

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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DAKAR COMES INTO ALLIED CAMP

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE isn't much news today. What there is is mixed—some of it good and some of it bad.

ON the good side must be placed the turning over of Dakar to us.

In German hands Dakar would have been a constant menace to our south Atlantic communications. Submarines and long-range aircraft based there would have done us immense damage.

IN OUR hands, Dakar will shorten and improve our communications, giving us another port, with rail connections, for unloading men and supplies.

Your map, if you will study it carefully, will tell you all this better than words can.

DAKAR, less than 1700 miles from the bulge of Brazil, will make it easier for us to fly bombers across. American ingenuity may solve the problem of flying FIGHTERS that far.

ON the bad side we must place Secretary Knox's disclosure that at least 20 of the French warships, including three battleships, remain afloat in Toulon harbor. The scuttling wasn't as complete as Vichy dispatches had led us to believe.

A lot of us, of course, kept our fingers crossed at the time, and aerial reconnaissance must have told our higher command the news almost at once.

FRANCO, in a speech, "re-affirms" Spanish "solidarity" with Germany and Italy in the struggle against what he calls "liberalism and capitalist imperialism" in Europe.

Otherwise his speech is a masterly job of walking the fence without swaying.

FRANCO is in a hot spot. He can't afford to thumb his nose at either side. Like Vichy, he is trying to walk the chalk line.

Like Vichy, he will FAIL.

DECISIVE fighting in Tunisia lags. General Arnold, head of our air forces, gives a good reason why.

He says: "The Germans are trying feverishly to build up air superiority (in the central Mediterranean) before we can gather our strength." He adds: "It is touch and go whether the allies or the axis have air superiority on the North African front."

Getting decisive air strength there is a critical part of the problem of supply.

NEWS of importance from the South Pacific is lacking as this is written.

The news from Russia is indecisive. Oddly enough, heavy snow storms are temporarily helping the Germans before Stalingrad, giving them time to strengthen their defenses while the Russians are slowed down by the storm.

The Germans are still counter attacking, but today's soviet communiqué says: "In NO sector did the enemy succeed in regaining positions he had lost or in improving his position in ANY way."

THE big pushes of recent weeks that have so thrilled us have spent their first momentum and both sides are busily gathering strength for the next big effort.

Sun Valley to Close for Duration

SUN VALLEY, Idaho, Dec. 8 (AP)—Bells won't jingle on reindeer-drawn sleighs at Sun Valley this Christmas—the nationally-known resort is closing for the war's duration.

W. P. Rogers, general manager, said all facilities of the resort would be closed December 20 because of difficulties of obtaining manpower, food and equipment and because of transportation shortages.

CITY SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS RECORD FIGURE

Stability in City's Population Trend Indicated

Indicative of stability in the city's population trend, the city school district census, completed Tuesday, disclosed the highest figure in the district's history.

The census shows a total of 4260 children, between the ages of 5 and 19, inclusive, in school district No. 1, which includes all of Klamath Falls and a slight fringe outside.

Impressive

This, according to figures from Clerk Percy Wells, is higher than at any time since the district was organized. It tops 1941 by 38. On several occasions in recent years the figure has approached the 1942 total, but has never quite reached that level.

Here are the school census figures for the last 10 years:

1930	4213
1931	3914
1932	3536
1933	3711
1934	4035
1935	4107
1936	4236
1937	4223
1938	4069
1939	4203
1940	4185
1941	4222
1942	4260

Jap Mission From Berlin En Route Home Via Turkey

VICHY (From French Broadcasts), Dec. 8 (AP)—A Japanese mission headed by Vice Admiral Naokuni Nomura has arrived in Ankara, Turkey, from Berlin en route home, Havas news agency reported today in a dispatch from Ankara. From Turkey the Japanese expect to go through Russian territory to the Orient.

Admiral Nomura's mission has been stationed in Berlin since early in 1941, ostensibly in fulfillment of the terms of the 1940 treaty of Berlin which established the three-power alliance and called for exchange of technical commissions.

Some authorities, however, have believed Nomura was in Berlin as the eyes and ears of the Tokyo high command, to keep watch on the military fortunes of the axis in Europe. He has traveled considerably, especially in the Balkans, and visited Turkey, apparently with a view to getting a neutral slant on the war.

Churchill, FDR Pledge Nations To Defeat of Japs

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Messages exchanged by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill pledging their two nations to the utter defeat of Japan were made public here today.

"Our country no less than the United States was the object of an infamous outrage a year ago," Churchill told the president in a message on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

"We look forward one and all to the day when our full strength can be joined to that of our United States, Dutch and Chinese allies for the utter and final destruction of Japan's aggressive power."

The president replied that "partial retribution in kind has been meted out to Japan in the past seven months but this is only the beginning."

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British Peg Draft Age At 18 Years

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Britain's army draft age was pegged by the government today at 18 years. Men under 19 will not be sent overseas, Labor Minister Ernest Bevin told commons.



Civilian Defense Workers Mobilize

Top picture shows a first aid team working on a "victim" brought in during the civilian defense mobilization here on the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Monday night. Left to right, Mrs. LeRoy Tyrrell, Mrs. Lynn Roycroft, Mrs. Roy Gearhart, Mrs. William McAuley and Mrs. K. G. Klahn work on Jack Melas, who plays the part of the victim. In the lower picture Mrs. Olive Wilson, home economics teacher in the city schools, pours hot coffee for Mrs. W. C. McAuley and Mrs. LeRoy Tyrrell in the Red Cross canteen after the mobilization.

Heavy Snows Slow Soviets; Girl 'Hero' to Be Honored

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Dec. 8 (AP)—Heavy snows along the Russian front, coupled with fierce German counterattacks, hampered offensive operations of the red army today but soviet authorities said their troops still pushed ahead in slow-going smashes at German fortifications and communications.

A dispatch to Izvestia, the government newspaper, said that there had been a heavy snowfall between the Don and Volga rivers in the Stalingrad area.

The Germans were reported taking advantage of the weather-slowed operations by throwing up defense works east of the

Navy Intends to Knock Japs From Aleut, Says Knox

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—Secretary Knox was asked at his press conference today whether it was the navy's intention to let the Japs continue to occupy the Aleutian Islands of Attu and Kiska.

"Not permanently," he replied.

"Not the live ones anyway," said Captain F. E. Beatty, Knox aide.

"That's better," Knox said with a grin. "Let's make that the answer."

Nazis Claim Allied Troop Ship Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The Berlin radio asserted today (without confirmation from any other source) that the 18,700-ton British liner Ceramic which "probably" was coming from the United States to North Africa fully laden with troops and war equipment was sunk by a U-boat west of the Azores.

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RAF Blasts Nazi European Targets

LONDON, Dec. 8 (AP)—RAF mosquito bombers attacked industrial targets today in northwest Germany and in The Netherlands, while fighters over northern France and Belgium strafed railroads, barges and an enemy airfield.

BEGINNING Wednesday night, office work will be done in the evening at the war price and ration board headquarters.

Mrs. Effie Garcelon, clerk,

asked for volunteers to help on

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Farm Official Raps Rising Cost of U. S. Government

CHICAGO, Dec. 8 (AP)—Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, charged today that the rising cost of government was "a much greater threat to the people" than the cost of food.

In no sector did the enemy succeed in regaining positions he had lost or in improving his position in any way," the communique stated.

An air battle in the Caucasus resulted in the loss of 11 German planes and damage to three while land actions brought the slaying of 600 of the enemy, the communique stated.

He referred specifically to the situation in the New York milkshed, where he said the government was buying the entire fluid milk supply and re-selling it to consumers at a loss.

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Year of War Costs U. S. Armed Forces 58,307 Casualties

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—The cost of a year of war to the United States armed forces: 58,307 casualties.

The total, announced yesterday by the office of war information, includes the dead, wounded, missing, imprisoned and the interned in neutral countries.

The army lost 35,678. Most are classified as missing—presumably prisoners of war as a result of the Dutch East Indies and Philippine campaigns. Lack of accurate prisoner lists from Japan prevents a definite figure.

Doors will open at 7 p.m., the performances to start at 8 p.m. There will be no reserved seats and tickets will not be sold at the door.

Volunteers Asked For Evening Work

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DIVE BOMBERS WALLOP ENEMY ON NEW GUINEA

18 Nip Planes Downed As Allies Step Up Air War

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 8 (AP)—

Allied fliers ranged far to punish Japanese air and sea bases ringing New Guinea and dive bombers smashed repeatedly at Japanese troops forced back onto sand spits between Gona and Buna, while howitzers lobbed their shells onto the besieged troops, an allied communique said.

Nippon's fliers attempting to attack at the allied rear, had bad luck.

Out of 18 medium bombers, eight dive bombers and 12 Zero planes the Japanese sent into the action, the allies, with negligible loss, downed six medium bombers, five dive bombers and seven Zeros.

General MacArthur's fliers pointed at Lae, on the northeast New Guinea coast, and dropped 100-pound bombs on the run.

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Warm Praise Given Klamath CD Workers

Exactly 916 civilian defense workers reported in Monday night's mobilization, bringing warm praise from Commander G. A. Krause and the section chiefs.

Chief Keith Ambrose of fire services reported that 18 paid firemen checked in, along with 28 auxiliary firemen.

Sixty-seven sheriff's deputies reported to Sheriff Low, and 24 of the mounted reserve checked in.

Some 112 out of 124 reserve policemen reported to Harold Frane.

George Myers, head of medical services, reported that 216 responded.

J. A. Souther, chief of public works and utilities, checked in 52 staff members.

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Adopted Son of Film Stars, 13, Takes Own Life

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 8 (AP)—Barry Gilbert, 13-year-old adopted son of film comedian Billy Gilbert, was found shot to death last night in the family home. Police expressed the belief today that adolescent sorrow at a scolding over a pet parrot's escape led to his suicide.

Detectives H. A. Spilaine and C. A. Fromm reported the discovery of two notes. The first, to his grandfather, Robert B. McKenzie, read:

"The reason I did this is because you and grandma didn't believe me. I love you all with all my heart. Tell mother and dad I am grateful for all they have done for me." It was signed "Barry."

The other addressed "To whom it may concern," read: "No one did this but myself. Please do not blame it on anyone else." It was signed "Barry Gilbert."

Processing of T applications for trucks and buses, is being completed by the local boards, OPA says, and more attention is now being given to handling requests for B and C books.

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"Nothing less than an actual emergency should occasion such a strain on communications," the general added. He reported every Idaho guard unit was placed on an alert within 40 minutes.

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