

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 28—High 45, Low 17. Precipitation as of October 22, 1942. Last year . . . .31 Normal . . . .71 Stream year to date . . . .18 Oct. 30, Sunrise . . . .7:27—Sunset . . . .5:42

JAPS MOBILIZE NEAR U. S. BASES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS TODAY'S weirdest news: General MacArthur, from his headquarters in Australia, denies that he is or MIGHT BE a candidate for President — in 1944 or later.

HE says: "I have noted the statement quoted in morning papers from the Christian Science Monitor's Washington correspondent that 'political Washington was largely responsible for two separate commands in the Pacific, partly because of the conservative opposition which launched the MacArthur-for-President campaign.'"

He then adds: "I shall finish as a soldier and I shall finish as one. The only hope and ambition I have in the world is for victory for our cause in the war. If I survive the campaign, I shall return to that retirement from which this great struggle called me."

THIS question immediately arises: Why does General MacArthur find it necessary to make such a statement? This answer occurs: He DESPERATELY needs help in the face of SUPERIOR enemy forces. In order to GET IT, he feels that it is necessary (or at least advisable) for him to REMOVE HIMSELF as a possible contender for high political office.

IT is hard to believe. But that is what it sounds like.

MEANWHILE this ominous paragraph appears in today's Pacific war dispatches: "Superior numbers of enemy ships, planes and men were reported to be mobilizing at the approaches to American bases in the New Hebrides and the Fiji Islands, whence they could strike at allied communication lines to Australia."

ALSO ominous: With superior Japanese forces menacing our life lines in the Pacific, another temper break in Washington over farm prices and tariffs. What will such things as PRICES AND PROFITS amount to if we lose the war?

NOT exactly ominous, but certainly disturbing: With the war in the Pacific growing more serious day by day, a controversy arises in Seattle over providing enough meat for pet dogs and pet cats.

CAN it be true that here in continental United States a lot of people don't know we are fighting a war of survival?

WHATEVER else can be said, that ISN'T true of the parents and the wives of the men in the fighting forces. They know there's a war on, and they AREN'T quibbling over prices and profits and political ambitions and meat for dogs and cats. Their boys' LIVES are at stake.

THE Germans, without abandoning their attack on Stalingrad, shift their drive for the Caucasus oil, breasting the barrier of the Caucasus range itself. Moving with troops, tanks, artillery and planes along one of the four roads crossing the mountains, they gain ground. The gain is admitted by the Russians. The move is made in the face of blizzards raging in the Caucasus—as a result of which, the Russians report, many German soldiers have been frozen in caves.

ON the slightly encouraging side of the fence, the former Vichy minister to Sofia (Bulgarian capital) says the Germans are fortifying the Greek Mediterranean coast and the Black Sea coast of Bulgaria. He added that the Bulgarians (Continued on Page Four)

SOLOMONS URGE PRICE CONTROL INVESTIGATION

Farm Subsidy Policy "Sold" to FDR, Reed Says

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Senator Reed (R-Kans.) charged Price Administrator Leon Henderson today with "selling" President Roosevelt a farm subsidy policy, without congressional authority, "to bring the price of wheat down."

Reed charged that Byrnes, Wickard and Henderson "are going to give subsidies to bring the price of wheat down," which he characterized as a "ridiculous, absurd, silly, unfair and unreasonable policy."

Pre-Draft Leaves Cut to 1 Week, Effective Nov. 1

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—The inactive status period granted newly-inducted draftees before they begin military service was ordered cut from two weeks to one week by the war department today, effective November 1.

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Japs Land Reinforcements on Guadalcanal—But at a Price



This is part of the toll the Japanese have paid for landings on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons. U. S. marines look over bodies of Jap soldiers on the island beach. Marines are continuing their destruction of oncoming enemy forces as Yankee sea and air units harry the supply bases. Photo from U. S. marine corps newsreel.

MANPOWER ISSUE AWAITS SURVEY

Organized Labor Re-news Opposition To Action

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Leaders of organized labor, renewing their opposition to compulsory manpower mobilization, indicated today that President Roosevelt would delay action on the manpower issue until they could explore fully the question of how many idle men and women could be used for war work.

Trucks Start Moving Supplies Over Alaska Road

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—The entire Alaskan highway now is open to traffic, Secretary of War Stimson announced today, weeks ahead of schedule.

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War Worker Takes Own Life In Hotel Here

John Edward Hayden, 29-year-old Portland war worker who was to have reported for active duty with the armed forces on November 3, took his life in the Arcade hotel early Thursday morning by shooting himself through the head with a 30-30 Winchester rifle.

The young man's wife, Ann, appealed to the hotel clerk on duty to take the gun from her husband after she said, he threatened to kill her and then himself. A shot was heard while the woman was in the lobby. City police, called to the hotel, forced the door and found the man on the bed. Upon the arrival of Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, Hayden was pronounced dead.

Frantic Parents Scour City for Car, Children

A frantic father and mother, assisted by city and state police, scoured the Klamath Falls business district late Thursday afternoon seeking their car in which they had left two small children.

Tourniquet Saves Life of Hunter Shot on Trip

PENDLETON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Frank Ritchey of Milton-Freewater was shot in the foot by William Kelly, Jr., a companion, while the two men were hunting deer in the Blue mountains 50 miles from Pendleton yesterday.

Call By 7 P. M.

City subscribers of The Herald and News, who do not receive their papers by 6:30 p. m., should telephone 3124 BEFORE 7 p. m., for special delivery service.

US MARINE TELLS SABOTEUR'S BOAST

Supreme Court Okehs Trial by Military Tribunal

CHICAGO, Oct. 29 (AP)—A private in the U. S. Marine corps testified today that Herbert Haupt, one of six Nazi saboteurs executed last August, had boasted that he escaped FBI agents by swimming the Rio Grande river under fire.

Huge Cargo Plane Test Expected In Eighteen Months

BOSTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser, the world's fastest shipbuilder with a record of 10 days from keel laying to launching, said today the biggest cargo airplane in existence would be ready for test flights in 18 months and that he believed "the government will go in for mass production of these ships."

Application Forms For "A" Gas Books Arrive in Oregon

PORTLAND, Oct. 29 (AP)—Application forms for "A" gasoline ration books were arriving in Oregon today as the OPA called upon 1400 residents to volunteer for clerical work.

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Rommel Hits Back

BRITISH HELD TO NO GAIN IN BITTER FIGHT

Nazis Shift Caucasus Attack to Nalchik; City Holds

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor U. S. army troops and marines, hemmed in a corridor only six miles long by three miles deep, were officially credited today with inflicting bloody losses on the Japanese at Guadalcanal island, while elsewhere on the world's far-flung battlefronts the axis showed new strength in Egypt and Russia.

In these two key theatres, these were the high spots: Egypt—Lieut.-Gen. B. L. Montgomery's six-day-old offensive to drive the axis out of north Africa appeared to be hitting stiffer opposition after British shock troops had broken gaps in the enemy's forward defense wall on El Alamein line, 80 miles west of Alexandria.

Fighting Continues British headquarters failed to note any new gains and gave the following terse description of the desert battle: "During the night of Oct. 27-28, the enemy counterattacked our positions and was beaten off."

Stiff Resistance The German high command likewise emphasized the weight of the British offensive, declaring: "Bitter fighting in Egypt increased in intensity on the fifth day of the defensive battle."

Despite extremely heavy attacks . . . the enemy failed to gain success owing to the stiff (Continued on Page Seven)

Price Warns Of Break-down In Censorship

NEW YORK, Oct. 29 (AP)—Byron Price, director of censorship, says that "unless ample war news is given out by the government, our voluntary undertaking with the press and radio will collapse."

Price declared last night at a New York Times forum that "if the curtain is drawn too tightly, if official secrecy leads to widespread distrust and apprehension among the people, I doubt seriously whether newspapers and broadcasters will be so willing to cooperate in bottling up the news which always comes to them through their own outside sources."

YANKS SMACK JAP AIRFIELD IN BURMA

Bombers Return Safe; Jap Planes Shot Down in China

AT A UNITED STATES ARMY AIR BASE, SOMEWHERE IN CHINA, Oct. 29 (AP)—The Japanese airfield at Lashio, Burma, terminus of the Burma road, was bombed early Tuesday by B-25's of the China air task force.

No Engagement The bombers, escorted by fighters, took off in the darkness and, finding Lashio fog-surfounded at dawn, cruised until the mists lifted, then delivered the attack.

Two or three Japanese fighters took off after the B-25's, but did not engage the Americans, who returned safely. Bombers piloted by Flight Leader Major William Basye of Independence, Mo., and Capt. E. (Continued on Page Two)

Kidnapper's Wife Freed From Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 (AP)—William H. Thompson, alias Beaumont D. Bois, pleaded guilty to the kidnaping of 4-year-old Vivian Miller on October 14 before Superior Judge Alfred Fritz today, and was immediately sentenced to prison.

Under California law the sentence is indeterminate, but it may be fixed by the board of prison terms at from one to 25 years. Thompson's wife, Charlotte, was released.

AUSTRALIAN SUPPLY LINE HELD MENAGED

Yanks on Guadalcanal Score Successful Counterattack

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—The navy announced today that army and marine corps troops on Guadalcanal island, in a successful counter attack, had retaken their original positions after a Japanese assault had pierced their lines for the second time in two days.

The attacks occurred on the late afternoon of Tuesday (Solomon time) a navy communique reported, the American forces repulsing two additional enemy thrusts. The American lines had been pierced the night of October 25 on the south side of the airfield on Guadalcanal but army troops threw back that attack and regained their positions.

The communique said there had been no report of any recent sea fighting, or of further landings of Japanese reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

Joint Decision Naval officers said the communique, although describing action which occurred three days ago, was based on reports received here only today.

Secretary of War Stimson told his press conference today that the decision to launch the American operations in the Solomons, which began in early August, "was made by the joint United States chiefs of staffs in accordance with agreed upon plans and was not purely a naval decision."

Superior Numbers Superior numbers of enemy ships, planes and men were reported mobilizing at the approaches to American bases in the Pacific, another temper break in Washington over farm prices and tariffs.

U. S. Fighters Down Jap Planes In N. E. India

NEW DELHI, India, Oct. 29 (AP)—Japanese air forces continued their assaults on allied air bases in northeastern India yesterday, but were met by United States fighters which shot down two of the enemy and damaged several others, it was announced today.

First reports indicated very few allied casualties and slight damage, a communique said. The American fighters definitely downed a Zero fighter and a bomber.

The announcement did not name the airbases attacked, but earlier Japanese raids had been against fields in far northeastern Assam, on the ferry route to China.

MacArthur's Disavowal of Political Ambitions Viewed As Plea for Unity

By JOHN H. WIGGINS WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 (AP)—Mounting protests against a divided command in the South Pacific appeared headed today for climactic action by what was regarded in some quarters as an appeal from Gen. Douglas MacArthur for unified direction over the entire embattled area.

Answering a newspaper report attributing the two separate commands in the Pacific chiefly to "political Washington" and a "MacArthur-for-president campaign," the 62-year-old leader of United Nations forces in Australia disavowed any "political ambitions whatsoever."

From his headquarters last night (Washington time), MacArthur declared that any contrary suggestion "must be regarded as merely a gesture of goodwill dictated by friendship."

"I started as a soldier and I shall finish as one," he said. "The only hope and ambition I have in the world is for victory for our cause in the war."

There was no explanation for the change but it was recalled that United States naval operations in that area had cost three cruisers, the Aircraft Carrier Wasp, five destroyers and four other ships.

Recently, Rep. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) observed "there is an inevitable lack of teamwork when matters common both to the army and navy are handled separately," and joined Representatives Maas (R-Minn.) and Dirksen (R-Ill.) in suggesting creation of a congressional "high command" to coordinate military legislation.

Rep. Costello (D-Calif.) has contended that the (Solomons) (Continued on Page Four)