

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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YANKS STRIKE BLOW AT ROMMEL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THERE'S a mystery in the news today. Flying Fortresses, according to the African dispatches, "strike a heavy blow at Rommel's forces" by battering the axis fort at GHADAMES.

YOUR map will disclose to you that Ghadames is some 450 miles south of Tripoli, down in the desert where the frontiers of Tripolitania, Tunisia and Algeria come together.

What are Rommel's forces, or parts of them, doing away down there? The desert fox has been unheard from for several days. It looks as if something might have been happening that hasn't yet met the eye.

FOR some time a French column has been coming up from Lake Chad, in French Equatorial Africa, to get in on the fighting along the Mediterranean. One guess that Rommel may have sent out a flying column to meet these French, and that the Flying Fortresses mentioned in today's dispatches may be taking a hand in the ruckus.

(This, please remember, is the purest kind of guesswork.)

ONLY air fighting is reported from the Solomons and the South Pacific generally as these words are written. The dispatches add that the Japs have so far lost 680 planes in the Solomons campaign.

From Tokyo comes news, via the radio, that the Jap government has again invoked the prestige of the emperor in an effort to speed up production. Their losses of ships and planes, coupled with our mounting production, must be worrying them.

THE Japs are reported in Washington today, by military authorities who decline to be quoted by name, to be strengthening their hold on Kiska under cover of the fog and the long Arctic nights. These authorities, however, add that the Jap hold on Kiska is probably not much more secure than it was last fall when the fog shut down. The natural guess is that they're hanging determinedly to Kiska in anticipation of US moves in Siberia.

RUMORS continue to be prevalent that American supply ships are moving into Vladivostok under the noses of the Japs, who do nothing about it. War has a lot of queer angles.

THE Russians are still going great guns, moving westward in a wide front along the Bakur-Rostov rail line. At the same time they're coming down the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railroad and are reported today at Kubler, about 75 miles from Salsk, where a branch rail line takes off for Rostov. On this front, they advanced 20 miles yesterday.

They're still pushing the Germans up from the bottom of the sack while at the same time reaching out to close the mouth of it.

BURMA bobs momentarily into the news again today, Wavell reporting that he is meeting STIFFENED Jap resistance in his slow march toward Akyab. British and American planes are raiding Jap rail lines farther back in Burma.

HERE in Oregon, the state senate is still deadlocked, 15-15, in the fight for senate president. Until a president is chosen the senate can't organize, and until the senate is organized the new governor can't be inaugurated.

It's getting about time for some senator, on one side or the other, to abandon politics and turn statesman by changing his vote, thus breaking the deadlock.

In piping times of peace, this (Continued on Page Two)

COSSACKS LEAD RED ARMY INTO KUBAN REGION

Nazis Rolled Back in Western Caucasus, Say Reds

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Jan. 12 (AP)—Led by Cossacks slashing their way triumphantly back into their homeland, the red army rolled the Germans back into the Kuban river region of the western Caucasus between the mountains and the Don, the Russians announced today.

Red Star declared that the Kuban region was penetrated after the Caucasian provinces of North Osetia and Kabardino-Bakaria had been freed from the Germans in the continuing Russian winter drive.

Dramatic Homecoming A communique announced that the red army's cavalry had driven 15 miles into the enemy's positions in fierce night fighting which followed the capture of six more key towns on the Caucasian front.

The fourth guards Cossack corps—the Kuban fighting men who fell back from their towns and villages last summer before the weight of the Nazi offensive—thus were riding in the vanguard of the Russian forces sweeping back across the steppe.

For the black-caped, high-hatted horsemen of the steppes, and for their townspeople, it was one of the most dramatic homecomings of the war.

And as the Russians rolled back over Georgievsk, Mineralnye Vody, Yagorsk, Budenovsk, Karamik and Kislovodsk to broaden their Caucasian front, other forces drove 20 more miles down the rail line past Zimovniki to Kubler, southeast of Rostov, narrowing the semi-circle (Continued on Page Two)

Five Sullivan Brothers Missing In Pacific Action

WATERLOO, Ia., Jan. 12 (AP)—The five Sullivan brothers, who enlisted in the navy together shortly after Pearl Harbor, intent on avenging a pal killed in the sneak attack, are missing in action, the navy informed their parents today.

The brothers served on the cruiser Juneau, which a navy communique last night disclosed was lost in battle around the Solomon islands during November.

The brothers were George T., 26; Francis H., 26; Joseph E., 23; Madison A., 22, and Albert L., 20.

Their father, Thomas F. Sullivan, is a railroad conductor. Their mother has been invited by Navy Secretary Knox to christen a navy tug.

Budget Committee Called in On Courthouse Salary Hoist

The salary increase pot boiled at the courthouse today, with the county court calling members of the budget committee into a meeting on the subject on Wednesday morning.

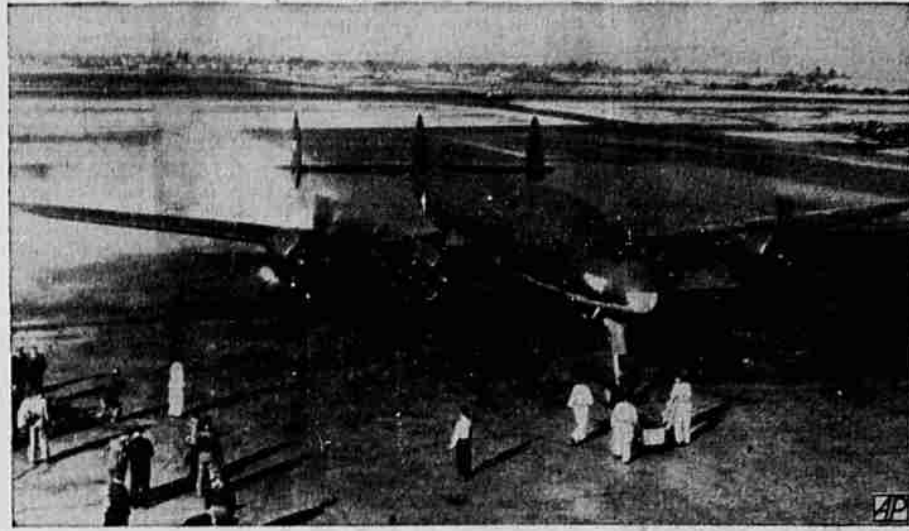
At that time, according to County Judge U. E. Reeder, consideration will be given for possible requests for legislation to give the elective office holders salary raises. Elective office salaries are fixed by state law.

Judge Reeder said that a plan for a "moderate and reasonable" increase is being shaped. He said it might be proposed on a percentage basis, say 15 or 20 per cent, or might be on a flat basis of \$50 or less for all elective office holders.

Budget committeemen R. C. Woodruff, Alfred Collier and E. M. Hammond will be asked what they think of it.

These lay members of the budget committee have already endorsed a salary boost for Justice

Giant New Cargo Plane Warms Up for Flight



Its four motors, each generating 2000 horsepower, roaring a symphony of power, Lockheed's triple-tailed, shark-bodied "Constellation," described as the "biggest, swiftest and most powerful land-based American cargo transport plane ever built," warmed its motors at Burbank, Calif., prior to its first flight. Lockheed said the plane could fly a light tank and its complement of troops across an ocean.

NAVY IDENTIFIES SUNKEN CARRIER

Ten Other Warships Named as Lost In Pacific

By JOHN H. WIGGINS WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP)—With military security no longer requiring secrecy, the navy added to its list of sunken vessels today the names of the aircraft carrier Hornet and 10 other warships—all previously announced as lost but not identified at the time.

The 20,000-ton Hornet, commissioned only a year before its death on October 26, went to the bottom of the South Pacific off the Santa Cruz islands after a battle that inflicted heavy damage on two Japanese carriers and bomb and torpedo hits on an enemy battleship and five cruisers.

Two other United States warships, sunk in the furious November battles that broke the heaviest Japanese attempts to recapture Guadalcanal, were identified as the 9050-ton cruiser Northampton, 6000-ton cruiser Juneau, 6000-ton cruiser Atlanta and the destroyers Nonsens, Cushing, Benham, Preston, Walke, Barton and Laffey.

The navy communique on the engagements in which these vessels and another previously identified destroyer were lost, showed, however, that a total of 18 Japanese warships were damaged and 37 sunk, comprising two battleships, eight cruisers, two large destroyers or cruisers, 10 destroyers and 15 transports.

Describing the Hornet's last hours in a hitherto unpublished interview at Nutley, N. J., a month ago, Marine Private George E. Kindmark, a survivor, told of two Japanese (Continued on Page Two)

Danger of Ice Skating on Upper Lake Emphasized

Dangers of skating on Upper Klamath lake received the worried attention of the city council Monday night, and Juvenile Officer Dave Bridge was asked to confer with the county juvenile officer on plans for preventing further skating activities on the lake.

Bridge said that an "old fellow with a dog" was on the lake Sunday, and that younger people followed him into dangerous places. One boy broke through the ice near the bank. "We had two drownings on the lake two years ago," said Bridge. "It's about time for another."

The council considered an ordinance prohibiting skating on that part of the lake inside the city, but took no action. Most of the lake is outside the city limits.

Bridge said that a pond on a flat near Wocus is a safe place to skate.

(For other safe skating places, see the Middle column on today's sport page.)

Camp White Men To Be Featured On Rotary Show

A bang-up program featuring Camp White soldiers and a short, "Pine Goes to War," will highlight the Rotary club show slated for Saturday afternoon and evening at the Vox theatre on Main street.

The continuous show will be open to the public and during the evening there will be special musical numbers including a soldiers chorus, sent here from Camp White, Medford. Another feature will be the auction sale of merchandise, the articles going to the highest bidder. Mitchell Tillotson is chairman of Rotary's war savings drive for January. The county's goal is \$317,000.

The Vox theatre window is open from 2 to 5 p. m. daily and stamps and bonds are being sold by wives of Rotarians.

Lee Stidd, Former Banker, Sentenced For Savings Fraud

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—Lee C. Stidd, former banker, was sentenced today to 15 months in prison for fraud.

Federal Judge James A. Fee sentenced him to 15 months on each of eight counts but fixed the sentences to run concurrently.

The court denied Stidd's request that the case be investigated by the probation officer and Stidd moved for a new trial.

A jury Saturday night convicted Stidd, former vice president and general manager of the First Federal Savings and Loan association, on eight counts of making false entries totaling \$23,207 in reports to the federal home loan bank board.

REDUCTION IN CITY INDEBTEDNESS TOLD

Progress Reported in Traffic Safety, Aviation

Klamath Falls' bonded indebtedness was reduced \$249,500 in 1942, it was reported by Mayor John Houston in an annual statement to the city council last night.

The mayor said that a reduction of about 25 per cent was made in the fire insurance on municipal buildings, following an appraisal of all city properties. He praised the insurance committee for its work.

Aviation Progress Mayor Houston in his report touched also on the progress made in traffic safety here, on the establishment of loading zones, on the formation and activity of the civilian reserves, and the hospitality extended soldiers.

He said that about \$900,000 was spent on the airport by the CAA and the army and said that aviation is progressing here.

Successful Year The city, he reported, was able to improve streets through a \$7000 allowance from the state highway commission.

The mayor said that all in all, he considered 1942 a successful year in city affairs and he expressed appreciation to other city officials, city employees, and the citizenry in general for help.

Laval Swaps French Labor for Increased Political Power

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP)—In exchange for increased political power, Pierre Laval has contracted to deliver 400,000 more French workmen and some French warships to Germany, a Fighting French spokesman said tonight.

An agreement on this was reached at the December conference of Laval with Adolf Hitler and Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian foreign minister, according to information brought here from France.

Hitler was said to have told Laval that his would be the last French government with which Germany would negotiate, and that he gave Laval direct control over all police, and generally increased administrative authority.

OPA Extends Tire Inspection Deadline

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Oregon OPA announced today that the deadline for tire inspections under the gasoline rationing program has been extended from January 31 to February 28 for holders of B and C cards and to March 31 for A card holders.

The OPA also reminded motorists that No. 3 coupons in A ration books are good through January 21 and that No. 4 coupons will not become valid until January 22.

Deadlock Still On

34 FRUITLESS BALLOTS CAST FOR PRESIDENCY

Steiner Offers Withdrawal If Mrs. Lee Will Do Likewise

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Jan. 12 (AP)—Hope of breaking the senate presidency deadlock, which has delayed the inauguration of Governor-Elect Earl Snell since 2 p. m. today, was held early this afternoon when Sen. W. H. Steiner of Fossil agreed to withdraw his candidacy provided his opponent, Dorothy McCullough Lee of Portland would do likewise.

The senate, after 34 fruitless ballots in which the count was 15-15, adjourned until 1:30 p. m. to permit Mrs. Lee to consult her supporters to decide whether she should withdraw.

At 2:35 p. m., when both camps went into separate caucuses, Mrs. Lee had not yet decided whether she would withdraw. A committee, consisting of five senators in each group, met in an effort to work out a solution, but it merely recommended the two caucuses.

The five members of the Steiner group said that their main objection to Mrs. Lee, whom all five paid high tributes to her ability and integrity, was that Oregon should not take a chance on a woman becoming governor in time of war. The five said they would not draw lots for that reason. They added they believe that a majority of the voters of Oregon don't want a woman governor during a war.

Steiner Questioned Before adjourning for lunch, the senate had refused twice to permit her to consult her supporters immediately, the vote being 15-15, and divided strictly the way the senators had voted in the presidency race.

Sen. Coe McKenna, Portland, a Lee supporter, asked Steiner why his group had refused to allow Mrs. Lee to consult with her forces.

Supporters Released Steiner replied that she had been consulting with them for the past hour, and that he had made the offer without a caucus of his own supporters.

Frederick S. Lampert, Salem, a Steiner supporter, then said she should not have to consult with her cohorts, as both Steiner and Mrs. Lee had already released their supporters from their pledges.

Public Left Out Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, asked McKenna why the Lee (Continued on Page Two)



C. S. Elliot, Klamath Falls merchant, has been named a member of school board No. 1, to fill out the unexpired term of Howard Barnhisel.

ELLIOT NAMED TO SCHOOL BOARD 1

Barnhisel Resignation Accepted at Monday Meet

C. S. Elliot, Klamath Falls merchant, was named by members of School Board No. 1, in session Monday night, to serve out the unexpired term of Howard Barnhisel, now serving in the armed forces. Barnhisel's resignation was accepted by the board and naming of Elliot followed immediately. The term expires in June, 1943.

The new member was contacted immediately by telephone and appeared before the board, was sworn in and took his place at the table.

Mrs. Cooney Accepts Resignations of Mary F. Van Vactor and Kathleen Silver of the Joseph Conger staff, were accepted. Mrs. Van Vactor is now residing in Salt Lake City where she has joined Capt. Van Vactor, and Miss Silver has accepted a position with Columbia Aircraft, Portland. Mrs. Sherman Carter and Mrs. Paul Deller were named to these positions.

Superintendent A. R. Old L. Grallup advised the board that Mrs. Raymond Cooney has accepted the assignment as secretary in his office. LaVonne Watkins, member of the office staff, will serve as assistant to J. Percy Wells, clerk of the board. Mrs. Cooney has been with the county school set-up.

Course Set Up The high school board, meeting simultaneously with Board No. 1, was mainly concerned with routine business matters. Mrs. L. H. Stone was named to a sophomore English assignment (Continued on Page Two)

FLYING FORTS BATTER INTO TRIPOLITANIA

French Drive Germans From Mountain Pass In Tunisia

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 12 (AP)—Flying Fortresses, in their first full raid into Tripolitania, struck a heavy blow at Marshal Rommel's forces by battering the fort at Ghadames, while French troops in Tunisia drove the Germans out of a mountain pass 23 miles south of Point Du Fahs and captured at least 180 prisoners.

Ghadames is deep in the desert, 450 miles south of Tunis, at the juncture of the frontiers of Tunisia, Algeria and Tripolitania.

French Attack (A British broadcast heard last night by CBS quoted Gen. Henri Giraud, high commissioner for French North and West Africa, as saying the Germans now had 70,000 troops in Tunisia.)

A spokesman for the French high command said French troops had attacked north of Jebel Boudabous, northwest of the moslem city of Kairouan, which is 35 miles inland from the Eastern Tunisian port of Soussa.

Germans and Italians in the valley there were surrounded, the spokesman said, and fighting is continuing.

Flank Move British infantry and tanks also were reported yesterday to have made gains astride the Goubellat road six miles north of Bou Arada and some 14 miles south of Madjed El Bab.

The Germans had occupied the position—a hill and a single farmhouse—in what might have been a move to flank allied advanced posts.

(From the east allied bombers were keeping up their part of the allied aerial strategy of battering the enemy from both sides of the North African front.)

Port Pounded (A Cairo communique said Naples was raided by United States Liberators by daylight yesterday. It was the 38th raid on the Italian supply port, and the first this year.)

Allied bombers from the east also pounded the port of Soussa and transport vehicles on the road between Gabes and Sfax in blows closely timed with other aerial attacks from bases in the west.

(Increased air activity was reported over the Libyan battlefield, but the communique said ground operations there still were confined to patrol activity.)

Oregon Leads Nation in Bond Sales in November

PORTLAND, Jan. 12 (AP)—The Oregon war bond staff said today that the state led the nation in turning its income into bonds last November.

Figures showed the Oregon average was 12.4 per cent of the month's income compared to Delaware's 12.3 per cent and North Dakota's 11.3 per cent.

The Oregon average represented \$7.88 compared to the national average of \$5.44 put into bonds.

State headquarters also said Oregon exceeded its quota in December, purchasing \$9,146,275 in bonds, 12 per cent above the quota.

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