

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

September 15—High 88, Low 48
Precipitation as of September 9, 1942
Last year 17.59
Normal 12.91
Stream year to date 13.20

MARINES BATTLE NEW JAP DRIVE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WASHINGTON says today: Japan's expected GRAND SCALE drive to recapture the Solomon Islands and gain point a dagger at the Australian lifeline appeared to be developing with DO-OR-DIE fury today.

LOOK again at your map. Note the relatively short supply line from Japan to the Solomons. Note the screen of Japanese islands that protects this route from attack by us.

If the Japs are willing to put ENOUGH strength behind their drive to recapture the Solomons there is no telling how big the battle that is developing may get to be.

Or how fateful.

MEANWHILE we know only that the Japs are bombing our positions—especially Guadalcanal and its airfield—and shelling them from warships. Under this covering fire, they have effected some landings which are being met by our Marines on shore.

As to progress, we have only this brief communique: "Reports received to date (today) indicate the Marines are holding their positions."

THE way to win, the military writers have always told us, is by application of MAXIMUM force at a SELECTED point.

That's what the Germans are doing at Stalingrad. That's why their forces there are consistently described as superior in number. Stalingrad has been selected as the point, and they're applying maximum force there.

There's always a catch to these rules.

For example: If, in applying maximum force at the selected point your losses are TOO GREAT you may be smacked disastrously SOMEWHERE ELSE.

That's the chance Hitler is taking at Stalingrad.

IT'S the chance the Japs will have to take if they decide to apply maximum force in the Solomons. We may hit them disastrously somewhere else.

Still, their short lines of communication must be a temptation.

AERIAL activity in Egypt is reported to be increasing today. Increased aerial activity is apt to be the prelude to a 'big push.'

NOW IF EVER the time is ripe for us to smash Rommel in Egypt while Hitler is too busy at Stalingrad to give him effective help. If we could finish Rommel off now we could head off a lot of trouble in the future.

Here's the catch to that: Maybe we haven't got the maximum force to apply at that selected point.

You may be very sure we (meaning our side) would have jumped onto Rommel already if we had enough strength to spare to be sure of smashing him.

THE Russians still hold at Stalingrad, but are gradually weakening.

German dive bombing is reported to equal the heaviest since the war began. Red Star attributes most of the German gains to their air might and concedes that Stalingrad's plight is grave because of continued mass bombing raids.

Note that the British have been getting off with EXTREMELY light losses in their bombings of German cities. That is probably due to the fact that Germany has been stripped of planes for the Stalingrad battle.

(Applying maximum force at the selected point and taking the consequences.)

A TOKYO broadcast by General Hata, Jap commander-in-chief in China, says: "The East Asia war is about to take an important step in cooperation with the European war."

Hata adds: "Asia, in co-operation" (Continued on Page Five)

Stalingrad Wavers

GREEN BACKS STABILIZATION LEGISLATION

O'Neal Asks Provision For Increased Labor Costs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, endorsed today, with some reservations, the anti-inflation legislation pending in the senate.

While expressing the belief that most members of the AFL favored "a simple plan which would provide the president utilize his war powers to issue executive orders stabilizing wages and farm prices," Green told the senate banking committee that the bill before it covered the situation generally.

Making one criticism Green said he was unable to understand why the bill provided for stabilization, wherever practical, at the levels of last August 15. "It occurs to me," he said, "that the August 15 date could very well be omitted from the bill and leave it up to the appropriate government agencies."

Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, told senators today that unless farm price ceilings were set at parity-plus, to allow for increased labor costs, food production would suffer from wartime labor shortage.

Unharvested

Testifying before the senate banking committee on anti-inflation legislation asked by President Roosevelt, O'Neal said: "We believe that rising labor costs must be taken into consideration because if they are not considered it will be simply impossible for farmers to com-

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Aussies Wrest Initiative in Moresby Battle

By DEAN SCHEDLER
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Sept. 14 (Delayed) (AP)—Australian patrols in the towering Owen Stanley mountains appeared today to have wrested the initiative from the Japanese, but delayed reports showed that the enemy probably has concentrated considerable force for the push that carried him over the peaks toward Port Moresby.

Information available here suggested that the Japanese have several thousand troops engaged in the drive, with more than half of them between their base at Buna and Efofji, only about 40 miles from the Port Moresby outpost.

Loss of allied initiative in patrol operations in the first phases of the battle evidently paved the way for rapid Japanese advances. With Australians again aggressive, however, 25 Japanese were reported killed with no allied fatalities in a patrol clash today.

Although the situation has remained static for the past few days, both Australian ground forces—allive to the type of guerrilla warfare of their enemy—and allied air forces have been active.

SOVIETS ADMIT SLIGHT GAIN BY INVADERS

Aerial Activity Flares In Egypt; Red Bombers Active

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Russia's armies yielded fresh ground at the bloody western gates of Stalingrad today, but after 24 hours there was still no confirmation of a Nazi claim that German shock troops were fighting in the city's streets and had captured the main Stalingrad railway station.

"At heavy cost, the Germans advanced slightly," soviet headquarters said in a mid-day communique.

Street Fighting

Elsewhere on the slowly contracting defense arc, the Russians were declared to be holding firmly against an avalanche of battle-tested Nazi veterans and reserves.

A Berlin broadcast asserted that German troops had penetrated deeper into "the interior" of Stalingrad, but gave no details. DNB, the German news agency, reported "bitter street fighting against enemy nests of resistance" within the city.

Counter-Drive

German field headquarters reported merely that "considerable additional ground was gained in embittered struggles" around the Volga industrial center, and said the Russians were attacking in force at Rzhev and Voronezh.

Red Star said tempestuous night assaults west of the city hammered wedges into soviet defenses, but declared that in most of these sallies the Russians prevailed.

Judged Most Attractive

NEW ASSAULT LEVELED AT SOLOMON ISLES

Shifting of Commands Indicates Tightened Strategy

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—Japan's expected grand-scale drive to recapture the Solomon Islands and gain point a dagger at the Australian lifeline appeared developing with do-or-die fury today.

Battle-ried American forces were fighting back savagely and thus far successfully.

New Command

The navy reported last night that "heavy fighting" had been in progress by land, sea and air since Saturday night and that while details were lacking, reports received to date indicate that the marines are maintaining their positions."

Creation of a new air command for the United States Pacific fleet and a shift in command of the southwest Pacific allied air forces indicated a tightening of grand strategy as the battle began to join, a battle into which the Japanese war lords undoubtedly would throw all their available striking power.

Men Decorated

In decorating 25 officers and men at Pearl Harbor yesterday, the commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet declared the Japanese were "dangerous antagonists" but he added, "they have learned by now that we also are dangerous antagonists who are willing and know how to fight."

Despite counterattacks on Japanese bases to the north and northwest of the main American stronghold on Guadalcanal island, the navy reported the enemy was bringing pressure to bear with apparently increasing (Continued on Page Two)

RATIONING BOOKS PREPARED FOR US

First of "All-Purpose" Books Coming in December

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—The office of price administration announced today it probably would give the nation a Christmas present—the first of four "all-purpose" ration books which Americans will be using for the duration of the war.

Providing a quick method of rationing any article or commodity as shortages develop, "war ration book No. 2" can be used for coupon rationing, such as is now employed in distributing sugar, or for point-system rationing, such as that (Continued on Page Two)

Self-Proclaimed Officer Held in Seattle Bastille

SEATTLE, Sept. 16 (AP)—His self-proclaimed heroism as an officer with the fighting French navy admittedly fictitious and concocted only "to get dates" with girls, Uni Gerzon, 22, was held in city jail today after telling officers his only sea experience had been as an oiler on a San Francisco bay garbage scow.

Gerzon, who posed in many cities of the nation as Lieutenant Commander Geoffrey Maginat and was widely feted in Seattle homes and university fraternity houses, confessed his title and Croix De Guerre medal were fakes when arrested yesterday by Detective Chi Ernest Yoris.

Gerzon said, Yoris related, that his uniform was a plain blue suit with officer's insignia (Continued on Page Two)

Navy Reveals Sinking of Carrier Yorktown After Battle of Midway

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—The navy announced today that the United States aircraft carrier Yorktown had been sunk after the battle of Midway as a result of Japanese bombs and torpedo attacks.

Loss of the 19,900-ton carrier, with very few casualties, had been a well kept naval secret.

The department said that destruction of the ship apparently was not known to the enemy and that the knowledge was vitally linked to the operations which have been in progress in the south Pacific since early August.

The Yorktown first was successfully attacked by enemy aircraft with bombs and torpedoes on the afternoon of June 4, after the battle of Midway

William Jeffers Steps Into Office As Rubber Czar

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—William M. "Bill" Jeffers, bald, stocky, office boy-to-president of the Union Pacific railroad, stepped in swinging today as the nation's new rubber czar.

"I am already at work," the 66-year-old railroad declared last night, as Production Chief Donald M. Nelson announced Jeffers had been picked for what Nelson called "one of the toughest" jobs in the war program.

Charged with reorganizing, consolidating and administering the government's efforts to alleviate the rubber shortage, Jeffers is expected to become, in effect, complete boss over the Rubber Reserve company and all other government agencies in matters affecting the rubber program.

Early Decision Seen on Cargo Plane Proposal

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—All indications pointed today toward an early decision on Henry J. Kaiser's cargo plane-building proposal.

Informed sources said conversations between the west coast shipbuilder and Donald M. Nelson of the war production board were progressing satisfactorily and a formal announcement might be expected within a few days.

TEN BURNED BODIES FOUND IN WRECKAGE

8 Officers, 2 Enlisted Men Perish in Bomber Crash

ST. JOHNS, Ariz., Sept. 16 (AP)—The burned bodies of eight officers and two enlisted men were found today in the wreckage of a B-24 army bomber which smashed to bits near the summit of 10,840-foot Mount Baldy, about 50 miles from here in northeastern Arizona.

Myrlan G. Brown, editor of the St. Johns Independent News who accompanied a ground party to the scene, said army officers from Davis-Monthan field, Tucson, Ariz., identified the wreckage as that of a plane missing since Thursday night on a navigation training flight from Omaha, Neb., to Tucson.

Davis-Monthan field announced (Continued on Page Two)

39 Winners Named in Baby Beauty Contest

Names of winners of the 13th annual "Most Attractive Child" contest, who won their awards by popular ballot. From left to right they are: Top row, Carolee, 7 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Singleton, route 2, box 569A; Sharie, 2 1/2 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mellott, Midland; Dennis, 3 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Teater, 2345 Applegate; bottom row, Jean and Joan, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Nowell, 1726 Crescent; Patty, 6 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Collins, 1320 Oak street; Andrew Vertis Jr., 7 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Swearingen, 1603 Worden.

FBI Arrests Jap Found With New York Maps

NEW YORK, Sept. 16 (AP)—A Japanese who had maps of the New York City water supply system and statistics on U. S. war areas was one of 10 enemy aliens apprehended in this area by the federal bureau of investigation, P. E. Foxworth, assistant director of the FBI, said today.

The aliens, all arrested for refusing to serve in United States military forces, included also (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

BROOKLYN, Sept. 16 (AP)—The Dodgers ended their five-game losing streak by knocking over the Pittsburgh Pirates 10 to 3 today, but they still remained two games out of first place in the National league pennant chase, since the St. Louis Cardinals.

Team	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	6	9	0
Boston	2	9	2
White and W. Cooper; Tobin and Lombardi.			

RELIEF FOR FRANCE

MARSEILLE, Unoccupied France, Sept. 16 (AP)—The United States relief ship Mount Everest slipped almost unnoticed into an out-of-the-way part of Marseille harbor today with a million-dollar cargo of milk and other supplies for the children of unoccupied France.

Girl Throws Kidnap Note From Car Near Dunsmuir

A note stating that she was being kidnaped was thrown by a girl from a car heading this way on the highway just this side of Dunsmuir about 11 p. m. Tuesday night, state police said they had been informed.

The note was tossed from the car as it passed a forest ranger who picked it up, the report said. He described the car as being a gray Chevrolet coupe bearing a Washington license.

State and city police are on the alert in an effort to locate such a car and apprehend the driver, it was warned.

SEX-CRAZED YOUTH ADMITS SLAYING OF TWO SISTERS

BEDFORD CENTER, N. Y., Sept. 16 (AP)—As casual as a sightsee, a 17-year-old laborer stood near a huge reservoir early today and showed police where he tossed the body of one of the two young sisters he confessed he kidnaped, raped and killed.

"Over here," said black-haired Edward Haight, directing police to a creek in New York City's Kensico reservoir system, "That's it."

He was expressionless when they pulled out the body of Helen Lynch, 8,—as stolid as when he confessed earlier, with a smile on his lips, that he had strangled the child's younger sister, Margaret, 7, in a nearby woods.

Police booked him on murder

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