

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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JAP TROOP TRANSPORTS SUNK

Nazis Admit Reverses in Russia

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE long awaited, long hoped for headlong German retreat out of southern Russia seems definitely to be underway today. The Germans admit it themselves. They announce cautiously that they are "shortening their front lines by withdrawing from advanced positions." By sad experience during the dark days when our side was doing that with discouraging regularity, we know what it means. Their retreating armies are burning villages and scattering thousands of land mines behind them. That is about as dependable evidence of defeat as one could want.

The victorious Russians are pressing in for the kill. It is announced this morning that they have narrowed the Rostov gap to 65 miles, having gained ten miles yesterday. You will note from your map that they are advancing in a broad front on both sides of the Don—risking no narrow wedges that might be bitten off at their base. That is further encouraging evidence of the strength behind their drive.

A FURTHER hint of Russian strength is contained in the report today that the Germans are evacuating the civilian population from Rzhnev, 130 miles northwest of Moscow, that, if true, means that Rzhnev is finally about to fall. The Russians, you see, are able to keep up the fighting all along the vast front.

THE next few days will be exciting ones, telling us whether the Germans will be able to pull themselves out of the terrible hole they've got themselves into in the Caucasus.

FROM MacArthur's headquarters comes the heartening news that final destruction of the Jap army at Buna can now be regarded as accomplished. Its original strength, it is disclosed, was about 15,000 men. A final attempt on the part of the Japs to get reinforcements to the Buna beaches ended in disaster, two of their transports being sunk and another seriously damaged. They've lost 107 ships since they landed at Buna last July.

IN Tunisia, the British and the Germans have been fighting back and forth for a strategic height in the ring around Tunis and Bizerte, with the Germans in possession as these words are written. Bad weather has descended on Tunisia again, slowing up the fighting both on the ground and in the air.

Sudden Mine Fire Thought Fatal to Several Workers

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 8 (AP)—A sudden mine fire caught the night shift of the Pursglove Coal Mining company underground early today and first official reports said it was "reasonably certain" that three or four men had died. Rescuers, inching their way through dense smoke, had found one body by mid-day, that of Foreman Guy Quinn, about 40, and mine officials expressed hope that some of 12 others still missing would be found alive. The fire, in a mine motor at the No. 15 mine—a short distance from No. 2 mine where 20 men died in a blast last July, caught 78 men underground but officials said all but 13 were accounted for.

SHORT DEFENSE ASKS QUASHING OF INDICTMENT

Witness Names Were Rubbed Out, Says Motion

A motion was filed in circuit court Friday by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for County Clerk Mae K. Short, asking the court to set aside the indictments of Mrs. Short on charges of accepting unauthorized payments. The motion was based on the grounds that names of two witnesses who allegedly appeared before the grand jury—Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg and County Commissioner John R. Reber—did not appear as endorsed upon the indictments and had been scratched out.

Assertions Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Albany, who has been assigned to the case, will decide whether the indictments and endorsement conform to the requirement that all witnesses appearing before the grand jury in such a case must be endorsed upon the indictments.

The motion asserts that on or about November 2, 1942, Circuit Judge Vandenberg directed the grand jury to investigate County Clerk Short. On October 30, 1942, it is charged by Carnahan, Judge Vandenberg, showing much "choler and anger," stated in open court that the grand jury should be called to investigate the county clerk.

Order Made On this date, the motion charges, Judge Vandenberg in the hallway of the courthouse said in a "loud and raucous" voice, that the jury be called to investigate and indict the county clerk. Carnahan's filing then alleged that Judge Vandenberg on that occasion assaulted and manhandled the county clerk and alleged that the judge's doings be (Continued on Page Two)

Allied Fighter Planes Streak Across Channel

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Large formations of allied fighter planes were seen streaking back and forth across the channel today in what appeared to be continuous attacks on targets in northern France to follow up last night's bombardment of the German Ruhr.

Most of today's assaults appeared to be directed at the Calais district, from which one formation of planes was seen returning at 20,000 feet. This was the first time in four days that poor weather had not restricted aerial activity over the channel.

French-American Camel Corps Takes Desert Town

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 8 (AP)—Attacking against heavy odds, a French and American camel corps had captured Tanout Maller, 14 miles from Talret in the southern Tunisian desert near the Tripolitanian border, only 200 miles southwest of Tripoli, a French military spokesman declared today. This was the closest allied penetration so far reported to Tripoli in a sweep to the south of the main axis defense line through northeastern Tunisia. Two hundred and fifty Italians were reported killed in the attack. (London sources said the camel corps which took Tanout Maller was a partially motorized force of savage, swift mov-

Soviets Close in on Rostov



Shaded portion of map shows territory—until recently occupied by German forces—through which Russian armies have pushed their drive on Rostov from the north, east and southeast. Heavy black line is approximate front line of Russian drive, although German forces are still pocketed at various points within areas embraced by the drive, notably in the western outskirts of Stalingrad.

Use of Summers School As Training Headquarters Appears Near Certainty

Conversion of Summers school on Summers lane, adjoining the airport, into a headquarters for the war training service (civilian pilot training) appeared a near certainty Friday as county school authorities started arrangements for moving school classes from Summers to Altamont schools.

The matter was taken up with the county school board in meeting this week. Although all details have not been completed, the plan is for the WTS to take over the buildings and grounds on lease, using them for classrooms, dormitory and dining hall for trainees who are in the flight program at the Klamath municipal airport.

Harold Ashley, clerk of the county school district, said that removal of classes to Altamont will be completed by Monday. He said that this can be accomplished without crowding at Altamont, and without affecting the teaching staff. Some re-routing of buses will be entailed in moving the five grades from Summers to Altamont school. Summers students now number about 135.

The transaction is being worked out between school authorities and James Stovall, representing the University of Oregon as coordinator of the pilot training course here. It was stated that the quota of trainees from other towns may be materially increased, since the school building can be used for housing the entire ground school program. At present, trainees live in scattered places and ground school classes are held in the city business district.

The students taking the WTS work under a government program get their flight training at the Klamath municipal airport, where Louis Soukup is the CAA contractor providing planes, instructors, etc., for the flying phase of the program. Forty students are now taking the course.

Heavy American Bombers Blast Palermo Harbor

CAIRO, Jan. 8 (AP)—Heavy American bombers blasted the harbor of Palermo, Sicily, in a daylight attack yesterday without loss of a plane, a communiqué from United States headquarters announced today.

"Cloud conditions prevented observation of the results except for one great yellow explosion in the target area," the war bulletin said. (The Italian high command acknowledged the force of the attack in a communiqué which said "American four-engined planes raided Palermo yesterday with explosive and incendiary bombs, causing damage in the central part of the town. It said losses among the population so far ascertained were 46 dead and 272 wounded.)

Pacific Highway Section Around Shasta Dam Opens

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 8 (AP)—A new section of the Pacific highway rebuilt around the Shasta dam site was scheduled to open for traffic today with the California state guard patrolling the vital Pit river bridge link. The new section is 15 and one-half miles long. The big bridge within the area was formerly guarded by regular army units, but the state took over the job as part of its obligation in operating the span's upper deck for the highway.

Holman, McNary Assigned Places. On Committees WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Assignment of members to standing committees, announced today by the senate republican conference, included: Holman of Oregon—Appropriations, District of Columbia, immigration, military affairs, public lands and surveys. McNary of Oregon—Agriculture and forestry, commerce, Indian affairs, irrigation and reclamation, library.

VICTORIOUS REDS POUND TOWARD ROSTOV

Nazis Evacuate Civilians From City Of Rzhnev

By ROGER D. GREENE Associated Press War Editor Russia's victorious armies, ripping through a wall of German resistance with tanks and planes, were reported to have advanced today within 65 miles of the great German base at Rostov, on the lower Don river, and for the first time Berlin admitted Nazi reverses in the bitter struggle.

The fall of Rostov, gateway to the Caucasus, would cut off German forces unofficially estimated at between 500,000 and 1,000,000 troops.

Rzhnev Threatened At the same time, a British broadcast said the Germans had announced the evacuation of the civilian population of Rzhnev, key Nazi citadel 130 miles northwest of Moscow, as "a precautionary measure."

This suggested that Rzhnev, a vital link in the German defense system on the central front, was dangerously threatened by soviet troops who have been storming its approaches for weeks.

Resistance Fierce Dispatches from Moscow said Russian forces sweeping along both banks of the lower Don river, supported by planes blasting a path for their tanks, had smashed an attempt by hard-pressed German troops to form a new defense line and were driving ahead toward Rostov.

Frontline advances said the Germans were battling desperately to keep open a corridor into the Caucasus, but declared the red army was steadily battering its way through massed tanks and infantry.

Stories Conflict Hitler's armies of the Caucasus, wearily slogging down the long road back, were reported burning villages and scattering thousands of land mines in an effort to impede the triumphant soviets.

While the Berlin radio frankly if cautiously admitted Nazi setbacks (Continued on Page Two)

Six Fatalities Listed in Oregon Industry Report

SALEM, Jan. 8 (AP)—There were six fatalities among the 842 accidents reported by Oregon industries during the week ended yesterday, the State Industrial Accident commission said today.

Fatalities were: William L. Kenline, Salem laborer, injured November 24; Mark Sears, Tillamook truck helper, injured November 9; Archie Cook, Woodburn, highway department foreman, injured January 2 at Salem; Michael Mauer, Stayton, highway department truck driver, injured January 2 at Salem; John W. Thorn, Cottage Grove rigger, injured January 1 at Wendling; Archie N. Brooks, Wendling donkey engineer, injured January 1 at Wendling.

J. J. Lynch Named Senator Pro Tem to Replace McCarty

PORTLAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—The Multnomah county board of commissioners this morning appointed J. J. Lynch, president of the Multnomah chapter of the Oregon Republican club, senator pro tem to fill the post of Senator Chester E. McCarty. Since his election, McCarty has entered the air force and is unable to serve in the legislature.

Knives for Japs



San Francisco is collecting "souvenirs" for the Japs—hunting knives, ancient swords, bolos and just plain old "load stabbers." Marion Leopold, above, exhibits a few of the knives that will go to U. S. soldiers to help them fight the Japs in the South Pacific.

Wallan Bound Over on Second Degree Charge

Justice of the Peace Joseph Mahoney on Friday bound Kenneth Wallan over to the grand jury on charges of second degree murder. The action followed a preliminary hearing in the case, in which Wallan, a mechanic, is accused of fatally injuring James Bowman in a Christmas eve altercation on Shasta way. Wallan was returned to the county jail, where he is held without bail. Justice Mahoney rejected a suggestion from Defense Attorney Joe O'Neill that the charge be reduced from second degree murder to manslaughter to permit the defendant to give bail.

Senate Skipped Traditional Move; Papers Fill Gap

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—The newspapers told President Roosevelt yesterday that the senate was ready to do business.

Traditionally, the house and senate appointed committees to inform the chief executive officially that congress was in session. The house delegation solemnly went through the procedure but Senate Minority Leader McNary (Ore.) and Majority Leader Barkley (Ky.) skipped the whole thing.

"I guess maybe Mr. Roosevelt will keep the good news in the papers," McNary said.

Here's Something New in Hijacking

PORTLAND, Jan. 8 (AP)—Something new in hijacking, brought on by the meat shortage, has appeared here. Police reported that Joe Trachon saw two men take 120 pounds of prime pork from his truck while it was parked downtown. Trachon pursued them but they escaped.

FDR to Submit Data on Social Security Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed today that he expected to submit some data and facts to congress on the social security question but he said he did not know whether he would recommend any specific legislation to the legislators soon. He made the disclosure at a press conference in which he gave qualified endorsement to the idea of putting income taxes on a pay-as-you-go basis. The real problem in all such tax plans, he said, is whether the government will forgive a part or all of current taxes due. Mr. Roosevelt also told questioners that he hoped for a United Nations victory in 1944 and had intended to convey that hope in his message to congress yesterday. As for social security, he sug-

JEFFERS SIGNALS CRISIS IN RUBBER

Green Light Asked in Big Production Program

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Rubber Director William A. Jeffers said today the synthetic rubber program needs a clear priority go-ahead on at least 65 to 70 per cent of its plant construction to avoid a "disaster" in military and industrial transport.

Right now the delayed program is in such precarious balance, he said, that "a few bad breaks would spell catastrophe."

No Western Ban Nevertheless, Jeffers said in an interview that he did not believe the new east coast ban on pleasure driving— necessitated by the petroleum shortage—should now be extended to the rest of the country to save tires.

While asserting that this opinion might have to be revised next summer "when people start driving to the ball parks and beaches and places," the rubber chief said he thought people generally would "cooperate without coercion" in keeping tire wear to a minimum. If possible, he said, he would like to preserve such freedom (Continued on Page Two)

Ursula Parrott Indicted on 3 Counts in Miami

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 8 (AP)—Ursula Parrott, the novelist, was indicted today by a federal grand jury on three counts in connection with the escape of a soldier from an army stockade.

One count charged her with "subversive activities in undermining loyalty, discipline or morale of the armed forces."

Rival Shipyard Workers Agree to Bury the Hatchet

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8 (AP)—Workers of two rival shipyards here today agreed to bury the hatchet in response to President Roosevelt's suggestion that war industries eliminate petty jealousies and antagonisms detrimental to the war effort.

Representatives of Commercial Iron Works and Albina Engine and Machine Works, both builders of subchasers, wired the president plant workers have agreed to drop all rivalries and make 1943 a year of unprecedented achievement.

To celebrate the new amity a joint swift show is planned for workers and their families.

ALLIES BATTER CONVOY NEAR GUINEA COAST

MacArthur Signals Virtual End of Papuan Drive

By The Associated Press ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 8—Allied planes battered furiously at the remnants of a 10-ship Japanese convoy off the New Guinea coast today in the violent climax to a 24-hour running battle in which they were reported officially to have sunk two big transports, one heavily loaded with troops, damaged a third and shot down 18 fighters. The attacks on the convoy, apparently engaged in an attempt to land reinforcements in northeastern New Guinea, were disclosed in an allied communiqué which also announced virtual completion of the Papuan campaign and the annihilation of a Japanese army that once totaled approximately 15,000 men.

Jap Toll High To these successes the bulletin added the announcement that 107 enemy warships and merchant vessels were destroyed or severely damaged by General MacArthur's airmen since July 23—two days after the Japanese first landed at Buna. The toll which the Japanese have paid in their desperate efforts to retain a foothold in New Guinea was emphasized by the disclosure that one of the two enemy transports just reported sunk had gone down with her entire load of troops in a night-bombing attack. How many men were aboard the ship could only be conjectured from the statement that she was a vessel of 14,000 tons and "heavily loaded."

Spotted Jan. 8 The second transport, the communique declared, was disabled by a direct hit, set afire and later sunk. The third vessel, reported damaged, was heavily hit by a 500-pound bomb.

Advices from New Guinea said the convoy had been spotted by a reconnoitering Liberator bomber on the morning of January 6 about 30 miles off New Britain, where the Japanese recently have been re-

Seven Raiders Damage Town

LONDON, Jan. 8 (AP)—Seven German raiding planes, believed to be FW 190's, bombed a southwestern coast town and caused considerable damage today. A hotel was reported hit, but casualties were few.

Four Spitfire fighters broke up the attack. As the enemy fled, smoke poured from one Nazi plane indicating it had been hit by anti-aircraft fire.

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