

### Blackout Signal

One 4-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 18—High 26, Low 2  
Precipitation as of January 12, 1943  
Stream year to date ..... 8.03  
Last year ..... 6.98 Normal ..... 5.37

# 8TH ARMY SPEEDS ACROSS LIBYA

## OPA Office Set For K. F.

Klamath Men Smile at Good News



Don Drury, left, chairman of the war price and rationing board here, and Mitchell Tillotson, right, president of the chamber of commerce, smile as they look at a map showing the big OPA district for which Klamath Falls is to be the headquarters. Seated is Leo Gentner, regional OPA executive officer, who announced the location of the headquarters here and was doing preliminary work in that connection in Klamath Falls Tuesday.

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS  
THE amazing Russians pile one achievement on top of another. At the moment when they seem to be closing in definitely on Rostov to write the end to Hitler's Volga-Caspian-Caucasus hopes, they strike a thousand miles to the north and free Leningrad from the grip the Germans have held on it for a year and a half.

RAISING the siege of Leningrad and bringing their second city back into land contact with the rest of Russia is quite something in itself, but its outstanding interest to us lies in its demonstration of Russia's reserve STRIKING POWER.

If the Russians can keep it up all winter, Hitler is in a bad way—and delivering powerful blows a thousand miles apart at the same time is the strongest kind of proof that they have a lot of power at their command.

THIS seems to be about what happened at Leningrad:

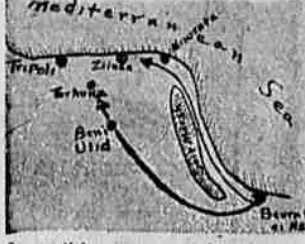


The Leningrad garrison struck eastward at the Germans at Schlüsselburg, on the Neva river, and at the same time the relieving Russian army struck westward from Volkovostrol on the Volok river. They met at Schlüsselburg and successfully put the old nut-cracker on the Germans.

The accompanying rude sketch is intended to picture this situation. The arrows show the advancing Russians with the Germans in between.

AT almost the identical time when the Russians were breaking the German grip on Leningrad, Montgomery was driving Rommel out of the strong point where the desert fox had been licking his wounds and trying to get in reinforcements.

What happened is roughly illustrated here:  
Rommel had been holed up in the narrow defile between the salt marsh and the Mediterranean, with one flank protected by the marsh and the other by the sea. The main coast road fol-



Instead of tackling this strong position head on (one of the most difficult and costly of all military operations), Montgomery evidently decided to OUTFLANK it and swung around to the east through the desert to Beni Uid, where he was reported yesterday. With his rear thus threatened, Rommel had to pull out of the narrow and well-protected defile.

The heavier arrow shows the route of Montgomery's flanking column. He split his forces and a lighter column followed Rommel through the defile. The route of this column is shown by the lighter arrow.

TODAY'S dispatches suggest that the two British columns may join for an attack on Tripoli, while the inland column by (Continued on Page Two)

### FDR DIRECTS STRIKERS TO RESUME JOBS

Coal Strike, FCC Investigation Keep Capitol Busy

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19—President Roosevelt today gave the striking anthracite miners in Pennsylvania 48 hours to get back to work, and said that if they continued to refuse "the necessary steps" will be taken. This development in the 20-day strike shared importance on the Washington stage when the house decision, on an almost unanimous vote, to have a special committee headed by Rep. Cox (D-Ga.) investigate the federal communications commission.

Navy Contracts  
Cox, asking for the inquiry, said the FCC housed "the nastiest nest of rats to be found in this entire country" and called FCC Chairman James Lawrence Fly "the worst" of the bureaucrats.

Regular congressional committees busied themselves with discussions of the cost of navy contracts and with what a witness for the National Association of Retail Grocers called "bureaucratic bungling" in good distribution.

In line with the food question was a statement by M. Clifford (Continued on Page Two)

### Sweden Warned Of Possible Blitz Attack

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 19 (AP)—Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson's warning of a possible attack on Sweden and his demand for the "utmost defense" in such an eventuality was made against a "background most serious," the influential newspaper Dagens Nyheter said today.

The prime minister warned the Swedish parliament yesterday of the possibility of an attack and said "beyond any doubt we will defend ourselves." He cautioned against the possibility of false orders being issued, as happened in Norway, and said that if an attack came everyone would have to join in defending the country, the only remaining neutral nation in northern Europe.

The Dagens Nyheter said the country "must be ready to meet blitz attacks, especially by enemy air forces" and added that "Swedes have enough courage to face reality, even the reality of war."

### Home Storage of Gas Scored as Fire Kills Three

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 (AP)—Authorities warned today against the storage of gasoline in homes as the third death from an explosion and fire in a trailer house was reported. Mrs. Nellie Prichard, 22, died in a hospital today from burns suffered as the trailer was enveloped in gasoline-fed flames in a park near here. Jesse Prichard, 24, her brother-in-law, and his 2-year-old daughter, Ardeth, perished in the blaze last night.

While sheriff's officers continued their investigation, petroleum company managers said they feared similar tragedies would result from unlawfully stored gasoline. They said they were receiving increasing reports that the volatile fluid was being hoarded in homes. A heater apparently ignited fumes from a gasoline drum, stored inside the trailer. The drum exploded and the trailer instantly became a mass of flames.

The explosion occurred a few hours after Prichard had taken his wife, an expectant mother, to a hospital.

### HEADQUARTERS FOR DISTRICT TO OPEN SOON

50 Persons to Be Employed; Payroll \$100,000

Definite location of district headquarters for the Office of Price Administration in Klamath Falls was announced Tuesday. The OPA office, which will employ about fifty persons and will have an approximate annual payroll of more than \$100,000, will be opened here shortly after the first of next month, it was stated by Leo F. Gentner, executive officer of the regional OPA headquarters.

11 Counties  
The Klamath office will be one of 11 district headquarters in the eighth region, which embraces the five western states.

The district, to be known as the Klamath Falls district, includes the following counties: Coos, Douglas, Curry, Josephine, Klamath, Lake, Harney and Malheur, in Oregon, and Siskiyou and Modoc in California.

The Klamath Falls headquarters will occupy the same position, in relation to the San Francisco regional offices, as do the district offices at Portland, Los Angeles, etc., Gentner explained.

Manager Not Named  
Quarters for the big OPA headquarters here have not yet been obtained. It is possible the OPA will occupy one floor of a local building.

Heading the district will be a district manager, who has not yet been selected. Neither have other members of the staff, which will include an administrative officer, rationing officer, accountant, district price officer, chief attorney, an in- (Continued on Page Two)

### ALLIED FLAG FLIES OVER SANANANDA

British Gain in Burma; U. S. Subs Sink Destroyer

By The Associated Press  
Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that allied troops in New Guinea had captured Sanananda Point and Sanananda village, wiping out all but three small pockets of resistance by survivors of a 15,000-man Japanese army in the Papuan jungles.

Coupled with this blow to Japan's far-flung invasion armies, British headquarters reported fresh gains in three sectors by Field Marshal Sir Archibald P. Wavell's legions driving back into conquered Burma from India. Simultaneously, a bulletin from the navy department in (Continued on Page Two)

### Salem Asked to Reduce Heat

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Portland Gas & Coke company asked its Salem customers today to reduce their maximum heat to 60 degrees to save gas. Pressure in the company's mains is low because of heavy demand by Portland war industries.

### RAF Lays Mines In Enemy Waters; No Raid Over Europe

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Light British patrol bombers hit three enemy supply ships last night in an attack on a convoy off the Dutch coast, the air ministry announced today.

The RAF bomber command did not raid Europe in force last night but did lay mines in enemy waters while aircraft of the fighter command on offensive patrols attacked freight trains and locomotives in northern France.

The night's operations were carried out without a single British plane being lost, the communiqué said.

### Rampaging Reds Storm Into Kamensk; Lifting of Siege Thrills Nation

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The capture of 52,000 prisoners on the Voronezh front and the seizure of the rail city of Kamensk, 85 miles north of Rostov, was announced tonight in a special Russian communique broadcast by the Moscow radio and recorded here by the soviet monitor.

The Russians also announced that in their continuing smash on the Voronezh front the red army had captured the big railway junction of Valuiki, only 82 miles east of the big Ukrainian city of Kharkov.

In the fighting today alone, 19,000 prisoners were declared captured, swelling the total captives on the Voronezh front to 52,000.

The Russians were driving down on Kharkov from the northeast and southeast in a great envelopment move against Kharkov.

The Russians declared the whole section of the Moscow-Voronezh-Rostov railway had been encircled and that German garrisons were being mopped up.

By HENRY C. CASSIDY  
MOSCOW, Jan. 19 (AP)—All Russia thrilled to the news of great accomplishments of the red army today as the fire of enthusiasm was stoked by word of soviet smashes into sagging German forces all the way from ice-bound Lake Ladoga outside newly reopened Leningrad to the high Caucasus in the south.

"Izvestia," government newspaper, reported Leningrad was now in direct land communication with the rest of the nation after nearly a year and a half in which its 1,000,000 war-time inhabitants had been supplied by air transports and by roads and a railroad over the winter ice of Lake Ladoga.

While the red army continued to batter at the once-encircling (Continued on Page Two)

### AXIS GAINS GROUND ON TUNISIAN LINE

Renewal of Pressure Laid to Rommel's Retreat

By RUSSELL LANDSTROM  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 19 (AP)—Axis tank and infantry forces attacking northwest of Bou Arada on the central Tunisian front were repulsed twice yesterday, but the enemy gained some ground southwest of Pant Du Fahs, it was announced today.

Military observers expressed the belief that the renewal of axis pressure in Tunisia was related definitely to Marshal Rommel's continuing retreat, indicating that he was planning no more than rearguard actions in Tripolitania.

As operations on the land front accelerated, allied air planes carried the fight to the enemy, and Flying Fortresses (Continued on Page Two)

### Two Nazi Fliers Escape in London

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—Two German fliers, believed to have been shot down during Sunday night's raid on London, escaped from an armed escort at Waterloo station here last night.

### Sanitation Ruling Passes First Reading at Council

A complete code for sanitary operation of establishments where food is handled appeared in the form of an ordinance which passed through first reading at a meeting of the city council Monday night.

This ordinance covers such places as restaurants, slaughterhouses, hotels, bakeries, groceries, canneries, and all places where food for human consumption is handled. It prescribes conditions under which such food may be handled, including dishwashing, toilet facilities, and all sanitary facilities within the establishment.

The ordinance, which embraces in one measure various requirements already established, plus some new ones, will be presented to the city health committee for its approval. Further consideration of the measure will probably be given next week. Mayor Houston said Tuesday that Dr. Peter Rozendal, county health officer, collaborated with city authorities in preparing the proposed sanitation ordinance. It also conforms to many of the provisions of the state regulations covering premises where food is handled. Dr. Rozendal stated that compliance with the provisions of the ordinance would not be difficult for properly operated restaurants and many restaurant people are in favor of it.

### BRITISH ARMY NOW 30 MILES FROM TRIPOLI

Matter of Hours Remains for Axis to Check Advance

LONDON, Jan. 19 (AP)—The Cairo radio stated tonight that the British eighth army was now only 30 miles from Tripoli in its pursuit of the fleeing Nazi Africa corps.

By The Associated Press  
CAIRO, Jan. 19—The British eighth army spurred into the home stretch of its drive across Libya today with an advance which carried one of two attacking columns to within 50 miles or less of Tripoli—closer than Marshal Rommel came to Alexandria last summer.

With Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery pressing home the attack, the axis had only a matter of hours in which to check the onslaught for an attempted stand, or to quit the city in a withdrawal toward the Tunisian border 100 miles to the west.

Stronghold Reached  
Montgomery's most advanced column was operating inland, and a communique said it had driven axis forces from Beni Uid and was in contact with the enemy toward Tarhuna, which is only 40 miles southeast of Tripoli. Tarhuna is some 60 miles beyond Beni Uid where the axis suffered heavily in a tank battle with the British.

The second British column sped along the coastal road, passing through Misurata and Gardabadi and reaching the Zilten area 90 miles east of Tripoli, the last stronghold of Premier Mussolini's one-time African empire.

Tripoli Attacked  
Tripoli itself was under heavy air attack. A communique announced that B-24 Liberators of the ninth U. S. (Continued on Page Two)

### Thomas Asks Draft Curtailment Until Army Plans Revealed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Declaring he had heard that plans are under way to increase the armed forces to a total of 12,000,000 men, Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) called for a draft curtailment today until congress is told just how large an army is needed to win the war.

Thomas, chairman of an appropriations subcommittee handling war department bills, told reporters he favored delaying any further large increases in the size of the army "until we can take an accounting of the needs."

"I think we ought to have every pilot and every mechanic we can get," he declared, "but I doubt that we need to have many more men in the infantry, for instance, than we have now."

### Joseph Lawson Held Prisoner of Japs; Albert Smith Reported Missing in Action



Sgt. Joseph Lawson

Two Klamath men who saw action at the fall of Corregidor in the Philippines were in today's news, one reported missing in action, the other now named a prisoner of war following a previous listing as missing.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Lawson, 1405 Main street, received word Monday advising them that their son, Sgt. Joseph Lawson, 28, reported missing in action when Corregidor fell May 7, is now a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines.

Albert E. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith of Bonanza, is reported missing in action.

Young Lawson was a member of the coast artillery and had been in the islands for several years. His parents, who operate a grocery store at 1405 Main, were more than happy to receive the encouraging word from the war department. They have (Continued on Page Two)



Albert E. Smith

### Cornett Names Scott as Clerk

SALEM, Jan. 19 (AP)—Sen. Marshall Cornett of Klamath Falls, chairman of the senate roads and highway committee, announced today the appointment of Joseph N. Scott, Athens, as chief clerk for the committee. Scott formerly was state representative from Umatilla and Morrow counties.

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