

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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ALLIES DRIVE ON AFRICAN COAST

Axis Assaults Fail to Stem Russ

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS GAS rationing holds the attention of irritated Westerners today more or less to the exclusion of other things—much as an IMMEDIATE aching tooth can take precedence over a THREATENED case of pneumonia.

THIS writer's advice is to meet the situation good-naturedly and patriotically.

The purpose of gas rationing is to restrict UNESSENTIAL driving. It is a sound and necessary purpose. If it isn't accomplished, national efficiency will suffer.

It isn't easy to give up the pleasant habits of peace, most of which are all tied up with unlimited use of the automobile, but THIS IS WAR.

In all nations there are two kinds of people—the right kind and the wrong kind. The right kind of people will co-operate loyally; grousing, of course, in the traditional American manner, but putting up with whatever personal inconveniences may be necessary.

The wrong kind WON'T. Few of us want to be classed with the wrong kind of people.

WHATEVER you do, don't cuss out your local rationing board.

Its members, with few exceptions, are WORKING FOR NOTHING, doing their best to straighten out the snarl. Their best may not be as good as you WANT, but when tempted to criticize or complain ask yourself this searching question: COULD I DO ANY BETTER?

THE local rationing board is our protection against REMOTE bureaucracy. Its members know local conditions and are trying to protect their communities against the evils of distant bureaucratic control.

Given time, the local boards will sift out the essential and get things to running more smoothly. But it will take time.

NEVER let this thought out of your mind: No matter how great the inconvenience (or even outright LOSS) you may be put to, it will be NOTHING as compared with the inconveniences and the losses suffered by your boy at the fighting front.

THE news from the fighting fronts continues good. The Germans in the Stalingrad trap are continuing their efforts to break out but apparently are not succeeding. Moscow is beginning to tell us a little about the central front. The German losses there are placed today at 23,300 killed and 400 captured. That will give you some idea of the ferocity of the struggle. The Russians are reported today to have penetrated the deep German defenses around Rzhev (consult your map) and fighting is said to be going on in the city itself.

Russian dispatches say Hitler has ordered his troops on this front not to retreat under any circumstances and add that German machine gun detachments have been posted in the rear with orders to fire on any nazis falling back. (You will do well to discount these stories in your own mind.)

IN northern Africa, our side is reported to be driving two wedges from the interior to the Mediterranean coast, one between Bizerte and Tunis and one between Tunis and Tripoli (consult your map again).

The result, if these wedges are driven clear through to the coast and are HELD, will be to create three pockets of axis troops.

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BREAK THROUGH \$2.10 POTATO CEILING SEEN

Higher Price, Not Yet Decided, to Be Allowed

Definite indication of an impending break through the previously established ceiling of \$2.10 for Nettle Gem potatoes came in a telegram Tuesday afternoon from Senator Charles L. McNary.

Wiring the Klamath Potato Growers Association, Senator McNary said:

"Again conferred with Baker, chairman of the food and vegetable division OPA. He says they are going to allow higher price level for Nettle Gem potatoes but price has not yet been agreed upon. However, I shall be notified within a few days so that price may be effective between 5th and 10th."

County Agent C. A. Henderson said that the Klamath association has been sending considerable information to McNary, asking him to iron out a situation which developed when the OPA put a ceiling of \$2.05 for November and \$2.10 for December on prices to country shippers from this area.

It is now apparent a higher level will be permitted, some time within the next 10 days.

Good News Henderson said the local people know no more than exactly what McNary said in his wire, but added:

"It looks like good news." C. J. Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, said Tuesday he had received a wire from Dan Gerber of the OPA stating the (Continued on Page Two)

Portland Producers Threaten Closure As Rationing Protest

PORTLAND, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Journal reported today that "fighting mad" producers have threatened to close Portland's East Side Farmers' market for two weeks in protest over gasoline rationing.

Hyman H. Cohen, market editor of the paper, said: "The claim is made by the farmers that while the government is talking about giving them all the gasoline they need, their local rationing boards have not heard of such a ruling."

William Garbarino, market master, said the producers would seek assistance from the Oregon State Grange in obtaining increased motor fuel allotments.

Two Votes Saved France From Open War on Allies

By The Associated Press Pierre Laval's Vichy cabinet came within two votes of declaring war on the allies after American troops landed in North Africa, it became known today as the melancholy story of Vichy's trials in the German occupation of all France trickled out of Europe. The vote was 8 to 6.

The story came from a French diplomat who remained in the active service of the Vichy regime until last Friday when the Germans attacked Toulon and the French home fleet—save for four submarines so far accounted for—went to the bottom of the harbor in deliberate mass suicide rather than serve the Germans.

Two submarines—the Casablanca and the Marsouin—have arrived at Algiers; another, Le

Ironing-Out of Gasoline Ration Troubles Starts as Klamathites Jam Office

A block-long queue of Klamath county citizens stormed the local rationing board headquarters again Tuesday morning seeking information and questionnaires for supplementary gas rations for commercial vehicles, share-the-ride-to-work clubs, essential driving and deliveries.

Volunteer help had helped restore order out of the chaos which struck the gas rationing board Monday, Mrs. C. D. Garceland, clerk, stated. When gas limitation finally came home to the local citizenry, motorists fied to the board in an attempt to get the gas considered necessary to carry on their private operations.

Supplemental ration cards are now in the mail to hundreds of

Klamath Puts Off Walking Stores Up Gas

Many a weary service station operator breathed a sigh of relief at seven o'clock Monday evening when the biggest gasoline rush in local history terminated.

Early Monday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Klamath County, armed with every available container, set out to procure motor fuel in an effort to soften the pangs of the inevitable rationing.

Significant of the general reluctance to become pedestrians was the odd assortment of containers presented for filling.

For some time there has been a shortage of drums and cans for storage purposes, so bottles, fruit jars and coffee cans were called into service.

One woman, fore-armed, presented six half-gallon jugs; another, three syrup cans, while one more fortunate than the rest proudly displayed two five gallon milk containers.

Service station attendants, too busy filling tanks to check oil and tires, resorted to a serve-yourself system, and many inexperienced dandies were seen struggling with air hoses and oily rags. Few windshields were clean.

Oblivious to the hazards of storing highly combustible motor fuel in improper and unsafe containers, it looks like Klamath county will ride for a few weeks more anyway.

January Draft Quota to Small

SALEM, Dec. 1 (AP)—Thanks to heavy voluntary enlistments, few married men will be drafted in January, selective service director, said today. The January draft quota will be the smallest in six months.

Police Struggle With Gas Seekers In Albuquerque

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 1 (AP)—Special police details struggled with an angry, shouting crowd estimated at more than 1,000 persons before offices of the gasoline rationing board today trying to get it in basic or supplemental ration books.

The majority of ration book seekers were those denied books during the regular registration period because they did not have certificates of motor registration. This requirement has since been waived, a development not adding to the temper of the crowd.

The line started before day-break. So great was the push that some board employees were unable to enter and the offices did not open until nearly 10 a. m., almost two hours late.

applicants and many have already received them. Also, many emergency rations to ODT applicants, whose certificates of necessity have been delayed, have been mailed out.

Large numbers of the supplemental applications have been returned for correction or completion, ration office staff members said. Many people failed to fill in required information.

While the situation at the ration office appeared to be clearing up, local people, particularly those living in the country or in remote settlements, were still deeply concerned over the effect of the rationing program. Many local people contended that the rationing does not take into effect the great distances and lack of public transportation in this area.

Ration officials here said they hoped to temper the program with common sense insofar as regulations would permit them. They pointed out that the first rationing is on a three-month basis, and after that irregular. (Continued on Page Two)

YANK U-BOATS GET FIVE JAP VESSELS

Routine Patrol Activity Reported On Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP)—The navy announced today that United States submarines in the Pacific have sunk a Japanese destroyer, a tanker, and three cargo ships and damaged two other enemy merchant tonnage.

The total merchant tonnage sunk or damaged totaled 43,300 tons, the navy said.

A communique reporting these submarine successes also said that on Guadalcanal island in the Solomons there was only routine American patrol activity on Monday, Guadalcanal time, and that this was supported by artillery fire and fighter planes.

The communique reported that in addition to the destroyer, which was unidentified as to class and size, United States submarines have sent to the bottom of the Pacific one 9000-ton tanker, one 8000-ton cargo ship, one 6300-ton cargo ship and one 2000-ton cargo ship. A 12,000-ton cargo vessel was described as damaged and believed sunk and a 8000-ton cargo carrier damaged.

These raised to 148 the grand total of enemy ships of all types announced as sunk or damaged by American undersea action in the Pacific including 98 sunk, 22 probably sunk and 28 damaged.

HITLER WARNS ARMY TO HOLD MOSCOW LINE

Bitter Battle Flares For Rzhev, Rail Center

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Dec. 1 (AP)—Adolf Hitler's own appeal was reported today to be spurring the nazis in a desperate but unsuccessful fight to recapture railway lines south of Rzhev and southwest of Velikie Luki on the central Russian front west of Moscow.

So vital is Rzhev to the Germans' vast network of communications, said Red Star, that Hitler telegraphed his commander there emphasizing the threat to the city and warning that "the loss of Rzhev is equal to the loss of half of Berlin."

Every thrust in a new series of counterattacks was beaten off, the red army newspaper said.

(The BBC, heard in New York by CBS, said the Russians and Germans already were locked in fierce fighting within Rzhev and a London evening news dispatch from Stockholm said Russian gork troops were battling the Germans from house-to-house.

Nazis Counter (The Russians, in an earlier offensive, had closed encirclers around Rzhev from north and south and had won a foothold in the city's outskirts. There has been no indication that they ever were dislodged. The new report, therefore, may refer to Russian forces attacking from wedges long since cut into the nazis defenses.)

Axis troops trapped before Stalingrad also were counter-attacking, but there, too, Russian reports said, stiffening German resistance had failed to stem the red army's drives.

Progress in City With another 2500 invaders listed by the noon communique as killed in overnight fighting, (Continued on Page Two)

Hampton Jagger Dies in Bunkhouse Fire Near Tule

TULELAKE — Flames which consumed a bunkhouse on the Charles Dyer ranch east of Tulelake on the East-West road, also claimed the life of Hampton Jagger, about 45, when it burned at 10:30 o'clock Monday night.

Little is known concerning Jagger, who was employed by Dyer earlier in the day when he called at the Oregon employment service office seeking help on his ranch. Jagger had a social security card issued to him in the state of Washington.

Cause of the fire was not determined, although it is thought that Jagger had built a fire in the bunkhouse to dry his laundry. His body was found at the door. The Tulelake fire department answered a call from the Dyer place but arrived too late to save the building. Deputy Sheriff Charles Duggan of Modoc county took charge and moved the remains to Alturas.

MacArthur Lands in New Guinea



General Douglas MacArthur stepped from his plane at an advanced allied base, somewhere in New Guinea, as Capt. C. R. Chase, aide to Lt. Gen. George O. Kenney, commander of the allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, held the door open.

SAVAGE FIGHTING FLAMES IN GUINEA

Only Few Yards Separate Allies From Japanese

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 1 (AP)—With only a matter of yards separating the Japanese and allied lines in the jungle, savage fighting flamed on the left flank of the New Guinea battle front yesterday.

A spokesman for General Douglas MacArthur said today the fighting was "close in" and particularly heavy on the Gona end of the 20-mile strip of beach which represents the sole Japanese foothold left in Papua.

Between Gona on the west and Buna on the east, allied patrols already had driven a wedge, at least temporarily, and succeeded in reaching the beach.

Artillery hammered both sides yesterday and the allies called on heavy mortar fire to destroy some Japanese machinegun posts in the Gona area. Reports from New Guinea said artillery hits destroyed four barges and started towering fires among stores around "ona.

Allied fliers actively supported the ground units and, carrying the air battle to the Japanese with zeroing blows, destroyed eight Zmo fighters in the New Guinea area while anti-aircraft fire accounted for another over Darwin, Australia.

Complaints Bring Probe Of Censorship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1 (AP) An investigation of the operation of war-time censorship was projected today by the senate judiciary committee as a result of complaints made by Gov. Ernest Gruening of Alaska.

Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind.) announced the committee would call Byron Price, director of the office of censorship, before it next week for an inquiry into the organization and methods used in the attempt to prevent military information from falling into enemy hands.

Van Nuys told reporters Gruening had complained in a closed committee session yesterday that the censorship office at Seattle, which checks communications with Alaska, was deleting material from private mail which had no connection with the war effort.

Senator Norris (Ind.-Neb.) said the committee had been informed that the Seattle censorship staff often sent excerpts from the mail read to per (Continued on Page Two)

Bulletin

LONDON, Dec. 1 (AP) — Admiral Jean Darlan has assumed the powers of chief of state in French Africa, the Morocco radio said tonight. The broadcast said Darlan had taken his new powers "as the representative of Marshal Petain who at present is a prisoner."

BATTLE RAGES TO BLOCK AXIS ESCAPE LINE

Warplanes Pound Nazi-Held Bases in 24-Hour Assault

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor American Flying Fortresses and other allied warplanes pounded the axis-held bases of Bizerte, Tunis and Gabes in the greatest 24-hour assault of the North African campaign today while tanked American and British troops were locked with the Germans in battle on the approaches to the two big axis strongholds.

Allied headquarters said the battle for Tunisia was "in the critical stage" as allied ground forces struck forward to cut the last highway links between Tunis, the capital, and Bizerte.

Danger of being trapped, the axis invaders were reported trying to establish a new beachhead at Gabes, 200 miles south of Tunis.

Great fires were reported raging in Bizerte under the assault of Flying Fortress bombers.

Italian Guards Allied headquarters in North Africa said that British and American forces had deepened their wedge toward the high seas and that U. S. army and French troops had gained ground in a thrust to block the axis "escape corridor" to Tripoli.

Other reports said Italian troops were guarding the coastal line of retreat between Sfax and Gabes, south of Tunis, but the American-French contingent was apparently cutting in above the fascists.

A United Nations headquarters spokesman, while cautioning (Continued on Page Two)

Willamette River Flood Matches 10-Year Record

EUGENE, Dec. 1 (AP)—State highway officials were checking roads for washed out spots today while residents of flooded areas surveyed water-damaged property, in the wake of the worst Willamette river flood in Lane county since 1932.

The river had receded to 8 feet at Eugene this morning, four feet below flood stage, and all roads, with the exception of a few logging routes which were washed out at points, were open to traffic.

The Willamette highway suffered damage at several places, but officials said traffic was going through.

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U. S. Sub, Stalking Prey in Sight of Jap Coastline, Sinks 8 Cargo Ships

By WALTER CLAUSEN PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 1 (AP) A United States submarine that stalked its prey so close to the Japanese coastline that its crew could watch the pony races at a big city track sank eight enemy cargo ships and damaged four others.

The ships sunk totaled 70,000 tons and the four damaged aggregated 20,000 to 25,000 tons. Much of the action took place in full view of large Japanese cities. The dates were not given.

The story of the submarine's successful venture into enemy waters was told here by Lieut. Commander Thomas Burton Klakring, 37, of San Mateo, Calif. He is to receive the Navy Cross from Admiral Chester W.

Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

A loud speaker system gave the sub's crew an accurate account of each action and the men were given the chance to line up and look through the periscope as some of the vessels went down.

"Our biggest day," said Klakring, "was the day we sank four big ships in one hour. The enemy convoy force was nine or ten ships — six big cargo ships and three or four combat escorts.

"We fired at two ships and saw both of them go down. Our

range was between 500 and 1000 yards. We were lucky to hit both ships. The other four scattered in all directions while the escort came after us.

"The convoy was standing in a large port where there are steel mills."

Klakring said the third sinking was "in full view of a Japanese settlement." This sinking and the next one averaged about a minute going down and several boatloads of survivors got away.

"When we started after the rest of the convoy," Klakring continued, "out of a cave came six or seven Jap patrol planes. They dropped plenty of depth charges but we kept on after our prey. We managed to head (Continued on Page Two)

20 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT TO ORDER CHRISTMAS CARDS. Buy Christmas Seals.