

### 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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Last year ..... 6.98 Normal ..... 5.58

# BRITISH STORM AT TRIPOLI GATES

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE situation at Tripoli is clearing today. Rommel, as we have been guessing he would do, is apparently abandoning the city, fighting only delaying actions, and pushing on for a junction with axis forces in Tunisia. These forces are fighting to keep the gate open for him when he arrives—on the run. His advance units are reported today at Ben Gardane, 25 miles OVER THE BORDER into Tunisia. Allied planes are harrying them.

ON the basis of recent rough guesses, axis forces in Tunisia number in the neighborhood of 70,000. The remnants of Rommel's battered army are estimated, in the same rough manner, at from 40,000 to 70,000.

It is thus apparent (on this guesswork basis) that if a junction can be effected the axis' (mostly German) Tunisian forces will be approximately doubled.

ALL sources today seem to agree that the fall of Tripoli is only a matter of hours.

British light naval forces have penetrated its harbor, sinking an Italian submarine and engaging the land batteries—whose response is reported to be relatively weak.

All reports agree that Rommel's men are strung out well to the west of the city, making as much speed as they can toward the Tunisian border.

TRIPOLI will be useful, if and when taken.

It has a good harbor, which has been badly battered in the fighting but can be quickly put into condition for use. It will then become an advanced base for sea-borne supplies from Suez. By this time, you must be fully aware of the importance of the supply problem. Whatever hastens supplies and reinforcements helps immensely.

Tripoli also has some good airfields, which, in the possession of our side, will come in extremely handy in the final battle to clear the axis out of Africa. Lack of airfields has been one of our chief weaknesses so far.

THE Russians take Voroshilovsk, in the Caucasus, an important point on the rail line paralleling the main Rostov-Baku railroad on the north.

This railroad, following down the valley of the Kuban river, intersects the main Rostov-Baku line near Kropotkin, thus offering the Russians another opportunity to get in behind and trap more Germans.

Your map will make this possibility perfectly plain.

THERE is still no sign of any LACK of striking power on the part of the Russians. On the other hand, there ARE signs (faint as yet, but significant in their implications) that German fighting power in Russia is weakening. In the past few days the Russians have forced crossings of the Donets river, north of Rostov, and the Manych, to the east.

Crossing big rivers in the face of determined resistance has always been one of the most difficult.

## Four Fatalities Mar Industrial Week in Oregon

SALEM, Jan. 22 (AP)—The state industrial accident commission reported today that Oregon industries reported four fatalities and 866 accidents during the week ended yesterday. Fatalities were: James D. Hatfield, shipyard assistant superintendent, Portland, injured December 17; Karl F. Vierke, Colton choker setter, injured January 15 at Molalla; George S. Bigby, Klamath Falls boiler worker, injured December 12, and Vincent Megargle, Grants Pass watchman, injured September 28.

## PARITY BATTLE LOOMS AS NEW BILL APPROVED

Flynn Hearing Brings Testimony on Paving Blocks

By The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 22—The house agriculture committee approved unanimously today a bill to make farm labor costs a factor on computing fair prices for farmers and the battle ahead promised a test to the limit of the administration's reduced forces in the restive new congress.

Administration experts have figured the new approach would add heavily to the cost of living and tend toward inflation, but Rep. Pace (D-Ga.), author of the bill, said it would not create "any considerable increase in the cost of living this year, certainly less than \$1,000,000,000," and "less than 4 per cent" in 1944.

Flynn Case  
The committee action overshadowed other Washington developments of the day—the continued hearing on Edward J. Flynn's fitness to be minister to Australia and a delay in committee consideration of the nomination of Judge Wiley Rutledge to the supreme court.

The Flynn case brought testimony from Samuel Foley, Bronx district attorney, emphatically rebutting republican charges that the minister designate, former democratic national committeeman, was "white-washed" in the now-famous New York paving block case.

Testimony at Odds  
Foley told the senate foreign relations committee that the grand jury which studied the case was unanimous in agreeing there was no wrong-doing on Flynn's part in the paving of his courtyard-parking place with New York city materials and labor. Flynn had testified he did not know how the paving was arranged and that when he did, he paid for the time and materials.

Paul J. Kern, former civil service commissioner of New York City, testified that a courtyard on the country estate of Edward J. Flynn was paved with city blocks, by city employees with city equipment, "in the (Continued on Page Two)

## Yank Playboys Play Too Rough, Says Jap Captive

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Thomas J. Murdock, a 21-year-old marine back home to recover from wounds suffered in action on Guadalcanal Island, believes he discovered a Japanese Confucius on the island.

And Murdock says he thinks the captive Japanese captain had something when he told the marines:

"Tojo, he say American marines all playboys but we say they play too rough."

## Nazis Admit Fight for Life Before Stalingrad

By The Associated Press  
The German high command for the first time today acknowledged that its army before Stalingrad had been trapped by the great Russian offensive and was fighting for its life against far superior forces, which yesterday broke through the German lines from the west to a depth of several kilometers.

In a communique broadcast by the Berlin radio and recorded by the Associated Press, the high command tacitly admitted the full extent of the Russian onslaught on the eastern front. It probably was the gloomiest communique issued from Berlin in this war.

In the Caucasus, the broadcast said, German forces had detached themselves from the enemy "according to plan," and in the southern sector had re-



Looks Like a Creek Bed

Reminiscent of the storm several summers ago is this scene at the Main street underpass, again on the receiving end of high water. Workmen manned shovels to keep the slush and water running into the drains following Wednesday's snow storm and Thursday's rain. See page 2 for another weather picture.

## Crews Work to Restore Service to Fort Klamath

Crews worked in deep, drifted snow Friday to restore power service to the Fort Klamath area, where wind-damaged poles and lines remain as a major result of the freak wind and snow storm which swept the Klamath country this week doing damage estimated at several thousand dollars.

Eighteen power poles were broken off, from 10 to 20 feet from the ground, by gusts of wind late Wednesday or early Thursday. The damaged Coppo line runs east and west near the Fred Pope place.

Sixteen men worked all day Thursday and Friday, and it was hoped that service would be restored to the Fort Klamath area Friday night. Because trucks could not be moved to the scene of the damage, teams were being used to drag in poles, and the usual power equipment for raising the poles could not be brought into use. Somewhat lower temperatures

## Last Big Holdout Colliery Gives In In Wildcat Strike

WILKES BARRE, Pa., Jan. 22 (AP)—The last big holdout colliery capitulated today in the three-week wildcat anthracite strike which cost miners more than \$2,000,000 in wages, kept 1,000,000 tons off the market and won strikers only the assurance that their wage demands would be considered later.

With production fast approaching normal, the 1600 United Mine Workers at the No. 7 colliery of the Susquehanna Collieries company agreed to go back to their jobs tomorrow. This left only 800 workers at one colliery idle out of approximately 23,000 who once participated in the walkout, and they arranged a back-to-work vote later today.

## Large Scale Offensive Bags 7 Nazi Fighters

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The air ministry announced tonight that offensive operations were carried out on "large scale" during the day on northern France and Belgium, with attacks on oil installations and airfields. Seven enemy fighters were destroyed in dogfights by the "many squadrons" of RAF, South African, Dominion and Allied fighters escorting the bombers.

Four bombers and six fighters failed to return.

## OREGON DIGGS OUT FROM UNDER STORM

Three Deaths Attributed to Current Weather

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22 (AP)—Old man Oregon's domain was in the soggy grip of winter today with considerable snow and an underlayer of ice on the ground. On the whole conditions seemed better than during the height of the storm yesterday but The Dalles reported the Columbia river frozen over there.

Two more deaths brought the total attributed to the current storm to three. Martin Waarvick, 53, died at Salem from a heart attack due to over-exertion while skiing. At a Portland hospital, Charles Metcalf, 12, Hood River, died from injuries received in a collision between his bobbed and a truck near his home. Yesterday, the death of George Cameron, lumber worker, was reported in an automobile accident on an icy road near Eugene.

The weatherman here said no forecast was likely today.

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"2. On January 21:  
"(A) A Japanese plane dropped several bombs on Espiritu Santo island in the New Hebrides group. There were no casualties to personnel and our installations were not damaged.  
"(B) During the night of January 21-22 single enemy planes dropped bombs in the vicinity of the airfield at Guadalcanal. Minor damage to installations has been reported and three men were killed and one wounded. Anti-aircraft shot down one enemy plane.

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# Reds Capture Salsk

## NET TIGHTENS AROUND PENNED NAZI FORCES

Encirclement Menaces Nazis at Voronezh

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The capture of Salsk, important railway junction in the North Caucasus 100 miles southeast of Rostov, was announced tonight in a special Russian communique recorded here by the soviet Monitor.

Salsk is on the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railway and is the terminus of another branch line from Rostov. Besides its rail facilities, it is an important German air base from which transport planes had flown supplies to the encircled Germans before Stalingrad.

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (AP)—Red army troops have blasted their way through western fortifications and dugouts of the remnants of 22 axis divisions trapped before Stalingrad and tightened the lethal encirclement, field dispatches announced today.

Smaller and smaller grew the ring about the Germans, cut off in the first phases of the soviet winter offensive which is newly reported to have carried Russian forces into Voroshilovsk, in the northern Caucasus, and laid open the oil-rich region south of Rostov to attack.

More Encirclement  
The last authoritative estimate of the number of axis soldiers penned up before Stalingrad was 50,000, these from 22 or more divisions which at the outset totaled 220,000 men.

Another encirclement operation (Continued on Page Two)

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## Reward Totalling \$200 Offered for Dog Mutilator

A reward totalling \$200 had been offered Friday in an attempt to encourage discovery and conviction of the fiend who gouged out the eyes of a male police dog here.

The local humane society had offered \$100 and George Kincaid of KFJI had matched that amount.

Humane society officials said they hoped the fund might be increased to \$1000.

State police and the district attorney's office were working on the case and it was understood they were following a lead in the South Sixth street and Shasta way district, where the mutilated dog was discovered Wednesday evening. The dog was put to death to end its misery.

## RAF RETURNS TO ATTACK ON RUHR

Four Raiders Lost in Assault; Results Obscure

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—The RAF returning to the attack on Germany for the first time since its raids on Berlin last weekend, blasted targets in the industrial Ruhr during the night, the air ministry announced today.

Four raiders were lost in the assault, which left large fires burning in the target area. Accurate observation of the results was prevented by heavy clouds, the air ministry added.

Big Bombers  
The Berlin radio, giving its version of the raid, said merely the British planes had been over western Germany, but reported some damage and casualties.

Some of Britain's biggest bombers, capable of carrying four-ton blockbusters, apparently took part, for the Berlin broadcast said that at least six four-engine planes had been shot down.

Last night's raid, the 12th on Germany this month, followed a series of daylight attacks on northern France and the lowlands by RAF bombers escorted by swarms of fighters, including two squadrons of the United States army air forces.

The air ministry disclosed meanwhile that Britain's new Hawker Typhoons—a fast and heavily armored fighter—were now in general service, reporting yesterday they had shot down five of 14 German planes listed as shot down in attacks on Britain the day before.

## Crew Refused to Unload Guadalcanal Ship, Report

AKRON, O., Jan. 22 (AP)—The Beacon Journal says in a copy-righted story that the navy is investigating reports that alling marines were forced to unload their own supplies when the crew of a merchant ship lying off beleaguered Guadalcanal island refused to work on Sunday because of union regulations.

The Beacon Journal's story, published in yesterday's editions, quoted six Guadalcanal veterans as declaring that the marines had to take over the Sunday work after the crewmen worked two hours on Saturday and then laid off until Monday morning.

The newspaper did not disclose the identity of the veterans, but said the information came from three marines, two sailors and a navy pilot on individual visits to Akron.

The navy pilot, the paper said, termed the incident the "worst scandal of the war" and said the crew refused to unload supplies because of National Maritime union rules against working on Sunday.

## BITTER BATTLE UNDERWAY FOR TUNISIAN LANE

British First Army Speeds to Aid Of French

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (AP)—The main remnants of the axis Africa corps were reported tonight to have retreated into Tunisia, leaving great demolition fires burning in Tripoli.

By ROGER GREENE  
Associated Press War Editor  
British shock troops were reported to have swept through the main defense works of Tripoli in the climactic battle of Libya today.

Columbus of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British 8th army were reported by a British broadcast to be storming at the gates of Tripoli, with their big guns in position to pour destruction into the already bomb-blackened city.

Parts of the axis citadel were reported to have been evacuated.

The British command asserted that some of the fleeing axis forces had withdrawn as far as 25 miles inside Tunisia from Libya.

Heavy fighting was also in progress in central Tunisia, suggesting that a showdown battle was developing for the last axis foothold in North Africa.

Planes Strike  
US headquarters in Cairo said American and allied warplanes were violently assaulting the retreating axis columns in the Tripoli area.

Other allied planes struck with bombs and guns against armor-supported German forces which were attempting to block off a corridor along the Tunisian east (Continued on Page Two)

## Mass Services To Be Held for Bombing Victims

LONDON, Jan. 22 (AP)—Mass funeral services will be held next Wednesday for 47 children and six teachers who died when German bombers wrecked a London school in a daylight raid the day before yesterday.

Six of the children died in a hospital after being removed from the debris. Squads of 100 men each contributed to work throughout last night and on into the day removing tons of rubble, but officials said they believed it unlikely there were additional bodies in the debris.

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