

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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JAP CRUISER SUNK BY DEFENDERS

Arnold Hits Labor

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AUSTRALIAN dispatches this morning tell of Jap air raids on Broome and Derby.

Your map will locate these towns for you on King Sound, several hundred miles SOUTH-WEST of Darwin, on the Indian ocean side of the Australian continent.

At the same time a Vichy dispatch tells vaguely of a Jap fleet that is said to be headed down through the Indian ocean for Perth, at the far southwest tip of Australia.

Remember that the Vichy government of France can be generally depended upon to play the axis game, whatever it may be. As long, that is, as playing the axis game doesn't involve too much risk.

Vague dispatches a day or so ago intimated that the Jap attack on Australia, when it does come, may be expected to fall on the EAST coast, where the big cities and the bulk of the settlement are located.

It is fairly safe to assume that these rumors are ENEMY-inspired, and that their purpose is to confuse the defenders of Australia and lead them to scatter their forces over a vast area.

If that purpose could be accomplished, the Japs would be enabled to CONCENTRATE their forces for a smashing blow at one thinly defended point.

This strategy, which is one of the natural advantages of the offensive, is as old as warfare, and we may assume that MacArthur, trained and experienced soldier that he has shown himself to be, knows all about it.

RECENT dispatches have told of smashing American-Australian raids on Jap bases in the ring of islands north of Australia. MacArthur evidently figures the Jap assault will come from these bases, if and when it is launched.

MAC ARTHUR, speaking today in Melbourne to cheering thousands of Australians, says: "I have every confidence in the ultimate success of our joint cause, but success in modern war requires something more than courage and willingness to die."

"It requires CAREFUL PREPARATION."

He adds: "No general can make something out of nothing. My success in the future will depend primarily upon the RESOURCES which the respective governments place at my disposal."

BY resources, he means not only fighting men but ships, planes, tanks and guns. These ships, planes, tanks and guns must come from the FACTORIES on the home front.

They must come SPEEDILY, or they will be TOO LATE.

LET us turn now to the home front where these resources (ships, planes, tanks and guns) must come from, and see how the politicians, who are primarily in charge of their production, are handling their job.

SENATOR BYRD told us the other day of a new department in the Office of Civilian Defense.

It might well be termed the DEPARTMENT OF PLAY.

It involves teaching those of us who are so fortunate as to be able to STAY AT HOME how to relax and have a good time. Tennis, bowling, billiards, ping-pong, etc., are included in the games we are to be TAUGHT (Continued on Page Two)

Suspension of Sugar Sales Set For April Week

CHICAGO, March 21 (AP)—Suspension of all sugar sales in the United States for a period of approximately one week beginning at midnight April 27, as a preliminary to the rationing program, was announced here today by John E. Hamm, acting chief of the office of price administrator.

CHICAGO, March 21 (AP)—National sugar rationing registration dates were fixed today by the office of price administration for April 28 and 29, and May 4, 5, 6, and 7.

Industrial consumers, such as confectioners and candy makers, will register for their rations on the two April dates, using their nearest high school.

Individual consumers will register May 4-7 at the public schools.

Bane emphasized that it had not been finally determined whether the weekly individual quota would be a half pound or three-quarters of a pound.

BAND, FIRE LEVY ACTION PROPOSED

Millage Changes May Be On Ballot On May 15

Three proposals in ordinance form will be presented at Monday night's meeting of the city council, these proposals in turn to be presented to the voting public on May 15 for approval or rejection.

First measure which will go through the first and second reading process Monday night is the proposed four-mill continuous levy to establish new fire stations in the city, purchase of (Continued on Page Two)

Portlander Held For Questioning In Steno's Death

PORTLAND, March 21 (AP)—Malcolm Hartman, 25, Portland, who admitted he was in the apartment of Gwen Ponsness, 35, the night before she was found strangled to death, was held for the district attorney today, Police Lt. Louis Manciet announced.

No charge has been filed against Hartman who appeared voluntarily at police headquarters earlier in the week and told of the visit. At that time he was released.

He said he left the apartment about 2 a. m. Sunday. At the time, he told Manciet, Miss Ponsness, Portland office worker, and another man were in the apartment. The woman's body was found Sunday, evidence indicating she had been strangled by an electric light cord.

Ship Sinks at Portland Dock

PORTLAND, March 21 (AP)—The river steamer, Lake Bonneville, undergoing repairs here for several weeks preparatory to entering passenger service between here and Astoria, sank at her moorings today in the Willamette river.

Only parts of the bow and superstructure were above water. She was believed a total loss.

Cause for the sinking was undisclosed.

RUINATION OF INDEPENDENTS HELD DANGER

Farmers, Consumers And Business Hurt, Asserts Witness

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Thurman Arnold, assistant attorney general, accused organized labor today of "injuring and destroying" independent business and said that farmers, consumers and businessmen were "at its mercy."

He flatly told the house judiciary committee that a measure to require government registration of unions and trade associations "doesn't go far enough" in protecting the public from practices of organized labor.

"When you look at the entire picture," Arnold asserted, "the situation is putting a very substantial handicap on the distribution of all civilian necessities."

"It is impeding the distribution of housing and food and is injuring or destroying the independent businessman at a time when we are trying to save the consumer and independent businessman."

Exploitation Charged He told the committee that "no other group in our society" could do anything like the things he said have been done by labor unions.

Unions alone, he said, have been able to do these things without being subject to prosecution.

Arnold charged the unions with:

- 1. Exploitation of farmers.
- 2. Undemocratic procedure, "including packing its membership to insure elections."
- 3. Impeding transportation.
- 4. Making it impossible to get cheap, mass production of housing."
- 5. Forcing businessmen to employ "useless" labor.
- 6. Restricting "efficient use of men and machines."

"Independent businessmen all over the country are completely at the mercy of any organized labor group," he declared.

Barrage Balloon Down in Umatilla

SEATTLE, March 21 (AP)—A barrage balloon escaped its moorings in the Puget sound area early yesterday, second interceptor command officers said today, and came to earth near Weston, Ore.

Witnesses said the sand ballast was frozen solid, indicating that the bag had ascended to great heights before losing its gas.

War Quiz Starts

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Two-year-old Alzina fits nicely into the basket when Mrs. Kenneth Wynant rides downtown on her shiny white bicycle. This is really a delivery-bicycle, Mrs. Wynant explained, but it doubles very well as a baby carriage. (See back page for other pictures).

Bicycle Age Arrives in Klamath As War Rations Autos, Tires, Gasoline

By MARY JANE JENKINS

Spring, 1942, will very likely go down in the annals of Klamath Falls as the beginning of the bicycle age. Ten years from now, veterans of the year the ban was slapped on automobile tires and gasoline was rationed, will tell their grandchildren how father started riding a bike to work and mother balanced the baby on her handlebars.

Already a goodly number of the Klamath motoring public has voluntarily taken to two wheels and parked the family car in the garage to be used on state occasions only; and rumor has it that a good many more are only holding out for warmer weather to bring their bicycles out into the open.

Unofficially noted parking their bicycles around town were Mrs. Kenneth Wynant, who takes two-year-old daughter Alzina with her in the carrier-basket; Jane Garcelon, Pat Livingston, Mrs. L. L. Low, Mrs. Dale Mattoon; and Harold Ashley, Hap Fulton Jones, Doris Scott, Violet Zamsky and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hastings, to name a few of those ready to start cycling.

Local bicycle dealers, asked if the sale of bicycles had jumped since January 1, replied practically to a man: "Sold half my usual yearly quota already."

The city recreation department reports 114 bicycle licenses sold since the beginning of the year, "almost all of them to men who are riding to work and women who think it will be good exercise."

Although no official word has been released from Washington, D. C., bicycle manufacturers assume that the total 1942 output (Continued on Page Two)

Two Torpedoes Off East Coast Announced Today

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The navy announced today that a large United States merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast.

This was the second torpedoing announced today. Earlier, the navy said another large merchant vessel had been similarly torpedoed.

Reds Press Ahead

FOUR KEY NAZI BASES STRUCK ON EAST FRONT

Soviet Troops May Be In Staraya Russa, Says Vichy Radio

By The Associated Press

Russia's armies, crowding the Germans off balance before Adolf Hitler can launch his spring offensive, were reported storming against four key Nazi bases on the 1200-mile front today, and a Vichy radio broadcast declared Soviet troops had already fought their way into Staraya Russa.

Front-line dispatches said the Russians also were closing in from the north on German-held Orel, 200 miles southwest of Moscow, about halfway between the USSR capital and Kharkov.

Other Russian assaults were aimed at Bryansk, Kharkov and Taganrog.

Staraya Russa, 150 miles below Leningrad, is the base headquarters of the trapped German 16th army which has been cut off for weeks in the frozen marshlands around Lake Ilmen.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters acknowledged the increasing violence of Russian assaults, declaring that Nazi troops had beaten off six fierce attacks yesterday southeast of Lake Ilmen in the Staraya Russa sector, but gave no details on the fate of Staraya Russa itself.

"Many dead were left on the field and numerous prisoners were taken," a German communique said.

The high command also conceded that the Russians were pressing the offensive in the Crimea, in the Donets river basin, in the Ukraine, and on the central (Moscow) and northern (Leningrad) fronts.

The British admiralty announced two large axis supply ships had been "successfully attacked" and sunk by submarine in the Mediterranean.

Italian Success For the axis, the Italian high command reported torpedo-carrier aircraft attacked a British (Continued on Page Two)

Surprise Raid Sprung By U. S., Filipino Force

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—Sharp skirmishes took place all along the Bataan front in the Philippines today, and the war department reported signs were that Japanese were regrouping their forces for resumption of the offensive in the islands.

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—The war department reported today a surprise raid by American and Philippine troops on Japanese forces near Zamboanga on the Philippine island of Mindanao in which heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

American and Filipino losses were described in a communique as negligible.

Meanwhile the harbor defenses of Manila bay were reported under "extremely heavy" shelling from Japanese artillery, which included 240-millimeter (about eight-inch) guns but the war department said little damage of military consequence was done.

ROOSEVELT ORDERS RAILROAD SEIZURE

239-Mile Line Taken Over As Result of Labor Dispute

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered seizure of the Toledo, Peoria and Western railroad and its operation by the government, in the interests of the "successful prosecution of the war."

The president acted after a long series of unsuccessful government efforts to get George F. McNear, Jr., president of the 239-mile road, to arbitrate a strike of 104 workers.

Mr. Roosevelt issued an executive order authorizing Joseph B. Eastman, director of the office of defense transportation, to take immediate possession of the property and to "operate or arrange for the operation of such railroad in such a manner (Continued on Page Two)

ENEMY STRIKES AT TWO POINTS ON AUSTRALIA

Broome, Derby Latest Targets of Nippon Air Assaults

CANBERRA, Australia, March 21 (AP)—The aerial defenders of Australia's northeastern sea approaches within the past 24 hours have left one heavy Japanese cruiser sinking in the harbor at Rabaul, New Britain, and one other heavily damaged, two communique disclosed today.

The latest report on yesterday's smash at Japan's left wing of conquest, adding one cruiser to the score of those damaged, also told of continual enemy reconnaissance over areas of New Guinea and Papua.

Early this morning a Japanese heavy bomber was driven off from Port Moresby, New Guinea's port capital, by anti-aircraft fire.

Japs Strike The Japanese had struck at two places on the west coast of Australia itself.

Targets of the Japanese raids were the ports of Broome and Derby, which are situated respectively about 600 and 675 miles southwest of oft-bombed Darwin.

Derby—which had not previously been bombed—was attacked by two Japanese planes (Continued on Page Two)

Thomas Says No Legislation on Labor Needed

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP)—A week of testimony by government production officials and organized labor leaders today convinced Chairman Thomas (D-Okl.) of a special senate appropriations subcommittee that "congress would not be justified in passing wartime labor legislation now."

At the same time, Thomas said he would request another senate group, the special committee investigating national defense, to look into complaints by Presidents William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of the CIO that pressure on congress for wartime labor legislation resulted from organized interests.

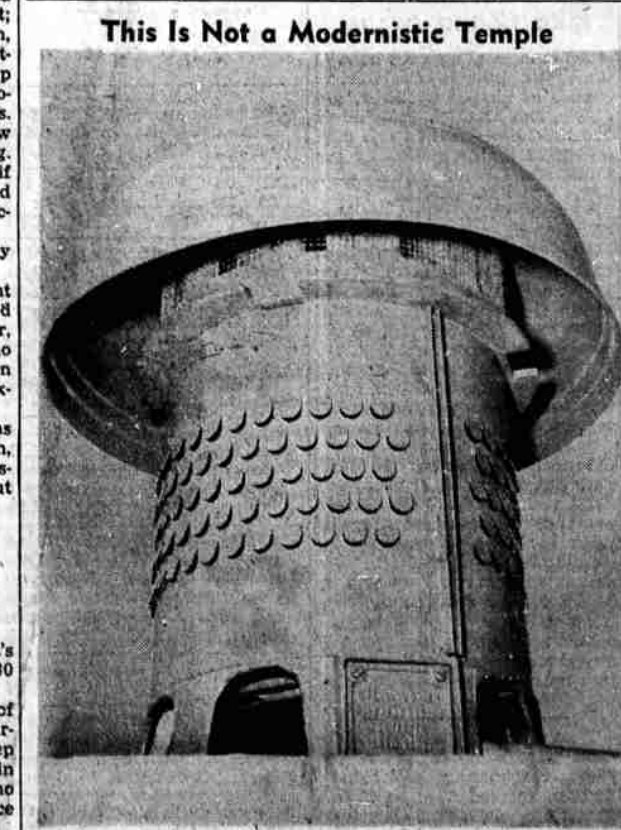
"I will make a formal complaint for an investigation by the Truman committee," Thomas said after listening to protests by the labor leaders.

Male Employees To Get Break

NEWARK, N. J., March 21 (AP)—Spring arrived today—and approximately 8,000 girl office workers at the Prudential Insurance company were permitted to roll stockings below their knees or even go stockingless for the first time in many years.

The company, taking note of the war-time clothing emergency, lifted its requirement that full length stockings be worn.

Girl workers say the object of the requirement had been to prevent distraction of the male employees.



Seen from this view, Klamath Falls' new fire siren has all the earmarks of a large-size building. The siren, which can be heard for four miles around, will be tried out at 12:30 Monday. Turn to page 2 for a picture showing the siren on its mounting on top of the fire station.

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