

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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Weather News

December 7—High 37, Low 28
Precipitation as of December 1, 1942
Stream year to date 4.57
Last year 2.30 Normal 2.78
Dec. 9—Sunrise 8:18 Sunset 5:09

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.

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 communique 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."

"We will continue to strike with ever increasing force."

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.

"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 noon communique said.

Northwest of Stalingrad, Izvestia's dispatches recounted the heroism of Marielna Korolova, a girl fighter, in the capture of a hill and the clearing of an entire Volga river region with destruction of 500 of the foe. The hill will be named for her, Izvestia said.

Navy Intends to Knock Japs From Aleuts, 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's 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" was sunk by a U-boat west of the Azores.

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.

Airmen Blast Japs

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 on to sand spits between Gona and Buna, while howitzers lobbed their shells onto the besieged troops, an allied communique said today.

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

Lee Bombed 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. (Continued on Page 2)

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 Lowe, and 24 of the mounted reserve checked in.

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

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

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

A total of 378 wardens reported to Chief Colman O'Loughlin, with every sector covered.

Arnold Gralapp, chief of training, reported that 22 recruits are needed for fire services, 31 sheriff's deputies and six mounted reservemen are wanted, several additional first aid teams would be welcome, and 300 more could be used in air raid protection work.

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.

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 the tragedy.

Detectives H. A. Splaine 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."

FDR Asks Rights For Workers Who Take War Jobs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt appealed to employers today to preserve the seniority and other worker rights of any employees who switch to more essential war work, the same as if they were going into the armed forces.

"I feel that employers in civilian industries will be willing to give the same assurances to their employees who leave for war work as they are giving to employees who are leaving to join the armed services," he said.

Meanwhile, War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt said that draft boards now being integrated into the war manpower commission will give essential industries and agriculture equal rather than secondary consideration to the armed forces' demands.

While this emphasis on non-military manpower requirements promised something new for selective service, McNutt declared the system would continue "operating as heretofore" for the time being.

NAZIS DRIVEN FROM GAINS IN TEBOURBA AREA

20 of 75 "Suicide" French Ships Afloat

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press War Editor
In the hardest fighting of the Tunisian campaign, allied tanks have counterattacked and driven the Germans from gains scored Sunday in the Tebourba section, an allied communique said late today soon after the announcement that Dakar had been secured for use by United Nations navies and air forces.

The Germans penetrated British and U. S. positions Sunday at Tebourba, 20 miles west of Tunis, and yesterday an allied armored unit delivered a strong counterattack supported by fighters and light bombers. The Germans withdrew last night.

A conflicting German claim said the allies had been outflanked and routed from positions at Tebourba, losing large quantities of material.

Strongly fortified Dakar, on the direct sea and air route of supply to the North African warfront, came into the allied camp in an agreement with Governor General Pierre Boisson and Admiral Jean Darlan which was announced last night by Lieut. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower.

Warships Discussed Allied navies were given the right to use the port, allied airplanes the right to use French West African airfields as stops en route. Interned allied shipping and allied seamen were released.

And, it was announced, discussions were opened on the French warships there: Presumably the damaged 35,000-ton battleship Richelieu, the 7600-ton cruisers Gloire, Montcalm and Georges Leygues, the destroyers Le Fantasque, Le Malin and Le Terrible, nine submarines, and others.

In Washington, Navy Secretary Knox disclosed, from information obtained by aerial reconnaissance, that 20 of the 75 ships which were in Toulon harbor when the nazis moved in were afloat.

Battleships Only Damaged He said 51 were sunk, damaged or unaccounted for, and four submarines escaped. The vessels damaged—but which might be reclaimed—included the battleships Dunker (Continued on Page 2)

Portland Alert Blacks Out Three States Monday

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 8 (AP)—Brig. Gen. M. G. McConnell, commanding officer of Idaho's state guard, said today the alert ordered by the civilian defense command at Portland, Ore., last night was "ill advised unless there was actually an emergency."

McConnell referred to the alert and subsequent blackout in Utah, Idaho and Montana last night.

"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.

C Gas Coupons Should Be Posted Intact on Car

Any motorist using a C gasoline coupon book should post the C sticker on his car intact, the state OPA says, and should not tear off the lower half of the sticker on which are listed the various reasons for eligibility, with the motorist's own reason checked.

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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