

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 22—High 36, Low 30
Precipitation as of December 15, 1942
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Last year 4.47 Normal 5168
Dec. 24—Sunrise 8:28 Sunset 5:14

SOVIETS SURGE TOWARD UKRAINE

British Strike In East Indies

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S dispatches carry the thrilling news that the Russian advance toward Rostov rolls on. German counter-attacks stiffened by fresh reserves have been repulsed.

The Russian drive seems to have real power behind it.

GET out your map.

Find Rostov, at the north-east corner of the Sea of Azov, which is an extension of the Black Sea. Follow up the Rostov-Voronezh railroad to Millerovo—a distance of about 120 miles. The Russians are reported today only 12 miles north of Millerovo.

Then find the railroad leading west from Stalingrad to a junction with the Rostov-Voronezh rail line. A second Russian column is advancing westward along this railroad and is reported today to have reached Morozovskaya.

These two Russian columns obviously plan to JOIN, probably somewhere south of Millerovo. They may have effected a junction already. If and when they do, a solid wall will have been erected from the Rostov-Voronezh-Moscow railroad eastward to the Volga above Stalingrad.

TODAY'S dispatches report that the Russians advancing southward are on both sides of the Rostov railroad and are straightening their front. We are told that they hold not merely a series of populated places but a long, straight front, deep in machine gun, mortar and heavy artillery positions.

NOW measure on your map the distance between Rostov and the general neighborhood of Millerovo or Kamensk. You will note that it forms a relatively narrow bottleneck, approximately 100 miles wide.

Back of this bottleneck, strung out from Stalingrad to the Caucasus mountains, are nearly a MILLION Germans.

These million Germans are facing entrapment. Your map will show you clearly how real the danger is.

THEY aren't trapped yet. And a million Germans, caught in a trap, can put up quite a fight.

That is why the Russians are building a straight, strong, DEEP line as they advance.

But the situation that is building up holds possibilities of disaster for Hitler.

THERE'S a surprise in the news today. British NAVAL aircraft make a heavy attack on JAP military targets at Sabang, at the northwestern tip of the former Dutch island of Sumatra. The planes were launched from the British naval force operating in the Bay of Bengal.

The attack in itself isn't so important, but as serving notice to the Japs that the British have strong naval forces operating in that area it is highly interesting.

THERE are no new developments in Burma. The British bomb Akyab and the Japs bomb Calcutta. There were three Jap raiders and two of them were shot down. The Jap bombing of Calcutta is believed to be aimed at the morale of the Indian people.

AN interesting note comes from the South Seas.

American Flying Fortresses sink a Jap ship disguised with tree branches and foliage to make it resemble an island. It sunk just off New Britain and is presumed to have been on its way to Buna, trying to get supplies.

22 PERISH AS ROCKS CRUSH MOTOR COACH

Three Passengers Escape Pennsylvania Tragedy

By MARBEN GRAHAM

ALBUQUERQUE, Pa., Dec. 22 (AP)—Twenty-two persons perished last night when two boulders, one weighing more than 100 tons, crashed down upon a big yellow Ohio River coach bus crowded with homegoing war workers. Only three passengers escaped, two of them with critical injuries.

The pre-Christmas tragedy occurred a mile east of here at 5:10 p. m., as the bus threaded its way around a treacherous "S" curve on a narrow, slippery road. Three other busses were just ahead of it and two were trailing.

Several Saved

The boulders toppled down from a 100-foot high perch with little warning, although the driver of the bus behind said Dymtro (Dan) Karapan, 27, piloting the ill-fated machine, swerved sharply to the left as if trying to escape the falling, death-dealing mass.

This swerve saved four persons in the rear of the bus, although one of these died later in a hospital.

Pulled Out
"There was no warning," said Joseph M. Manko, the lone passenger able to go home after the accident. "Just a crash and not so loud, either. I didn't hear a cry, nor a moan. But I guess I was stunned. I was pinned by broken seats on top of me but managed to pull out my legs."

"Men kept calling to me to climb out. They were from the (Continued on Page Two)

Eight Airmen Escape Injury in Flight Accident

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Dec. 23 (AP)—Eight navy airmen escaped without injury when one plane in a flight of four crashed against a mountain, and the other three made emergency landings near here yesterday.

The plane crashed after ripping through 50 yards of treetops. It caught fire and was destroyed, but its two occupants were unharmed. Naval sources said the other planes were damaged only slightly.

Names of the airmen, all from a San Francisco bay district training station, were not announced.

New Guinea Yanks Didn't Wait for Order to Start

By WILLIAM F. BONI

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA, Dec. 23 (AP)—American infantrymen who were assigned to mop up behind an Australian tank force at Cape Endiader, three miles southeast of Buna village, when the attack started December 18, were so eager to get into action they didn't wait for their signal, Aussie tank officers disclosed today.

The officers, who were tank commanders in early stages of the action, said the plan called for 13-tonners and Aussie infantry to occupy the territory, and then the Yanks to follow in behind, cleaning out whatever emplacements the others had bypassed.

"That was the plan," said an officer who was wounded in the head and hand when a Jap climbed the side of his tank and fired through a slit.

"But your boys saw our infantry trying to pull apart some

'Mystery Baby' With Parents



It was a joyous return of Pittsburgh, Pa., "mystery baby" with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tyson at a hospital there. The child was found in a hotel lobby. The parents, who identified the boy as their son, face a charge of abandoning him.

Aerial Santa Takes Turkeys to African Front

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 22 (Delayed) (AP)—An aerial Santa Claus has assured one group of American soldiers, far in the front lines of this battleground, their traditional Christmas dinner.

Lieut. Robert S. Dorsey of Pittsburgh, Kas., flew into their base with his bomb bay loaded with 16 turkeys.

The delivery was arranged by Major Joseph Cunningham, the squadron leader, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

He warned Dorsey of dire results if he harmed a single feather of the valuable cargo.

The turkeys arrived with every gobble and feather intact.

Large RAF Force Heads Over Channel

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A large force of bombers crossed the Thames estuary this afternoon, headed over the channel toward the continent. They flew at high altitude.

The air ministry disclosed that the raiders included Hurricane bombers, Whirlwinds and American-made Bostons. Attacks were (Continued on Page Two)

Army Announces Higgins Will Build Cargo Airplanes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)—A contract under which Andrew J. Higgins, New Orleans shipbuilder, will build "a large number of cargo carrying airplanes" for the army was formally announced today by the war department.

Neither the number of planes nor the estimated value of the contract was disclosed, the department saying only that the planes would be built on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis, and the total outlay would amount to more than \$5,000,000.

Attorneys for Higgins said some time ago that a contract had been negotiated for construction of 1200 cargo planes, but there was no confirmation of this figure in the department announcement.

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PLANES TAKE CRACK AT JAPS ON SUMATRA

Allies Chalk Up Small Gains on New Guinea Battlefront

By The Associated Press

British naval forces, boldly thrusting at the "back door" of Japan's South Seas zone of conquest, were officially credited today with sending planes into a heavy assault on Japanese military targets at the northern tip of Sumatra, the Dutch East Indies, in the first attack there since last March.

A British admiralty communiqué said British naval aircraft, launched from warships operating in the Bay of Bengal, made the attack December 20 at Sabang, at the north end of the 900-mile long island.

Fires Set
"Large explosions followed by fire were observed," the admiralty said.

London quarters said planes from the 23,000-ton British aircraft carrier Illustrious, which was reported in the Bay of Bengal—October 23, possibly made the attack.

Sabang is approximately 800 miles east of Ceylon, the nearest British naval base.

Akyab Attacked
The raid, challenging Japan's claim of several months ago that Japanese forces controlled the Bay of Bengal, was carried out without loss, it was announced.

Meanwhile, allied bombers and fighter planes roared back to the attack on the Japanese base at Akyab, in Burma, as Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's ground troops from India pressed through coastal swamplands toward the base.

Guinea Gains
A united nations communiqué said RAF planes pounded (Continued on Page Two)

50 Rooms, Plenty Of Meals Needed For Soldiers

The Commandos, who are doing a bang-up job of making plans for the entertainment of visiting soldiers, sailors and marines over the Christmas holidays, still need 50 rooms and plenty of meals for the service men expected here from various points on the coast. If you have an extra room, can give meals during the coming weekend, or would care to donate to the Commando fund, please call 9103, headquarters, after 1 p. m.

Mrs. Louis Seruys, Commando mother, said that the response Wednesday morning had been generous but there was still a great need for both rooms and meals.

Those not having room in their homes may reserve hotel rooms for the men, it was pointed out, and any help given Commandos in their effort to entertain the men who will be away from home will be most appreciated.

War Bulletin

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Vigorous patrol activity marked the battle of Tunisia yesterday and "enemy artillery has shelled some of our positions," an allied communiqué announced today.

French forces fighting on the right wing of the allied line were reported to have forced an enemy detachment to withdraw after capturing some axis prisoners and equipment.

Farther south, the communiqué said, "French forces are in close contact with the enemy."



On five sectors of the long Russian front, the reds are pouring it on the nazis. Chief pressure of the winter offensive was directed at Millerovo (3) and in the Voronezh (2) and Stalingrad (4) areas. The Russians continued their offensive near Rskav and Vyasma (1) and pushed back fierce nazi counter-attacks at Stalingrad.

DAVIS ENCOURAGED BY SPANISH ACTION

Movies Won't Be Censored, Says OWI Chief

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)

OWI Director Elmer Davis said today the declaration of peace and solidarity newly concluded between Spain and Portugal is "a very encouraging sign" that the Franco government is truly committed to a course of neutrality.

The formation of this Iberian neutrality block, he added, should "exercise a stabilizing effect on that end of the Mediterranean."

Excitable Hollywood

Davis, ranging over a wide field, said that OWI, in requesting that movie producers submit scenarios or screen treatments to OWI before producing them, had no intention of censoring movies or ordering compulsory changes in films.

Hollywood's reaction to the request may be ascribed largely, Davis said, to the fact that Hollywood "is a very excitable place and they're quite imaginative out there."

Previously only completed films have been submitted. Davis said the new system would permit OWI to suggest changes in the interest of the (Continued on Page Two)

Reinforcements Landed at Malta

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Large reinforcements, war supplies and materials have been landed at Malta "without major interference from the enemy," the admiralty announced today.

One U-boat was destroyed during the operations, the admiralty reported in a communiqué.

Allies Slash at Supply Lines to African Front

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Dec. 23 (AP)—Two axis warships and eight merchant vessels were reported today as sunk or damaged along the Mediterranean supply routes to the remaining German-Italian strongholds in North Africa.

Allied planes and British submarines and light surface ships cooperated to slash at the arteries of reinforcement for Marshal Erwin Rommel and Gen. Walter Nehring while British, French and American ground troops made ready for final tightening of the Libyan-Tunisian vise.

Allied aerial superiority was indicated authoritatively in the Tunisian theatre as well as in Libya, where British and American planes have ranged the

Spare Tires May Have to Be Taken, Asserts Jeffers

OMAHA, Dec. 23 (AP)—Rubber Administrator William Jeffers said today that due to the rubber shortage, automobile owners may have to give up their spare tires and it may be necessary to take tires from cars of persons who own more than one passenger car.

He made the comment at a meeting here to discuss simplification of gas rationing forms for farmers.

Jeffers said the recent tire collection drive netted 10,000,000 tires but about 40 per cent are scrap and from 30 to 35 per cent are worth recapping. The rest are ready for immediate use.

Resistance Crushed
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Soviet dispatches said eight (Continued on Page Two)

Rushing the Season Is Part of This War Business

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 23 (AP)

Rushing the seasons is just part of this war business. A display of valentines appeared in a local store window today with the admonition, "Uncle Sam advises mailing your valentine overseas sometime during Christmas week. The very latest date is January 15."

And the funny part of it all—the sales are brisk.

1000 Killed in 'Quake in Turkey

ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 23 (AP)—About 1000 persons were killed and many more injured in an earthquake Monday that destroyed the town of Erbaa, Turkey, near the Black Sea port of Samsun, telegraphic reports said today.

Erbaa's population is about 5000. The reports said a death list higher than 1000 was expected when rescue work was finished.

Nazis Claim Wiping Out of British Sabotage Party

BERLIN, (From German Broadcast), Dec. 23 (AP)—The German high command reported today that a British sabotage party was wiped out at Bordeaux December 17 "before carrying out its task."

(No report of such an operation, presumably by commandos seeking to destroy German installations near Bordeaux, a big submarine base, has come from the British.)

SWIFT GAINS ENGULF TOWNS, STOREHOUSES

Million Nazis Face Entrapment Behind Russ Wall

By ROGER D. GREENE

Associated Press War Editor
Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's red armies, driving across the middle Don steppes toward Rostov, were pictured in soviet dispatches today as having engulfed several dozen more towns and villages, captured 22,300 prisoners, and advanced so fast that they seized German winter storehouses.

"We are distributing Dutch chocolate and Rhine wines to our fighters," said a message from Russian vanguards.

Hardships Faced

Military reports said the Russians were advancing on the German-occupied eastern Ukraine on a long, straight front some 200 miles west of Stalingrad, forming a deep line studded with machinegun positions, mortars and heavy artillery.

Behind this wall and threatened with entrapment, nearly a million German soldiers and their satellites are faced with another winter of bitter cold, meager supplies and hardship.

Rail Captured
Some red army troops already had urged back into the Ukraine, once known as "Russia's bread basket," after capturing the town of Nikolaev.

Altogether, on the middle Don front and the central (Moscow) front, soviet offensives were reported to have wrested back more than 800 miles of vital rail lines needed by the Germans to supply and reinforce their hard-pressed invasion armies.

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Motorists Urged To Put Off Car Repair Work

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (AP)

Because of the dwindling supply of automotive mechanics, the office of defense transportation today urged motorists to put off unessential repairs until after the war.

ODT said motorists should make only those repairs which are necessary to safe operation, or to prolong the mechanical life of cars.

"Neither the manpower nor the supplies can any longer be spared to repair bent fenders, replace radiator grills, or do other unnecessary repair work," ODT said.

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Shopping Day Left

...I MADE IT! MERRY CHRISTMAS

