

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 WALLOP SOLOMONS FORCE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS this is written today, NO big news is available. At this stage of the war, that is an almost certain sign that plenty of big news is in the MAKING.

THE Russians announce today the taking of Kastornoye, which, the dispatches explain, is strategically important.

It is important because it is a junction of east and west and north and south rail lines between Voronezh and Kursk. If you follow your map carefully, you have noted by this time that most of the fighting in Russia centers around rail lines.

IF you want to understand the moves on the chess board of this far-flung global war, you must keep this basic fact in mind.

THE armies in Tunisia are reported today to be still mired in the mud. That points to the weather as another of the fundamentals of war.

The sharp-eyed historians tell us it was RAIN that decided the fate of the world at Waterloo. Napoleon was an inspired artist, who improvised his tactics as he went along. He used his artillery, Victor Hugo tells us, like a pistol in the hand, pointing it now here, now there, as the fortunes of battle ebbed and flowed.

He liked to sit his horse on a high hill and send his gunners galloping to wherever in the line they could do the enemy the most harm at the moment.

ON the fateful eve of Waterloo, it was raining. It KEPT ON raining. Napoleon waited for it to quit. While he waited, Wellington strengthened his lines and brought up his reinforcements.

The rain softened the ground and deepened the mud. When the battle broke, Napoleon was unable to send his artillery galloping hither and yon, as was his custom.

He LOST.

ANOTHER of the fundamentals of war is that when you have more men than your enemy you can afford to extend your lines in an effort to spread him thin in the hope that he will crack under the strain.

In 1941, Hitler deliberately attacked Russia on a 1000-mile front.

But when it appears that your enemy may have more men than you have, you SHORTEN YOUR LINES so that YOU won't be stretched thin and cracked. A short line can be defended with fewer men than a long one.

There are strong hints that Hitler is shortening his lines in Russia so that FEWER MEN can do the job.

WATCH these hints. Because they go back to fundamentals, they are significant. If they are borne out by events, they will mean that Hitler is beginning to feel the pinch of declining man-power.

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The specter of POLITICS, you (Continued on Page Two)

Improvement Seen In Greek Conditions

DALLAS, Jan. 29 (AP)—Relief measures have saved 2,500,000 of the urban population of Greece from starvation, George C. Vournas of Washington, D. C., national president of the Order of Ahepa, told a group of Greek-Americans last night. The people of conquered Greece are better off than they were a year ago, but their condition is still bad, he said.

Reds Buckle Nazi Defense

U. S. STRIKES HEAVY BLOW AT TUNISIAN PORT

Ground Action Rumors Fly Between Axis, Allies

By ALFRED E. WALL LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The harbor and railway yards of Sfax, a supply port vital for regrouping of axis forces in Tunisia, were officially declared today to have been hard hit by the 12th US air force's greatest raid of the war while British Eighth army artillerymen duelled with Marshal Rommel's rear guard in the Zuara area 35 miles east of the Tunisian frontier.

The axis betrayed jitters by radio suggestions that the British first army already had started a big move in the Tunisian theater, these following unconfirmed reports that the American ground forces there had launched or were preparing an offensive.

Four Waves The broadcasts had no confirmation and today's communique from allied headquarters in North Africa said "there is no change in the ground situation."

US heavy and medium bombers, escorted by P-33 Lightning fighters, struck Sfax in four waves yesterday, blasted the rail lines and harbor facilities heavily, left many fires burning and (Continued on Page Two)

Mme. Perkins Estimates Cost Of Living Rise

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins estimates that living costs climbed one-half of one per cent from mid-November to mid-December, bringing the general cost of living up 9 per cent above the pre-Pearl Harbor average.

During the month, she announced today, food costs climbed 1.2 per cent, but smaller increases were noted for house furnishings, furniture, sheets and men's clothing. Women's clothing declined slightly.

The rise in food costs was attributed mostly to seasonally higher prices for fruits and vegetables, and to somewhat higher egg and butter prices.

She commented that while meats were scarce in many communities, supplies of fresh fish and poultry "were said to be adequate."

Folkes Leaves LA Tonight To Face Slaying Charge

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP) effect of Folkes' signature on the confession would be Los Angeles police might not have to go to Oregon to testify.

"Folkes," said Rasmussen, "has made the confession that he stabbed Mrs. James in her lower berth, No. 13, aboard the train, and a transcript of that confession was presented to Mr. Kirk upon his arrival here. So far, he hasn't been asked to sign the confession, but whether he signs it or not makes no difference to us."

The train was traveling through Oregon when Mrs. James was fatally stabbed. Her husband, Ensign Richard F. James, was aboard another southbound train at the time, having become separated in a railroad station upon enrolling for California.

Folkes, on the advice of his attorney, objected to going to a sleeping car, where Rasmussen (Continued on Page Two)



Here's that long-awaited moment. Actor Errol Flynn, right, takes the witness stand to testify in his own defense at the Los Angeles trial, where he is charged with statutory rape. Defense Attorney Jerry Giesler is at left.

LABOR SHOWDOWN SEEN IN CAPITAL

Complaints Heard on WLB Stabilization Formula

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—With both houses of congress in recess today, there was little news from the legislators but the capital read with interest of President Roosevelt's stops at Liberia and Brazil on the way home from his war talks at Casablanca with Prime Minister Churchill of Britain.

A more general labor development began to take form with complaints by the United Mine Workers and United Auto Workers against the war labor board's formula for stabilizing wages.

John L. Lewis, the mine union president, assailed the formula, as depriving labor "of any wage increase in excess of 15 per cent (Continued on Page Two)

Storm Warnings Post From South To Oregon Border

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP) The weather bureau today ordered storm warnings posted at 6:30 a. m. for gale winds in the area from Point Montara in San Mateo county, Calif., to Cape Blanco in extreme southern Oregon.

Wartime Credit Ban Lifted for Flood Sufferers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29 (AP) Oregon's Willamette valley flood sufferers received aid today from the Federal Reserve bank of San Francisco, which lifted wartime credit restrictions on rehabilitation.

President William A. Day of the reserve bank announced said credit could be advanced by dealers or lenders on any terms they may choose or agree upon with borrowers, if the credit is sought to replace or repair property damaged by the flood.

Pay Raise Awarded Lumber Company

DALLAS, Jan. 29 (AP)—A pay raise of 71 cents an hour retroactive to October 8, 1942, was awarded employees of the Willamette Valley Lumber company at Black Rock and Dallas and the Snow Peak Logging company at Lebanon yesterday by the west coast lumber commission.

12-MILE GAIN CHALKED UP ON MIDDLE FRONT

Nazi's High Command Paints Gloomy Word Picture

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Russians announced tonight the capture of the important railway junction of Kropotkin, 130 miles southeast of Rostov, in a special communique recorded by the soviet monitor.

By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor Russia's triumphant armies, crashing into the middle of the German front between Moscow and Rostov, reported today they had buckled the Nazi defense-in-depth system for a gain of 12 1/2 miles, killed 3000 axis troops, captured 6000 prisoners, and advanced within 75 miles of the key German base at Kursk.

The thrust represented a total advance of 45 miles from Voronezh, which the Russians announced they had recaptured two days ago.

Napoleon's Losses Topped Simultaneously, a Moscow broadcast declared that the Germans had suffered more casualties since the Russian offensive began November 19 than the whole of Napoleon's ill-fated grand army which invaded czarist Russia in 1812.

Napoleon led 600,000 French, German and Italian troops into Russia in late June and only 100,000 escaped after the bloody trek back across the snow less than six months later.

Nazi Keep Talking Hitler's high command again painted a gloomy picture of the vast struggle, noting that German troops at Stalingrad were suffering "the greatest privations" and reporting a battle "full of vicissitude" in the Voronezh sector.

Nevertheless, the Nazi command (Continued on Page Two)

J. C. Whitaker Injured in Fall From Marquee

J. C. Whitaker, pioneer Klamath Falls grocer, is in Klamath Valley hospital suffering from injuries received at 10:15 a. m. Friday when he fell from the marquee of his building, 1205 Klamath avenue. Mr. Whitaker's condition was described as critical late Friday afternoon by the attending physician.

The grocer was removing snow from the marquee at the time of the accident. He fell more than 12 feet to the sidewalk and in addition to a possible skull fracture and spine injuries, has a broken collar bone, broken shoulder blade and undetermined internal hurts. He was moved to the hospital by Ward's ambulance.

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Reds Reopen Strategic Rail Lines

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Russian armies, claiming to have smashed all except two small groups of Nazi troops (indicated by swastika) near Stalingrad, had reopened three rail lines useful in sending supplies and reinforcements to the front. London sources heard. These lines feed from Stalingrad north (1) toward Voronezh (2), west toward Tatsinskaya, and (3), southwest toward Salsk. Arrows show where Russian pressure against the Nazis is greatest. Broken line is the front as it existed when the Russian drive began.

FDR PAYS VISIT IN LIBERIA, BRAZIL

Details Not Available On Subject of Allied Talks

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Piling precedent on precedent, President Roosevelt is taking advantage of his historic trip to North Africa by stopping off en route home and conferring with the heads of allied nations in both hemispheres.

The latest of these meetings came yesterday, when Mr. Roosevelt saw President Getulio Vargas of Brazil at Natal, main South American terminus of the airplane service to Africa. As they talked, Brazilians celebrated the first anniversary of that nation's break with the axis.

While details were not immediately available, it was presumed the two chief executives had an opportunity to discuss Brazil's strategic importance in hemispheric defense.

Meanwhile the White House disclosed last night that Mr. Roosevelt had paused on his journey homeward from the momentary war councils in North Africa to greet the president of tropical Liberia, on the western bulge of Africa.

There he reviewed American negro troops and inspected a plantation turning out war-vital rubber.

News of his Liberian visit was (Continued on Page Two)

Swastika Won't Fly in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 29 (AP)—The German consulate here received instructions from Berlin not to fly the Nazi swastika tomorrow on the tenth anniversary of Hitler's rise to power.

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Captain Jack Auctioned for Another \$22,500

Captain Jack, the bantam rooster, was auctioned for another \$22,500 at Friday's Rotary club luncheon and that put Klamath county over the top on its January war-savings quota of \$317,000.

The rooster brought a total of \$75,000 in war savings purchases at Rotary club luncheons. Each time a new bid was offered, the bidder agreed to buy war savings bonds representing the difference between the previous bid and his bid.

In this manner, the sales went up until they represent nearly \$1000 each in war savings purchases for Rotary club members. Henry Moe was the last bidder Friday, and said he would be glad to give the rooster for a similar war savings effort in some other Rotary club.

Bidding went up Friday from \$52,500 to \$75,000. Mitchell Tiliotson, chairman of the Rotary club drive, said he hoped the local public would continue to purchase bonds through the remaining two days of the month even though the quota has been reached.

Funeral Services To Be Held Sunday For Mrs. James

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 29 (AP)—Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James, 21, victim in the "main line murder" aboard a train in Oregon last Saturday, will be held here Sunday.

Mrs. James, wife of Ensign Richard F. James of the navy, was slain while sleeping in lower 13 of sleeper D.

Robert Folkes, 21, dining car cook on the train, has been charged with first degree murder in the case.

James arrived in Norfolk this week with his wife's body.

Heuvel Probes Charges Of Alleged Beating Here

Allegations made by Cecil Scott Sapps, assault case defendant, to the effect that he was beaten by a policeman shortly after his arrest, were being investigated by Chief of Police Earl Heuvel Friday.

Sapps made the allegations in part at a preliminary hearing on the assault case Friday morning in justice court, result of which will be determined by Justice Joe Mahoney Saturday.

The 18-year-old defendant made similar charges against an unidentified policeman in a mental hearing held Thursday, in which Sapps was found mentally sound.

Sapps asserted that after his arrest on a complaint lodged by a local young woman he was struck by an officer, who took him by the collar. The officer, he said, hit him hard in the

mouth, causing his head to hit a wall in a room at the city hall. Police Chief Earl Heuvel said Friday morning he would call a line-up of his officers and have Sapps look them over to pick out his alleged assailant. When Sapps was asked at the Thursday hearing what officer struck him, he pointed to Sergeant Paul Robertson, who was in Circuit Judge Vandenberg's courtroom, and said: "He ought to know, he was there."

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Giraud Sees No Prospect of Political Unity

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 29 (AP)—General Henri Honoré Giraud declared today that there were no prospects of any single united French movement at the present time and that the only agreement between himself and General Charles De Gaulle would be one "of liaison on military, economic and financial matters."

Giraud, high commissioner for French North and West Africa, told a press conference that he had not taken up "the question of politics" with the leader of the Fighting French when the two were brought together during the Roosevelt-Churchill conference at Casablanca.

"There is no question of a single united French movement throughout the world at the present time," he said. "We are establishing a permanent liaison on critical economic and military questions."

Giraud told the conference he was willing to give the Jews in North Africa back their property and allow Jewish children in the schools, but added that "these moves must be made gradually."

Before the conference the general issued a long statement, much of it repeating material previously covered but saying in addition that the discussion with De Gaulle at Casablanca (Continued on Page Two)

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