

## 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.

# Herald and News

ASSOCIATED PRESS

THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

NEA FEATURES

PRICE FIVE CENTS

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 1942

Number 9512

## Weather News

June 11. High 84. Low 53	Page 5
Precipitation as of June 5, 1942	13.08
Stream year to date	13.08
Last year	12.95
Normal	11.17

# JAP INVASION FORCE HELD BROKEN USS Lexington Lost

## In The Day's News

### Three Klamath Boys Members of Lexington Crew

Three Klamath boys were members of the crew of the U. S. S. Lexington, aircraft carrier lost in the battle of the Coral sea, it was revealed here today.

Two of the boys are safe on United States soil and on their way home but the third has not been heard from since before the gigantic April sea engagement which halted an attempted Japanese invasion of the Antipodes.

Expected home within the next few days are Jack Waits, 21, storekeeper second class and son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd A. Waits of West Klamath, and Wesley Yancey of 1920 Gary street, an aviation mechanic. Swen C. Hult, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hult of 2680 Altamont drive, a petty officer, has not been heard from.

Mrs. Floyd Waits said this afternoon that Jack, a 1938 graduate of Klamath Union high

(Continued on Page Two)

### 92 PER CENT OF CARRIER'S CREW RESCUED

#### Famed Craft Burned After Battle in Coral Sea

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP) — The smashing naval victory in the battle of the Coral sea cost the United States the 33,000-ton aircraft carrier Lexington, the navy disclosed today, in a summation which told of far vaster damage to a Japanese armada menacing Australia.

The Lexington sank, with relatively slight loss of life, in a post-battle explosion which spread fires the crew was unable to put out after it had fought heroically for more than five hours to save the ship.

Assuming that the normal complement of 2300 men was aboard during the action, somewhat fewer than 200 of them were lost on the basis of navy officials' estimates that 92 per cent of the Lexington's crew was rescued.

Japs Lose 15 Ships

From March 10 through May 8, the entire campaign cost the Japanese more than 15 ships sunk, 2 probably sunk and 20 damaged. The United States lost, besides the Lexington, only the tanker Neosho and the destroyer Sims, and a large part of their personnel was saved.

On May 8, the Lexington was made the main objective of Japanese aircraft which attacked while her own planes were absent.

These attacks were the last action in the battle of the Coral sea," the navy said, and gave this description of the heroic fight which the officers and crew of the great carrier put up in their desperate attempts to prevent her destruction:

"The crew of the Lexington succeeded in putting out the

(Continued on Page Two)

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), June 12 (AP) — German forces east of Kharkov have carried out successful attacks which are increasing in volume, the German high command reported today.

WASHINGTON dispatches to-day tell of hopes entertained there that Russia will now open her Siberian bases to us so we can bomb the Japs from close range.

Maybe.

If this writer were in Russia's place, he wouldn't voluntarily start a ruckus at his back door until the big scrap at his front door was pretty well under control.

The strictly realistic Russians are apt to feel the same way about it.

TODAY'S dispatches mention a growing feeling in Washington that the Japs, badly mauled at Midway and in the Coral sea and driven off from Dutch Harbor, may jump onto the Russians on their own account.

That might happen. Hitler is undoubtedly moving heaven and earth to persuade them to do it.

If they do it, it will be a sign of Japanese co-operation in the axis.

If they refuse, it will be a fairly dependable sign that the Japs are going in on their own and co-operating with Hitler only when it suits their own purposes to do so.

A JAP attack on Russia would be almost certain to open the Siberian bases to us, and by this time the Japs must be acquiring a fairly healthy respect for the striking power of America's air force.

SIGNS are multiplying that the Germans are making efforts to get their spring (now summer) offensive going against Russia.

AP Correspondent Cassidy, writing from Moscow, says:

"The war on the Russian front reached the HIGHEST PITCH OF THE YEAR tonight with great battles raging at Sevastopol and Kharkov."

He adds:

"Nowhere did the Germans appear to be making any important progress."

RUSSIAN dispatches say: "In contrast to the pace of the blitz campaign last summer, the Germans are now moving at terrific cost through the MEAT GRINDERS of the red army's defenses around besieged Sevastopol and in the Kharkov sector."

Give the Russians, who recently coined this "meat grinder" term, credit for having a color."

(Continued on Page Two)

### President Sets June 15 as Start of Rubber Scrap Drive

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP) — President Roosevelt announced today an intensive campaign for collection of the nation's old scrap rubber supply would start June 15 and last through June 30.

Through arrangements with the oil industry 400,000 filling stations will serve as collection depots. They will pay one cent a pound for the rubber brought in, and the government will reimburse them that much.

President Roosevelt, declaring that the rubber situation was extremely serious, again urged the people to cut down on pleasure driving and reduce both automobile speed and mileage.

He told a press conference he had no idea when a person with four tires might be able to get new ones. It may be a long,

long time, he said. So, he added, it is a matter of common sense to make existing tires wear as long as possible.

Reporters noted that he had mentioned persons with four tires and inquired whether that meant that owners of five might not have five very long. The president said he did not know.

The collection drive will be inaugurated at 12:01 a. m., on Monday, June 15 and concluded at midnight on Tuesday, June 30. Thus it will last through 16 full days. Actually, the president will start it off informally with a five minute radio talk tonight at 6:45 o'clock, EWT.

The campaign will be conducted under the direction of the bureau of industrial conservation of the war production commission.

(Continued on Page Two)

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP) — A senate-house conference committee agreed today that "family relationships" should be a basis for deferment from military service as they compromised differences in legislation providing allowances for wives, children and other dependents of lowest paid men in the fighting forces.

Senator Thomas (D-Utah), who forecast speedy senate and house approval of the compromise said that the new family relationship provision represented a modification of the original selective service act "but does not upset it."

The new measure would be retroactive to June 1 but officials said payments probably could not begin until about November because of the vast amount of bookwork and organization necessary to make the payments and allotments.

(Continued on Page Two)

### Midway Heroes Return to Hawaii



Heroes of the battle of Midway returned to Oahu field at Honolulu in an army transport plane. Flying buddies, who were forced to stay behind, gathered around the big plane to greet them. This picture was radioed from Honolulu to San Francisco. (AP Photo).

### BITTER TANK BATTLE RAGES NEAR TOBRUK

#### British Attempting To Block Drive To Northeast

CAIRO, Egypt, June 12 (AP) — British tanks are locked in a bitter battle with German armored forces about 30 miles southeast of Tobruk today in an effort to block the drive of three strong columns which turned northeastward toward that objective after forcing the Free French out of Bir Hacheim, southern anchor of the British line.

While Berlin sounded a new threat of Adolf Hitler's "coming great offensive," the United Nations envisaged:

1. Creation of a second front in Europe in 1942.  
2. A possible Russian attack on Japan.  
3. The opening of soviet air bases to American bombers for attacks on Japan.

In Washington, congressional quarters expressed belief that

### Speculation Mounts Over Next Steps Aimed at Axis

By ROGER D. GREENE  
Associated Press War Editor

Allied capitals rang with speculation today on the prospects of three vast and perhaps imminent developments aimed at the final downfall of Germany and Japan and the shaping of a new world at peace.

"If the Russians give us the right to use those bases, I feel confident that the United States could bring Japan to her knees in a short time," declared Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.)

Others voiced the conviction that nothing in the mutual-aid agreement between the United States and Russia would precipitate the Russians into war with Japan while they were so heavily engaged with Hitler in the west.

The treaty stressed the word "in Europe" seven times, clearly indicating Russia wanted to be free to maintain the status quo of an uneasy neutrality toward Japan.

In Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's wartime capital at Chungking, the newspaper Ta Kung Pao declared:

"Russia should realize that the Japanese attack on the Aleutians (off Alaska) was a direct threat to soviet Kamchatka and Siberia. Can Russia stand aside and watch the wildfire spread to her very gates? She must do something and do it quickly."

Not all operations had been covered in the survey and a more complete report will be available later. It was learned that at a number of plants installations of blackout devices at the burners are partially complete.

Order Quoted  
General DeWitt's order stated: "In all places where refuse burners are operated in either open or closed pits, such pits shall be equipped with some device which will effectively eliminate all glow or reflection at such burning operation within 10 minutes time after an official blackout order has been given within 50 miles of the burning, and that some adult person be

(Continued on Page Two)

### SAWMILL BURNER BLACKOUT READY

#### Spray Devices Used in Basin; DeWitt Issues Order

On the heels of definite orders from General John L. DeWitt that sawdust burners must be blacked out in emergencies, it was learned Friday that substantial progress has been made among mills of the Klamath basin to take care of this situation.

The local office of the state forestry department was checking Friday with all plants and reported that so far as the check had gone, it was definitely established that proper blackout installations had been completed at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company plant, Kesterson Lumber corporation, the Big Lakes Box company, the Ivory Pine company and the Klamath Lumber and Box company.

Not all operations had been covered in the survey and a more complete report will be available later. It was learned that at a number of plants installations of blackout devices at the burners are partially complete.

Order Quoted  
General DeWitt's order stated: "In all places where refuse burners are operated in either open or closed pits, such pits shall be equipped with some device which will effectively eliminate all glow or reflection at such burning operation within 10 minutes time after an official blackout order has been given within 50 miles of the burning, and that some adult person be

(Continued on Page Two)

### Chinese Concede Loss of Chuhsien, Railway Town

By SPENCER MOOSA  
CHUNGKING, June 12 (AP) — The Chinese, having exacted a tremendous price, conceded to day that the Japanese had won Chuhsien, an important railway town and air station of western Chekiang province, but claimed recapture of another point beyond the Japanese lines and new success for the American Flying Tigers.

The success of the American volunteer group fighters in shooting down half of a force of 18 Japanese planes over Kwei-lin, Kwangsi province, early today emphasized the entry of the "Tigers" into the battle of China proper. They are veterans of the battle of Burma and the Burmese road.

Loss of Chuhsien was recorded in a high command communiqué which said the Chinese completed withdrawal Wednesday after a nine-day battle in which 18,000 casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

Somewhat offsetting this was announcement of the recapture of Iwu, on the Chekiang-railway. (Continued on Page Two)

The Klamath rationing board Friday announced that registrations for canning sugar would be made in 20 places throughout the county in order to accommodate the housewives wanting sugar for canning. The board pointed out that in establishing these sub-stations for registration that it would save on tires and gasoline and would aid in the general program of conservation.

The registration dates will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, June 18, 19, 20, and 21, and the hours in most instances will be from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. In one or two exceptions where the registrations will be light, the offices

will be open only from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Those desiring canning sugar must come to these offices and fill out a questionnaire and must bring with them their War Registration books, and in case the registrant has not received a book must be prepared to fill out the questionnaire and wait until it is forwarded to the office of the rationing board at 323 Main street and checked with the consumer application on file there. The applicant must know the number of quarts of fruit canned, exclusive of preserves, jelly and fruit butter, in 1941, must have information regarding the supply of canned fruit on hand.

(Continued on Page Two)

SHIPS SUNK

BERLIN, (From German Broadcasts), June 12 (AP) — German U-boats in the eastern Mediterranean have sunk a 6000-ton transport and two steamers totaling 4000 tons, the German high command reported today.

MacARTHUR DAY

WASHINGTON, June 12 (AP) — President Roosevelt told a press conference today he had signed legislation making tomorrow MacArthur day in honor of the United Nations commander in the southwestern Pacific theatre of war.

News Index

City Briefs	Pages 5, 8
Courtroom Records	Page 5
Comics and Story	Page 10
Church News	Page 12
Editorials	Page 4
Information	Page 5
Market, Financial	Page 6
Pattern	Page 7
Sports	Page 11