

### 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

January 1—High 48, Low 33  
Precipitation as of December 26, 1942  
Stream year to date ..... 6.48  
Last year ..... 5.68 Normal ..... 4.28

# REDS SWARM OVER 2 KEY CITIES

## Flood Claims Seven Lives

### In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
THE spotlight in Russia shifts today to Velikie Luki, nearly a THOUSAND miles from Stalingrad.  
The Russians announce its capture after a fight to the death in which red artillery and infantry close in and crush all resistance, adding that the German garrison refused to lay down its arms and was wiped out.  
The German high command DENIES ITS FALL.  
NOTE the denial. It is significant, seeming to betray a chink in the armor of German leadership.  
It indicates FEAR.  
Fear that the German people CAN'T TAKE too much bad news.  
LET'S pursue that thought a moment.  
It isn't the German army itself the leaders fear—yet. The German soldiers garrisoning Velikie Luki died rather than surrender. The fear concerns the people at home, who CRACKED in 1918.  
Hitler said in his New Year's Day speech they WON'T crack again, thus betraying the fear in his own mind that they WILL.  
That same fear must be back of the high command's denial of the fall of Velikie Luki.

ALL this, you must remember, is mere amateur psycho-analysis, and as such is hazy and intangible. But if fear of the German people IS present in the minds of the German leaders it is important.  
Too frequent denial that something bad can happen is extremely apt to mean that the denier fears it will happen.

BATTLE dispatches relate that Velikie Luki was elaborately fortified and surrounded by thousands of mines, pillboxes and tank traps. Its defenses included even a special system of hooks hidden under the snow to entangle and trip up advancing troops.  
IT is a crossroad of the Moscow-Riga and Leningrad-Vitebsk railways and is only about 100 miles from one of the main trunk rail lines supplying Smolensk, the principal German base in Russia, with which it is connected by intersecting rail lines.  
If the Russians should push on and cut this main trunk railroad WEST of Smolensk the Germans would face a lot more trouble.  
Velikie Luki is only 175 miles from Dvinsk, in Latvia, which is a spider web of main trunk rail lines connecting with Riga, Leningrad and the whole upper Baltic region.

THE Russians say today that Hitler's armies are in "harried retreat" across a thousand-mile front, "abandoning vast quantities of arms and supplies."  
If that is true, ANYTHING might happen.  
We must remember, however, that this statement may be tinged with propaganda. It is better to keep our fingers at least slightly crossed for a while.  
ELSEWHERE than Russia, developments are not important.  
The British 8th army has another brush with Rommel's rear guard about 180 miles east of Tripoli and Rommel runs again. The ruckus occurs at Wadi Bel el Chebir, a series of dry gullies offering good defense possibilities.  
There's a hint today that Rommel may have been getting considerable reinforcements and (Continued on Page Three)

### U.S. WARPLANES DEAL BLOWS IN PACIFIC AREA

#### Curtin Pleads for Aid As MacArthur Tells Bitter Battle

**By The Associated Press**  
American warplanes, smashing at Japan's invasion armies from Kiska Island in the Aleutians to the Solomons, were officially credited today with dealing heavy blows to the enemy as Australian Prime Minister John Curtin appealed "to the proper quarters" for greater help in the Pacific war theater.  
A navy department communiqué said U. S. air force fliers yesterday attacked ships in Kiska harbor, bombed the vicinity of Kokumabono "where Japanese headquarters on Guadalcanal island are believed to be located," and blasted the Munda area of New Georgia island in the Solomons.  
Aid Asked  
All U. S. planes returned from the widespread forays.  
In Australia, Prime Minister Curtin urged more strength for allied force and an early offensive to drive back Japan's far-flung invasion hordes.  
Curtin's representations followed a statement on Thursday in which he declared that the "United Nations in the Pacific area are being denied resources for their total war effort."  
Desperate Fighting  
Curtin's argument was underlined by the continued difficulty of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's expeditionary force in wiping (Continued on Page Three)



### Appointed

Louis H. Craver, railroad employee, appointed to the legislature by the county court to succeed Harry Boivin, resigned.

### COURT APPOINTS LOUIS H. CRAVER

#### Railroad Employee to Fill Post Vacated By Boivin

Louis H. Craver, 38-year-old Klamath railroad employee, was appointed a member of the state house of representative by the Klamath county court Saturday morning.  
He was named to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Harry D. Boivin, who resigned because of his recent appointment as a federal attorney.  
Grateful  
Craver, a life-long democrat, was informed of his appointment by the court at the courthouse Saturday morning, and made this statement:  
"I am grateful to the court for choosing me to fill this vacancy.  
"It is my intention to go to the legislature with an open mind, and I will give honest and conscientious consideration to every bill on which I must vote. I will weigh all the facts and will avoid too-hasty judgments. I am grateful to the people who recommended and supported me as a possible candidate."  
Two Candidates  
Members of the court said that Craver and Lee Jacobs, local (Continued on Page Three)

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#### Tributaries of Willamette Falling, Says Bureau Chief

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Property damage was running into the millions of dollars.  
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Tributaries Falling  
The Portland harbor patrol said one or two log rafts containing a million feet broke loose in the Salem area and apparently passed Oregon City during the night. If the boom held together, the patrol said, bridges upon which the city depends for cross-town transportation, might escape harm.  
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### Shaw Brings Plane Home in Freezing Gale

#### LONDON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The crew of a United States army Flying Fortress, including the copilot, Robert D. Shaw of Klamath Falls, Ore., told yesterday how they managed to bring their big plane home only a little out of formation after the pilot was seriously wounded by a German shell which exploded in the cockpit during Wednesday's raid on the German submarine base at Lorient.

After the pilot had been knocked out, Lieutenant Shaw managed to carry on despite a badly lacerated arm.  
A 20-millimeter shell from an attacking Focke-Wulf-190 blew the top out of the cockpit, knocking out the oxygen apparatus and admitting a freezing hurricane into the plane at the dangerously rarified 21,000-foot level.  
The top turret gunner carried the pilot aft where he was given first aid, then returned to help Shaw in the cockpit. The bombardier, Lieut. John R. Bell, Jr., of Prescott, Ariz., crouched behind the two, rubbing their backs to keep them from freezing in the gusty cockpit.

### Aircraft Roar Back to Britain

#### FOLKESTONE, Jan. 2 (AP)—Hidden in the clouds, aircraft were heard roaring back to their British bases today from the direction of the Calais area in France, presumably returning from a bombing mission against axis bases.

### Do You Have Yours?



Motorists jammed the auto license bureau of the sheriff's office in the courthouse basement Saturday morning, buying 1943 auto licenses. They filled the room and formed a queue down the hall. State police said no arrests had been made but that all motorists driving cars without licenses are subject to arrest under the law.

### WILLKIE URGES UNITED COUNCIL

#### United Nations Should Be Fact, Not Idea, Says He

NEW YORK, Jan. 2 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie today called for the formation of a working common council of the united nations to plan war and economic strategy now and cooperation after victory.  
Addressing an opera victory rally at this afternoon's performance of the Metropolitan Opera company, the republican candidate for president in 1940 asserted the united nations must be made "a fact and not a mere euphonious phrase." The program was broadcast over the Blue network.  
Common Council  
"If history has taught us anything," Willkie said, it has taught us that people obtain in a peace only what they win while they fight.  
"What I want to emphasize today is that planning will do no good unless we give our plans reality; that we will have (Continued on Page Three)

### Normal Train Movement Resumes North of Klamath

Normal train movements were resumed early Saturday following a disruption on the Southern Pacific lines north of Klamath Falls.  
No new slides were reported on the route, officials said. Train 19 arrived here at 7:10 Saturday morning south bound, approximately 12 hours late.

### Army Searches Pursuit Plane

PORTLAND, Jan. 2 (AP)—The army searched today for a pursuit plane more than 36 hours overdue on a flight from Portland to Pendleton.  
The army air base here said the ship stopped in Portland briefly en route from McChord field.  
The plane has not been heard from since Thursday night, army officials said. Persons living between here and Pendleton have been asked to be on the lookout for the missing ship.  
Flight time between here and Pendleton ordinarily would not be more than an hour.

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### Conifer Lumber Transferred to Smith Company

Ownership of the Conifer Lumber company of Klamath Falls has been transferred to the Ralph L. Smith Lumber company, and beginning with the new year is operating under the new name, it was learned Saturday.  
Conifer Lumber company was established here in April, 1941, by W. E. and Carl Huson, and operates a lumber re-manufacturing business. Its principal product has been interior finish, but recently it has been going heavily into crating manufacturing on war orders.  
Ralph L. Smith company operates a mill at Canby, a box factory at Alturas, and mills at Sutherlin and Coquille.  
Carl Huson, who has served as manager of the plant here, said he will continue with the operation temporarily.

### Uncle Sam Is Now in Debt \$112 Billion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Uncle Sam was \$112,470,920, 266.79 in debt at the end of 1942.  
The treasury's daily statement disclosed this today, showing an increase of \$48,208,785,114.57 during the 12 months.  
The year was a record breaker for the treasury in many ways. During 1942 it spent \$57,408,220,819.94 and collected \$15,402,564,319.56, and had in its till as a working balance on December 31 \$9,780,459,706.30.

### War Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—The navy reported today that American submarines in the Pacific had sunk seven merchant-type Japanese ships and damaged a destroyer in recent operations.  
These successful attacks by American submarines on the enemy's supply and transport shipping raised to 112 the total number of Japanese ships of all types announced as sunk by American submarines in the war to date.

## It's Easier to Face Jap Anti-Aircraft Fire Than Win a Race, Says Zamperini

**By CHARLES McMURTRY**  
HEADQUARTERS, SEVENTH AIRFORCE, January 2 (AP)—Lou Zamperini, former national collegiate mile champion, finds it easier to face Japanese anti-aircraft fire on a bombing raid than to compete against Cunningham, Fenske, or Venzke on the cinder track.  
Zamperini, 25-year-old former USC distance star from Torrance, Calif., was a bombardier on the army air force's Wake Island raid December 24. Lou, a second lieutenant in the army air corps, bombed a runway and bunkers on Wake. He was one of those awarded an air medal for their deeds.  
"Nobody was scared," said Zamperini after his return. "I think everyone had an excited, jumpy feeling—exactly the same as that one gets before a big race. I've been scared more before a race against Cunningham, Venzke and Fenske than I was that night."  
The Wake Island raid was the first combat flight for this

### ROMMEL KEEPS UP FLIGHT TO TRIPOLI

#### Fighting French Advance Northward in Libya

**By The Associated Press**  
LONDON, Jan. 2—The British were over another hurdle today in the pursuit of the axis across Libya as Marshal Rommel, still preferring to run rather than fight, pulled his retreating army farther west of Wadi Bel el Chebir.  
The headquarters communique in Cairo said eighth army vanguards had driven axis motorized units back after a clash west of the Wadi, a series of gulches in a row about 195 miles east of Tripoli.  
Reinforcements Through  
It was one of the last places in the Libyan wilderness where (Continued on Page Three)

### Klamath County "Miraculously" Tops Bond Quota

Klamath county miraculously topped its war savings quota for December, it was announced today by A. M. Collier, county war savings chairman.  
Collier received a wire from Ray Conway, state administrator, stating this county's sale of E bonds hit \$255,000, against a quota of \$249,000.  
"I call it miraculous because in December only E, or the smaller type of bonds counted on the quota," said Collier. "None of the big purchases by governmental bodies, etc., were permitted to go into the quota, as in the past."  
"The result shows the largest sale of E bonds in the war savings effort in this war, so far as Klamath county is concerned."  
"I am proud and happy. Congratulations to the people of Klamath county for a remarkable showing of thrift and patriotism in the Christmas month."

### NAZI GARRISON WIPED OUT AT VELIKIE LUKI

#### Elista's Fall Acknowledged; Velikie Denied

**By ROGER D. GREENE**  
Associated Press War Editor  
Adolf Hitler's command acknowledged today that German troops had evacuated Elista, capital of the Kalmyk region in the Caucasus, but denied soviet claims that the triumphant red armies had won the key nazist stronghold of Velikie Luki 90 miles from the Latvian frontier.  
Nazi headquarters said the garrison at Velikie Luki was holding out stubbornly yesterday, despite fierce soviet attacks, and added:  
Garrison Slain  
"Russian reports that Velikie Luki has been occupied already are therefore not correct."  
It did not tell of the progress of the battle today.  
Russian headquarters declared the entire nazi garrison was slain when it refused to surrender.

### Naval Battle Told

The Germans said Elista was evacuated after town had been destroyed.  
Against the black tidings from the eastern front, the German radio sought to bolster home morale with reports of purported allied losses in a naval battle in the Arctic sea, off Bear Island.  
An official nazi account asserted that several "enemy" cruisers were damaged, a de- (Continued on Page Three)

### Ten More Enlisted Men Add to Saga of Heroism

#### By MURLIN SPENCER

WITH AMERICAN TROOPS ON NEW GUINEA, Dec. 31 (Delayed) (AP)—Two small bands of enlisted men have joined Uncle Sam's ever-growing list of heroes with deeds which deserve to be long remembered even in this jungle battleground where extraordinary feats of daring are so frequent they have become commonplace.  
Six volunteered for a bridge repair mission on a shell-pocked spot near the Buna government station. One lost his life under the blasting fire of Jap machine-guns. The survivors failed to fulfill their assignment, but their heroism is unquestioned.  
Another group of four swam 125-foot Entrance creek, crept into the government station and rescued two seriously wounded soldiers they had never seen before. (Identities not stated.)  
The rescue was accomplished December 30, after the men had hidden silently for 30 hours within the Jap lines. Two previous efforts to reach them had failed. The rescue was effected by Sergeants Norman Marine

### Drives for War Funds Halted, Says Morgenthau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—Treasury Secretary Morgenthau announced today that there would be no more special drives for funds to finance the war until April because the treasury had borrowed an historic total of \$12,906,000,000 during December through its victory fund campaign.  
The original December goal of \$9,000,000,000 was overreached by 43.3 per cent.  
The actual total of money brought into the treasury last month was \$15,600,000,000, because of \$2,700,000,000 received in taxes and other collections.

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