

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 15—High 38, Low 24
Precipitation as of December 9, 1942
Stream year to date 5.24
Last year 2.97 Normal 3.28
Dec. 17—Sunrise 8:24 Sunset 5:10

AIRMEN LASH NEW JAP TOE HOLD

2 Die in Train-Car Crash

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

ROMMEL seems to be running from El Aghella as he ran from El Alamein, and for the same reason—because he met a SUPERIOR foe.

ADVANCE units of the British 8th army are reported to-day as far west as Zautia en Nofilia, about 100 miles from El Aghella and the FIRST POINT at which water is obtainable.

These advance units are paced by allied planes blasting Rommel's fleeing men and trucks from the air, adding immensely to the confusion of the flight.

A "competent British military source" says today the 8th army's rate of advance is FASTER than after Rommel cracked at El Alamein.

It is beginning to look like a rout.

THE speed of the pursuing British army, today's dispatches assert, is gauged by its ability to pick its way through the complicated mine fields and the "booby traps" left behind by Rommel.

(Booby traps are objects such as purses, watches, etc., left lying on the ground but connected with explosives so that when they are picked up the picker-upper and those near him are blown to bits.)

WHAT Rommel will do next is today's most interesting subject for speculation. When he abandoned the narrow El Aghella defile between the salt marshes and the Mediterranean he left behind his best natural defense barrier east of Tripoli.

There are guesses that he may skip out of Africa altogether—how not stated. (He could escape personally on a plane, but couldn't take his men with him.) There are other guesses that he is headed for Tunisia to add the battered remnants of his Africa Korps to the axis forces defending Bizerte and Tunis.

KEEP in mind that Rommel's once potent army is broken and fleeing because Hitler was unable to REINFORCE him whereas the British WERE able to reinforce and reorganize their once broken and fleeing 8th army.

That ability (or the lack of it) is all-important in warfare.

A SURVIVOR (the rescue job was so efficient that only FOUR were lost) from the army transport Coolidge, that hit a mine and sank in the Solomons, arrives in Seattle today and tells a story that hits home to all of us here on the comparatively safe and easy home front.

The men from the Coolidge got ashore on an island in the pouring rain, with only coconuts to eat. "Of course," the survivor says, "we'd lost everything we had, but we were so LUCKY TO BE ALIVE that we weren't bothered."

If we on the safe and easy and relatively luxurious home front will EMULATE that spirit, there's nothing our enemies can do in this war that will lick us.

WE grouse about rationing of tires and gasoline and sugar and coffee and impending rationing of a lot of other things.

Poooh! Poooh!

What we have to put up with here on the home front is NOTHING.

LET'S save an exception here. These things, and the regulation by which they are accomplished, are wholly foreign to the American way of life in PEACE. After the war is over, (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIES STRAFE STILL FLEEING ROMMEL KORPS

U. S., British Forces Probe at Bizerte Defenses

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor
British headquarters reported today that allied fighter planes had strafed Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating troops as far west as Zautia en Nofilia, 100 miles beyond the collapsed El Aghella front, and declared that British vanguards were now "well west" of El Aghella.

The presence of back-tracking Nazi troops at Zautia en Nofilia indicated that Rommel was retreating at top speed. A British communiqué said the attack was made there Monday night, and yesterday allied light bombers and fighter-bombers resumed heavy blows on the axis columns.

Traffic Westward

"Our leading forces, though still greatly impeded by mines, continued to harass the retreating enemy and are now well west of El Aghella," the British war bulletin said.

"Pilots report a great volume of traffic moving westward," the British communiqué added.

Italian headquarters said axis motorized formations captured 17 tanks in yesterday's fighting, but this was unconfirmed, and the British declared officially that the fleeing Rommel corps was offering only weak rear-guard resistance.

Transports Bagged

Allied warplanes again intercepted south-bound axis transport planes as Adolf Hitler still sought to pour reinforcements into the North African battle cauldron.

A Cairo communiqué said allied fighters shot down at least four of the big transport craft out of a heavily escorted air convoy off Lampedusa Island, (Continued on Page Two)

Deadline Called On Tire Check-Up Throughout Oregon

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (AP)—Oregon passenger automobiles with license numbers from 1 to 110,000 must have their tires inspected by December 26, the state office of price administration said today.

A schedule called for cars with licenses between 110,000 and 140,000 to be inspected from December 26 to January 2; 140,000 to 170,000 from January 2 to 9; 170,000 to 200,000 from January 9 to 16; 200,000 to 250,000 from January 16 to 23; 250,000 and above from January 23 to 31.

The schedule applies to passenger cars with A, B and C gasoline rationing cards and for motorcyclists with D cards. Commercial vehicles are to be inspected by January 15.

Representative Boivin, at the time he announced his federal appointment here, said he hoped to obtain leave of absence to serve at Salem. In Portland Wednesday he said he did not know whether his appointment, which is temporary, would prevent him from serving, and that he expects a ruling from the

state attorney general in a week or so.

If Boivin's position becomes vacant, the county court must appoint some one to fill it, and the new legislator must be a democrat, as that is Boivin's party.

In Salem, it was pointed out that the question of Boivin's qualification to serve "is a matter for the house to decide," according to supreme court decisions.

An Associated Press dispatch said:

"The state constitution pro-

U. S. Raiders Un-Opposed in Solomons Foray

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—United States bombers, raiding the Japanese installations at Buin and Bougainville Island in the Solomons, met no enemy opposition, the navy reported today.

No explanation was available of the lack of opposition at Buin, considered as one of the principal Jap air bases and located about 275 miles northwest of Guadalcanal.

The navy also reported a sixth attack on Munda airfield, under construction by the Japanese on New Georgia, and the wiping out of two Japanese machine gun crews on Guadalcanal in communiqué No. 221 which said:

"South Pacific: (All dates are East Longitude).
"1. On December 13, U. S. patrols on Guadalcanal Island (Continued on Page Two)

NAZIS CUT INTO RUSSIAN LINES

Invaders Fail to Shatter Ring Around Stalingrad

By HENRY CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (AP)—German units slashing hard at the left wing of the red army south of Stalingrad, were reported today to have driven an armored wedge into the Russian lines after mounting full scale attacks bolstered by tanks and planes.

Red Star, the soviet army newspaper, said the Germans struck heavily and repeatedly at positions occupied only recently by the Russians who had not had time to consolidate them.

Reds Roll On

Dispatches from the front indicated that the enemy had advanced toward a water line and along an important road, their heavy artillery pounding a path before them and their infantry pushing into salients in the wake of the tanks.

The red army's offensive on the central front northwest of Moscow, however, rolled steadily on through snow-covered forests studded with Nazi defenses.

Nazis Stronger

The Russian positions on this (Continued on Page Two)

Farmer Finds a Limit to Patriotism

MARION, N. C., Dec. 16 (AP)—A mountain farmer, reports the county rationing board, has about found a limit to his patriotism.

"I'm trying to do my bit, patriotic-like," said the farmer, who had sworn that he and his family would abide by sugar rationing regulations, "but I'm married, have eight children and I'm darned if I can keep on a buyin' all that sugar."

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Navy Pays for Its Own Battleships

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., Dec. 16 (AP)—The navy is paying for its own battleships.

War bonds purchases by employees and personnel will total more than \$100,000,000 in 1942, the navy war bond coordinator, Capt. Gerald Eubank, reports.

CAR WRECKED NEAR STUKEL CROSSING HERE

Willard E. Jackson, Louis Parker Killed

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Klamath's 1942 east of Klamath Auto Toll Falls shortly before 5:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Parker was killed instantly, according to state police, and Jackson died at 7:50 p. m. in Klamath Valley hospital. Both men suffered internal injuries according to Dr. George H. Adler, county coroner.

Operated Farm

H. O. Watkins, 1121 California avenue, engineer of the Southern Pacific lumber train, told officers that he observed the car as it approached the crossing. There is clear vision one mile either side of the crossing, police said. The machine, operated by Jackson, appeared to slow down and then drove directly in the path of the train. The car was demolished.

Jackson operates a potato farm with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jackson, on the Merrill highway near Mac's store. The family has lived here for the past 10 years.

Deaths of Jackson and Parker bring Klamath county's traffic fatalities for the year 1942, to 12.

New Ruling on Spuds Expected By December 24

Chester Main, president of the Tulelake Growers, informed The Herald and News Wednesday he had received another telegram from Senator Downey indicating that the new price ruling on potatoes may become effective December 24.

Senator Downey's message read:

"Deeply regret announcement that potato price ruling will not be released until December 22 effective December 24. Hope but not sure it will be substantial relief."

Earlier, Senator Downey had reported the probability the ruling would be announced within a day or two.

Closed Shop Holds Up War Effort, Says WMC Official

CHICAGO, Dec. 16 (AP)—As a further contribution to the war, William H. Spencer, regional director of the war manpower commission, believes that organized labor unions should relax the closed shop policy for the duration to permit absorption of skilled non-union workers.

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Smashed Car In Auto-Train Collision



One of the year's worst automobile accidents in Klamath county produced the above results at Stukel crossing, near Mt. Laki, on Tuesday night. The picture shows the demolished car in which W. E. Jackson and Lewis Ellsworth Parker were killed when it collided with a north-bound Southern Pacific freight.

CONGRESS ENDS HISTORIC SESSION

Two-Year Stint Finished With Minor Legislation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—The senate of the 77th congress adjourned finally today at 2:19 p. m., eastern war time, to end an historic two-year session, and the house was expected momentarily to finish its last business.

Minor legislation was handled during the day, and President Roosevelt sent letters thanking the senators and representatives for what they had accomplished during the last two years.

Eulogies were paid veteran members who will not return, and the house praised Speaker Rayburn for the manner in which he had presided.

The new congress will convene January 6.

Longest in history, the 77th congress was in session 715 days.

Purse Opened

The shadows of war already were stretching eastward from Asia, westward from Europe when the present congress first convened in January, 1941. And, as they lengthened, there was fashioned for the nation one of (Continued on Page Two)

Two Killed In Training Plane Crash at Merced

MERCED, Calif., Dec. 16 (AP)—Major Roland C. Ehret, 29, of Pomona, Calif., and Captain Henry F. Phelan, 41, Sacramento, were killed when an army training plane crashed and burned yesterday a mile from the Merced army flying field.

Major Ehret, director of training at the field, was pilot of the ship. Captain Phelan was his only passenger. They were on an official flight.

An investigation was launched by a board of officers.

Gas Hoarder Meets Fiery Death

THE DALLES, Dec. 16 (AP)—An unidentified motorist who apparently had been carrying extra five-gallon containers filled with gasoline in the back of his car, met a fiery death last night on the Maupin grade of the Dalles-California highway.

The car skidded off a hairpin curve, overturned and caught fire. The charred torso was brought to The Dalles. All means of identification had been destroyed except the license number of the car, which was registered to C. E. Feldman, in Lewis county, Washington.

Two Ride Out Plane Crash in Which 17 Died

FAIRFIELD, Utah, Dec. 16 (AP)—A doughty 23-year-old leatherneck tightened his safety belt and rode out a Western Airlines transport crash that killed 17 and left a second survivor battling for his life today.

Lieut. A. F. Gardner of Alexander, N. Y., and the U. S. marine corps smiled through a scratched, bruised face from his hospital bed at Lehi as he said: "I nearly froze to death, but I'm lucky to be here."

Robert Victor Mallett of Springfield, Ark., the only other person aboard to escape death when the big ship toppled into a stretch of sagebrush desert about 55 miles south of Salt Lake City yesterday, was much more seriously hurt than the marine.

Four women including Stewardess Cleo Booth of Los Angeles, two military officers, eight other men passengers and three crew members died in the crash, some of them lingeringly as Lieutenant Gardner told of "awful screaming and groaning" in the smashed cabin.

The pilot apparently was groping for the emergency landing field at Fairfield, four miles from the crash spot, as the ship was pointed northward. It had failed to report by radio after taking off for Los Angeles.

Two of the victims were W. O. Hart, 57, co-publisher of the Orange, Calif., Daily News since 1908, who had attended a loan company directors meeting in Salt Lake City, and Donald E. Cummings, 42, of Denver, head of the industrial hygiene department (Continued on Page Two)

WPB Cuts Down On Camera Film

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Amateur photographers will get half the film they obtained a year ago and professional cameramen, 24 per cent less.

The war production board announced the cut yesterday, citing increasing needs of the armed services for film and the materials from which film is made.

Here's Story of What You Won't Be Buying This Year

Gosh, what's it gonna be next Christmas?
This is the wall from that great mass of well fed Americans who are prowling the stores in search of Christmas presents. Heard from that Klamath Falls shopper who has never before listened to those words—"Sorry mam, we're out of hot water bottles this year!"
This is a story about what you won't be buying this year. But in spite of the curtailment of merchandise, business is booming and will surpass the 1941 season which was a pretty good

7 DIE AS BOMBER GRAZES BARN ROOF

Woman, Baby Escape As Flames Envelop Farm Home

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16 (AP)—An army bomber carried seven men to their deaths as it crashed and burned last night a few minutes after taking off from Lambert-St. Louis airport. Two others escaped.

The Topeka, Kans., air base today made public the names of the dead as follows:

2nd Lt. Stanley L. Rosen, Camden, N. J., 2nd Lt. William P. McDonald, Stockton, Calif., 2nd Lt. Warren E. A. Young, Tucson, Ariz., 2nd Lt. Clarence E. Pyle, Jr., Montgomery, W. Va., 2nd Lt. Alva L. Sink, Tunkhannock, Pa.
Staff Sgt. Henry H. Stringer, Parnell, Ky., Staff Sgt. Sidney M. Schwartz, Brooklyn, N. Y., Lt. Sink was riding as a passenger.

The injured crew members were: Sgt. Robert T. Randall, Galveston, Tex., who has cuts on his face and head, a fractured vertebrae and a fractured left leg.
Sgt. Harwell Clements, De- (Continued on Page Two)

Grocers Snowed Under With Forms, Complains Witness

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Spokesmen for the nation's organized wholesale grocers told the house small business committee today it was a "physical impossibility" for many small operators to comply with all regulations and orders issued by the office of price administration and other federal agencies.

One of them, Alfred Dorman, Statesboro, Ga., representing the United States Wholesale Grocers association, told the committee "We don't have lawyers enough" to figure out the various forms.

Local Merchants Have Done a Good Job of Stocking, but There are Some Things that Just Aren't Here. It's the War.

One of the outstanding holiday items missing from merchants' shelves and cases is Christmas candy. One merchant unpacked a box of chocolates and while putting the confection on a table had to limit purchases then and there. The traditional candy cane was nowhere to be seen and the big barrels of hard candies and old-fashioned French creams in such pretty colors, were out (Continued on Page Two)

1000 ENEMY TROOPS LAND IN NEW GUINEA

M'Arthur's Men Press In On Buna Shore Positions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 16 (AP)—General MacArthur's air forces have ceaselessly bombed the Japanese lodged in a new foothold near the mouth of the Mambare river while his land troops exerted heavy pressure on the invaders' dwindling Buna area shore positions to the southeast, advices from the front said today.

Allied airmen also pounded anew the Japanese bases flanking the Papuan sector, the headquarters noon communiqué reported.

Liberator Does a Job

They dropped a number of 500-pound bombs on the air-drome at Lae, on the northeast New Guinea coast, in the face of heavy anti-aircraft fire, and roared across the water to pock the Gasmata, New Britain, airfield. Twelve Japanese planes came up to meet them and they shot down three and damaged two the communiqué said.

A lone four-engine B-24 "Liberator" bomber stood off all 12 Zeros, Australian dispatches said. The crew saw two of them crash into the sea, another disappeared in flames beneath the clouds and parts flew off from two more.

1000 Japs Landed
To the northwest, the Japanese attempted to come off landing barges let down near the mouth of the Mambare from cruisers and destroyers before dawn Monday.

(Advices from the front indicated that as many as 1000 Japanese might have effected a shore hold.)

The air force beat back the warships and dropped bombs Monday night among the landing force.

It returned to the attack after dawn yesterday, pounding the soldiers who had managed to reach shore, aiming for landing barges and drums of supplies still floating in the sea.

Boston's Third Disastrous Fire In Month Controlled

BOSTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Boston's third disastrous fire in a month today sent more than 65 firemen and coast guardsmen to hospitals and wrecked the five-story brick armory building in the heart of the downtown shopping district with a loss estimated officially at "more than \$300,000," and possibly as high as \$1,000,000.

Bulletin

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 16 (AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan declared in a formal statement today that "French Africa, with the allies, must make the maximum military effort for the defeat of Germany and Italy."

The former commander of all Vichy's armed forces disclaimed personal ambition as his motive for joining the allies and said that once free of the axis yoke, "the French people themselves will decide freely the form of government and national policy they desire."

7 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT... AND I STILL HAVE TO GET A TREE

