

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

October 23—High 75; Low 39
Precipitation as of October 17, 1942
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Stream year to date 18
Oct. 25, Sunrise 7:20—Sunset 5:10

BRITISH LAUNCH MID-EAST DRIVE

Solons Amend Teen Draft

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

EGYPT takes the spotlight again today. The British Eighth army, overhauled and reconditioned after its disastrous beating in June, moves forward against Rommel on the 40-mile line between the Mediterranean and the Quattaro salt sink.

The attack started before daylight this morning. Up to noon, no reports of progress had been carried by the dispatches.

TODAY'S reopening of the battle of Egypt comes with no shock of surprise. For days, the signs of it have been in the skies. First the axis launched a terrific air attack on Malta. Its purpose was to keep British air and submarine forces based there so busy they would be unable to deal effectively with axis reinforcements being rushed across the Mediterranean to Rommel.

For two days British bombers have been pounding the Italian port of Genoa and nearby points in Italy, sending heavy bombs 1800 miles from England to do the job. This operation was obviously designed to wreck or at least seriously hamper axis convoys being rushed to Africa.

FOR nearly two years, the fighting in northern Africa has swirled back and forth across the deserts, with first one side and then the other in the lead. Always the Nile valley has been its objective.

In the last battle, back in June, the British led off with an offensive which started well but ran into trouble. It closed with the British being chased out of Libya and more than halfway across Egypt, but finally making a stand and stopping Rommel only 70 miles from Cairo.

Both sides were exhausted, and the time since then has been spent in bringing up reinforcements. The outcome of the battle that began this morning will probably depend upon which side has been most successful in getting in reinforcements and supplies.

WATCH the Mediterranean area. All signs indicate that important events are in the making there.

Vichy France is heading into some sort of crisis. Hitler has demanded large numbers of French workmen, to be used in Germany's war effort. Laval is trying to deliver them. He has been unsuccessful in his efforts to secure volunteers. CONSCRIPTION by force is in the offing.

The Vichy government seems to be crumbling. Darlan is in Africa. There are hints that some sort of French government may be set up there. The air is full of rumors, none of which can be relied upon.

The Germans have been peddling stories of landings of American troops in Liberia, on Africa's west coast, below Dakar. For obvious reasons, our own authorities are neither denying nor confirming these reports.

ON the basis of the map alone, Africa has large possibilities. If our side could gain control of the African shore of the Mediterranean, it would have a jumping off place for an attack on Hitler by way of Italy. Allied bombers based there could harry all southern Europe.

With the Russian winter closing down, it seems likely that the fighting will shift to the warm Mediterranean area. It is hard to avoid the feeling that spectacular developments may be impending.

IN the Solomons, where the attention of all of us who live on the Pacific Coast is unavoidably directed, a plane in distress was heard one Saturday night.

HALSEY TAKES COMMAND FOR NAVY IN SOUTH

MacArthur Planes Hit 10 Nip Ships; Solomons Quiet

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The navy announced today it had entrusted its South Pacific forces to a new commander and, with no fresh news from the Solomon Islands, told of a Gilbert Island action in which an enemy destroyer was damaged and two small patrol boats were sunk.

The scene of the Gilbert Island activity, in which an enemy merchant vessel also was damaged, was the setting in which the new South Pacific commander, Vice Admiral William F. Halsey, won fame last January as commander of a raiding task force.

Halsey, the navy announced without explanation of the shift, has relieved Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghormley, who has directed the navy effort in the Solomons.

Uncertain "There have been no reports of any new action in the Solomon Islands area," a mid-afternoon communiqué said.

However, it was obvious that the allied position in the battle of the Solomons remained uncertain.

For, although a severe naval loss had just been dealt the Japanese by bombers, it became (Continued on Page Two)

Planes Seek Rickenbacker In Pacific

HONOLULU, Oct. 24 (AP)—American war birds of '42 were in the sky over distant Pacific waters today searching the sea for Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, Uncle Sam's ace eagle of '18.

The war department said Rickenbacker, on an inspection trip for Lieut. General H. H. Arnold, army air force commander, had not been heard from since Wednesday evening when he reported only one hour's supply of gasoline remained in his plane's tanks.

At that time, Rickenbacker and the crew of a large military plane were flying between Oahu, Hawaii, and another island in the Pacific.

United States army Hawaiian department headquarters announced (Continued on Page Two)

Tokyo Dispatch Offers Four More Names of Fliers 'Held'

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast a Tokyo dispatch today listing "the names of an additional four United States air force officers taken prisoner in the air raid on Japan, April 18."

The airmen were listed as Lieut. Robert J. Meade of Cleveland, O.; Lieut. E. J. Nielson, Hiram, Utah; Lieut. Robert L. Hite of Texas (home town not given); and Lieut. George Barr of Long Island, New York.

This makes eight names announced so far by the Japanese. Four others were broadcast last Monday.

HUNTINGTON PARK, Calif., Oct. 24 (AP)—How four and possibly five crew members of a United States bombing plane were captured by Japanese in occupied China after the bombing of Tokyo was related here by a Methodist missionary who returned on the exchange ship Grigolmish.

Miss Coral Houston, the missionary, said a plane in distress was heard one Saturday night.

Attack Charged



Peggy Satterlee, 17-year-old night club dancer, is shown in custody of juvenile authorities after the Los Angeles district attorney's office issued a complaint charging movie star Errol Flynn with statutory rape, allegedly involving the girl. This is the second such charge brought against Flynn recently.

JACKSON FREED IN DEATH OF INDIAN

Grand Jury Fails To Indict White In Barkley Case

Earl Milton Jackson, 47, was free today following return of a grand jury not true bill on a charge of manslaughter growing out of the death of Foster Barkley, 48-year-old Chiloquin Indian found dead alongside the street in Fort Klamath Thursday night.

Jackson, a resident of Pine Ridge, north of Chiloquin, was arrested Thursday night and placed in the Klamath county jail pending investigation of the death. He was released last night.

Found Near Road Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon said that Barkley was found dying along the road at 7:45 Thursday night a short distance north of the Crater Lake cafe by Hans Anderson and several others.

Mattoon said that a fight between Jackson and Barkley had occurred a half-hour earlier three miles north of Fort Klamath. A car containing Jackson, Ray Nash and Lee Hunsaker was returning from the "oil" swim. (Continued on Page Two)

FR'S REQUEST OVER-RIDDEN ON 39-31 VOTE

Training Before Combat Service Purpose Of Act

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Working toward final passage of the 'teen age draft bill, the senate voted 62 to 6 today to require local draft boards to defer from military service essential farm workers for whom no replacements had been found.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The senate, overriding President Roosevelt, amended the 'teen-age draft bill today to provide that no inductees under 20 shall be placed in combat duty outside the continental United States without at least one year's military training.

By its action, the senate disregarded a letter from Mr. Roosevelt declaring it was "important that limitations other than those now included in the bill be avoided."

Sponsored by Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.), the amendment was adopted—39 to 31 as a substitute for a proposal by Senator Norris (Ind-Nebr.) calling for the full year's training only for youths up to 19.

Writes Gurney The president addressed his letter to Senator Gurney (R-S.D.), author of the bill to reduce the minimum selective service induction age from 20 to 18.

The house passed a similar bill a week ago without any training restrictions.

Senator Hill of Alabama, the democratic whip, led the losing battle against O'Daniel's amendment. (Continued on Page Two)

Youths Report Flier Jumped From Airplane

Three Crescent youths reported seeing an airplane "smoking" and the pilot bail out about 6:30 p. m. Friday, according to reports received in Klamath Falls from the northern community.

The boys, whose names were not learned, said they were driving on a road about two miles west of town, when they saw the plane. A trail of smoke was coming from the ship and as they watched, the three said they saw a man leave by parachute.

They thought the plane was somewhere east of Odell butte. A report was immediately made to Homer Off, forest ranger stationed at Crescent, and Off is said to have contacted state police at Bend.

Visibility in the Crescent area was said to be very poor due to slash burnings in the valley district.

Check-ups at Klamath and Bend airports Saturday revealed no one missing.

Sightseers Crowd At Palace To See Mrs. Roosevelt

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt arose early today and breakfasted alone in her apartment at Buckingham palace as a crowd of sightseers, including many American soldiers, gathered outside the palace, hoping to see the guest of the royal family.

Mrs. Roosevelt's apartment in the palace was one of those damaged by bomb-blasts some time ago and its windows are partly boarded over.

After leaving the king and queen, she spent a busy morning conferring on plans for her tour of Britain at war.



As Klamath Pelicans Drub Eugene, 34-6

Elwyn Silva, red-haired Pelican reserve back, is shown above picking up several yards against Eugene high last night on Modoc field as the Klamath walloped the Axemen, 34-6, for their sixth straight triumph. Tackling him is Bob McKevill, Eugene end, No. 44. In the background are Johnny Chamberlain, (82), and Don Byers, (54), Eugene linemen. Foreground (with taped shoulder) is Don Mast, Klamath fullback. (For story, see sports page).

Latest Football Results

ILLINI BEATEN, 21-14 CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Oct. 24 (AP)—Notre Dame brought Illinois' four-game winning streak to an end today by pushing across two touchdowns in the second half to triumph, 21 to 14, before 43,470 spectators in Memorial Stadium. Illinois led 24 to 7 at the half.

GOPHERS KEEP JUG, 16-14 MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 24 (AP)—Minnesota won its first Western Conference game of the season by defeating a favored Michigan eleven 16 to 14 before 55,000 fans today. It was Minnesota's ninth straight win over the Wolverines and kept the little brown jug in Minneapolis for another year.

Third: California 7, Washington 6
Second: Oregon State 13, Washington 13

FINAL SCORES

Michigan State 14, Great Lakes 0
Penn 42, Columbia 12
Boston College 27, Lake Forest 0
Duke 28, Pitt 0
Penn State 13, Colgate 0
Georgia Tech 21, Navy 0
Manhattan 10, Duquesne 7
Yale 17, Dartmouth 13
Georgia 35, Cincinnati 13
Army 24, Harvard 0
Mississippi State 26, Florida 12
Notre Dame 21, Illinois 14
Ohio State 20, Northwestern 6
Heidelberg 20, Mt. Union 12
Princeton 32, Brown 13
William and Mary 61, George Washington 0
VMI 20, Richmond 6
Wooster 27, Muskingum 6
Iowa 14, Indian 13
Kenyon 23, Hiram 6
Minnesota 16, Michigan 14
Wisconsin 13, Purdue 0

Peat Fire Burns On Lower Lake

A large peat fire covering 300 acres of Tulana farm land was reported burning today in the farm's property near the Lower Klamath lake.

Reports said the blaze sprang three days ago from a small peat fire, raced through a field of stubble, destroyed a quantity of sacked grain and was threatening an additional 2000 acres of peat.

It was reported that employees of Henzel brothers, operators of the Tulana Farms, were battling the fire.

Two Injured In Merrill Crash

Mrs. John Kerensky, 38, Careywood, Ida., and Wilbur Howland, Tululake, are in Hillside hospital recovering from injuries received early Friday night when their car ran into a barrow pit about one and one-half miles east of Merrill. A third occupant of the car received treatment and was dismissed.

COLLISION BLAMED IN 12-DEATH CRASH

Spotter Reports Two 'Came Together' at Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Oct. 24 (AP)—After an American Airlines official had declared that an army bomber was in collision with a transport plane shortly before the latter crashed near here late yesterday, killing 12, a civilian defense airplane spotter told today of seeing the two twin-engined ships come together just before one tumbled from its course and struck a mountain-side.

Southern California army authorities maintained a strict silence pending a military investigation. But in San Francisco, fourth air force spokesmen maintained that to their knowledge no military airplane was involved in the crash of the American airliner.

The plane spotter is R. M. Martin, also a guard at a telephone repeater station. He told reporters he saw two planes, flying at about 8000 feet, one about a mile and a half behind the other.

"Both were twin-engined ships," he said. "The one in the rear veered away into a cloud and I thought it had changed course."

"Then it came back and slid in so close to the other plane I couldn't distinguish between them. Bits of metal began flying from the planes."

When asked if he would say (Continued on Page Two)

COURT MARTIAL

BASTROP, Tex., Oct. 24 (AP)—A general court martial at Camp Swift today sentenced Pvt. George S. Knapp to hang for the murder of eight-year-old Lucy Rivers Maynard.

Dan Erhart, KF, Gets Three Decorations for Bravery

ANGELES, Calif.; Staff Sgt. Dan Erhart, Klamath Falls, Ore., and Sgt. Panosian, Sacramento, Calif.

Sergeant Erhart of Klamath Falls, Ore., in addition to his distinguished flying cross for participation in the Philippines expedition, received a silver star for gallantry over Buna when a fortress on reconnaissance was attacked by Zeros. Three of the Zeros were shot down and the fortress crew returned to its base with valuable information. He was also awarded a purple heart.

Draft board, enlistment office records and employment records were searched thoroughly Saturday in an effort to identify Dan Erhart of Klamath Falls, staff sergeant in the US air forces, who was awarded the distinguished flying cross for (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS BEATEN TO PUNCH IN DESERT FRAY

8th Army Opens What May Determine Fate Of Mediterranean

AT AN ADVANCED STRIKING BASE OF THE ALLIED AIR FORCES IN THE WESTERN DESERT, Egypt, Oct. 24 (AP)—United Nations airmen, letting go with everything they had when the British Eighth army struck with their offensive against the axis desert army, seem to have gained the upper hand quickly in the first phase of the fighting.

By DON WHITEHEAD CAIRO, Oct. 24 (AP)—British's rebuilt and refreshed Eighth army charged into the axis' El Alamein line today in the offensive sprung in the night with blows against the enemy by land, sea and air.

The allies thus beat the axis African corps to the punch and launched what may be the battle to decide the fate of the Mediterranean this winter.

With all branches in close coordination, the armored army of the desert thrust forward under strong air support, including planes and fliers from the United States, while a task force of the Mediterranean fleet struck deep on the enemy's seagirt northern flank near the Egyptian port of Matruh.

Navy Shells Matruh The results of the shelling, which was not answered by land batteries, were not observed despite the moonlight because of the speed and rapid maneuvering of the warships.

Several British vessels narrowly missed being hit by axis bombs but they emerged from the fray without a single casualty.

A navy communiqué said the attack on the supply port 'was carried out with only "superficial damage" to one boat.

The hour of attack came under a full desert moon last night but it still was too early to discern any trend.

Under a strong cover of warplanes, the allies lunged against the enemy positions in a swirl (Continued on Page Two)

British Bombs Blast Italian Cities Again

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The Vichy new agency reported tonight that one of about 50 four-engine British bombers sighted over occupied France in daylight had machine-gunned a railway station and barracks at Montluc, some 50 miles from Vichy, causing several casualties.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (AP)—The first daylight air raid alerts since the armistice of June, 1940, sounded in Vichy late this afternoon, leading to the surprise that RAF armadas again were beating an aerial path to Italy where they have been pounding Mussolini's arsenals and troop embarkation centers in support of the new British offensive in Africa.

The Vichy alarms sounded unusually early, beginning at 5:20 p. m., the Vichy radio said, causing observers to wonder if the British were supplementing last night's attack in force with a dusk assault or a deeper penetration for night attacks.

The heaviest showers in the RAF's arsenal showered explosives on Turin and Genoa for the second consecutive night and also attacked Savona for the first time.

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