

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 31—High 42, Low 25
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Last year 5.68 Normal 4.18

VALLEY RESIDENTS FLEE FLOOD

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NEW YEAR'S Day is traditionally a time to TALK—often about things that are HOPED rather than believed.

UNDOUBTEDLY in that vein, Hitler tells his people in a New Year's message that "however hard this winter may be, it can't be harder than last winter." He proclaims there will be no repetition of the German collapse in 1918 and pledges a fight to the end.

"Germany," he says, "will never be conquered and never will capitulate."

THE best comment is to quote from his last big speech, in which he told the German people:

"Stalingrad will be TAKEN—have no fears as to that."

THE Russians, realistic now, as always, confine their talking to WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, rather than what they are GOING to do.

It is plenty. They report that in six weeks of fighting in the Stalingrad area they have killed and captured 312,650 Germans and taken back 1589 Russian towns and villages.

SOVIET PRESIDENT KALININ (dealing, you will note, with accomplishments rather than future hopes) offers a flat opinion.

"During the past year," he says, "the German army sustained losses which EXHAUSTED its OFFENSIVE power."

In a special New Year's communique, the soviet high command takes time out from telling of accomplished facts to indulge in a bit of sarcasm.

The German plans to take Stalingrad and cut the Volga-Caspian line, it says, were hurriedly formed, without taking into consideration Germany's actual resources or Russia's reserves.

That to Germany, which has boasted the smartest military leadership in the world.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT speaks of the peace to follow the war, and says it must be a LASTING peace.

There are no dissenters.

BUTRESSING the New Year's talk is the announcement that the Russians yesterday pushed 40 MILES westward from Elista, reaching the eastern end of a 50-mile-long lake whose frozen surface offers good going for a further advance.

It is the biggest jump they have made in any single day.

It carries them in the general direction of the Rostov-Baku main trunk line railroad that supplies all the German forces operating in the Caucasus.

THESE forces would be trapped if this rail line were cut BEHIND them. The Russians have been doing a lot of railroad cutting lately.

A THRILLING bit of news comes from the South Pacific.

U. S. heavy bombers deliver a mass attack on Wake Island, where American marines made history for a couple of weeks a year ago before being finally overwhelmed by the Japs. More than 75,000 pounds of bombs were dropped, huge fires were started, 23 Jap planes were destroyed and possibly half of the Jap defenders of the island killed.

Two bullet holes in wings are reported to be the extent of damage to our planes and not a man of the crews was killed or hurt. The Japs are said to have been caught completely unprepared.

It happened the day before Christmas.

ON the other side of the ledger, four Jap fighter planes appear unexpectedly at Kiska, intercept a U. S. bomber-fighter (Continued on Page Two)

Reds Deal Staggering Blow

U. S. BOMBERS RAID JAPS ON WAKE ISLAND

Half of Force May Have Been Killed In Attack

By The Associated Press
Huge American bombers were disclosed today to have raided Japanese-garrisoned Wake Island in a terrific mass attack the day before Christmas, and delayed reports from the Pacific said possibly more than half of the Japanese forces there were killed.

Not one of the raiding bombers was lost, reported Olen W. Clements, Associated Press correspondent, who rode in one of the planes.

He said 75,000 pounds of bombs started immense fires in the attack, which began one minute after midnight and caught the Japanese asleep on the island where for 16 days a year ago United States marines made one of the most gallant last stands in military history.

The base from which the bombers struck was kept a secret.

Jap Planes Hit
Allied headquarters in Australia announced a continued aerial offensive in which Japanese airfields were attacked at Lae and Wake, New Guinea; Gasmata, on New Britain, and Buika, on Bougainville island in the Solomons.

At least 23 Japanese planes were listed as destroyed or damaged, and of this number United States Lockheed Lightnings, new star performers in the skies over the southwest Pacific, were (Continued on Page Two)

Re-Sentencing Of Wallace Set

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dodson will re-sentence Wednesday William E. Wallace, Portland, to die in the lethal gas chamber at Salem for the first degree murder of Benjamin J. Finkell, former lottery resort capper, here August 8, 1941.

The state supreme court recently denied Wallace's petition for a rehearing. The death sentence is mandatory on such a conviction in Oregon.

F. R. Says Post-War Peace Planning Vital Necessity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that it was a "supreme necessity" to plan for the post-war peace and to carry forward after the war the unity now being displayed by the United Nations, to prevent another world cataclysm.

The president issued a statement at a press conference opening the new year, asserting the United Nations "are passing from the defensive to the offensive," and adding:

"The unity achieved on the battle line is being earnestly sought in the not less complex problems on a different front.

"In this as in no previous war men are conscious of the supreme necessity of planning what is to come after—and of carrying forward into peace and common effort which will have brought them victory in the war.

"They have come to see that the maintenance and safeguarding of peace is the most vital single necessity in the lives of each and all of us."

The statement was issued on the first anniversary of the signing here last January 1 and 2



Black areas show approximately, on the basis of available reports, territory reconquered by the soviet armies on the southern front. Russians pushed closer to Rostov (A) in their drive to cut off German armies far to the south in the Caucasus salient (B). Shaded line shows maximum German penetration before the soviet counter-drive began.

COURT WILL NAME BOIVIN SUCCESSOR

Craver, Jacobs Still Talked; Technical Question Raised

Klamath county court will meet at 10 a. m. Saturday to end the political flurry that has developed over the appointment of a successor to State Representative Harry Boivin, resigned.

The names of L. H. Craver and Lee Jacobs continued to dominate the informal discussions of the opening, which will be filled by the court at the Saturday morning meeting.

Craver appears to have the blessing of Boivin, the outgoing legislator. The nominating committee of the democratic central committee endorsed Craver, a railroad man.

Technical Issue
Jacobs has the advantage of having been a runner-up in the spring primary legislative race. (Continued on Page Two)

7 Missing in Plane Sinking Off Coos Bay

SEATTLE, Jan. 1 (AP)—Thirteenth naval district headquarters announced today seven men were missing from a navy PBV flying boat which sank a mile off Coos Bay, Ore., last night after alighting on the ocean because of engine trouble. One officer was known to have reached shore.

The navy reported the plane, on a routine flight, set down after circling and dropping flares. The plane started filling with water and sank in three-quarters of an hour, and the crew abandoned ship.

Early today an ensign was found unconscious in a life raft and was taken to an army camp at Yachats, Ore.

The navy said a larger raft and one life jacket were found ashore, but whether the seven missing men reached shore was undetermined. A search was underway.

Coastguardsmen tried to reach the sinking plane last night, navy headquarters reported, but were prevented by a 15-foot surf and rocky beach.

Of the missing men, two were officers and the other five enlisted men, the navy reported. Names were not immediately available.

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ALLIES GIVEN 1943 KEYNOTE BY COMEBACK

Huge Nazi Losses on East Front Told; Force Trapped

By JAMES M. LONG
Associated Press War Editor
Soviet Russia sounded an allied keynote for 1943 today with the official claim of one of the war's most staggering blows to Nazi arms in triumphant communiqués announcing more than 312,650 Germans killed or captured in six weeks of a carefully-timed comeback campaign.

The Russians declared that the remnants of 22 German divisions were trapped and apparently doomed before Stalingrad, and said 1589 towns and villages had been won back under the red banner.

Menace Grows
Heightening the menace to the whole German force in the eastern Caucasus, the Russians reported driving 40 miles or more in a single day across the Kalmiuck Steppes beyond Elista to the shores of a 50-mile-long lake which extends within 90 miles of Salak.

From Salak one key rail line runs northwest to Rostov, and from just south of the lake spur lines connect with the Rostov-Baku trunk railway down which the nazis advanced last fall.

President Michael Kalinin of the soviet union declared in a New Year's message that during the past year "the German army sustained losses which exhausted its offensive power."

The RAF bombed in the new year with attacks on western Germany and northern France. Britain, meantime, had a raidless night.

There were no new reports from the northern waters, where British warships damaged and drove off an enemy cruiser and possibly sank a destroyer in a fleet action which the admiralty said last night was continuing.

Quiet New Year's Eve Celebrated In Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls celebrated one of the quietest New Year's eves in history according to state and city police, and not one single traffic accident marred the entrance of 1943 on streets or highways.

State officers said drivers were using caution although there were "lots of cars on the roads." At the city police department only five drunks were arrested following Thursday morning's court, lower than average number of police pick ups.

Five minutes after the New Year whistles blew, the city fire department was called to the R. C. Martin residence, 208 Eldorado street, where a cigarette had started things to burning. There was a little damage, firemen said.

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Novelist Takes Blame for Soldier



Ursula Parrott (right), the novelist, charged with aiding a soldier to desert, told reporters at Miami, Fla., at her arraignment that "it was just an impulse" that caused her to drive Private Michael Neely Bryan out of an army stockade in her auto. She said Bryan was blameless.

U. S. Loses Two Planes in Bout Over Kiska

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The navy reported today that four Japanese "Zero" float planes had shot down two American Lightning fighters while losing only one of their own number in a battle over Kiska in the Aleutian islands.

Communications Number 235 said: "North Pacific: 1. On December 30, at 9:30 p. m., a force of 'Mitchell' medium bombers (North American B-25) escorted by 'Lightning' fighters (Lockheed P-38), was intercepted by four Japanese 'Zero' float planes while proceeding to attack two enemy cargo ships (or transports) in Kiska harbor. Two 'Lightnings' and one 'Zero' were shot down during the fight. The 'Mitchells' attacked the enemy ships with uncertain results. One of our bombers was shot down.

"2. On December 31, at 1:47 a. m., U. S. medium bombers again attacked the enemy ships in Kiska harbor. Three hits were observed on one of the (Continued on Page Two)

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SLIDES DISRUPT TRAIN OPERATION

Re-Routing Required By Storms in Cascades to North

Storms and slides in the mountain area north of Klamath Falls snarled train communications through this section and all northbound traffic was being routed out of Dunsuir, Ashland and Medford, Southern Pacific information revealed.

Last of the southbound passenger trains to go through Klamath Falls left at 10:30 p. m. Thursday when No. 15, The West Coast which left Portland at 10:25 p. m. Wednesday, got through the slides at Wicopee, south of Oakridge. The West Coast, traveling on The Oregonian block just 10 minutes after that southbound train left Portland at 10 p. m. Wednesday, was caught between slides which thundered down on the tracks a few moments after The Oregonian's passenger coaches slid over the rails. Tracks were cleared hours later and the West Coast was the last southbound to go through Klamath Falls.

The Beaver, No. 12, left Klamath Falls early Thursday morning followed by No. 20 which arrived here, northbound, at 1:50 p. m. Thursday, out at 2:15 p. m. Passengers on No. 20 were still at Fields late Friday morning, between Crescent Lake and Eugene. (Continued on Page Two)

Violent Deaths At New Year's Show Decrease

By The Associated Press
Fewer violent deaths than last year appeared to have attended the nation's New Year celebration, an Associated Press survey indicated today (Friday).

Thirty-seven fatalities, 26 of them caused by traffic accidents, were recorded shortly before noon (CWT). This was a sharp decline from the 132 deaths—83 of them in traffic—marked up during January 1 last year.

Credit for the reduction went at least in part to national rationing of gasoline and the reduction in the volume of speed of motor travel.

Fatalities from miscellaneous causes in New Year celebrations included the death of a New York woman who plunged down an elevator shaft during an office party and the asphyxiation of two persons in Ohio as they prepared to attend a party.

Marooned Pelican Hoopmen Scrimmage With Oregon Frosh

The Oregon Frosh and the Klamath Falls Pelican basketball teams met in a practice scrimmage tilt at Eugene last night which was arranged when the Pelican hoopmen returning from a 30-26 defeat at the hands of the Albany high school squad Wednesday night found it impossible to continue because of flood waters.

In an Associated Press note from Eugene, they declared the Frosh practice was only booked because the Pelicans were stranded there. No score was available, nor information as to when it would be possible for the Pelicans to return home.

WILLAMETTE COUNTS LOSS OF \$5,000,000

Large Evacuation on In Eugene Area; Rescuers Busy

PORTLAND, Jan. 1 (AP)—Western Oregon's rivers, swollen far beyond flood stages, had claimed at least three lives today, probably four, and rescue workers in the Willamette valley were fearful there would be more.

Near Albany, in the mid-valley, Mrs. Marvin Smith and her small daughter, were drowned when her husband attempted to drive through a flooded road. The car skidded into a ditch and was inundated. Smith and an unidentified soldier from Camp Adair were thrown clear. After unsuccessful efforts to extricate the others they saved themselves by climbing a tree. A farmer, William Peacock, rescued them.

Near Cottage Grove a car driven by Nick Skrebensky, 47, Portland, struck a slide and skidded into a swollen creek. His wife, Helen, drowned and her body was swept downstream. Skrebensky reached shore.

Rescue workers at Eugene heard that an unidentified elderly woman suffering from paralysis, died of shock after being evacuated from her flooded home.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1 (AP) Evacuation orders went out today to more flood-plagued Willamette valley communities as a new crest mounted in the wake of an inundation that already has done damage estimated at \$5,000,000.

C. C. Mongold, resident U. S. army engineer at Eugene, hub of the current Willamette river flood, told residents of Santa Clara, Riverwood, Glenwood and Good Pasture island to quit their homes in those fertile farming lowlands.

Between 1000 and 2000 residents (Continued on Page Two)

Adolf Says Peaceful Nazis Had War Forced Upon Them

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (AP)—Strictly on the defensive and devoid of new victories over which to boast, Adolf Hitler reverted to a favorite theme today in his New Year message to the German people by blaming the allies and the "Jews" for starting the war and promising there never would be a repetition of 1918.

In a special proclamation broadcast by the Berlin radio, Hitler pictured Germany as a peace-loving nation and himself as the leader who sought only to save his countrymen from their enemies and insure their future welfare.

The proclamation was bare of reference to developments on the Russian front, where the German armies are reeling under the blow of a six-weeks-old

soviet offensive, and likewise ignored the axis rout in Libya and the allied landings in North Africa.

It abounded, however, with praise for the German people in enduring the hardships of war and praised the courage of the German troops, who, Hitler declared, would overcome all obstacles to achieve the final victory.

"Germany will never be conquered and never will capitulate," the fuhrer asserted. "Our strength, the courage of our troops and the faith of the German people as well as the achievements of our brave allies in Europe and Asia give us the right to believe in victory."

Hitler coupled this statement with a warning that the winter (Continued on Page Two)