

Blackout Signal

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Weather News

November 29—High 51, Low 40
Precipitation as of November 29, 1942
Stream year to date 3.40
Last year 2.24 Normal 2.37
Dec. 1—Sunrise 8:09 Sunset 5:11

RAF BLASTS WARNING TO ITALY

ALLIES LANCE TO WITHIN 12 MILES OF TUNIS

Aerial Blows Support Advance; 8th Army Strikes

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Nov. 30.—British and American forces, supported by a rising tide of aerial blows at the enemy on both sides of the Mediterranean, have stormed forward to within less than 12 miles of Tunis in a drive which has all but isolated that city and Bizerte, main axis-held strong point in Tunisia.

The allied advance was disclosed today by a headquarters communiqué which said the fighting now was progressing east of Djedeida, which is 12 miles northwest of Tunis on the Tunis-Bizerte railroad. This indicated the allies were driving a wedge straight toward the coast to separate the axis strongholds.

Cannon Range
Bizerte was the target of an attack by allied planes which scored hits on the naval base, the communiqué said, and allied fighters were credited with destruction of four enemy planes in operations over forward areas. The allied announcement failed to disclose the extent of the thrust toward Tunis but the Morocco radio said yesterday that the allies already were within cannon range of that capital of Tunisia.

8th Army Strikes
Being astride the railroad, these forces have cut the only link between the axis defense zones except for the coastal road. Absence of reports of fighting west of Djedeida suggested the allies were attacking one town at a time, or were leaving Bizerte to a column advancing along the northern coast.

Simultaneously with the allied assault on the hastily contrived axis defenses in Tunisia, German and Italian communiques reported that the 8th army's tanks struck the first blow at Marshal Rommel's El Agheila line in Libya. The axis claimed these attacks repulsed; the British kept silent.

Shelling Blasted
Tunis, Bizerte and Tripoli were targets of new punishing attacks over the weekend in a prelude to impending assaults by American and British land forces in Africa, and the great Italian industrial city of Turin shattered to the impact of RAF bombs last night for the second time in 24 hours.

Shipping and harbors were blasted at three axis-held African ports and traffic along Marshal Rommel's road of escape towards Tripoli was strafed, while in Tunisia the fighting grew in intensity as the zero hour for the all-out land attack neared.

Nope, No Run On Coffee in Klamath Falls

"Nope, no run on coffee!" That was the answer of 10 of Klamath's leading grocery stores late Monday as coffee rationing got under way throughout the nation after midnight Saturday. Klamath housewives either had enough coffee to last them for a spell, or they were observing the government's request to withhold the purchase of coffee if it was not necessary.

Only one of 10 stores reported unusual sales. In this instance customers were asked to pass up the coffee counter in order that the five-week ration period would last, unless absolutely necessary that they buy on their No. 27 sugar coupon. One merchant said he hadn't sold more than four pounds during the day, and another said they didn't have any coffee "anyway."

WAAC AD
An advertisement addressed to women who may be interested in going into their country's service will be found on Page 3.

Patrols Destroy Jap Ammunition On Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—American ground patrols on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons have destroyed "a considerable amount" of enemy arms and ammunition, the navy announced today, while army bombers ranging north of the island have heavily damaged a Japanese cargo ship and shot down three Zero fighters.

A navy communiqué said that both the land actions and the aerial attack on an enemy convoy were carried out November 28, Guadalcanal time. The patrols scored their successes in the upper Lunga river region. The Lunga river runs through the American-held territory around the airfield on the northern edge of the island so that the damage inflicted on the Japs was south of the American flank in the hill country of the island.

The cargo ship which was hit by five bombs dropped from army Flying Fortresses was part of a convoy which consisted of two cargo vessels and three destroyers.

Ten Zeros tried to protect the convoy from attack and in destroying them the Fortresses, (Continued on Page Two)

Aussies Capture Gona Beach Area

Aussies Believed To Have Trapped Several Hundred

By DEAN SCHEDLER
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Nov. 30 (P)—Australian ground troops, supported by planes and artillery, have captured a beach area about 900 yards east of Gona and have pushed on toward Sanananda, it was disclosed today.

The Australian attack was launched after well-coordinated, all-day air attacks over the Buna-Gona area had softened up some of the beleaguered Japanese positions.

Dump Blown Up
The advance (which apparently has cut through the elongated Japanese beachhead to the coast) is believed to have cut off a pocket at Gona holding several hundred Japanese.

United States Flying Fortresses (Continued on Page Two)

Fight to Lift Farm Price Ceiling To Be Renewed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (P)—Farm state senators voted today to renew their fight to force price-fixing officials to lift ceiling prices on agricultural commodities.

Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) announced the agricultural committee approved unanimously a resolution directing an investigation into all phases of the administration of farm provisions of the revised price control law. Hearings, he said, will be called upon the return to Washington of Chairman Smith (D-S.C.).

Tax Statement Mailing Gets Support of County Auditors

Another recommendation that the county send out complete tax statements to taxpayers is contained in the first half 1942 county audit received by county officers Saturday.

County Judge U. E. Reeder said he believes something may be done soon on this recommendation, which has been made a number of years by Bernard Davis, who supervises the audit here for the secretary of state's office.

The latest audit report proposes complete statements to all taxpayers showing the current taxes and all unpaid balances in prior years. "Other Oregon counties," it adds, "have found such practices very profitable in promoting tax collections and providing greater ease and speed in

Rescue Workers Jam Night Club Fire Scene



Boston city fire and police department workers with stretchers and many service men jam the street outside the Coconut Grove night club to haul out some of the 479 persons who were killed when a sudden fire swept the club.

Death Toll Mounts to 479 in Wake of Boston Night Club Holocaust

BOSTON, Nov. 30 (P)—State and county law-enforcement officers went into immediate action today to determine whether any law violation had contributed to the Saturday night fire that suddenly converted the Coconut Grove night club into a house of flaming death for 479 merrymakers.

Moving under instructions from Acting Public Safety Commissioner John F. Stokes, State Fire Marshal Stephen C. Garrity turned over to District Attorney William J. Foley of Suffolk county a preliminary report of the fire that flared from a match-flame lighted by a 16-year-old bus boy as he sought to replace a light bulb removed by a club patron.

Bodies Unnamed
The busboy said that he es-

Allied Ship Losses In West Atlantic Climb to 544

By The Associated Press
The toll of allied and neutral ship losses in the western Atlantic since Pearl Harbor went to 544 today (Monday) in the Associated Press count of announced sinkings with navy announcement of the torpedoing in October of a medium-sized American cargo ship in the South Atlantic.

Last week 11 cargo ships of the United Nations were announced—seven-day period in three months. No less than 150 seamen were listed as dead or missing.

The vessels sunk were four American, four British, two Norwegian, and one unidentified Allied. The attacks occurred in the Caribbean, off South America and off the United States.

2 French Subs Get to Algiers, Report Affirms

VICHY (From French Broadcasts), Nov. 30 (P)—The Algiers radio was heard tonight broadcasting a report that two French submarines which escaped from Toulon at the time of the German occupation had arrived at Algiers. They were identified as the Casablanca and the Marsouin.

(The Casablanca is a 1384-ton craft completed in 1935 and designed for a crew of 107. It has a 30-day cruising radius of action. The Marsouin, launched December 27, 1924, normally carried a crew of 51.)

These apparently were the second and third French submarines to escape from the Toulon fleet base during the scuttling of warships incident to German occupation of the port. (Spanish authorities at Barcelona interned 35 French naval officers and men who turned into that neutral port Saturday aboard the 597-ton Iris.)

Vichy reported the escape of two submarines when the fleet was scuttled and also reported that a third struck a mine and sank to the sea by a German plane.

Algiers is occupied by the AEF and would offer a haven for any escaping French craft.

STRIKE THREATENS MICHIGAN CITIES

Power Workers Demand Wage Boost, Vote Strike

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 30 (P)—Nineteen Michigan cities, many with important war production plants, today were under threat of a power strike and state and federal mediators prepared to swing into redoubled preventive action.

The Michigan state joint Utility Workers council, composed of officials of 20 locals of the Utility Workers organizing committee (CIO), yesterday voted to call a strike of Consumers Power company employees at midnight next Friday. The union and management had been in disputed negotiations over wages, working conditions and a union shop.

Prevention Possible
Herman R. Chadwick of Saginaw, president of the council, said approximately 2000 transmission and distribution employees—of 72,100 workers he listed as eligible for union membership—would walk out in the 19 communities unless an agreement is reached before the deadline.

Chadwick said Michigan's anti-sabotage law would prevent the workers from pulling switches "but there's nothing to prevent them from walking off the job, and then it's up to the management." He added that "only if the company yields on some points at issue" can a strike be prevented.

Chadwick said the union seeks: A wage increase of 15 cents an hour against a company offer of a 5-cent boost (he said the \$30 average weekly wage of \$30 was unsatisfactory); union shop, as against a company agreement to a maintenance of membership clause; elimination of a wage zone system by which pay varies in areas served.

Crew Escapes Injury in Army Bomber Crash

RANDOLPH, Utah, Nov. 30 (P)—An army bomber crashed and burned 20 miles northeast of this farming community last night after the crew of five had bailed out, ranchers reported today.

Two of the crew walked to the L. B. Johnson ranch, 15 miles north of here, during the early morning and two others were located after dawn in the rough terrain along the Utah-Wyoming border.

Searchers were combing the hills for the fifth man. Johnson telephoned that an officer who reached his ranch was Capt. A. E. Lambert, Jr., the pilot. He did not learn the names of the others.

Soviets Press West

DON POSITION WRESTED FROM GERMAN ARMY

Russ Patrol Snow-Covered Country for Enemy Units

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Nov. 30 (P)—Soviet shock troops have wrested another Don river stronghold from the Germans under clearing skies on the Stalingrad front and are pressing westward through a blizzard in the parallel offensive west of Moscow, the Russians said today.

Germans were declared to be dying at the rate of 10,000 daily as red army divisions pushed across the snow, utilizing tactics perfected in the 1941-42 winter drive.

Scouts Patrol
(London commentaries said that if the Germans sought to organize a counteroffensive they would have to pull in forces from relatively quiet sectors, thinning out and weakening the lines stretching from the White sea to the mid-Caucasus.)

Red army scouts wearing white hoods and armed with automatic rifles patrolled snow-covered pine forests and the open lands west of Moscow to locate enemy positions for the artillery batteries blazing paths for the general advance.

Russian fliers warmed up frosty motors and roamed the (Continued on Page Two)

7 Pelicans Named On Conference Gridiron Team

MEDFORD, Nov. 30 (AP)—Seven men of Klamath Falls' state title claimants won first-team places on the ninth annual Medford Mail-Tribune All-Southern Oregon conference team announced today after a poll of coaches and sports writers.

The first team: Neil Mayfield (Klamath Falls) and Darrell Monteith (Medford), ends; Pat Patzke and Wayne Yancey (Klamath Falls), tackles; Doug Clement (Klamath Falls) and Clyde Blevins (Grants Pass), guards; Phil Blohm (Klamath Falls), center; Don Mast and Ralph Foster (Klamath Falls), John Gray (Grants Pass) and Hal Adams (Medford), backs.

Second team: Gerald Edwards and Chet Lathrop (Grants Pass), ends; Lowell Fleser (Medford), tackles; Marvin Watson (Klamath Falls) and Clayton Anderson (Medford), guards; Ray Casabeer (Medford), center; Richard Vaillancour and Arnold Selby (Klamath Falls), Ray Clayton (Grants Pass) and Bill Bayliss (Medford), backs.

Motorists Jam Ration Board Offices As Gas Ration Deadline Approaches

A little of the "unbelievable chaos," predicted for the gas rationing program by Senator Vandenberg in the senate Monday, was in evidence at the county war price and rationing board here Monday as motorists thronged the office on the last day before gas rationing begins. Beginning tomorrow morning, motorists will be unable to get gasoline without ration books. Hundreds have applied for supplemental rationing, seeking more gas than the "240 miles worth" permitted under the A ration book. The board was swamped with such applications, but was acting on them as fast as possible, it was said.

High Justice



Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview, appointed by Governor Sprague to the state supreme court, received widespread recommendation for the post from Klamath county citizens.

NIPPONS SEEK NEW FOOTHOLD ON ATTU

Flying Forts Score 3 Hits on Cargo Ship Off Island

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (P)—Their Kiska base under almost constant pounding by American bombers, the Japanese are attempting to secure a new foothold on the bleak little island of Attu, westernmost of the Aleutian chain.

The navy disclosed yesterday that the enemy had reappeared on Attu by announcing army "flying fortresses" had attacked a small Japanese cargo vessel off the island, setting it afire with three bomb hits on Thanksgiving day. When last seen, the vessel appeared to be sinking.

The communiqué said fighters (Continued on Page Two)

Ammunition Wasted On Dead Snipers, Says Sailor Trout

WENATCHEE, Nov. 30 (P)—Lots of good American ammunition is wasted on dead Jap snipers who are tied in trees, Sailor William Trout said while here visiting his parents. "I've seen several trips across the Pacific during which his tanker was torpedoed. "We saw Jap snipers tied in trees in the Solomons," he said. "As their enemy shoots them they remain as before, so a lot of ammunition is wasted on men already dead."

"He said Zero fighters 'are faster than ours and lighter, but they sure can't take the punishment,'" he said.

Percy Murray of the rationing board said that the board's policy is to see that industry and agriculture are taken care of first, but that the board is working through all applications as rapidly as possible. The office, it was learned, is hampered by a shortage of pro-

300,000 FLEE TURIN AS RAIDS SHATTER CITY

Churchill Warns Italians to Get Out of War or Suffer

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
RAF warplanes blasted Italy before dawn today for the second time in 36 hours, pounding home Prime Minister Churchill's warning to the Italian people to get out of the war or suffer a "prolonged, scientific and shattering air attack."

Simultaneously, a Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from the Italian frontier reported that 300,000 persons had fled the Italian arsenal city of Turin, normal population 622,000, since the RAF began its new trans-alpine aerial offensive Oct. 22.

Belgium Attacked
The British air ministry said Turin was again the target of the latest assault and that fires started Saturday night were still burning. "Other bombers attacked railway communications in Belgium," the air ministry said, reporting two RAF planes missing.

Fortifications Rushed
More than 100,000 incendiaries in addition to 8000-pound "blockbusters" were unloaded on Turin in the RAF's Saturday night raid, and a Canadian pilot declared the city's buildings were left "seething as though they were bubbling with molten lava."

Travelers arriving in Turkey from Italy said the Germans were hurriedly building fortifications along the German-Italian frontier and along the Balkan side of the Adriatic sea against the day that Italy quits the war. In Washington, Secretary of (Continued on Page Two)

Ten Men Killed As Army Plane Crashes in Iowa

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Nov. 30 (P)—Ten men were killed today in the crash of an army plane a half mile southwest of the Sioux City air base, the post public relations office announced.

Capt. Fred Shick, post public relations officer, said all 10 men were dead when help reached the plane, which he said was on a routine flight. The crash occurred about 2:15 a. m.

A guard was placed around the area immediately and no civilians were permitted near the crash.

Capt. Shick said the names and ranks of those killed in the crash would not be released until their next of kin had been notified.

The board staff has been supplemented by volunteer help, but on Monday, when the rush was terrific, the number of volunteers showing up was sharply reduced. People willing to give volunteer service to the board were urged to do so immediately. Meanwhile, a great rush was on at service stations where motorists were filling up not only their auto tanks but bottles and cans in an effort to store gasoline against the day when their regular ration runs short. Motorists were again warned against the dangers of improper (Continued on Page Two)

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