

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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Stream year to date 2:24
Last year 3:37 Normal 3:56
Dec. 22—Sunrise 8:27 Sunset 5:12

RED OFFENSIVE ROLLS NAZIS BACK

K. F. Hunter Drowns

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
RUSSIA takes the spotlight today with announcement of a new two-pronged offensive southward from Voronezh and westward from the upper section of the Don bend, northwest of Stalingrad.

Southward from Voronezh, the Russians are apparently following the Moscow-Rostov railroad. Their other prong is driving westward TOWARD this rail line, and today's dispatches indicate the possibility that they may effect a junction at Millerovo, about 130 miles north of Rostov.

The red army reports advances ranging from 47 to 75 miles and says that yesterday alone its gains were between 18 and 19 miles. That's pretty good speed, and indicates that the German resistance encountered isn't too strong.

YOUR map will tell you the story. It will suggest that if the Russians can keep on going in their present direction they will be able to get in BEHIND Rostov.

If and when that happens, Hitler will have to chew another rug, for his summer-long, costly, bloody Volga-Caucasus drive will have been nipped off back toward its base.

(If you aren't willing to take the time to follow it on the map, you might as well skip the story of the Russian winter offensive. Only the map can make it clear.)

THE Russians report 300 villages retaken and more than 43,000 Germans killed and captured in this latest drive—which, by the way, is already in its sixth day, although we have heard nothing of it before.

The Russians are master hands at keeping quiet about what they are doing.

AMONG their achievements in this drive, they have taken many of the airdromes from which the Germans have been flying reinforcements and supplies to their partly-surrounded forces in the Don-Volga area, compelling the Germans to lengthen seriously the final link of their air-spy route to the Stalingrad front.

In any offensive launched in modern warfare, you may be sure that airfields are important objectives.

THE drift of the news today indicates that the axis plan is to gather ALL its African forces for a last-ditch fight at Bizerte and Tunis. If that is true, Rommel will not attempt much of a stand at Tripoli. There are hints that Hitler is even weakening his forces in Russia to bolster his Tunisian position.

Rumors today tell of an axis armada being gathered in French ports for an all-out attempt to get reinforcements to Tunisia. Some 150 French ships, recently seized, are said to be included in this armada.

Hitler, Ciano (Mussolini's son-in-law) and LAVAL are reported to be conferring on plans. Laval, you see, is casting aside all concealment and is openly joining the Germans and Italians.

(That isn't news, of course, as he has been headed in that direction from the beginning.)

IGHT American-bull tanks, manned by Australians, entered (Continued on Page Four)

BERLIN SILENT
LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Berlin radio was suddenly silent shortly after 9 p. m. tonight indicating the possible presence of allied bombers over the continent.

Klamath Stores Report Bang-up Sales Weekend

Klamath merchants reported a bang-up weekend in holiday sales and in a check with nine of the leading stores reports were optimistic for a hurdle over 1941's business figure. Several stores said that Saturday's business was 30 per cent over that of last year, and one merchant said his sales for the weekend were 50 per cent above the 1941 figure for the same two days prior to Christmas. "Very satisfactory," "better than last year," "we did a whale of a toy business" and even "best day in the history of the store," were a few of the comments (Continued on Page Three)

PILOTS SEARCH CANADIAN PLANE

Transport Missing With 13 Persons Aboard

VANCOUVER, Dec. 21 (AP)—Keen-eyed pilots, hampered by the weather criss-crossed a rugged coastal area 80 miles wide by 80 miles deep today searching for a Canadian Pacific airplane transport missing with 13 persons aboard.

Eight planes took part in the hunt, their only clue the fact that the missing aircraft had made its routine request for landing instructions as it soared over the peaks of the Cascades at an altitude of 14,000 feet last night near the end of a three-hour flight from Interior Prince George, B. C.

Silence greeted the CPA control tower at Vancouver airport when it called back to give instructions to Capt. Ernest Kubick, veteran northerland flier, and his co-pilot Capt. Bill Holland. If the officers followed routine (Continued on Page Three)

Steps Planned to Improve Rationing Of Gasoline, Oil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) James F. Byrnes announced today after a conference with key administration officials that steps would be taken to increase the supply of petroleum and "improve rationing methods." The director of economic stabilization added, however, that the governmental agencies involved "hold out no hope for any lessening of the restrictions upon the use of gasoline and fuel oil."

Chairman Donald M. Nelson, of the war production board warned, meanwhile, that in the future "the mobility of consumers will be greatly restricted, both of necessity and by consumer choice." "Travel by automobile is due for restriction much more drastic than that obtaining today," Nelson said in a letter to Chairman Murray (D-Mont.) of the senate small business committee.

Citation Reveals Giraud's Escape to African Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 21 (AP) An audacious submarine expedition, commanded by an American navy captain, whisked General Henri Honore Giraud out of France to join in the allied occupation of North Africa, but the elderly, pugnacious Frenchman once fell into the sea—to be saved by submarine crewmen who grabbed him by the coat collar. The story of Giraud's submarine-airplane escape was disclosed yesterday when Lieut. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower com-

QUICK RESCUE SAVES LIVES OF 3 OTHERS

L. E. Arney, 25, Dies As Boat Overturns Near Keno

A duck hunters' boat overturned in the Klamath river at Keno late Sunday, drowning Lyman Eugene Arney, 25, and setting the stage for a quick rescue that saved the lives of three others. A fifth man swam to shore.

Four men and a boy were in the 14-foot motor-powered craft when it turned sharply and struck a boom log 100 yards below the bridge as they came into Keno from a hunting trip at 5:55 p. m.

Boy Warned
Into the icy water went Arney, Eugene Reames, William A. Benton, William Stacy and William Stacy, Jr., who is 11 years old. Arney sank almost immediately after calling out to the boy to grab the boom log. Young Stacy grasped the overturned boat, as did Benton. The elder Stacy sought first to aid his son, unable to swim and weighted down by heavy hunting clothes, he went down once or twice and was struggling desperately when rescued. Reames swam to shore unaided.

3 Pulled In
The rescue was effected by Ross Simmers and Dick Morgan of Keno, who heard the shouts of the accident victims and put out almost immediately in Simmers' boat. They picked up Stacy, and (Continued on Page Three)

Strike of Union Members Hampers Gun Plant Output

JACKSON, Mich., Dec. 21 (AP)—A strike of several hundred union members employed at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber company today hampered production in the company's gun plant here, which operated with only a fraction of its normal force. Company officials and leaders of the United Rubber Workers (CIO) local union conferred in an attempt to settle the dispute which centered in arrangements for Sunday work at the plant.

A notice posted by the company Friday, announcing that only 75 per cent of the Sunday shift was to report, set off the dispute. Local union members at a meeting decided the entire force should be given Sunday work, or none would work, and directed unionists to remain away from the plant. A company spokesman said Friday's notice was intended to avoid payment of double time for a large number of new employees being trained for work in the plant.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

BOISE, Ida., Dec. 21 (AP)—A mother's patience was rewarded. Three weeks ago John Barringer, with the army on the west coast, advised his mother by letter that he was coming through his hometown en route to an astern base. The censor wouldn't permit John to give details, so his mother, Mrs. Charles Barringer, began meeting trains. As one pulled in Saturday night, Mrs. Barringer saw her son on a coach, boarded and rode to Glenns Ferry, the 70-mile trip affording ample time for a visit.

Aleutian Fliers Await Turn



Dressed in heavy clothing, the members of a B-24 bomber crew await their turn to take off from a base in the Aleutian islands, close to the Jap base at Kiska.

Axis Moves Forces From Russia, Tripoli to Make All-out Stand in Tunisia

By The Associated Press
LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The axis was reported today moving its forces from Tripoli and diverting men and material even from the hard-pressed Russian front in order to make an all-out fight for Tunisia in the wake of a two-day military and political conference at Adolf Hitler's headquarters. Neutral and allied sources reported that a huge convoy was being assembled in southern French ports to rush reinforcements from Europe, and that Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps and Mussolini's Italian legions might give up Tripoli together in order to concentrate every available man and gun in the struggle for Tunisia.

December 24 Is Effective Date Of Spud Ceiling

The office of war information said Monday that December 24 is the effective date for the new potato ceiling, which is 10 cents above the previous ceiling. On Saturday, when the new ceiling was announced, considerable confusion developed as to the effective date. The Herald and News, which received conflicting reports on the question, tried repeatedly for a definite government statement, but could get only a report that the OWI information from Washington gave the impression the effective date was Monday.

Mother Sees Her Son, In Spite of Censor's Ruling

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Four Soldiers, Two From Portland, Die In Eastern Crash

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 21 (AP)—Philip Chipman, 37, former prominent attorney of Portland, Ore., and honor graduate of Harvard university and three other soldiers were killed in an automobile collision near here yesterday. Chipman was an officer school student at nearby Camp Davis, as were Edmund L. Labbe, 28, also of Portland, Ore., and William A. Pommering, 22, Fort Thomas, Ky. All would have been graduated this month. The fourth victim was technician, fourth grade, Norman Pakett, 26, of Hillsdale, N. J.

Barkley Calls for United Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) Senate Democratic Leader Barkley of Kentucky called on the new congress today to bury factional differences in a harmonious support of the war effort which would leave the country united when the time comes to write the peace. Republican minorities will climb to the highest point in years with the convening of the new session on Jan. 6, but Barkley expressed confidence that would make no difference toward prosecuting the war.

Tanks Assault Buna

YANK BOMBERS STREAM INTO BURMA BATTLE

Jap Commander Killed in Battle for Buna Area

By The Associated Press
American-made tanks, Australian-manned, have rumbled into the attack against the last Japanese strongholds in the Buna area of northeast New Guinea, while on the Burma front British troops and American bombers struck at Japan's westernmost bases.

From China, Brig. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's Sky Dragons dumped tons of heavy explosives yesterday onto a big Japanese airfield and military warehouses at Lashio on the old Burma supply road.

Fires Started
Not a bomber was lost—and not a Japanese fighter was encountered, reported J. Reilly O'Sullivan, Associated Press correspondent who accompanied the raiders.

He said fires were started which could be seen 60 miles away. From the mountainous Indian border, Gen. Archibald P. Wavell's forces had pushed through the western Burma jungle for almost half of the 100 miles to the important port of Akyab, 340 (Continued on Page Three)

Defective Wire Brings Charge Against Company

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) Attorney General Biddle announced today the indictment of Anaconda Wire and Cable Co., in what he called "one of the most reprehensible cases of defrauding the government and endangering the lives of American soldiers and sailors."

The justice department said the Marion (Ind.) company was charged with turning out defective wire in meeting \$6,000,000 in government orders. Some of its wire went to Russia, an official said, resulting in a soviet complaint, while the U. S. army had ordered that communications wire from the Anaconda company be used only for maneuvers—not for combat. Besides conspiracy to defraud, Biddle said the indictment of the company and five officers, returned at Fort Wayne, Ind., charged conspiracy to present "false claims in the production and sale of wire and cable used by the armed forces for combat communication purposes."

The justice department charged the defendants "secretly installed" behind sliding panels under test tables, mechanisms that enabled the passing of inferior or defective materials. H. D. Kersey, president of the (Continued on Page Three)

RAF Pounds Great German Inland Port; Flying Fortresses Dare Nazis in France

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The RAF pounded Germany's great inland port of Duisburg at the junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers last night in a swift follow-up to a daylight raid by American Flying Fortresses which dared swarms of German fighters to penetrate deep into occupied France yesterday. "A strong force of our bombers attacked industrial objectives at Duisburg in clear weather and bright moonlight," the air ministry said. "The attack was heavy and concentrated and many large fires were left burning."

Held for Shooting



Polignac Bourquin, 72, was jailed in Savannah, Ga., on a charge of opening fire with a shotgun in Chatham county superior court. Wounding Judge Clark Edwards and three other men. Detective Chief John C. McCarthy said Bourquin fired because he thought he saw a lawyer "who did me dirt" years ago.

CHINESE REPORT BORDER CLASHES

Chinese Hold Invader Along Banks of River

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (AP)—Continued clashes along the border of the Burmese Shan states and Yunnan province, where the Japanese are driving northward toward the Burma road, were reported by the Chinese high command today.

The communique said Chinese forces were holding the Japanese in check along the banks of the Namlwi river, where the Japanese crossed into Yunnan from the south for the first time at Mengma, about 110 miles south of the Burma road.

In another clash more than 100 Japanese were killed and wounded in a stampede when the invaders were thrown back in an attempt to cross another river, the communique said.

It Takes a Civilian Now to Play Santa At Hensley Field

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP) Physical training instructors at nearby Hensley field are wearing that smug, satisfied look. The soldiers want to have a Christmas party and there's not a paunch to be found among 'em, befitting a Santa Claus. A bay-windowed civilian will be imported for the chore.

SOVIETS NEAR UKRAINE EDGE, DONETS BASIN

Russ Take Airdromes Used for Nazi Supply

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (AP)—The red army's middle Don offensive, its third of the winter, rolled on to the edge of the Ukraine and toward the vast coal, iron and hydroelectric regions of the Donets basin today.

Showing no signs of slackening, the Russians moved at a pace which rivaled the eastward sweep of Hitler's forces last July over the same ground.

Airdromes Taken
Caught before the red army onrush and in the cruel grip of the wind-driven snows of the Don Cossack steppes was a mounting toll and dead and captured Germans—more than 43,000.

Adding new villages to the 300 already recaptured, the Russians occupied many of the airdromes on the steppes from which the Germans have been flying huge transports to supply 22 trapped divisions in the Don-Volga corridor at Stalingrad.

Nazi Counter
The Germans were being forced progressively to move these bases back toward the Rostov area, 250 miles from Stalingrad. As the aerial supply (Continued on Page Three)

Snell Inauguration May Wait Senate Presidency Battle

SALEM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Governor-elect Earl Snell was beginning to wonder today whether the battle over the presidency of the state senate would prevent him from being inaugurated on January 11 at the opening of the state legislature.

With Senators Dorothy McCullough Lee and W. H. Steiner each claiming 15 votes in their contests for the senate presidency, there is a chance that the battle won't be decided on January 11. Since the governor can't be inaugurated until the legislature is organized, Snell might have to wait a day or so, or at least until the senate president is elected.

Both houses meet in caucus on the evening of January 10, and all officers usually are chosen at that time.

Bulletin

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Morocco radio said tonight that Marshal Rommel's retreating axis army "already has reached the vicinity of Mistrata," only 100 miles east of Tripoli.

Cairo dispatches last reported pursuing British troops operating beyond Sultain 250 miles from Tripoli.

announcement that 11 planes were lost in the assault was taken by observers as an indication that a considerable number participated. Six of the big American bombers were lost, but 40 German fighters were shot down in the sweep by U. S. forces deep into France yesterday, a raid that produced sharp battles. Last night, taking another trick out of its bag, the RAF used new Whirlwinds as intruders. One of the twin-engined, (Continued on Page Three)

Buy Christmas Seals