

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 BALK NAZI TANK ASSAULT

KF Food Problems Tackled

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS BIG news: On embattled Guadalcanal, the Japs TRIED again and FAILED again.

THEIR latest failure is a costly one, involving nine ships and from 8,000 to 10,000 men—for two of their lost ships were transports tightly packed with troops.

KEEP this in mind: On Guadalcanal and on the Buna-Gona beaches the Japs are getting their taste of Bataan. Fewer men are involved. But the principles are the same. The Japs who ARE involved face superior forces and unless they can be relieved they will be LOST.

The taste in Jap mouths at Guadalcanal and on the New Guinea beaches is the bitter taste of frustration and death.

It isn't a pleasant taste. They don't LIKE it. That is why they are trying so desperately to relieve their endangered forces. The bitter taste of frustration and death isn't a good foundation on which to build an EMPIRE OF CONQUEST.

WE mustn't gloat. It's far too soon for that. This very situation presents a danger that is REAL. The Japs can't afford frustration and death. Such things are BAD FOR PRESTIGE. If they are to hold the empire they have seized, not to mention their other ambitious projects, they must MAINTAIN their prestige.

They have ample forces at home. As compared with ours, their communication lines are short and well defended. They may decide that it is compellingly necessary to crush our outposts NO MATTER WHAT THE COST. That would mean an ALL OUT battle in the South Seas with us (because of distance) on the short end. But at least we can take grim satisfaction from the fact that our fighting men have made the Japs taste the bitterness of Bataan.

IN Russia and in Africa the big tides that so thrilled us when they turned OUR WAY have spent their initial force and what we are watching now is the necessary but less spectacular job of consolidation and mop-up.

If our side completes this job satisfactorily, there will be other sweeping tides of success. But before they can come we must do the cleaning up and the consolidating.

These jobs have to do largely with communications and supply—getting more men and materials to the hot spots FIRST and preventing the enemy from getting his men and materials there.

His centers of last-ditch resistance must be smashed. TAKING the long view, Africa looks like a center of axis last-ditch resistance. El Aghella and the northern tip of Tunis are the ditches. An allied spokesman says today the Germans are estimated to have about 14,000 combat troops in the Bizerte and Tunis battle area and "evidently intend to stay in Tunisia until the last moment."

MILK PRICE, QUALITY BOOST EXPECTED HERE

Premium Milk at 14 Cents a Quart to Be Sold

An increase in the quality of local milk, accompanied by a 1-cent-a-quart boost in price, is expected to be announced within a few days by local distributors.

They have agreed to sell nothing here but premium milk which, under OPA ceilings, may be sold at 14 cents a quart. The present milk price is 13 cents.

More Butterfat The action, taken as an emergency and temporary measure to encourage producers to stay in the business in the Klamath milkshed, was taken this week after a conference of producers, distributors and others with Lawrence Smith, representative of the OPA here from Portland.

The 14-cent milk will contain approximately 15 per cent more butterfat than that now generally delivered here. The current deliveries are based on 4 per cent milk, with a 13-cent ceiling, while the 5 per cent milk to be

Three Allied Vessels Sunk in Indian Ocean

LISBON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Dispatches from Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, said today axis submarines had sunk three United Nations vessels in shark-infested waters of the Indian ocean this week, including the 10,799-ton British liner Llandaf Castle.

The Llandaf Castle was reported to have been bearing a thousand South African troops toward Durban on leave. The dispatches declared she went down off Zululand and only 40 survivors were known to have been landed.

The 6796-ton British liner Nova Scotia, riven by two torpedoes from a German submarine, was reported to have gone to the bottom off the Mozambique Channel.

FRANCE RAIDED LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Split-fire squadrons carried out extensive sweeps over France and Belgium today, the air ministry announced tonight. Four RAF planes were lost, one enemy fighter was destroyed and others were damaged.

Seaplane, Flying Low Over Guadalcanal Waters, Saves Ten Survivors of Battle

(Editor's Note: The drama has been told of the Japanese air and naval defeat in the Solomon Islands from November 12-15 during which 28 of their ships were sunk. But here is a new drama in the tragic scene after battle's end, telling how a seaplane rescued American survivors, including Bob Brusco, of Bainier, Oregon.)

By WILLIAM HIPPLE SOMEWHERE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS, Nov. 15 (Delayed) (AP)—The Japs have fled. They made another desperate attempt last night and early this morning to land troops and equipment on American-held Guadalcanal Island. Again our naval forces threw them back.

Today I hopped into the second seat of a seaplane piloted by Lieut. (J. G.) Hubert (Patches) Perry, of Phoenix, Ariz., who flies as expertly as he used to break broncos on Arizona ranches. We had orders to pick up survivors. Over the battle area, the water was a mass of oil littered with boxes, cans, shell cases, life rafts, life jackets,

Lakeview Youth Flies With Guns To Guinea Front

By MURLIN SPENCER SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 4 (AP)—American 105-millimeter Howitzers—whose effectiveness against Nazi steel in North Africa won Prime Minister Churchill's praise—have been flown 1500 miles from Australia and have gone into action against the Japanese clinging to their Buna-Gona positions in the New Guinea jungles, it was disclosed today.

Military experts said it was the first time in American army history that artillery of that type was transported by air. The Howitzer weighs two tons. Each gun with its crew of eight men, ammunition, spare parts and a small tractor, was flown to New Guinea in Flying

ALLIES TIGHTEN NOOSE IN GUINEA

Merciless Battering Loosed on Jap Positions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 4 (AP)—At the cost of only light casualties, allied troops were reported today to have slain 450 Japanese in the Gona area of New Guinea as they tightened the noose around enemy forces trapped in that coastal stronghold and at nearby Buna.

A communique announcing the allied successes acknowledged that the Japanese were resisting stubbornly but said they were being subjected to a merciless battering by planes and artillery designed to soften their defenses.

Posts Captured Allied airmen also ranged across the sea northwest of Australia to strike a heavy blow at the Japanese base at Koepang.

Parity Change Adoption Brings FDR Warning

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Adoption by the house of a bill to include all farm wages in figuring parity prices brought the comment from President Roosevelt today that the first thing to do was to find out the effect this would have on the cost of living.

The president had taken a vigorous stand against this restrictive parity formula at the time anti-inflation was before congress. Opponents of the bill contend it would raise the cost of living several billion dollars.

CONSUMER HIT BY ODD MEAT QUOTA JUMBLE

Burned Plant Causes Mix-Up; Relief Sought

Disclosure that the Klamath Falls community is being deprived of a large part of its legitimate meat quota because of peculiar circumstances resulting from a fire came Friday as a local effort was organized to get federal agencies to afford relief in the local situation.

Latest critical development here was the closing of a packing plant which had been started here recently by H. K. Tavener on the Midland road, on the grounds that Tavener did no slaughtering in 1941 and therefore has no quota on which to work this year.

Plant Burned This left the Pauley Packing company as the only operating plant here, and Pauley is confined by government order to 70 per cent of its 1941 last quarter production.

The plant of the Klamath Packing company, which operated in 1941 and would have a quota for production this year, burned up a few weeks ago and apparently its quota was destroyed with it.

County Agent C. A. Henderson, who is secretary of the Klamath Livestock association, wired Senator Charles L. McNary Friday to the effect that

War Bulletin

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—The Morocco radio said today the "larger part" of more than 50 enemy tanks which the axis used in its counter-attack in the Tebourba sector were destroyed or damaged and that axis paratroopers who landed in the allied rear had been rendered powerless in short order.

"Violent fighting" is going on in the Mateur sector, the broadcast said, while allied aviation is attacking axis air-dromes and troop concentrations with great fury. Six enemy planes were shot down in this latest phase of the aerial battle, the broadcast added.

Five Arrested On Shipyard Job Selling Charge

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4 (AP)—A U. S. maritime commission inspector and four others are under arrest here on federal indictments charging they sold jobs to several hundred shipyard workers for fees aggregating between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Seized by federal bureau of investigation agents at Long Beach, Calif., last night were the inspector, Charles W. Held; W. F. Moffett, described as a former tire shop operator; O. B. Bartlett, James F. Thornton, identified as a former Bethlehem Steel company employe, and Ray Palmer. All live in Long Beach.

The defendants, the government charges, brought several hundred workers here from the middle west, accepted payment or contracts for payment for training which was not given, then certified them to the shipyards as skilled workers. The government says that in most cases the workers were not qualified.

San Franciscans Demand Re-Count



Protesting that its food allotment is too low for its population, which has increased by the wartime boom, San Francisco is now taking its own census through its thousands of air raid wardens. Here, Air Raid Warden John Burket, left, registers the Thomas H. Foster family. In front, left to right, are Janet and Dolores Foster; in center are Paul and Mrs. Foster, and in rear are, left to right, Florence, Elaine and Tom Foster Jr. Census figures will be presented to the government with a request for increased food allotments.

'SECRET' WARSHIPS JOIN MEDIT FLEET

Axis Shipping Toll on Tunis Supply Line Rises to 6

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Warships so new they still are on the "secret list" were reported today to have joined Britain's Mediterranean fleet as the toll of axis shipping sunk by allied sea and air battles rose to six Tunisian-bound supply vessels, three destroyers and a torpedo boat, all apparently sunk within a 24-hour span.

These losses in the enemy's sea communications across the Sicilian narrows, announced in British communiqués of successive days, countered frantic axis efforts to get new men and supplies.

Higher Spud Price Ceiling Decided, OPA Tells McNary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Oregon, Washington and California potatoes will be given a higher price ceiling, Senator McNary (R-Ore.) said he was informed by the OPA yesterday.

OPA officials have not decided what the new price will be but an order will be issued December 10, McNary said. Growers had protested that present ceilings were too low to leave a fair profit after production and handling expense was deducted.

Oregon Still Ranks No. 1 in Lumber

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Oregon and Washington produced 34.6 per cent of all the lumber produced in the United States in 1941—33,613,043,000 board feet.

The bureau said Oregon continued to rank as the number one lumber producing state with Washington second.

10,000 Jap Troops Lost In Solomons

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor

Heavy blows to the axis resounded on three fronts in the world's far-flung battle zones today. 1. SOLOMON ISLANDS—American warships scored a big new victory over the Japanese off Guadalcanal, destroying nine more vessels in a night battle in which upwards of 8000 to 10,000 enemy troops lost their lives.

2. TUNISIA—American and British troops crushed a series of desperate German attempts to recapture key points on the approaches to Bizerte and Tunis, but heavy losses have been suffered on both sides and a decisive battle remains to be fought.

A German version asserted that American forces in Tunisia were on the defensive, pressed closely together, in a continuing battle around Tebourba, key rail junction 35 miles south of Bizerte and 20 miles west of Tunis. "A group of 60 enemy paratroopers which landed south of Tunis had been surrounded and is facing annihilation," Nazi dispatches said.

By contrast, allied headquarters last night declared the Germans had been hurled back in a second counter-attack near Tebourba, which remained in allied hands.

Former Premier, French Tennis Star Arrested

LONDON, Dec. 4 (AP)—Reuters said the Rome radio broadcast a Vichy report today that Edouard Herriot, 70-year-old premier of the French republic, and Jean Borotra, French Davis cup tennis star, had been arrested by Vichy authorities.

(A Stefani dispatch broadcast by the Rome radio said Leon Jouhaux, former chief of the French General Confederation of Labor, and Francois de Tesson, former undersecretary of foreign affairs, also were placed under arrest.)

Herriot, radical-socialist leader and mayor of Lyon, was placed under house arrest October 2, after he had written a letter of protest to Marshal Petain against anti-democratic measures.

Pro-Nazi Vichy Regime Strips Petain of Power

By The Associated Press NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Marshal Petain, a prisoner of the nazis in all but name, virtually has been stripped of power and a new all-out collaborationist regime is emerging in Vichy under the guidance of Pierre Laval, the Associated Press was informed today by usually reliable sources.

The identity of these informants may not be divulged but they are known to have had access to authoritative Vichy circles, including persons in high diplomatic places and one man until recently a member of Petain's cabinet.

This former cabinet member told of deceit and coercion by Laval and his cohorts to bend the old marshal to their will and of Petain's own resigned admission that affairs in Vichy had become a matter of each man for himself.

At a cabinet meeting on November 28—just eight days ago—he said Petain ruefully addressed his colleagues: "Gentlemen, I regret I can no longer take responsibility for your safety. The time has come for every man to depend on himself." This minister, who must remain anonymous, said Petain was taken completely by surprise when the nazis had been informed fully beforehand that Hitler intended to tear up the armistice provision setting aside France's free zone. Laval, he said, left Vichy two days before, ostensibly on his usual business trip to Paris, but of Petain's own resigned admission

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