

His command in the southwest Pacific region will include the Philippine islands, the war department said.

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