

### 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.

# Herald and News

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### Weather News

January 24—High 35, Low 13  
Precipitation as of January 18, 1943  
Stream year to date ..... 8.03  
Last year ..... 7.01 Normal ..... 5.75

# TRAIN MURDERER STILL UNKNOWN

## Korps Pushed West

### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE'S a thrilling tenseness in the allied air today. The Russians MAY be on the verge of reaching out to pluck Rostov. Big plans MAY be in the making to prevent Rommel from effecting a junction with the Germans in Tunisia. MacArthur speaks of a new and promising land-air strategy that MAY supplant the slow and bloody island-to-island campaign against the Japs.

FOR days there have been hints of a gathering of allied higher-ups in London to plan CO-ORDINATED blows against the enemy, hitting him on ALL fronts with carefully-timed precision.

THE German high command admits today "retirement" from the "bridgehead" of Voronezh. The Russians have never admitted loss of Voronezh, but for months the Germans have kept alive in the minds of their people at home the idea that they hold it.

FROM Stockholm come dispatches quoting editorials in the German newspapers reminding the public grimly that a "lost war means a lost future," and adding that it was a "weakness on the home front" that forced the German armies to capitulate in 1918.

ROMMEL'S army is reported today to be over the border into Tunisia and making such speed westward as to suggest that he doesn't even plan a stop at the Mareth line of French fortifications.

A glance at your map will tell you why this suggestion is not unreasonable.

If Rommel had only Montgomery's pursuing army to reckon with, he would be likely to choose the Mareth line for a last-ditch stand, but Montgomery isn't his sole problem. Back of the Mareth line are the British, the Americans and the French in TUNISIA, and it is highly probable that they are planning a powerful smash THROUGH to the Mediterranean coast, thus cutting him off and trapping him in an area where he can get no support, even from the sea.

AXIS radio reports tell today of a HUGE U. S. force MASSING at rail-supplied Tebesa, on the Algeria-Tunisia border 145 miles west of the port of Sfax, on the Gulf of Gabes.

The maps indicate that between Tebesa and the Gulf of Gabes there are few natural defense barriers (such as ridges, mountain ranges, rivers, etc.) In other words, the type of country we'd CHOOSE to strike at the flank of the corridor the Germans are trying to hold open for Rommel.

Ross Munro, Canadian Press correspondent, tells in a dispatch today of American operations in this general area, and adds that the "whole front is tense with anticipation of big events to come."

THERE'S an odd note in the news today.

A German plane is said to have dropped a taunting note, wanting to know why "the Americans won't come out and fight." The Americans, the dispatches say, "accepted the challenge" and made a raid in force to within 33 miles of the Mediterranean coast, taking 80 German prisoners.

YOU may be quite sure that if the Germans dropped such a (Continued on Page Two)

### McNutt Eyes "Land Army" to Do Farm Work

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Congress, which must decide soon whether to permit new lend-lease commitments after June 30, received today a statistics-packed report showing the program has sent \$8,253,000,000 in goods and services to the United Nations.

Lend-lease Administrator Edward R. Stettinius, Jr., declaring the program was not "an act of charity" but was "undertaken for the defense of this country," disclosed that one of every three tanks and combat planes built in the United States last year went to our allies. Not all of these were sent by lend-lease, however—many were purchased outright.

The manpower situation also (Continued on Page Two)

### DIVIDENDS PAID TO KPCA STOCKHOLDERS

### Over 240 Gather Here For Ninth Annual Session

First dividends to be declared by the Klamath Production Credit association were distributed to stockholders at the ninth annual session held here Monday. Dividends totaled \$9,014.

More than 240 members and guests of KPCA gathered at Veterans Memorial hall as the annual meeting got under way. Lee S. McMullen, secretary, presented a financial report which showed the association had loaned \$2,280,000 to its membership during 1942. Operating profits for the year totaled \$27,000 and accumulated reserves to protect members' stock investments now total \$179,000, McMullen pointed out.

Following payment of dividends, the association was permitted to add approximately (Continued on Page Two)

### Boosting of U. S. Debt Limit to \$210 Billion Eyed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Chairman George (D-Ga.) of the senate finance committee introduced today a resolution to increase the national debt limit to \$210,000,000,000.

George told the senate that the treasury's estimate of what the debt will be on July 1, 1944.

An extension of the debt limit, he said, was necessary to permit borrowings for prosecution of the war.

## U. S. Hits Solomons Stride; MacArthur Sees New Power

By The Associated Press  
Striking out in a general offensive in the Solomon Islands, American forces have wrested seven important positions from the Japanese on Guadalcanal and virtually wiped out the invaders' base on Kolombangara island 190 miles to the northwest by combined sea and air attack, the navy announced today.

## ALLIES MENACE ESCAPE ROUTE ON GABES GULF

### Yank Troops Capture 80 Prisoners in Tunisian Raid

By The Associated Press  
LONDON, Jan. 25—The British eighth army, aided by warplanes which included U. S. bombers and fighters striking from both east and west, pushed Marshal Rommel farther on his way from Tripoli today even as indications developed that allied troops may already threaten his escape route along the Gulf of Gabes.

United States troops were officially disclosed to have been in action at Maknassy, in central Tunisia only 33 miles from the Gulf of Gabes, and the circumstances suggested that the whole axis strategy for a union of the armies of Rommel and Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim might be imperilled.

Nazi Thrust Halted  
This evidence that the Americans have mobilized in some force more than 100 miles south (Continued on Page Two)

### British Subs Sink Five More Enemy Ships in Medit

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—British submarines have sunk five more enemy supply ships in the central Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

Two medium-sized enemy supply ships were sunk despite a destroyer escort, the announcement said, one of them near Djerba in southeastern Tunisia and the other 60 miles west of Tripoli.

Another medium-sized, heavily-loaded supply ship escorted by two naval vessels was attacked off the east coast of Sardinia. One of the escorting craft was sunk and the other was damaged and beached in sinking condition, the admiralty said. Thereafter the submarine torpedoed the supply vessel.

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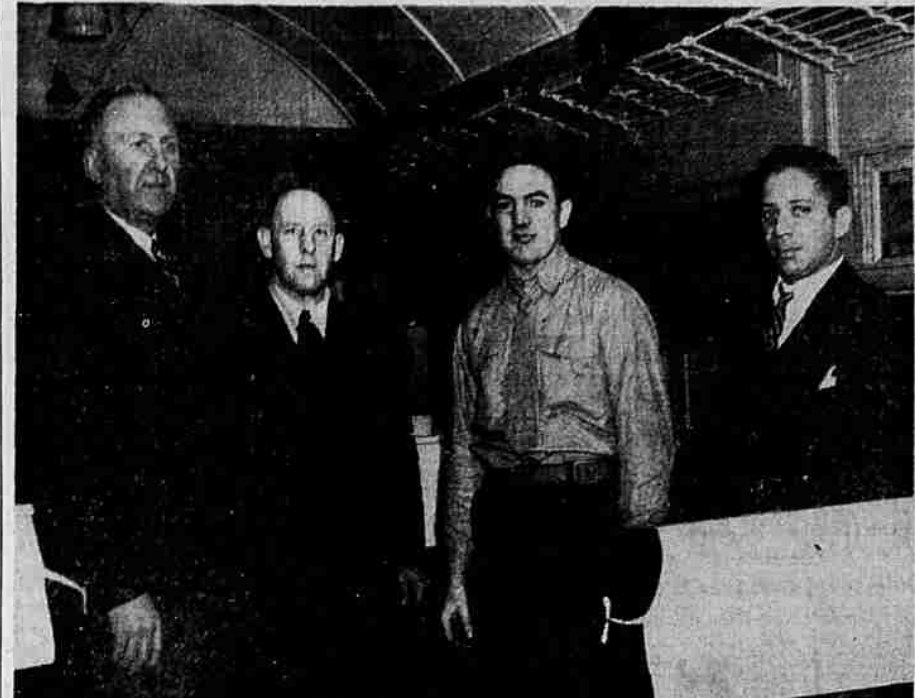
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### War Bulletin

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—German artillery and tanks are rushing to the old port section of Marseille, where Frenchmen are reported to have barricaded themselves against the nazis, Reuters said tonight in a Zurich dispatch.

Pictures in Case of the Murder in Lower 13



Linn County Sheriff Herbert Shelton, left, and Deputy Sheriff Clay Kirk, boarded the north-bound train Monday en route to Albany taking as material witnesses in the case Pvt. Harold R. Wilson, U. S. marine corps, and John Funches, negro waiter on the death train.



This picture was taken at the Southern Pacific station here at 1:30 p. m. Saturday when Ensign Richard James was informed of the tragic slaying of his wife on a train following his. At right: Investigator C. W. Champlin, of the S. P., and in center, State Officer Clyde Lowry.

## REDS ROLL TOWARD CITY OF ROSTOV

### City of Voronezh Completely Occupied, Say Soviets

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## War Workers Warned to Go Easy on Gas

PORTLAND, Jan. 25 (AP)—Edgar Sinton, regional gasoline rationing executive, said today that war workers must stay within their allowances.

"Unfortunately," he said, "some war workers believe that their occupation entitles them to whatever they want—not necessarily what they need."

"There have been numerous instances where war workers refused to explain why they exhausted their rations and demanded more gasoline on the threat of quitting their jobs."

He said national OPA headquarters has recommended that district rationing offices show no weakness despite pressure.

Where circumstances warrant, however, additional gasoline supplies will be granted war workers, he explained.

### Eight-Year-Old Drowns in Attempt To Rescue Dog

EUGENE, Jan. 25 (AP)—Lane county's storm death toll was set at two today after 8-year-old Jack E. McCulloch, Danebo, drowned Sunday attempting to rescue his dog from a frozen pond.



Martha Brinson James, victim of train murder

### Plans for Supreme War Council Held Near Completion

LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Agreement upon some formula for a supreme council to direct and unify the United Nations' drive for victory in 1943 was reported in foreign diplomatic circles today to have been attained.

Allied spokesmen were silent, but it is known that conferences have been under way and that some extremely important announcement is to be issued soon.

Speculation that Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the U. S. army, might be appointed commander-in-chief of allied forces in the European theater was published in British newspapers.

## Probe Centers In KF; Three Witnesses Held

The murderer of Martha Brinson James, beautiful young navy wife, was still unknown to authorities Monday afternoon after two days of intensive investigation that centered in Klamath Falls but spread the length of the Pacific coast.

Three men, two negro train employees and a United States marine, were detained as material witnesses in the case, but officers said there had been no developments that pointed to any of them as the man who slew the 21-year-old girl in berth lower 13 on the West Coast Limited near Tangent, Ore., Saturday morning.

Two of the detained men, Private Harold Wilson, 22, of the marines, who occupied upper 13 on the death car and gave a vivid description of the murderer, and John Funches, 30, dining car waiter,

were taken from here by train Monday to Linn county, where the slaying occurred.

The third man held in the case is Robert Folkes, 21, negro second cook on the dining car which was immediately behind the death car on the West Coast Limited Saturday morning. Folkes was arrested when the train reached Los Angeles Monday, on a warrant from Linn county.

## TEN DIE IN ARMY BOMBER CRACK-UP

Plane Crashes Sunday Near Ordway, Colorado

RAPID CITY, S. D., Jan. 25 (AP)—Ten men and officers aboard a four-motored army bomber from the Rapid City air base were all killed when the plane crashed Sunday night near Ordway, Colo., the public relations office at the base here announced today.

Names of the casualties will be withheld until positive identification has been completed, the public relations officer said. The plane was temporarily attached to the Pueblo air base.

No other details were available here.

SANTA ROSA, Calif., Jan. 25 (AP)—An energetic search was pressed today for a huge navy transport—a seaplane—carrying nineteen persons, which may have crashed in the hilly, wooded country north of here.

On the ship were an admiral and other navy officers, en route from Honolulu to San Francisco. The plane has been missing since Thursday.

There was one report that the seaplane had been destroyed in a crash at Blue Lake, about 15 miles north of Clear Lake, which could be used as an emergency port for such aircraft.

But the navy in San Francisco said this report was "completely unfounded." It said there was no definite word as to the fate of the huge plane.

From residents of the rugged country there came stories which might contain clues to the fate of the ship. They pointed to belief that it may have crashed in the mountains of northeastern Sonoma county, between the petrified forest and Clear Lake.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 25 (AP)—The state highway patrol reported today that 11 persons were killed and one injured in the flaming crash of a four-motored (Continued on Page Two)

## Community Sing Scheduled Here Wednesday Night

The second community sing and program which all residents of the area are invited to attend, is scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. in Klamath Union high school auditorium.

Andrew Collier, Klamath war savings chairman, will give a brief talk. The sing is included in the Rotary program for the month as that organization is designated to raise the \$317,000 quota for Klamath county.

Maps show a Larvik on the Skagerak, the channel between Norway and Denmark, just southwest of Oslo harbor.

Commandos Strike On Norway's Coast  
LONDON, Jan. 25 (AP)—Reuters said a DNB broadcast reported today that British commandos carried out a raid at Larvik on the Norwegian coast between Saturday night and Sunday morning.

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See statements of four persons on this case on page 3.

waves of the nation. They concentrated their questioning at the Klamath county jail particularly on Wilson, the young marine, searching for any flaws in his dramatic story of the early morning slaying.

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