

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

November 18—High 32, Low 28
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Last year 1.32 Normal 1.53
Stream year to date 1.21
Nov. 18—Sunrise 7:53 Sunset 5:20

NAZI TROOPS MASS IN BALKANS

US Waits Round 3 in Solomons

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE is great news today. The fighting men of our navy have won a thrilling victory in the South Pacific.

Slugging it out with the best the Japs—with ALL their advantages in the way of short, protected communication lines—could offer, they have sent the little yellow men scuttling homeward to lick their wounds.

THEIR wounds are grievous—including 11 warships and 12 other vessels (chiefly troop-laden transports) SUNK and seven other ships damaged.

From 20,000 to 30,000 Jap soldiers were lost on the destroyed transports.

It is a MAJOR victory.

ADMIRAL NIMITZ, commander of the Pacific fleet, says today: "I think they brought EVERYTHING THEY HAD."

He continues: "For this all-out offensive, the Japs assembled all of the forces they COULD from power-houses in the vast western Pacific."

ALL these forces were DESTROYED or driven back. Marine General Vandegrift says today: "The outcome of the battle was a crushing defeat for the Japs."

THE Jap purpose was clearly to OVERWHELM us. They failed.

They failed because they met men of SUPERIOR FIGHTING QUALITY and SUPERIOR FIGHTING SKILL.

That seems to be the story.

SO let us rejoice unreservedly. But let us NOT get cocky.

Let us here at home be proud and humble—proud of the fighting courage and stamina and skill of these boys of ours who have met and BEATEN the best the enemy could send and humbly determined to make WHAT-EVER sacrifices may be necessary to back them up in the long, hard war that still lies ahead of us.

That is OUR part.

READ the story of the battle in this newspaper today. It is a great story.

3000 GERMANS SLAIN AS REDS HOLD SOLIDLY

Slight Russian Gains Reported in North, South

MOSCOW, Nov. 17 (AP)—The red army killed more than 3000 Germans in fresh fighting while holding solidly all along the wintry front and taking the initiative at some points, today's early war communique reported.

The official report said the Germans in the past two days spent 1500 lives in futile efforts to retake an important town on the Volkhov front in the Leningrad sector where the Russians had seized the initiative and advanced after a long period of relative calm.

Nazis Shoved Back

Like number of nazis were sacrificed Monday in renewed attacks at Stalingrad, the communique said, and the invaders made no headway at all as their siege of the Volga citadel entered its 13th punishing week.

The Russians even reported that minor gains purchased at appalling cost a few days ago in one part of Stalingrad were nullified by counterattacks which shoved the enemy from a line he occupied two days ago.

Another slight Russian gain was reported in the mid-Caucasian area southeast of Nalchik where only a few weeks ago the axis threatened to effect a major break-through toward the great soviet oil stores.

Northeast of Tuapse along the Black sea fighting zone the enemy advanced slightly but was dislodged quickly by a red counterthrust and thrown back to his initial positions, the report said.

In addition to lengthening the axis death list, the communique had fresh entries of German material losses in the costly struggle of attrition. These included an 8000-ton German transport reported sunk in the Barents sea; two tanks, six guns, 17 trench mortars, 11 machine guns and seven planes destroyed in the Stalingrad area; five German planes brought down in the Tuapse zone, and four tanks lost near Nalchik.

Mobilization Of Spanish Forces Still Unconfirmed

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Informed circles heard nothing tonight to confirm a report from the Berlin radio that the Spanish cabinet had ordered mobilization of defense forces "to protect Spain's neutrality."

The report was regarded with suspicion here because Berlin credited it only to the Transocean (German) news agency.

It was said that if the Spanish government had ordered such a move, it was certain the first word would come from Madrid.

Congressional Drive to Put Off Gas Ration Seen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A reduction in the value of basic gasoline ration coupons from four gallons to three gallons in the 17 eastern seaboard states has been approved at least tentatively by the office of price administration, an informed government source said today.

The reduction is expected to be announced shortly along with additional measures to save fuel oil, he said. There was no indication, however, of curtailing household rations of fuel oil for heating below the present 65 degree standard, and OPA officials have expressed reluctance to do this.

Registration for Gasoline November 18, 19, 20

Who

*All motorists must register to get gasoline. "A" ration books will be issued at this time, providing enough gasoline to drive 240 miles a month. Every owner is entitled to such a book.

Where

At Klamath Union high school, Mills school, Pelican school and Fremont school in the city system; at Altamont elementary school in the southeast suburbs, Fairhaven in the west suburbs, and at 20 county grade schools in all parts of the county.

When

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m.

Be Sure to Have

1. The serial numbers of all the tires you own, including excess tires.

2. Auto registration certificate.

3. Serial number of your federal auto use tax stamp.

*Registered owners of passenger cars need not appear in person but whoever acts in his stead must have the registered owner's signature on the application, the car's state registration certificate and the numbers of the five tires being retained by the owner.

**Those who need more gasoline for essential driving may obtain applications at the time of signing for the books.

(Facsimile of A ration application on Page 3)

"I Think They Brought Everything They Had," Says Nimitz of Battle

By WALTER B. CLAUSEN

PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Nov. 17 (AP)—Japan's naval hordes swept down on the Solomon islands to disaster in their all-out effort to smash American power in the South Pacific.

When full details of those three short but fiery engagements northwest of Guadalcanal on November 13-15 become known, they will tell a story of not only the greatest naval battles ever staged at night, but

also of the fiercest slugging combats in all naval history.

"I think they brought everything they had," said Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, significantly.

"As a result, all the enemy forces were either destroyed or driven back, and a major victory was obtained by our gallant forces."

The admiral said he was certain the victory would result in the immediate strengthening of the hold we now have on Guadalcanal and the eventual expulsion of the enemy from that strategic island.

The Japs on Guadalcanal, he said, are suffering from the lack of two things: beans and bullets.

"They have bands of men in the upper reaches of the island with radio equipment, which gives them the advantage of having reports on everything we do, all our plans and ship movements and almost complete data on our operations and forces," he told newsmen.

"Our problem is to eliminate these observation patrols so we can do something without being seen. We know the enemy is greatly disappointed he didn't get supplies and reinforcements, and he is especially lacking in beans and bullets."

"We know we have plenty of men there, and that they have enough to do the job we set out to do—expel the Japs—and that

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Kaiser Favors Licensing of All New Inventions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Henry J. Kaiser recommended today the creation of an independent federal agency to license all new inventions and distribute their benefits among all industry to speed war production.

"I am in favor of compulsory licensing of all new inventions and development without compensation for the duration of the war," the west coast shipbuilder informed a senate military subcommittee studying technological mobilization.

He said he thought his position might be considered revolutionary, but "I believe that industry will eventually be more productive if patents are distributed among those in industry."

Without disclosing the names of more than a score of congressmen he said he assured him of support, Representative "rather than groups and trusts."

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YANKS HOLD WHIP HAND IN ISLAND AREA

Jap Loss in Personnel May Run From 20 To 30,000

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (AP)—Secretary of Navy Knox said today that the United States clearly had won round two of the battle for the Solomons islands, but that it "must not be forgotten" that there may be a round three.

The secretary called last week's American naval victory—which cost the Japanese 11 warships and 12 other vessels sunk and 7 ships damaged—a major action, but not a decisive one.

Japanese personnel losses may have run from 20,000 to 30,000, "We have at the moment,"

Knox said in response to a press conference question, "naval supremacy around Guadalcanal."

He declined to claim more advantage than that strategically, but, commenting on the overall result of the greatest naval engagement since the battle of Jutland in the World War, said that it leaves American forces "in complete and undisputed possession of the (Guadalcanal-Tulagi) area and of the island of Guadalcanal and the airfield there and has caused the enemy very severe losses both in ships and personnel."

The effect of these losses, Knox said, obviously will be hurtful to the Japanese navy, but he declined to say that the Jap fleet had been crippled.

"No doubt," he declared, "the

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MAAS REITERATES CRITICISM OF WAR

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Klamath County Rubber



Emily Ward, KUHS student, here examines a root of the Russian rubber-producing dandelion, kok-saghyz, grown in Klamath county at the agricultural experimental area in an experiment conducted for the U. S. department of agriculture. When Emily pulled two sections of the root apart, rubber-like threads stretched. When she released them, the two sections snapped together.

Klamath May Produce Own Rubber Supply Some Day

Even as mileage registration made local motorists painfully aware of the rubber shortage, the Klamath agricultural experimental station came up Tuesday with a report that experiments have shown a rubber-producing plant can be grown successfully in this county.

The plant is kok-saghyz, or Russian dandelion. Jean Gross, a director of the experimental area in the Miller hill district, reported that excellent specimens of kok-saghyz had been produced. The experiments were conducted at the request of the U. S. department of agriculture, using seed forwarded by plane from Kubishev, Russia.

Samples taken from the experimental plot here show that 7129 pounds of fresh roots may be obtained from an acre here. The Russians, Director Gross said, get an average of 2.3 percent rubber in fresh roots, which would indicate 178 pounds of rubber from an acre of dandelions grown here. The Russian average is 182 pounds of rubber an acre.

Gross brought several samples of the root to The Herald and News office. Carefully broken, the two sections of root clung together and would snap back after being pulled apart. Tiny latex threads or glands could be observed in the bark structure.

Gross stated that the breaking point of a "medium crepe" made of Hevea rubber is 259, and that of kok-saghyz is 224. The relative elongation of

Hevea rubber is 738, and that of Russian rubber is 715. In 1933, he said, rubber derived from the Russian rubber plants won honors during a thorough test carried out over the Karakum automobile run.

The local planting was made on May 18, 1942, and samples were taken in late October. Gross plans to leave the roots in the ground and make further tests in the spring.

He said the Russian dandelions are tolerant of considerable alkali, but good growth requires irrigation.

His experiments will be reported to the USDA.

ALLIES DRIVE AXIS BACK IN TUNISIAN CLASH

150,000 American and British Troops Sweep On

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor

Adolf Hitler's air-borne invaders of Tunisia were reported to have been driven back today in their first clash with the vanguard of a powerful American-British expeditionary force driving into the French North African protectorate.

An Algiers radio broadcast said the Nazi setback came in a skirmish with allied reconnaissance forces, spearheading a thrust by perhaps 150,000 American and British soldiers.

Showdown

Other British-American troop columns were reported sweeping into Tunisia from the south. All signs pointed to an imminent showdown battle.

Simultaneously, competent foreign military quarters in London said advances from the continent indicated that Hitler was preparing a new thrust from the Balkans against the middle east in an attempt to counter the allied victory in North Africa.

Anderson Rolls On

These quarters said Hitler was withdrawing or had already withdrawn 40 divisions—perhaps 800,000 men—from the Russian front and that most of them were being massed in the Balkans, especially in Greece, for "big action" in the eastern Mediterranean.

Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. M. Anderson's Anglo-American expeditionary force was reported rolling steadily nearer the axis-held naval bases at Bizerte and Tunis, where air-borne Nazi reinforcements were said to be under orders by Adolf Hitler to hold at all cost.

Pincer Movement

DNE, the German news agency, said Nazi planes had "discovered" United States and British forces in the southern border area of Tunisia and bombed them heavily.

This indicated that an allied pincer movement was in progress to drive the axis out of the key French buffer state, with one Anglo-American force cutting in from the south and another advancing eastward along the Mediterranean coast in the north.

Confirmation was lacking on London reports of a fierce battle already raging between the allies and Germans near Tunis, the capital.

East of Bengali

The American consul of Tunis, who escaped to reach Algeria, said French troops near Tunis had thrown back German patrols and that "the French population is eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Americans."

On the other side of the giant allied "vise" in the Mediterranean (Continued on Page Two)

English Demand Explanation of Darlan Deal

LONDON, Nov. 17 (AP)—A demand for a fuller explanation of United States Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's deal with Admiral Jean Darlan reopened general debate in the house of commons today.

Asserting that the "strange appearance of Admiral Darlan on the scene," gives a "sinister side" to the successful North African operation, Laborite Sir Percy Harris declared:

"This has been a rather bitter pill for those who have been loyal to the cause of France under the leadership of General DeGaulle to swallow."

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