

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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BRITISH BOMBERS BATTER TURIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
LOOKING at the map, one's off-hand feeling is that the relatively small number of Germans and Italians in northern Tunisia ought to be run ragged into the Mediterranean without loss of time.

Your map, unless it is more than usually detailed, doesn't tell the whole story.
Northern Tunisia is rough and hilly and lends itself readily to defense. Its natural defenses have been greatly improved by the French, and these prepared positions are now occupied by the axis forces.

If you will recall how long the outnumbered Russian defenders of well-fortified Sevastopol held out against the Germans, who last spring were at the peak of their 1942 strength, with short and efficient communication lines behind them, you will get a better idea of the task faced by the allied army in Tunisia.

NORTHERN TUNISIA is the site of the ancient empire of Carthage, and it was these natural defenses that enabled the Carthaginians to stand off their enemies for centuries.

It was not until the STAMINA of her people decayed and she was rent and torn by violent political quarrels that Carthage finally fell.

It was because she ROTTED INTERNALLY that Carthage was destroyed by her Roman enemy.

BECAUSE it has been overshadowed by the startling campaign in Africa, the fighting on the Buna-Gona beaches of New Guinea has not received the attention we would otherwise have given it.

It is a thrilling story, and we have every reason to feel pride in it. MacArthur is a smart general and the Australians and Americans he leads have just about everything it takes—courage and stamina to stand up to a bitter hand-to-hand fighting against the Japs and ingenuity to meet and overcome the obstacles that are encountered.

That is a combination that is hard to beat.

ON the ingenuity side, American 105-millimeter howitzers, weighing two tons, have been FLOWN 1500 miles from Australia and have gone into action against the Japs.

These guns, each with its crew of eight men, ammunition, spare parts and a small tractor, were flown to New Guinea (presumably to Port Moresby) in Flying Fortresses, then were taken apart, loaded into smaller planes and flown to the fighting fronts at Buna and Gona.

It is ability to do the unexpected and the seemingly impossible that wins wars. We can be proud that our fighting men have this ability.

TURNING momentarily from the subject of fighting to the subject of statesmanship, Willkie tells us the United Nations world will be lost, regardless of the military result, unless our side "comes quickly to a common understanding of what we're fighting for and what we hope for after the war."

It is getting about time for a clear statement of our war aims. No one who remembers the last war can fail to recall the strengthening of allied purpose that followed President Wilson's frequent clear statements of what we were fighting for.

WILLKIE, incidentally, calls attention to something that few of us had noted—that Stalin HAS and HAS ANNOUNCED a post-war program. It includes:

Abolition of racial exclusiveness, equality of nations and integrity of their territories, liberation of enslaved nations and restoration of their sovereign rights, the right of every nation to arrange its affairs as it wishes, economic aid to nations that have suffered, restoration of democracy (Continued on Page Two)

Jap Warship Sunk in Solomons

MAIL PLANES BOLSTER AXIS ON RED FRONT

Reds Make Slow Progress Against Resistance

By HENRY CASSIDY
MOSCOW, Dec. 9 (AP)—Germany's armies, trying desperately to hold the siege of Stalingrad they laid down 106 days ago, are pressing mail planes and training ships into service in an attempt to bolster their threatened forces with reinforcements, the soviet army newspaper Red Star asserted today.

The red air force has downed as many as 60 Junkers 52s in three days, Red Star said. These are the regular German troop and supply carrying ships which the invader has been using to bring reserves from as far as Germany itself, Red Star claimed.

Trucks Used
Even the Hamburg 142, a mail plane, has appeared on the front for the first time, the Russians asserted, indicating the enemy's shortage of transport aircraft.

Trains and trucks were also being used in an effort to pour help through the narrow nutcracker corridor left to the nazis at Stalingrad.

Reds Restore Line
Southwest of Stalingrad, the Germans hit red army flanks with tanks and motorized infantry, and at some points, Red Star conceded, penetrated to the rear of Russian units.

Russian tanks and motorized infantry, aided by light armor-piercing guns mounted on tanks, "generally succeeded in restoring positions," Red Star said.

Within Stalingrad itself, Red Star reported, Russian artillery shelled the Germans with long range guns.

Nazis Counter
The mounting activity of German armor and planes was noted by Red Star on the central front, too. In the Velikie Luki sector, despite recent snowstorms, Russian fliers shot down seven Nazi (Continued on Page Two)

8 Million Idle Tires Forwarded To Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Nearly 8,000,000 tires had been forwarded to the government under the idle tire purchase plan on the close of business November 28, the office of price administration announced today.

Sampling examinations of tires reaching warehouses indicated that about half of those turned in were so badly worn or damaged that they cannot be put into shape for resale. These tires will be scrapped and converted into reclaimed rubber. The remainder were either usable or serviceable through repairs and recapping.

U. S. Merchantman Sinks Raider, Then Goes Down

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—A medium-sized American merchant vessel exchanged shot for shot with two enemy surface raiders in the South Atlantic, sinking one of the raiders and badly damaging the other before she herself plunged beneath the waves, the navy reported today.

Only 10 of the merchantmen's crew of 41 survived the 20-minute slugging match and the subsequent 31 days in an open lifeboat.

Christmas Trees—Going Up!



Pretty ornaments on any Christmas tree would be Jean Bowling, 900 Owens street, (left), and Dorothy Hicks, 1932 Portland street, caught looking over the crop of greens today. Trees have advanced over the 1941 price and a dearth of greens may prevail.

Hard-to-Get Christmas Trees Hard to Buy, Too

Christmas trees, that all-time essential of December 25, have stepped out of line and joined the ranks of everything else that's going up in front of America's eyes.

Nice fat trees, little old spindly shanked white firs, red firs with well balanced branches—they're all selling for around 50 cents a foot and even if you are used to a pretty small tree, the price isn't anything to sniff at.

The boys that sell the trees, the ones that got in on the ground floor early, had one big headache getting the firs out of the woods. That's what they say:

"No, by golly, I'm not going out to get any more trees when these are gone. Had to bring these white firs out of the Quartz Mountain country with a team and sled. That ain't no fun. When this batch is gone, they'll (Continued on Page Two)

"Double Work" Done in Issuing Truck Rations

"Double work" is being done by the Klamath war price and ration board in issuing gasoline books or bulk coupons to many truck owners who have tardily received their ODT certificates, it was learned Wednesday.

Because the certificates were slow in arriving, many truckers came in for emergency rations. Now that the certificates are arriving, these same truckers must return to the ration board for books or bulk coupons, making double work at the board office, it was learned from a rationing official.

This was making up a large part of the work at the ration office Wednesday. Mrs. Effie Garcelon, board clerk, said many truck owners do not realize they must come to the board office for books or coupons, but instead (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Soldiers Parade for Aussies

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 9 (AP)—Cheering crowds lined the streets of Melbourne today as United States soldiers and 40 nurses paraded through the city.

The parade, the Melbourne Herald said, "provided our first chance to show appreciation of the men whose courage and good conduct we have admired so much."

ATTEMPT TO SUPPLY ISLE FRUSTRATED

Dec. 5 Action Told; 3 Other Ships Damaged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Destruction of one Japanese warship and severe damaging of three others by American dive bombers and torpedo planes operating from Guadalcanal island in the Solomons was reported by the navy today.

One ship was seen sinking and the other three in flames the morning after the attack on an enemy force streaming toward Guadalcanal on December 3, the navy said. In addition the communique reported that ten Japanese float type planes were shot down during the engagement which frustrated another attempt by the Japanese to reinforce their troops on Guadalcanal.

U. S. CENSORSHIP RIGHT CHALLENGED

Director Attributes Abuses to Inexperience

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Chairman Van Nuys (D-Ind.) of the senate judiciary committee challenged today the legal authority of Byron Price, director of the office of censorship, to censor mail between the United States and its territories and possessions.

Van Nuys expressed his stand at a press conference after Price had testified for three hours behind closed committee doors. The censorship director himself, talking to reporters before Van Nuys' conference, said he had no doubt that it was congress' intention in passing the first war powers act last year to "protect the security of communications in and out of the country."

No Right
Van Nuys said he thought the censorship of mail, except that (Continued on Page Two)

Football "Feud" Ends in Main Street Match

A quarrel which started early this fall at a football game ended Saturday night in a street fight when one of the participants put his foot through a large plate glass window at Shaw Stationery company, 729 Main street.

Two 16-year-olds were involved in the slugging, police said, and a third joined in to help his pal. Parents of the three said they would pay for damage done. Not only was the large side glass shattered, but a front pane cracked, police reported.

13 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

"TO GET AN ELECTRIC TRAIN FOR TIM"

Buy Christmas Seals

Turin Lambasted



A flight of British bombers which took an hour to pass over the English coast made the 1200-mile roud-trip flight to Turin again Tuesday night and battered the arsenal city for the fifth time in a month. In Libya, allied fighters shot down seven Messerschmitts in an air battle near El Aghella, where Rommel has taken a new stand against the British eighth army.

LANDING ATTEMPT FOILED IN GUINEA

One Jap Destroyer Set Afire; Five Flee Northward

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 9 (AP)—Allied bombers broke up a new attempt by the Japanese navy to reinforce troops in the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea yesterday, setting one of the six relief destroyers afire with two direct hits and forcing the remaining five to flee northward, an allied communique said today.

On the New Guinea shore, allied forces which drove a new hole in the Japanese lines a few days ago and reached the beach fought off strong counter-attacks from Buna village and Buna mission. At least 40 Japanese were reported killed in the fighting.

Hospitals Attacked
Allied troops advanced slightly in the fighting around the Buna airdrome and the communique reported that allied planes were continuing their attacks on Japanese positions.

The communique from General (Continued on Page Two)

100 Hostages Seized in Lyons, Held for Execution

LONDON, Dec. 9 (AP)—Fighting French headquarters asserted today that the Germans had taken 100 hostages from the population of Lyon in reprisal for an attack on a German soldier there on December 1 and that the hostages were reported now to be awaiting execution.

The fighting French said this was the first instance of taking hostages in what was unoccupied France before Hitler's November 11 occupation of the whole country, although scores have been executed in the old occupied zone. Some of the Lyon hostages are women.

"On December 1 an attack was made on the life of a German soldier in Lyon. One hundred men and women were chosen immediately at random from the population of Lyon and are now awaiting execution in the prison centrale."

Movement of Some Foods May Be Cut, Says Expert

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9 (AP)—Movement of some foods may shortly be restricted beyond a radius of 500 miles from the point of origin, a War Production Board authority said today.

Amplifying remarks made last night at a conference of business men, Dr. Roland S. Valle, director of the WPB office of civilian supply's consumer goods division, emphasized that there was no intention of limiting food movements to 500 miles.

"But if there are restrictions," he said, "it is probable that those foods given preference will be those of higher caloric content. There should be no limit of any sort within a 500 mile area."

ALLIED PLANES SOFTEN AXIS IN TEBOURBA

Heavy Artillery Lets Loose on Nazi Positions

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
Britain's huge four-motored bombers delivered another tempest of fire and high explosives on the Italian royal arsenal city of Turin before dawn today, while across the Mediterranean the rising might of allied air squadrons challenged the axis for control of the skies over North Africa.

A broadcast from American-occupied Morocco said allied heavy artillery—previously pictured as mounted on strategic heights—was pounding axis forces in the Tebourba sector in Tunisia and allied planes again railed Tunis and Bizerte.

Casualties Severe
Every day, the broadcast said, "fresh (allied) formations of aircraft are put into operation."
Italy's high command acknowledged that the RAF "carried out a violent raid last night over Turin, causing very heavy damage especially in the central area." Its communique indicated that casualties had been severe.

Authoritative London quarters said the RAF's far-ranging Stirlings, Halifaxes, Lancasters and Wellingtons, flying 1500 miles round trip across the Alps, blasted Turin in "a concentrated attack" and declared:

Civilian Exodus
"The results are believed to be good."
It was the fifth time in less than a month that Turin has felt the impact of "prolonged, scientific and shattering attack" promised by Prime Minister Churchill in a campaign to knock Italy out of the war.

Civilian populations at Turin, Genoa, Naples and other Italian cities have already started a hasty exodus to the countryside under orders by Premier Mussolini.

Yank Tanks Praised
Advices reaching London said the hour for a new allied drive on the axis-held strongholds of Bizerte and Tunis might be near, following a strong and successful counterattack executed Monday by British and American troops in the Tebourba sector, 20 miles west of Tunis.

American tanks were official (Continued on Page Two)

Farm Marketing Committees to Be Set Up in West

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9 (AP) M. A. Clevenger, Pacific area administrator of the agricultural marketing administration, announced today that state farm marketing committees would be set up in five western states to direct orderly marketing of foods.

Clevenger noted that wartime food distribution problems "will multiply as the war progresses." He added:

"The department of agriculture is in a position to know in advance which foods will be scarce and which will be relatively abundant. State marketing committees can help bring about an orderly marketing change with the rise and fall of supplies and keep retailers and consumers reliably informed."

He will have charge of setting up the committees in Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. He believed the committees could be chosen in time to begin meetings this month.

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