

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 9—High 42, Low 32
Precipitation as of December 3, 1942
Stream year to date 4.57
Last year 2.89 Normal 2.80
Dec. 11—Sunrise 8:19 Sunset 5:10

CLIMAX NEARS IN AFRICAN DRIVE

Allies Take Over Base at Gona

RAF LOOSES SIXTH RAID OVER TURIN

300 Planes Thought to Have Carried Out Assault

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Royal Air Force bombers flew last night into the smoke still rising from the destruction wrought Tuesday night at Turin, mangled Italian arsenal city, and loosed explosives ranging up to four-ton block-busters in a one-hour assault which left large new fires spreading in the industrial areas.

Great damage was acknowledged in the Italian high command communique broadcast today from Rome.

New Fires Spread

The air ministry said that three bombers failed to complete the round trip from Britain across the Alps, but said "a strong force" participated—suggesting 200 or 300 planes.

"When the last bomber left an hour later, large new fires were spreading in the industrial areas," the ministry added.

In other war zones, the air ministry said an axis supply vessel off Norway yesterday and a Halifax destroyed an enemy aircraft over the Bay of Biscay.

Swiss See Blaze

Both firebombs and explosives were employed in the effort to deal the coup de grace to Turin, once great industrial center on the river Po.

A Reuters dispatch said watchers at Ticino, Switzerland, 90 miles away, saw lightning like flashes on the horizon and heard the thunder of intermittent explosions, apparently from the super bombs.

The return last night to Turin (Continued on Page Two)

Word Waited on Expected Break In Spud Ceiling

Word was awaited here Thursday on an expected increase in the netted gem potato ceiling, but no formal word came over the Associated Press wire from Washington on the matter. The AP quoted Senator McNary earlier in the week that the ceiling boost was expected about December 10.

Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, received a telegram from U. S. Senator Sheridan Downey of California Thursday to the effect that an OPA order will be released in next few days "designed to relieve your potato price condition." He said he would continue to press for favorable action.

Veterans of Raid on Tokyo Take a Whack at Hitler on African Front

UNITED STATES 12TH AIR FORCE ADVANCE OPERATIONS BASE, Nov. 28 (Delayed) (AP)—Led by one of the heroes of Major General James H. Doolittle's raid on Tokyo, medium bombers of the twelfth air force battered docks, warehouses, railroad yards and oil storage tanks in a night raid on the port of Sfax, in Tunisia, and then swooped to as low as 25 feet to machine-gun their targets.

In crews of attacking planes were four Pacific Northwest men—Capt. Donald L. Gilbert, Portland; Lieut. W. E. Brown, Everett; Sgt. Vernon W. Ohland, Spokane, and Lieut. Robert O. Havens, Portland.

Fires visible for 75 miles were left burning among the oil tanks. Particularly heavy damage was reported done to the railroad

167 Milk Cows Shipped Out of Klamath Today

A total of 167 cows from milking herds were shipped out of the Klamath Falls milkshed Thursday.

Dr. Calvin Hunt, local milk and meat inspector, provided health certificates for that number of cows. It was reported that 124 of the cows were from the herd of Guy Porterfield, one of the large milk producers of the Tule lake district.

Movement of dairy cows from this milkshed has aroused widespread concern and an increase in both quality and price of milk has been decided upon as a means of encouraging producers to stay in the business.

GAINS SMALL AS RED DRIVE WANES

Nazis Believed Trying for Drive of Their Own

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (AP)—The red army has spearheaded seven miles deeper into enemy lines on the central front near Velikie Lukki, recapturing 73 settlements, while the German still have failed in their six-day effort to regain the initiative on the Stalingrad front, soviet dispatches reported today.

Attacking with ski troops supported by tanks painted white to blend with the snow, the Russians apparently are stabbing at nazi communications on the central front which extends north-west of Moscow roughly from Rzhev to Velikie Lukki.

On the Stalingrad front, although slowed down by violent German counterattacks during the past several days, the Russians were reported still pushing gradually forward as their offensive there entered its fourth week.

Russian reports said the nazis apparently were trying not only to smash the soviet offensive but also to mount one of their own, presumably in the belief that the red army is exhausted after an advance said now to have taken 63 towns.

Although axis forces have been separated on the western banks of the Volga and Don and driven from both rivers in some sectors, they were said to be showing no signs of faltering in defensible positions despite a grave strain on their communications.

Portland Butchers Cut Store Hours

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—A majority of downtown meat shops plan to start closing at 4 p. m., a few as early as 3 p. m., the Oregon Journal said today, because of the scarcity of meat.

yards and warehouses on the quays of this important communications port at the top of the Gulf of Gabes, 140 miles south of Tunis.

It was the first operational flight of this squadron and all of its planes came home safely.

The flight leader was Major Davis M. Jones of Winters, Tex., who won the distinguished flying cross for his role in the bombing of Tokyo. Another veteran of the Tokyo attack, Lieut. Richard Miller of Fort Wayne, Ind., also participated.

Major Jones reported after his return here "we sure plastered them, but never saw an enemy plane. We got some flak from the ground. We hit dock installations and started some good oil fires."

"We got good hits on the rail-

Chosen Nation's 'Miss Victory'



Pretty Barbara Ann Clark, 21, Flint, Mich., war plant worker, was almost smothered in flowers at Chicago when she was chosen "Miss Victory of America" at a Pearl Harbor rally. Bride of a naval radioman, she was selected from 12 finalists among women employees of 1000 plants. She is to go to Washington to begin a war bond-selling tour.

4-Day Holiday Set for County School System

Anticipating prolonged colder weather, the Klamath county school board discussed a possible shortage of wood for school furnaces, at its regular meeting Wednesday.

If there is an evident lack of wood for fuel after bids have been advertised, it will be necessary to use coal again this winter, according to Harold Ashley, county school board clerk.

County school pupils will have a shorter holiday for Christmas this year, too, according to the board. They will be dismissed Thursday, December 24, and will return Monday, December 28.

Mosquito Bomber Seals Train in Railroad Tunnel

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP)—An RAF Mosquito bomber, shuttling between the entrances of a railroad tunnel 40 miles northwest of Paris in a dusk attack yesterday, apparently sealed a train inside, the air ministry said today.

The flier, it said, neatly laid one bomb at a mouth of the tunnel and then, noting that a train was entering from the other side, bombed that entrance also.

The ministry said the train was bottled up, at least temporarily, and did not appear from either end

road tracks," he said, "two or three of us went down as low as 25 to 50 feet, machine-gunning the yards, and saw a lot of damage. After we dropped all of our bombs, there was nothing left to do but to go down and shoot them up a bit."

Some of the crew members reported seeing German troops diving into trenches to avoid the strafing. Except for a few bursts from the planes' guns, the few small ships in the harbor were ignored and the fliers concentrated on the supply and communications facilities.

"We just about raised hell," Miller said. "We gave them a little work to do before they can use the port again. I saw one warehouse simply go to pieces, but there were so many bombs going down I couldn't tell all we hit."

OPA, VALLEJO LANDLORDS CLASH

"Strike" Talked to Test Rent Controls

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 10 (AP)—A temporary restraining order was issued by Federal Judge Martin I. Welsh today to prevent any violation of government rent control measures in the Vallejo area.

The court scheduled a hearing December 21 on a petition for a preliminary injunction against the greater Vallejo Landlords association and 13 members.

Sam Gill of the regional OPA staff declared the action was taken to forestall a threatened "strike" by Vallejo landlords in protest against the rent freezing (Continued on Page Two)

'Get Hitler First' Is Policy, Says Australian Chief

CANBERRA, Australia, Dec. 10 (AP)—Prime Minister John Curtin told the house of representatives in a war review today that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill decided even before the fall of Singapore that their first task was the defeat of Germany.

That decision, he said, involved Australia in what essentially at present is a holding campaign. Singapore fell last February 15.

He said Australian army battle casualties in New Guinea up to December 1, were 2190, of which 840 were killed in action or died of wounds.

Aluminum Workers Return to Work

DETROIT, Dec. 10 (AP)—Union employees of the Bohn Aluminum and Brass company's No. 1 plant here who walked out yesterday to protest delay in war labor board approval of a wage increase returned to their jobs this morning.

R. J. Thomas, international president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), telegraphed the workers that "I believe your walkout has sufficiently demonstrated to the war labor board the great danger involved in continuation of its present inadequate machinery."

NIPS CROWDED INTO DEATH TRAP AT BUNA

MacArthur Goes Out To Get Vengeance For Bataan

By The Associated Press
American and Australian troops who learned jungle fighting in the wilds of New Guinea and beat the Japanese at their own game have occupied the Gona coastal base of the invaders and crowded their remnant into a narrowing death trap at Buna, 12 miles to the south.

The announcement was made today by Prime Minister John Curtin of Australia who said Gen. Douglas MacArthur took to the field himself to direct this first cleanup in his campaign of vengeance for Bataan.

Only Beach-head Remains
Gona, on the northeast coast of New Guinea, was seized by the Japanese four and a half months ago. From it they once drove over the Owen Stanley mountains and to within 32 miles of Port Moresby in a determined attempt to win that jumping-off point for invasion of northern Australia.

Now all that remains of that ambitious effort is the beach-head at Buna, flanked on both sides by allied penetrations to the sea and pressed back almost to the settlement.

Japs Collapse
With their sea-borne reinforcements beaten off by allied bombs (Continued on Page Two)

Vichy Reports U. S. Resistance In Philippines

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (AP)—The Vichy radio broadcast today a dispatch datelined Tokyo, reporting that certain of the Philippine islands still were "held by Americans" and that Japanese marines had been landed there to end resistance.

The dispatch said Japanese naval headquarters had announced this action, adding that "violent fighting is now in progress."

The Berlin radio, in a broadcast recorded in London, also said Japanese forces had been landed on islands where Americans still were resisting and added that "in fierce fighting the Americans gradually are being forced to surrender."

Only last week the Tokyo radio admitted American and Filipino resistance had continued long after the fall of Bataan and Corregidor but asserted that it was being cleaned up.

Brule, Massive Pet, Destroyed

PORTLAND, Dec. 10 (AP)—Brule, the massive and solemn St. Bernard known to thousands of visitors at Timberline lodge, was destroyed today by a veterinary surgeon. He was suffering from dropsy, caused, the surgeon said, by his life of ease and overeating at the lodge where practically every guest made a fuss over him and most of them fed him.

He was only five years old.

12 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
"QUICK KNOCKS TO FULL STOCKINGS"
Buy Christmas Seals

Horse Meat for Sale in Boston



Jack Rubin, a Clinton Beef company employee, Boston, cuts up the first shipment of horse meat to arrive there for human consumption to augment diminished supplies of beef. Meat, which bears federal inspection stamps, came from Topeka, Kan.

WAR WORKERS IN DETROIT 'FROZEN'

Broad Plan to Stabilize Labor Laid Down

DETROIT, Dec. 10 (AP)—Approximately 680,000 war workers of the Detroit area were virtually frozen to their jobs today under policies enunciated by the district office of the war manpower commission.

In a broad plan aimed at stabilizing employment, manpower heads here sought to keep job-switching to a minimum and at the same time facilitate the draft of men into the armed services at least expense to vital war production.

Weather Takes Its Toll From Fremont School

Thursday morning's slick pavement took a toll from the Fremont school personnel and both the cook and the janitor wound up at Klamath Valley hospital with broken arms.

Mrs. Margaret Heath, 1534 Worden avenue, cafeteria cook, slipped on her way to work and fractured her right arm. A short time after she was admitted to the hospital Warren Harris, 630 North Fifth street, Fremont janitor, appeared with a broken left arm. Mrs. Heath is recovering at the home of her mother, Mrs. Henry Schmor Sr., 216 Michigan avenue.

De Gaulle Suggests Darlan Be Let Out; Churchill Gives Secret Report

LONDON, Dec. 10 (AP)—While Prime Minister Churchill was explaining Britain's attitude toward Admiral Darlan in a secret session of the house of commons, General Charles de Gaulle obliquely suggested that the former Vichy collaborator be dropped "as quickly as possible."

The leader of the fighting French made his point in this question which he asked during a speech to the Anglo-American Press association of Paris: "If it happens that for a brief instant some obstacle leads a state to make some slight detour from her path don't you think it essential that that state should abandon the detour as quickly as

Thornton Gale Dies Wednesday In Lakeview

LAKEVIEW, Dec. 10 (AP)—Thornton Gale, 36, co-publisher of the Lake County Examiner and one of Oregon's well known newspaper men, died yesterday in a local hospital of a heart attack.

He had been ill about two weeks.

Gale was a native of Portland but attended school at Bandon. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 1932.

He came to Lakeview in 1935 and joined the staff of the Examiner. In 1940 he became co-publisher with Glen H. Charles.

He is survived by his widow, the former Juanita Miller of Yoncalla, three sons, Arthur 5, John, 18 months, and James, 2 months; by his mother, Mrs. Arthur Gale, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Harold Finegan, Portland; and a brother, Arthur, New York City. His father was the late Dr. Arthur Gale of Bandon.

He was a Lake county democratic committeeman, a member of the Lakeview Rotary club and (Continued on Page Two)

Steel, Tin Barred In Canning Foods

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—The war production board today prohibited the use of steel and tin next year in the canning of many important food products for civilian production.

As a result of the order, officials said, canners must develop substitutes or many popular food products will disappear from grocers' shelves.

AIR MASTERY HELD SWINGING BACK TO ALLIES

Eighth Army Harries Rommel's Last- Stand Line

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 10.—Allied forces apparently were set today to launch mighty new drives against the axis in North Africa at any moment in both Libya and Tunisia, under formidable and ever-growing air power.

Reports by the Morocco radio that the Americans and British already had sprung anew to the attack on both sides of the axis' narrowing last foothold on the Mediterranean's African shore apparently were premature.

Rains Slow Drive
Advices from Tunisia, however, indicated that the allies there no longer were hampered by the pinch for air support and that the crucial battle for the last 20 miles, the approaches to Bizerte and Tunis, might explode at any moment.

A communique from allied headquarters in North Africa said there was little activity except patrolling in the forward areas yesterday because of rain which has made much of the terrain impassable.

Strong Language
On the opposite side of Africa, a British communique said the eighth army was "allowing the enemy no rest in the El Aghella area."

This was the strongest language used officially since the British paused before Nazi Marshal Rommel's long-prepared line but it referred, still, only to patrol and artillery activity and (Continued on Page Two)

Berlin Claims British Sabotage Unit Destroyed

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Dec. 10 (AP)—A "small British sabotage troop" was discovered by the Germans Tuesday at the mouth of the river Gironde (near Bordeaux on France's west coast) and was annihilated, the German high command reported today.

"On December 8 a small British sabotage troop was challenged at the mouth of the Gironde and wiped out in an engagement," the daily communique said.

(No account of such an operation has come from British sources but the Berlin version suggests that a British commando unit had gone ashore in the vital Bordeaux area, where the Germans have submarine bases, either for reconnaissance or to damage installations.)

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