

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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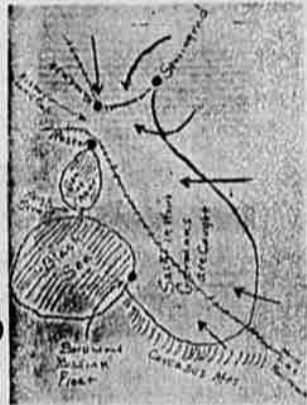
WARSHIPS SMACK JAP AIRFIELD

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A SIGN appears in the sky today. The Russians assert that the German army is in FULL RETREAT in the Caucasus, blowing up bridges and mining roads. Reuters (British news service) estimates in London that half a million of Hitler's finest troops are in headlong withdrawal before the twin Russian offensives in the Caucasus and the Middle Don area.

IT may be the sign we have been awaiting. It is CERTAIN that if and when Hitler begins to pull his armies out of the sack in which the Russians have enclosed them he will face a situation that bristles with dire possibilities. The problem he faces looks roughly like this:



If he tries to take his armies out through the narrow Rostov land gap, the Russians will be tearing at his flanks—and tearing at a retreating enemy's flanks has been a Russian specialty for centuries. Particularly in WINTER.

If he tries to escape by water (Black Sea and Sea of Azov, with the narrow Kerch strait between) he will be harried by the Russian Black Sea fleet, which is now based at Batumi. The fleet will be abetted by Russian land-based planes—helped possibly by British and American planes sent in from Iraq.

IF he decides to sit tight and stick it out, he will have a tough time supplying his armies. Any way he looks at it, the picture isn't a pleasant one for Hitler.

Everything depends on the strength the Russians still have in reserve.

IN the accompanying rough doodle drawing, which is a crude attempt to set forth Hitler's present difficulties in Russia, the arrows represent Russian armies closing in on the Germans from nearly all sides.

FROM elsewhere in the world, the news isn't particularly exciting today.

There is air raiding and small-scale ground activity (mostly by the British) in northern Tunisia. Wes Gallagher, AP correspondent, told us yesterday not to look for anything decisive there for at least a couple of months.

During this period of rains and mud, both sides will be straining every nerve to get in reinforcements, and the air forces will keep hacking away at each other.

ROMMEL is still lost in the Libyan dust storms. At least we've heard nothing of his whereabouts for several days. It may be that this news silence means that something is cooking there. That is often the case.

US and Australian heavy bombers hit Jap shipping at Rabaul (maybe the Jap armada Australia has been talking about), leaving EIGHT Jap ships afire or sinking and destroying a ninth ship with a direct bomb hit. They were all (Continued on Page Two)

SOLONS OPEN 78TH CONGRESS AMID CHEERS

Bureaucrats Warned; Congress Waits FDR Speech

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn told a cheering house today that when victory at war is won "this time there must be no stopping until the vandalism and paganism of Berlin, Rome and Tokyo are wiped from the face of the world."

"We must disarm these vandals and keep them disarmed," Rayburn said. He had shortly before been reelected house speaker as the 78th congress convened.

Determination Pledged He told the house that this nation would be confronted with "worldshaking" problems at the war's end and that the problems of "trade and commerce, peace and civilization must be looked to."

Simultaneously, he pledged that it would be his "unswerving determination" as speaker "to protect, to defend the rights, the prerogative and the powers of the house."

Both the senate and house quickly disposed of preliminaries so that President Roosevelt may report tomorrow on a year at war and his program to achieve victory.

Rayburn called for "teamwork" between the legislative and administrative branches of government, and asserted: "The cooperation must be mutual and understood by all of us."

Consult White House He said that he had "no complaint" about the cooperation tendered congress in the past by the president, of whom he said "I do not believe that a greater war leader than our present commander-in-chief could be found."

Big Nazi Troop Transport Sunk In Mediterranean

LONDON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The admiralty announced tonight that a large enemy troop transport and a supply ship had been destroyed and that two other ships had been hit and probably sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean.

The big troop transport was encountered off Sicily while bound southward—toward Africa—with a heavy escort but she was hit by three torpedoes and sunk, the communique said.

Lawrence Lowell, President Emeritus Of Harvard, Dies

BOSTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—A. Lawrence Lowell, 86, president emeritus of Harvard university, died today at his Boston home. The elderly educator, who presided over the destinies of the three-centuries-old university for three decades, died after a brief illness.

General Clark to Head Fifth Army in Tunisia

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 6 (AP) Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, the tall, 46-year-old American officer who made a daring landing on the hostile shore of North Africa from a submarine for a secret meeting with French officers before the allied occupation, has been placed in command of the newly activated U. S. fifth army, now preparing with its British and French allies to drive axis forces from Tunisia.

Telephone Poles Bring Seaplane Tender Safely Home



The seaplane tender McFarland, a converted 1200-ton destroyer, had a large section of her stern blown off when attacked by Jap bombing planes off Guadalcanal, but the crew patched her up and used telephone poles to make a jury rudder and brought her back to Pearl Harbor. The temporary rudder is shown.

French Cooperation With Allies Assured, Despite Darlan's Death, Report

By WES GALLAGHER ALGIERS, Algeria, Jan. 6 (AP) An authoritative source said today that the political complications following the death of Admiral Jean Darlan had made no change in the admiral's pledge to use the French fleet at Dakar with the United States and British navies and had caused no slackening of pro-allied French military effort.

"French sailors have been saddened by the admiral's death, but there has been no slackening of their morale and they are ready to take their ships to sea against the axis when they are ordered, which will be as soon as possible," said this informant, whose identity may not be divulged.

Persons in the confidence of Gen. Henri Giraud, high commissioner for French North and West Africa, expressed satisfaction with the suggestion of Gen. Charles de Gaulle for a meeting to unite pro-allied Frenchmen under one banner and pointed out that there were no differences between the two men, both of whom are fiercely anti-Nazi.

Over-Optimism About Early End Of War Rapped

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Elmer Davis, director of war information spoke out today against over-optimism about an early end to the war and stressed particularly the "continuing serious submarine menace."

Davis, who in his New Year's message to the people last week, advised them to expect casualties and losses inevitable in war, took specific exception to a prediction of Admiral William F. Halsey, South Pacific commander, that the war will end this year.

"I have no information to support such a prediction, although I have been trying to get some," Davis told a press conference. The information director said that, to the best of his knowledge, the Germans still were (Continued on Page Two)

Flood Drives 500 Marion Families From Residences

SALEM, Jan. 6 (AP)—Approximately 500 Marion county families were driven from their homes in the Willamette river flood last week, the Marion county Red Cross said today as it prepared to rehabilitate all of the victims. Between 150 and 200 of those families suffered severe property damage. The river dropped to 15.3 feet today, five feet below flood stage and 15 feet below Saturday's crest. The bodies of two highway department workers who were drowned in repairing the Salem-West Salem bridge Saturday night have not been found.

ACKERMAN RETURNS TO POLICE FORCE

Civil Service Commission Settles Leave Question

Former Police Judge Leigh Ackerman was back on the city police force Wednesday, following determination of a question raised as to his civil service status after more than two years in the police judge's office.

At a meeting of the civil service commission Tuesday night, City Attorney Joe Carnahan gave the opinion that the rules would not prevent Ackerman's return to the force and said it would be "dangerous" not to reinstate him.

Leaves Granted The question was raised through a request by police force members for a clarification of the rulings as regards leaves of absence and their effect on the status of department personnel. Sergeant Paul Robertson stated the question was not raised as a personal issue with Ackerman. It was brought out in the discussion that Ackerman was first (Continued on Page Two)

California Eyes Revocation of Alien Citizenship

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 6 (AP)—Revocation of the American citizenship of all American born Japanese who have professed dual citizenship allegiance to Japan was proposed today in both houses of the California legislature.

A series of bills and resolutions with this proposal as their main objective were announced by State Senator Clair Engle, former district attorney of Red Bluff, and Assemblyman Lloyd Lowrey of Rumsey.

They also advocated the denial of commercial fishing licenses to Nipponese aliens and in press statements declared their intention to work for the strengthening of the state's alien land act which prohibits non-naturalized Japanese from owning or leasing land in this state.

London's Worried Over Opening of New U. S. Congress

LO'DON, Jan. 6 (AP)—London newspapers displayed anxiety today over the opening of the new congress in the United States. Headlines read: "Will U. S. Again Become a World Hermit?" Daily Mirror: "Roosevelt's Foes Today Start Congress Battle to Cut Down His Power." Daily Express: "The Next Sixty Days—Don't Lose Faith in America."

Nazi Army On Run

MIGHTY EFFORT MADE TO CHECK RED ONSLAUGHT

Red Steamroller Advancing on All Fronts

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Jan. 6 (AP)—The German army was reported in full retreat in the Caucasus today, blowing up bridges and mining roads in a desperate effort to check the surging advance of Russian forces driving hard at its heels.

Red Star, organ of the soviet army, said Russian forces, which already had stormed and won the important towns of Mozdok, Nalchik, Prokhladnenski, Kotlyarevskaya and Maiskoye, continued their sweeping advance along a wide front, winning back a large number of additional towns.

Town Overrun The entire province of North Osetia, lying between Ordzhonikidze and Nalchik, had been won back under the red banner by soviet forces operating along the west bank of the Terek river, while other Russian troops rolled the Germans back to the north, Red Star asserted.

To the north, along the lower Don, the Russians were reported fighting forward after overrunning the important Nazi bridgehead town of Tsimlyansk and thus driving a second spearhead within 125 miles of Rostov, whose fall might doom the entire German force in the Caucasus.

The first spearhead was thrust earlier southwest of Kamensk to a point about 100 miles north-west of the great Don mouth port of Rostov.

Line Shattered (Reuters, British News Agency) (Continued on Page Two)

OPA Outlaws Pleasure Driving On East Coast

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—The office of price administration today outlawed all pleasure driving by holders of "A," "B" and "C" gasoline ration cards on the Atlantic seaboard and prescribed the cancellation of gasoline rations as the penalty for failure to comply.

The order is effective as of noon tomorrow, January 7. "The presence of passenger cars at any gathering for purposes of sport or amusement will be taken as prima facie evidence that gasoline rations and tires are being dissipated needlessly and illegally," said OPA. "The ban on pleasure driving will also apply to driving to purely social engagements."

Simultaneously, OPA declared fuel oil heating rations of all buildings except those used for residential purposes in the east would be "cut substantially within the next 24 hours." No details were given.

U. S., RAF Crews Cripple Jap Facilities in Burma

NEW DELHI, Jan. 6 (AP)—United States and Royal Air Force flying crews are crippling some river and rail transport facilities used to transport Japanese troops and supplies in Burma, communique reported today.

While United States bombers raided railroad yards in Mandalay Monday, starting fires that could be seen for 70 miles, other crews attacked a 15,000-ton vessel moving up the Irrawaddy river toward Rangoon. Thick



Allied bombers spread-eagled the southwest Pacific battle zone today, attacking in New Guinea, New Britain, and sinking or damaging 10 enemy ships in Rabaul harbor. An Australian official warned of a Jap armada massing in the area.

ALLIES CAPTURE TUNISIAN POINT

Axis Driven From Strategic Hills West Of Mateur

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 6 (AP) Allied forces have captured Djebel Azzag and other points in the vicinity as part of attacks in which British troops have driven the enemy from strategic hills 15 miles west of Mateur, allied headquarters announced today.

The newly won positions were not immediately located and the communique did not describe them.

Sfax Bombed "Our forces are mopping up isolated machine-gun posts and have repulsed a counter-attack against one of our newly won positions," the communique added.

Flying Fortresses—U. S. four-motored B-17 bombers—raiding the enemy port of Sfax were said to have scored hits on or near a cruiser leaving the harbor and to have left the power station in flames. American medium B-26 Marauder bombers also attacked a Nazi air-drome at Kairouan, about 36 (Continued on Page Two)

Sen. O'Daniel To Try Again on Army Beer Ban

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP)—Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) announced today his intention to lay before congress again a proposal to banish beer and stronger alcoholic drinks from army camps, naval stations and surrounding territory.

He told reporters he would introduce in the new congress a bill similar to that which died with the old session after the senate demonstrated opposition to such partial prohibition.

His bill, he said, would prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages in the camps and within a radius of them to be determined by the commanding officers.

DEEP THRUST STRIKES MUNDA IN SOLOMONS

Two-Fisted Assault Lashes Pacific Islands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (AP) The navy reported today that American bombers had sunk a Japanese cargo ship in Aleutian waters, January 5, and had scored a direct hit on another ship.

By The Associated Press American warships boldly steaming into the heart of the Japanese defense zone in the Solomons have successfully bombarded the airfield at Munda, New Georgia island, 180 miles northwest of Guadalcanal, where the enemy has been developing an important base.

The foray, announced in a navy department bulletin, was the deepest northwest thrust by U. S. surface ships so far reported in the immediate waters of the Solomon archipelago.

Two-Fisted Assault The communique said Japanese bombers tried to intercept the warships but were driven off by four navy fighter planes which shot four into the Pacific and probably destroyed two others. It said the action occurred in the pre-dawn darkness of Tuesday.

The sea attack was part of a two-fisted assault by allied forces on Japanese bases menacing the American hold on Guadalcanal. Heavy bombers were credited officially today with sinking or damaging 10 enemy ships in Rabaul harbor, New Britain.

Cruiser Attacked In the background of these attacks was an Australian warning that Japan was massing a new war fleet in the southwest Pacific.

The navy communique said that B-26 medium bombers followed the warships in another (Continued on Page Two)

9000 Miners Remain Away From Jobs in Pennsylvania Fields

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Jan. 6 (AP)—Nine thousand miners remained away from their jobs in nine of the largest collieries in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields today in a fractional dispute centering around a 50-cent a month increase in union dues.

The movement, condemned by the United Mine Workers of America, develops "while the UMW and mine operators worked on a plan to increase production for war needs, in accordance with a request from Solid Fuels Coordinator Ickes.

A dues increase from \$1 to \$1.50 was voted at a UMW convention last October, over the protests of many anthracite delegates. Many leaders from bituminous fields favored it.

The first increases were deducted under the check-off system from the miners' last two pay checks. The miners want this money returned.

Body of Third Flood Victim Found Near Isle

CORVALLIS, Jan. 6 (AP)—The body of the third Benton county victim of the Willamette river flood, John Heffner, was found Tuesday near Ingram island, a short distance from the spot where he went down. Sheriff W. M. Harper and assistants went to the island to aid in the search, but neighbors had recovered the body before they arrived.