

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 29—High 38, Low 24
Precipitation as of December 23, 1942
Stream year to date 5.78
Last year 5.64 Normal 4.10
Dec. 31—Sunrise 8:30 Sunset 5:18

SOVIET STEAMROLLER UNCHECKED

Yanks Take Buna Triangle

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BY this time, you're familiar with the importance of BASES in modern warfare. Kotelnikovsk, just taken by the Russians, was an important German base.

Huge supplies of war material were accumulated there and fed out to the German forces operating against Stalingrad. These supplies came to Kotelnikovsk by way of a rail line leading out of Rostov.

The Russians have now CUT this line, shutting off the supply flow.

BEFORE the present Russian offensive, the German operations against Stalingrad and the Volga were fed by two rail lines—the one just referred to, leading through Kotelnikovsk, and another one, branching eastward from the main Rostov-Moscow line at Likhaya.

BOTH of these lines have now been cut by the advancing Russians.

LONDON military authorities quoted in today's dispatches think the cutting of these supply lines virtually seals the doom of 22 German divisions (about 300,000 men) now trapped before Stalingrad.

This opinion is based upon the fact that modern armies can't operate without adequate supplies.

THE Germans have been using transport planes heavily in getting reinforcements and supplies to their forces before Stalingrad, but with all their speed transport planes can't take the place of railroads in moving the vast volume of supplies needed by modern armies. They can only supplement them.

And the Russians have been SHOOTING DOWN German transport planes in considerable numbers. They report destroying 32 of them on Monday.

IF you really like to understand the news as it happens, it will pay you to get out your map and make a careful study of the rail lines in southern Russia, where the big news is now coming from.

Russia has comparatively few paved highways, and in bad weather her unpaved roads quickly become impassable. Her railroads therefore have exceptionally great military importance.

TO the north of Rostov, the tide of the Russian advance has flowed around Millerovo on both sides and is approaching, according to today's dispatches, "another big populated place"—which may be Kamensk.

The next big objective of this drive is undoubtedly Rostov, approximately 100 miles away. If the Russians can push through to Rostov in time, they will cut the LAND route for the retreat of an estimated MILLION Germans still east and south of that key point.

If and when that happens, the fireworks will begin.

AT this critical moment, the morale of these Germans is an important factor, and so we study the dispatches from day to day for signs of deteriorating German morale.

The Russian high command says today: "In one sector (in the Kotelnikovsk area) the commander of an enemy battalion came over to our side and VOLUNTARILY surrendered. He was told to return to his detachment and bring it over in its entirety. He returned and brought back the entire battalion (Continued on Page Two)

VICTORY TAX STARTS WITH JANUARY WAGE

Friday Marks Beginning of Deduction, Treasury Says

By FRANCIS J. KELLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The treasury, it was learned authoritatively today, has ruled that the new victory tax must be withheld from all wages and salaries paid in January, even though part or all of the money was earned this month.

In other words, a man paid monthly on the first part of the month will find a victory tax nick taken out of his pay envelope this Friday, despite the fact that he worked for the money in December. The same is true of all salaries paid on Friday.

Period Disregarded

The treasury ruling was based on the language of the law which says "There shall be levied, collected and paid for each taxable year beginning after December 31, 1942, a victory tax of 5 per centum upon the victory tax net income of every individual."

Wages and salaries received in 1943 are to be considered "income" for 1943 under the ruling, regardless of the period in which they were earned.

Byrd Objects

Two members of the senate finance committee, active in the drafting of the new tax bill, (Continued on Page Two)

Maybe Kaiser's New York Workers Were Rained Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30 (AP)—One-third of the 2500 New Yorkers imported this fall have left their shipyard jobs, a Henry J. Kaiser company spokesman said today, but he didn't know how much truth there is in a rumor they were "rained out."

"Everybody gripes about the rain, even the native Oregonians," he said.

Many of the New Yorkers, however, have become good workers, he added, and some have been made foremen. The labor turnover has been just as heavy among workers from Texas, Montana and other states, he pointed out.

Klamath Man One of Eight Aboard Missing Bomber

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 30 (AP)—The public relations office of the Columbia air base announced today the names of seven of the eight men aboard an army medium bomber which has been missing since last Saturday night on a flight from Barksdale Field near Shreveport, La., to its base at Walterboro, S. C.

The public relations office said an extensive aerial search for the plane, under way since Sunday, had been unsuccessful. The plane was scheduled to reach its base Saturday night.

Members of the crew included: Second Lieut. Thomas A. Johnston; next of kin, his father, Bernard Johnston, RFD No. 3, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Second Lieutenant Johnston, aboard the missing plane, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Johnston of Weyerhaeuser. He graduated with the coveted wings of the United States (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Army Air Force Wings Over Nazi Sub Pens

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Heavy bombers of the United States army air force attacked submarine pens in the Nazi-held French port of Lorient this afternoon, it was announced officially.

Three of the bombers were missing, but the communique said a "number" of enemy fighters were destroyed when they attempted to intercept the raiders over the target area.

A joint bulletin from the air ministry and headquarters of the United States army, European theater of operations, said allied fighters also made sweeps over enemy territory without encountering air opposition.

Hundreds of fighters were said to have flown on the diversion sweeps.

The 600-mile flight to Lorient, a big U-boat base on the edge of the Bay of Biscay, was the fourth over France by the big bombers this month.

REINSTATEMENT OF WORKERS REFUSED

Secretary Scored for Calling Briggs Strike

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The war labor board announced today it had declined unanimously to order reinstatement of seven workers at the Briggs Manufacturing company's Connors avenue plant in Detroit where the Mechanics Educational society called a strike on November 4.

The board approved the recommendations of a panel majority which condemned Matthew Smith, national secretary of the independent union, for "highly irresponsible and reprehensible" actions in calling the Briggs' (Continued on Page Two)

As to Butter, Don't Let It Happen Here

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 (AP)—As to butter: A West 70th street store sold it today, two ounces per person (while the supply lasted) and displayed this sign: "A grocer recently dropped dead when a customer asked for a pound of butter. Don't let that happen here."

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2nd Lt. Thomas A. Johnston

OTHER ALLIED FORCES RING BEACH STAND

Japs Put Up Bloody Battle; Burma Base Lashed

By The Associated Press

Hard-fighting American troops in New Guinea were officially credited today with the capture of the "bloody triangle," a series of 13 fortified bunkers bitterly defended by the Japanese, while other allied forces slowly closed a trap around the enemy's narrow beach corridor at Buna.

Front-line dispatches said the Americans drove out the Japanese piecemeal and then inflicted heavy casualties in beating off an enemy counterattack.

The fierceness of the Japanese defense was illustrated when American soldiers mopping up one sector found a single Japanese operating eight machine-guns by means of strings and wires rigged in a series.

"Mopping up of captured positions is in progress," Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced. "Our troops expanded their initial wedge still farther to the west."

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Names Talked For Appointment To Boivin Post

Louis H. Craver, local railroad man, and Lee Jacobs, radio man, had appeared before the county court by Wednesday noon for discussion of the appointment of a state representative to succeed Harry D. Boivin. Both men are understood to be actively interested in the appointment.

Another name that appeared in connection with the situation is that of Brady Narey, amusement establishment operator. Friends of Narey were understood to be urging him to try for the appointment.

The law requires that the appointee to fill the vacancy must be a democrat, and must have been a democrat for the past five years, because that is the party affiliation of Boivin.

Leigh Ackerman, local police judge, who has been mentioned for the legislative appointment, has about decided against seeking the appointment. Ackerman is an active candidate, it was learned, for the position of United States marshal for Oregon, vacated by the death of former (Continued on Page Two)

Four Killed as 3 Nazi Raiders Bomb British Coast

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Four persons were killed today when three German planes bombed the residential districts of a southwest coast town in a raid which lasted but a few moments.

The raiders, believed to have been F-W 190's, first dropped bombs then returned to strafe the town with machine-gun and cannon fire. Some persons were trapped in wrecked buildings.

Two enemy planes later bombed a southeast coast village and caused some casualties.

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Yes, It Was Bill Randall



Bill Randall—it's Lieutenant Commander Randall of the U. S. navy now—is shown at left above, having breakfast Wednesday with Ensign Frederick Herbs of the navy. Yes, it was Bill who flew over Klamath Falls late Tuesday afternoon, when townspeople rushed outside to watch two navy advanced trainers over the city. Randall flew one of the planes and Herbs the other. Lieutenant Commander Randall, former manager of the Klamath airport and for seven years operator of the Klamath Air Service, is now stationed in southern California. The navy officers stayed over here Wednesday.

U. S. Troops Advance to Within 40 Miles of Gabes, Strategic Tunisian Port

LONDON, Dec. 30 (AP)—United States troops were reported in a Reuters dispatch today to have advanced to within 40 miles of Gabes, strategic Tunisian port which lies approximately midway between axis-held Tripoli and Tunis.

The direction of the advance was not stated, but delayed field dispatches received last night disclosed that an American task force was operating on the southern Tunisian front and told of a recent raid on Maknassy, 55 miles northwest of Gabes and 40 miles from the coastal road and railway, in which 21 Italians were captured.

Allied shelling of enemy positions in the hills above Medjez-El-Bab and patrol clashes in which the allies inflicted casualties and took some prisoners were announced in a communique from the North African headquarters.

It was disclosed that United States and British bombers and fighters had struck out anew through electrical and rain storms and severe icing to keep up their battering of axis troops bases, eastern Tunisian ports, and roads of supply.

The enemy positions shelled were in the Heleous area, the scene of intermittent clashes for several days.

There was no specific mention of the ridge six miles northeast

Ship-Building Replaces Lumber As No. 1 Industry

SALEM, Dec. 30 (AP)—Oregon's shipbuilding industry, which was almost non-existent two years ago, has replaced lumber as Oregon's No. 1 industry, the state unemployment compensation commission said today.

The commission's wage reports for the third quarter of 1942 showed that shipyard workers were paid \$42,923,449, compared with \$30,464,182 to lumber and logging workers.

Berlin Reports 'Nuisance Raids'

BERLIN (FROM GERMAN BROADCASTS), Dec. 30 (AP)—The Berlin radio reported today that a small number of British bombers had carried out "nuisance raids" over western Germany last night.

YEAR-END EDITION
See the Thursday edition of The Herald and News for the annual news review, including the year's 10 biggest stories, the year in pictures, and a comprehensive news survey.

Kotelnikovski Fall Dooms 22 Axis Divisions

By ROGER D. GREENE
Associated Press War Editor

Russia's steamroller offensive lunged on across the middle Don steppes today and battered at the gates of another "big populated place"—perhaps Millerovo or Kamensk—after seizing the key German-held rail citadel of Kotelnikovsk, 90 miles southwest of Stalingrad.

Already hemmed on three sides, with soviet troops only two miles away at the nearest point, Millerovo lies 120 miles north of Rostov. Kamensk is 40 miles south of Millerovo.

London military quarters said the fall of Kotelnikovsk, the first big prize of the Russian winter offensive, virtually sealed the doom of 22 German divisions now trapped before Stalingrad.

"The capture is a most significant success which even the Germans will not be able to hide," these quarters said.

"It means the extermination of Col. Gen. Herman von Hoth's sixth army, because the only chance the Germans had to get relief was along this railway (the Stalingrad-Krasnodar railway on which Kotelnikovsk is situated)."

Rostov Next Goal

German field headquarters, ignoring the fall of Kotelnikovsk, reported tersely that the Russians had suffered heavy casualties—but gave no figures—in continuing attacks on the Stalingrad and Don river fronts.

With Kotelnikovsk in Russian hands and Millerovo engulfed, the next major soviet objective was apparently Rostov. Its capture would cut off the land escape route of perhaps 1,000,000 German troops in southern Russia.

Other soviet columns striking due west were reported less than 150 miles from the great Ukraine steel city of Kharkov.

Transport Shot Down
Captured after bloody street fighting in which 6360 axis troops were killed and 2770 captured in 24 hours, Kotelnikovsk had served as a main base of supplies for the German siege armies before Stalingrad.

The plight of these nazis forces, originally estimated at more than 300,000 troops, was emphasized by a soviet communique reporting that 32 transport planes were destroyed December 28 in the Stalingrad area as the Germans desperately attempted to supply and reinforce their beleaguered units by air.

Stalingrad Gains
Along with the surprisingly swift fall of Kotelnikovsk, red (Continued on Page Two)

By The Associated Press

Onsuring peak floods swept into the Pittsburgh industrial area Wednesday, forcing several war plants to close, inundating homes, stores and streets and curtailing rail and motor transportation.

From the confluence of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. Bombers Score Hits on Two Jap Vessels

NEW DELHI, Dec. 30 (AP)—United States heavy bombers scored hits on two Japanese supply ships yesterday in a raid on enemy shipping at the occupied port of Rangoon, a communique announced today.

The first, a tanker of about 5000 tons which was headed toward Rangoon from the direction of Oulmein, was set afire and the second, a freighter of between 5000 and 6000 tons, was seen to come to a full stop near the mouth of the Rangoon river after a violent explosion, the communique said.

Congress Plots Study of Federal Marketing Plan

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Visualizing the establishment of a federally-financed marketing system through which consumers would pay less for their food and farmers would receive more, Chairman Fulmer (D-S. C.) of the house agriculture committee said today the committee would undertake a study of the proposal shortly after congress convenes next week.

The investigation, Fulmer said, would be to determine how much of the nation's food bill goes to "middlemen," but out of it probably would come recommendations for overhauling the entire marketing set-up.

"It is about time," Fulmer declared, "that the public was told who gets most of the money spent for food produced by our farmers. Too many people long have had the idea the farmer was getting the money, when as a matter of fact there has been a spread of as much as 200 per cent between the price a farmer received for his produce and the price the consumer paid."

Most of this spread, he asserted, went to "middlemen who, like leeches, are sucking the money out of the consuming public and letting the farmer take (Continued on Page Two)

Plane Noses Over in Field Near Macdoel

DORRIS — A government plane, believed to be a navy observation craft, made a forced landing and nosed over in a farmer's field near Macdoel, Calif., south of here, at about 5:15 p. m. Tuesday.

The two occupants of the plane, one of whom is named Alquist, were not hurt. They spent the night at the Virgil Holbrook ranch near Macdoel.

The plane nosed over on its back in soft mud after running some distance in the clover field on the R. J. Young ranch.

Survivors Landed From Torpedoed Ship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—The navy announced today that a medium-sized British merchant vessel was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine during the middle of November in the Atlantic off the northern coast of South America, and that survivors have now been landed at a U. S. east coast port.

Six of the 47 crewmen were killed when the ship was torpedoed without warning at night and the rest got into two lifeboats.

The survivors said that on the fourth night adrift they sighted a ship but apparently were mistaken for a submarine as the vessel fired five shells in their direction and sped away. They were rescued by another ship the next day.