

### 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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### Weather News

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Normal ..... 10.82  
Stream year to date ..... 11.80

# JAPS DRIVE SOUTH INTO CHINA

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
LET'S look at the worst news first. That's always a good policy in war time.

THE worst news comes today from China, where the Japs are driving southward from Shanghai into Chekiang province. Your map will show you that Chekiang province is the most available spot in China for air bases from which American bombers might shuttle back and forth over Japan.

The Japs know it. They were badly frightened by General Doolittle's exploit. They are taking steps to make such disturbing affairs more difficult in the future.

That seems to be the explanation of their two-pronged drive southward from Shanghai.

THERE are unpleasant possibilities that they may be planning to move into China from two directions at once, now that they have the Burma road completely in their possession, thus catching the inadequately supplied Chinese between the hammer and the anvil.

THE Russians claim an advance of another six miles in the ten-day battle for Kharkov. They say they have blocked the Nazi flanking drive to the south at Barvenkova. (Where the Germans were hoping to relieve pressure on Kharkov by striking somewhere else, just as the Russians sought to relieve pressure at Kerch by striking at Kharkov.)

There is an interesting story of Russian guerrillas capturing a city of "several thousands" deep in the German rear and holding it against a day-long German counter-attack. This gives an idea of the extent to which the Germans have failed to take over and completely organize that part of Russia lying in the rear of their defense lines.

It emphasizes Russia's vastness.

RED STAR (the Russian army newspaper) says the Germans' heavy losses of tanks in the battle for Kharkov has caused them to change their tactics. GIVING UP mass mechanized counter-attacks and relying instead on infantry attacks supported by only 10 or 15 tanks.

This, if true, is extremely important, meaning that in the great battle of the tanks that has been raging at Kharkov the Russians are proving SUPERIOR, inflicting tank losses on the Germans that are relatively disastrous.

In war, it doesn't matter so much what you lose if you can inflict HEAVIER losses on your enemy.

AN interesting note in the news:

Goering is reported today to have told German workers in Berlin that this is "the hardest war Germany has ever had to fight." He is quoted as adding that Hitler "suffered deeply for his troops in the bitter months of the soviet-winter," but knew he mustn't yield.

REFER back here to the rumors several days ago that Goering is in disgrace and has been relieved of command of the German air force. There were even tales that he might go to Portugal to meet allied diplomats and presumably talk peace.

The implication of these rumors was that he was in the dog house and mad about it.

THIS incident teaches us that we mustn't pay much attention to yarns about German weakness and disension.

War and football have much in common.

Recall here the ancient football custom of putting out bear stories in advance of big games in the hope of leading the other team to underestimate your strength.

If you go into a hard fight (Continued on Page Two)

## Russians Take Nazi Point

### GERMAN BLOW ACROSS FLANK HELD CHECKED

40-Minute Battle in Kharkov Results In Red Gain

By ROGER D. GREENE  
Associated Press Editor

Russia's armies, driving over fields littered with wreckage, reported today they had engulfed a key German stronghold, crushed repeated German tank attacks and stormed forward six more miles in the 10-day-old battle of Kharkov.

Soviet dispatches said Russian troops wiped out the Nazi stronghold's garrison in a fierce 40-minute struggle.

Guerrillas Take Town  
A red army communique said five villages had been captured in the battle area and "enormous losses" inflicted on the enemy.

Far behind the lines, soviet guerrillas were reported to have recaptured an important city of several thousand inhabitants, deep in White Russia, driving out the Germans who had held the point for four months and routing a strong Nazi force which attempted to regain it in a dawn-to-dusk battle.

Dispatches to Red Star, soviet army newspaper, said the German stronghold captured on the Kharkov front was one the Nazis had sought to hold at any cost—apparently a major link in Kharkov's immediate defense ring.

Counter Stab Blocked  
More than 1300 Germans were declared to have been killed in the last 24 hours, while Nazi tank losses rose to nearly 850.

On the southern wing of the huge battle zone, the Russians said they had blocked German Field Marshal Fedor von Bock's flanking counter-thrust, and fierce fighting was reported continuing on Kerch peninsula in the Crimea.

Adolf Hitler's field headquarters pictured the Russians as suffering heavy losses as German warplanes ranged over the Kharkov battlefield in great numbers, strafing and bombing the red armies.

The German command said Nazi troops guarding the big steel city, Russia's "Pittsburgh" in the Ukraine, beat off powerful tanked soviet attacks and destroyed 63 more red army tanks.

Lake Ilmen Sector  
Hitler's headquarters also reported strong Russian assaults were developing in the bloody Lake Ilmen sector, 130 miles south of Leningrad.

Axle dispatches from Bucharest asserted that German-Rumanian counter-offensives had slowed the Russian drive upon Kharkov in "a battle of extreme violence" but acknowledged that (Continued on Page Two)

## Rubberneck Buses Next to Go in Shortage of Rubber

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—The rubberneck bus is going to be put to more essential war use to save rubber.

Effective June 1, the office of defense transportation decreed last night, all sightseeing bus services will be prohibited and chartered buses will be reduced to such essential operations as the moving of troops, war workers and school children.

Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, estimated this would save more than 100,000 pounds of crude rubber a year. He added that sightseeing and charter buses traveled 21,000,000 miles last year and used up about 126,000 pounds of crude rubber.

### Mauna Loa Spouts Lava As Eruption Starts



Several 500-foot geysers of lava spurt up from a fissure below the crater of Mauna Loa marking the beginning of the most violent outburst of that volcano since 1881. The lava flow ceased May 13 and danger to the town of Hilo on the largest island of the Hawaiian group ended.

## 1,000,000 MONEY ORDER ISSUED HERE

Postoffice Starts at No. 1 Again After Seventy Years

The Klamath Falls postoffice, an imposing federal building which faces Seventh street, is a far cry from the little frame building and row of lock boxes on the banks of Link river more than 70 years ago.

All this was brought back to R. L. Griffith, assistant postmaster of the local office, when he issued the one millionth money order early Thursday afternoon.

History of the money order window follows closely the development of any postoffice. Money order service in the United States was first inaugurated May 17, 1864, during the Civil war. The Linkville postoffice, now Klamath Falls, was established in 1872. It is presumed that money order service started at that time and No. 1 order was issued shortly after that date.

Money order No. 18274, issued November 17, 1904, is in the hands of the local postoffice authorities. Ten years ago the money order was returned here for payment, some 28 years after issue. Griffith purchased the money order as a relic. The order was granted by Postmaster Hiram F. Murdoch and issued to (Continued on Page Two)

## Instructions on Gas Rationing Given for State

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—Oregon motorists, just seven days removed from the start of registration for gasoline rationing, had this information today from the state rationing office:

Instructions are now in the hands of Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, and will be forwarded to school authorities who will handle the May 28-30 registration. If schools are closed by that time, volunteer workers will be obtained from local civilian defense ranks.

Farmers will get all the gasoline they need for tractors and other essential machines. A state motor vehicle registration certificate must be presented in registering for ration cards.

The cards must be presented at the time of any gasoline purchase and must be marked by the retailer. Trucks, however, will not need cards. C. C. Van Fleet of the Oregon fuel rationing division said.

If away from home during the registration, motorists may authorize an agent to register for him; may register with the nearest rationing board on his return, or register during the three-day period at any secondary school in Oregon or Washington.

## Redding Student Drowns in Creek

REDDING, Calif., May 21 (AP) Friends who thought he was only playing rescued Joseph Oliver Horn, Shasta Union high school senior, too late to save him from drowning in Moody creek, Coroner Roy S. Duggins said.

Horn dived into the water and came up, thrashing around, before he went down for several minutes. Then the other swimmers realized he was in trouble and pulled him out. The youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Horn who moved here from Grand Coulee, Wash., in 1940, was drowned Tuesday night.

## WAR QUIZ

1. This picture of our flag in the form of a shield has what significance in the army?
  2. Give principal reasons for the Japanese invasion of Burma.
  3. If an American soldier says he is fresh out of "pocket lettuce," what does he mean?
- Answers on Page 4

## SYNTHETIC RUBBER BOOST REQUESTED

Alcohol Unavailable; Petroleum Method To Be Used

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP)—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones told senators today that he had recommended that the nation's synthetic rubber capacity be raised from present plans for 800,000 tons a year to 1,000,000.

The secretary also disclosed that government financed plants for converting grains and other farm products into synthetic rubber would be increased from present plans for 80,000 tons to 200,000 tons.

Jones told a senate agriculture subcommittee that officials and advisers of the war production board were responsible for initial allocations of \$650,000,000 for synthetic rubber going to plants that would use petroleum products rather than grain and farm products. He said WPB officials had reported that no alcohol was available for rubber-making or that materials to build plants were unavailable.

Jones, after conferring with an assistant, said WPB officials soon would announce a program for using all idle stills in distilleries, including facilities now idle that formerly made industrial alcohol from molasses.

## Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	R.	H. E.
Philadelphia	11	17 0
Detroit	3	6 2
Marchildon and Wagner;		
Trout, Fuchs (4), Manders (6),		
and Tebbetts, Parsons (6).		

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	R.	H. E.
Cincinnati	2	6 0
Philadelphia	3	7 0
Derringer and Lamanno;		
Johnson and Livingston.		

## First Band Concert Of Season Tonight

The first band concert of the season will be given tonight on the Conger avenue Big Lawn it was announced by Director Charles Stanfield. The concert by the municipal band will follow the annual dinner and May fete sponsored by Riverside PTA. The public is invited to both the May fete and concert. Supper will be served starting at 5:30 p. m.

## Klamath Man Describes Pearl Harbor Bombing As Seen From Heights

By LOIS STEWART  
Remember Pearl Harbor. Can you forget it?

Not Loyal Bates, mechanic for the Balsiger Motor company, who stood on a bluff 300 feet above Pearl Harbor as Jap planes flew around like bees that Sunday morning of December the seventh.

The surprise attack, the clusters of defense workers watching in mute protest the work of the Jap bombers, the final realization that this was war in capital letters and the horror of those morning hours were graphically described by Bates who returned to Klamath Falls three weeks ago.

This is his story:  
Changing Shift

"It was just five minutes of eight on Sunday morning. That was December the seventh. I remember the hour and the minute because the graveyard shift working on the big fuel storage plant for the navy just above Pearl Harbor was coming off and the day shift was going on. We worked seven days a week on this job. We were sure anxious to get it done.

"About 50 of us were standing down by the tunnel mouth, just standing there talking. We were looking out over the harbor. If you know the way the harbor lays you know there is a little island in the middle called Ford island. All of a sudden we saw a large black ball of smoke rising right from the center of the harbor. A big black ball of smoke shaped like your two fists. It looked like an oil fire. One of the fellows said it looked like some sabotage going on down there.

Saw Planes  
"Pretty soon, just like they'd hummed right out of those big fluffy clouds, we saw airplanes flying around. At first we didn't think, couldn't imagine, we were being bombed. But the bombs were flying all right and it seemed every time one landed the ball of smoke would jump.

The ships continued flying clockwise. All of a sudden one of the planes just burst into flame. Just broke into a mass of flames. Another plane flew into the same position and it caught fire just like the first. But the second plane turned over backward and fell into the housing project on Hickam field and burned.

"Those are Japs"  
"Right then it just dawned on us. We were just like a dumb flock of geese. 'Those are Japs' somebody said. And then we knew it was our boys shooting them down. After we found our way we'd cheer just like at a football game every time one of our boys would bring down a Jap plane. Those Japs were after the ships in the harbor and they were going right after them.

"It seemed as if it took the anti-aircraft guns almost 10 minutes to get into action. When they started those Japs flew high. You can tell anti-aircraft fire. It makes a peculiar round (Continued on Page Two)

## Was I There?



Loyal Bates, Balsiger mechanic, tells a thrilling story in his eye-witness account of the bombing of Pearl harbor, December 7.

## BERLIN EXPECTING WAR WITH MEXICO

American Nation Sets Deadline for Note On Ship Sinking

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—Roundabout dispatches from Germany said today that Berlin expected Mexico to declare war upon the reich following receipt of an answer to her demand for satisfaction in the submarine-sinking of a Mexican tanker.

The dispatches, relayed here from Berlin via Stockholm, said that Nazi circles also expected other Latin-American republics not now at war with the axis to follow Mexico's lead. It was said the German reply would be delivered today.

The time limit which the Mexican government set for Germany's reply expires at midnight, Mexican time tonight (11 p. m. PWT.)

## Weather Hottest Since August Here

Klamathites who fanned their brows in Wednesday's sultry heat were not surprised when the US weatherman reported the thermometer reached 83 degrees, warmest since August 21, 1941. The mid-summer heat was a boon to gardens which were stunted by the week's previous cold. Minimum temperature Wednesday was 49 degrees.

## Hoover Asks More Power For F. R. in War Effort

NEW YORK, May 21 (UP)—Former President Herbert Hoover asserted last night that President Roosevelt must be given dictatorial economic powers to defeat the axis, but warned that the nation must secure recovery of all suspended liberties after the war "if liberty is to live."

Mr. Hoover, addressing the 26th annual assembly of the National Industrial Conference board, which also was addressed by Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson, said that a steady decrease in economic freedom must be expected as war goes on, and there must be no hesitation in giving the president great economic powers "and upholding him in them." Economic measures necessary to win total war, he asserted, are "just plain fascist economics."

ed the right of all citizens to criticize conduct of the war without being called "sixth columnists" and asserted that criticism "is necessary if we are to win the war."

Three major tasks facing the nation, he asserted—winning the war to preserve liberty, recovering surrendered liberties when war is done, and securing lasting peace to keep liberty alive. To accomplish them, he called for:

1. The creation of a "more definite war council embracing in its members the civilian heads of the great war agencies," to meet with the president as often as necessary to coordinate policies necessary to the furtherance of the war.
2. Advance preparation for economic reconstruction and recovery of freedom in the post-war era which "can come only (Continued on Page Two)

## CHEKIANG PUSH REINFORCED BY 60,000 TROOPS

Rains Hinder Yunnan Fight; Australia Drafts Forces

By The Associated Press  
Drenching monsoon rains stilled the battle of Burma at China's back door today while Japan's invasion armies pressed a grave new threat on the Chinese east coast with a 30-mile advance into Chekiang province.

Dispatches said the Japanese, apparently determined to overrun Chekiang and wipe out any air bases which could be used for medium-range bombing attack on Tokyo, were advancing southward on a 150-mile front. 50 Miles From Capital

A Chinese army spokesman said that the invaders, 30,000 to 40,000 strong, had already advanced within 50 miles of Kihwa, provisional capital of Chekiang province, and that heavy fighting was in progress along the entire front. Kihwa is 180 miles below Japanese-occupied Shanghai.

About 60,000 other Japanese troops were reported massing for supporting thrusts.

Rains Bog Advance  
On the Burma front, Chinese military dispatches said Japanese thrusts northward into China's Yunnan province had been fairly well checked, with torrential rains helping to bog the enemy advance.

In the battle of Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied bombers renewed their assaults on Japanese advance bases after a 24-hour lull, raiding the enemy airbase at Keopang and the harbor of Dili, both on Dutch-Portuguese Timor island.

With the Japanese now apparently conserving their bomber forces for a big scale attack, Australia moved to draft 35,000 more men into a corps which is preparing the "down under" continent as a base for a great allied offensive.

## John Cox Dies After 41 Years Residence Here

John Elmer Cox, 58, for the past 41 years a resident of Klamath county and one of the leading agriculturists of this area, died Wednesday night in an Oakland, Calif., hospital where he has been confined for the past three months. Mr. Cox was the eldest of three, John, Henry and Charles, who operated in the Tulelake lease land section as Cox Brothers.

Mr. Cox was born in LaSalle county, Illinois, son of James and Elizabeth Cox. The family moved to Nebraska and from there to Douglas county where they lived at Yoncalla. After several years in the valley, Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Klamath county, arriving here in 1901. It took the family five days by wagon to travel from Yoncalla to Klamath Falls.

James Cox purchased property south of Merrill and the ranch is still known as the "home place." James and Elizabeth Cox died a number of years ago. Their three sons continued to farm in that area and some 20 years ago took over lease lands in the Tulelake area. At the present time they operate 2000 acres which they have in barley, wheat and oats. They also run a large band of sheep. Several years ago John Cox (Continued on Page Two)

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