

Blackout Signal

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Weather News

November 18—High 39, Low 30
Precipitation as of November 12, 1942
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Last year 1.52 Normal 1.66
Nov. 20—Sunrise 7:56 Sunset 5:16

47 DIE At HOSPITAL FOR INSANE

French Drive North

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE isn't much action news loose in the world today (at least as these words are written), but behind the screen of censorship and secrecy, you may be sure, PLENTY of action is brewing.

INTEREST in the Mediterranean centers at Tunis and Bizerte, which the Germans hold and we have to take. There are as yet no reports of heavy fighting there.

One GUESSES from this that the German forces are too strong for us to tackle until we get all set.

You may be quite certain that we are getting set for the attack as rapidly as possible.

YOU may be equally certain that Hitler is moving heaven and earth to get reinforcements into northern Tunisia. It is a fairly safe guess that in order to accomplish this he is neglecting Rommel.

ROMMEL, still fleeing westward, is expected to make a stand some 40 miles west of El Aghela (consult your map), where salt marshes similar to the Quattara depression narrow the coastal road along which he is retreating, with the British in hot pursuit, to a bottleneck.

Narrow fronts, with both flanks protected by natural obstacles, are historically advantageous for defensive stands by outnumbered and retreating armies.

Thermopylae, where Leonidas and his rearguard of Greeks held up the advancing Persians and died to the last man, is the classic example.

The example that is fresh in mind is the 40-mile-wide El Aghela front between the Mediterranean and the Quattara depression where the broken and fleeing British 8th army stopped Rommel only 80 miles from Alexandria.

THERE are renewed hints in the news today that Hitler is gathering his forces in Greece for a smash into the Near East by way of Syria—or maybe Turkey.

This tip may be accurate. On the other hand, it may be a smoke screen put out by Hitler to confuse our side and cause us (chiefly the British) to keep heavy forces in Syria.

Fooling the other fellow is all-important in war.

OLD Petain goes off the deep end today and hands over dictatorial powers in Vichy France to Laval. Backed by German bayonets, Laval can now write his own ticket.

The fighting French in London predict a full military alliance between Germany and Vichy France which will include handing over the French fleet at Toulon (supposedly about 64 warships) to the axis. Releasing the million French prisoners now held in Germany is expected to be a part of this deal.

In her dealings with the Vichy French, these prisoners have been Germany's chief trading stock all along.

EVER since the start of our African offensive, it has been reasonably apparent to good guessers that for the past year a separation of the French sheep from the French goats has been going on.

The patriotic French have been getting out to Africa, leaving the carillon birds, the political seller-outers, the craven cowards, the look-out-for-Number-Ones, the general run of French SCUM, in Vichy.

The results of this separation (Continued on Page Sixteen)

Jap Drive Into Southwest China Seen in Offing

CHUNGKING, Nov. 19 (AP)—A Chinese army spokesman reported today there were indications the Japanese were preparing to drive into Yunnan province, southwest China, from French Indo-China.

This thrust, he said, would be coordinated with one from the section of Yunnan province adjacent to Burma which the Japanese occupied last spring. They have been stationary there since May.

The spokesman said the Japanese recently secretly increased their strength in Yunnan by 12,000 men, bringing the total to 30,000, and at the same time bolstered their air forces at Wanting and other air fields in the occupied border region.

"We are watching developments," he said.

REDS BLOCK NAZIS IN WINTER DRIVE

Initiative Seized in Stalingrad and Caucasus

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (AP)—The Russians announced tonight that the Germans had suffered "a severe defeat" at the town of Ordzhonikidze, which lies strategically at the top of the important Georgian military highway running southward through the Caucasian mountains.

The Germans, the announcement said, left more than 5000 dead on the battlefield, and the number wounded was "several times larger."

MOSCOW, Nov. 19 (AP)—Extending their job of bleeding and blocking the German armies, the Russians have taken the initiative in Stalingrad and in the Caucasus.

North African Administrators Safe, Says Darlan

LONDON, Nov. 9 (AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan, broadcasting from Algiers, declared today that the administrators appointed to North Africa by Marshal Petain "will continue with a large degree of autonomy under my supreme authority to direct and administer the territories entrusted to them."

Darlan again restated his contention that, although he is working in collaboration with the allies, he is fulfilling Petain's mandate, given before the Germans occupied all of France.

Jeffers Works to Keep The Country on Rubber

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THREE ALLIED ARMIES SWEEP TOWARD TUNIS

Parachutists Build Up Power for Final Assault

By E. C. DANIEL
LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—Three of the toughest armies assembled by the United Nations since the start of the war converged on the Bizerte-Tripoli-Bengasi triangle today in fighting contact with axis forces while allied planes and parachute troops built up air power in preparation for the final assault to wipe the Germans and Italians from North Africa.

As the Americans and British squeezed the last axis foothold from east and west, a motorized column of fighting French was reported driving up from the Lake Chad base 1200 miles to the south to put the Lorraine cross of fighting France into the battle along with the tri-color of French North African garrisons which have joined with the allies.

Leaping Ahead
Sweeping back outlying axis patrols, Lieut. Gen. Kenneth A. N. Anderson's first army—the veterans of Flanders—drove into Tunisia from Algeria at several points in a sweep intended to trap and crush the German-Italian air-borne army reported digging in at Tunis, the capital, and Bizerte, the big naval base, (Continued on Page Two)

Chains Necessary For Travel Outside City and to North

State highway officials continued to warn motorists using the mountain roads and advised chains on travel outside the city to the north. The Sun mountain stretch was reported "exceptionally slick" with heavily packed snow covering the road.

The giant Sno-Go was busy throughout Wednesday and 34 feet of snow was reported on the summit at mid-day. The Willamette pass is negotiable but here chains are also advised. Twenty-four inches of snow was recorded at Chemult and a like amount as far as 10 miles west of the pass junction.

Wounded Landed At Gibraltar

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—The Vichy radio broadcast today a Madrid report that 50 damaged British warships and merchantmen had arrived at Gibraltar and landed dead and wounded.

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Here's How, Mr. Blohm!



Pelican Coach Frank Ramsey shows 215-pound Center Phil Blohm the intricacies of the ball. Blohm, the picture shows, is nearly as big as the huge coach. Klamath plays the Vancouver Trappers Friday night on Modoc field, and a special story by Al Stump, sports editor of the Vancouver Columbian, with pictures of some of the Trappers, will be found on today's sports page.

Ticket Sales Build Up for Friday's Tilt

With ticket sales mounting rapidly, and the Vancouver Trappers scheduled to arrive Thursday evening, Klamath interest turned Thursday to the Klamath-Vancouver football game on Modoc field Friday evening which may have a bearing on northwest grid honors.

Modoc field was virtually cleared of snow by scores of high school boys and improved weather conditions gave promise of a hard, fast game.

More than 700 reserved seats had been sold Thursday, and general admission ticket booths appeared in the downtown district at the Medical Dental building.

Coach Dutch Shields and his (Continued on Page Two)

IWA-CIO Wins Two Elections In Klamath

The IWA-CIO was victorious in two national labor relations board elections held in the Klamath basin this week to determine the bargaining agency for employees of the Kesterson Lumber corporation and the Ewauna woods operations.

Kesterson Lumber corporation employees Wednesday switched their representation for collective bargaining from the AFL-Carpenters and Joiners to the IWA-CIO. The AFL-C and J had held the bargaining rights since the March, 1941 election.

From an eligibility list of 235 names, 175 employees cast the following votes in yesterday's election: IWA-CIO, 143; AFL-C and J, 27; no union, 3; void ballots, 2.

On Tuesday, employees of the Ewauna woods operation at Quartz Mountain voted 27 to 20 for representation by the IWA-CIO as against no union. The AFL-C and J were not on the ballot.

Eighty-four employees were eligible to vote at this election. Due to the weather, however, the camp had been shut down for several days, and it is thought this accounted for the small vote cast.

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U. S. Victory Grows

TASK FORCE TAKES HEAVY TOLL OF ENEMY

Navy Reveals Additional Losses to Nips In Solomons

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—A Japanese battleship or heavy cruiser, three large cruisers, and a destroyer were sunk and another battleship, a cruiser and a destroyer were damaged by an American battleship task force in a naval battle in the Guadalcanal area of the Solomon Islands last Saturday night and early Sunday morning, the navy reported today.

No new United States losses were reported.

A naval spokesman said that the five Jap ships reported sunk and the three reported damaged might possibly duplicate to some extent a report of damage previously announced for the great naval battle which was fought in the same area in the early hours of Thursday, November 13.

Damage Told
This spokesman expressed confidence, however, that the duplications did not occur in more than two or three instances, and it was apparent that the naval victory scored over the enemy in the Solomons during a series of running engagements late last week was of even greater magnitude than first announced.

On last Monday the navy had (Continued on Page Two)

Henderson Sees Extension of Rationing Plan

BOSTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—Price Administrator Leon Henderson said today that civilians could expect next year an increase in victory models, or standardized and simplified civilian goods, as well as an extension of rationing.

Henderson spoke to the first New England war conference which received a message from President Roosevelt expressing approval of the "free exchange of ideas through regional discussions" throughout the nation as an aid to conduct of the war and formation of a better post-war world.

Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the war manpower commission, told the meeting that in the future deferment from military service will depend more and more upon the kind of work a man is doing and less and less on whether he has dependents or not.

Henderson said that increased simplification and standardization "will go hand in hand with price and rationing controls" in 1943.

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United States Marshal Frank Hamm, former Klamath Falls chief of police, died suddenly Thursday morning at his home in Portland.

FRANK HAMM, 53, PASSES THURSDAY

Warm Tributes Paid To Former KF Chief

Steve Franklin Hamm, 53, US marshal for the Oregon district and former Klamath Falls chief of police under three administrations died unexpectedly about 3:15 a. m. Thursday of a heart attack at his home in Portland.

Frank Hamm, who left here October 1 to take over his duties as US marshal succeeding Jack T. Summerville, was in his offices Wednesday and deputies said he appeared in good health. He became ill shortly after midnight, according to his family.

Warm tribute was paid to the memory of Frank Hamm by (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Aircraft Output to Be Doubled in Year

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board announced today he had given his vice chairman, Charles E. Wilson, responsibility for doubling aircraft output within a year to meet new 1943 goals set by President Roosevelt.

Nelson, in a press conference did not disclose the new presidential objectives, but said their attainment would require "more than double the present monthly war plane production rate by this time next year."

The WPB chief said, "I think it can be done"—and added he meant that not only the overall weight of aircraft produced, but that the actual number of planes could be doubled.

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400 INMATES STRICKEN AS POISON HITS

Tragedy Laid to Eggs Served at Dinner Last Night

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 19 (AP)—The deaths of 47 inmates of the Oregon hospital for the insane was blamed today on scrambled eggs served at dinner last night but bacteriologists could not say positively that the poison originated in the eggs themselves. Six of the dead were women.

Dr. Frank R. Menne of the University of Oregon medical school at Portland said after an examination that the fatal substance might have been in some ingredient in which the eggs were cooked.

Struck Swiftly
More than 400 other men and women inmates are ill but Hospital Superintendent Dr. J. C. Evans said he expected them to recover.

The poison struck swiftly and within 15 minutes after the meal the victims began complaining of violent cramps. The first death occurred within an hour and by 10 p. m. five hours after the meal, 10 had died. By midnight the toll reached 32.

Suspicion Voiced
Dr. Menne could not determine whether the poison originated in the egg yolks. (The meal was prepared from a shipment of frozen eggs which contained no egg whites). He emphasized, however, that the yolks are most strongly suspected.

Dr. Evans expressed the belief (Continued on Page Two)

Mileage Ration Registration Off To Slow Start

Mileage rationing registration fell far behind expectations on the first day, and a terrific last-minute jam may result unless registration picks up Thursday evening, rationing officials said Thursday.

Registration began on Wednesday. It will end at 9 p. m. Friday.

Slightly more than 1000 motorists registered at the four city school registration places on the first day. A total of from 4000 to 5000 is expected, indicating that 3000 or more motorists must still register before the deadline Friday night.

Registration hours are from 3 p. m. to 9 p. m., at Mills, Fremont, Pelican and Klamath Union high schools in the city, at Altamont elementary and Fairhaven schools in the suburbs, and at 20 other county schools.

On Wednesday, about 300 registered at Mills, 450 at Fremont, 100 at Pelican and 300 at KUHS.

Many people arrived at the registration places without full information for making application (Continued on Page Two)

French Commander Receives Ultimatum From Nazi Officer

LONDON, Nov. 19 (AP)—The German commander in Tunisia has presented an ultimatum to General Barre, commanding the French forces there, ordering him to evacuate Tunisian territory or join the axis, the Morocco radio reported tonight.

The German radio last night intimated that Gen. Barre had joined the allies, stating that the French leader had tried to "trap" Marshal Petain, the French chief of state.

The allies have made no announcement regarding Gen. Barre's affiliations.