

Blackout Signal

One 8-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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JAPS EVACUATE GUADALCANAL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE mystery of the South Seas is clearing a little today. A Tokyo dispatch, broadcast by Berlin, says Japanese forces have been evacuated from Guadalcanal. Also from the Buna-Gona area of New Guinea.

SECRETARY Knox tells his press conference in Washington he doesn't think there's any doubt of the truth of the Berlin report, adding that all enemy resistance on Guadalcanal has ceased.

PUTTING two and two together and doing some tall guessing, it seems likely that the sea battle in the Solomons that has had its on edge for a week and a half has been a fake play by the Japs to cover the apparently successful withdrawal of the battered remnant of their land forces on Guadalcanal.

It looks as if they may have started ruckuses all over hundreds of miles of ocean as a diversion, and while we were busy with these scattered fights they dashed in and rescued what was left of their troops on Guadalcanal.

AS to Buna-Gona, this is the Jap version: "Japanese troops at Buna... sent in to establish foundations for new operations... have been crushing stubborn enemy resistance. Having completed their duties, they were transferred to other points."

IF our side's version is accurate, these Buna-Gona Japs DIED TO THE LAST MAN. Here's hoping more Japs "complete their duties" in the same way.

PUTTING all the scanty news together and tall guessing, it looks as if the Japs may be pulling out of these areas in the Solomons and New Guinea that have become too hot for them to handle.

Trying to guess what they'll do next is too much of a strain, and we'd better wait for further developments. But all along their positions in the southern Solomons have looked like a threat aimed at our communication line to Australia.

Maybe, for the present, they're giving up that threat. Maybe they're merely going to strike from some other point. Time will tell.

Whole Nazi Line Imperilled

WLB REFUSES WAGE INCREASE TO "BIG FOUR"

Decision Thought to Presage Firm Policy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP)—The war labor board refused today to grant a general wage increase to employees of the "Big Four" packing companies, and in a reiteration of its "Little Steel" formula, declared it is "duty bound to stabilize wages at the September 15, 1942 level."

A mediation panel majority had recommended an increase of 51 cents an hour for the 180,000 employees of the Swift, Armour, Wilson, and Cudahy companies. Three unions involved represented about 85,000 employees.

No Modification The decision could be interpreted as presaging a firm government policy on wage stabilization in the intensifying battle against inflation. Labor members of the board dissented.

"The general relationship," a board opinion said, "between wages and prices, as it existed on September 15, has been adopted by the congress and is not subject to modification by the national war labor board.

This decision emphasizes that the wage stabilization policy "demands a correlative stabilization of prices" and it cites assurances from the director of economic stabilization, that the holding of wage levels will be accomplished. (Continued on Page Two)

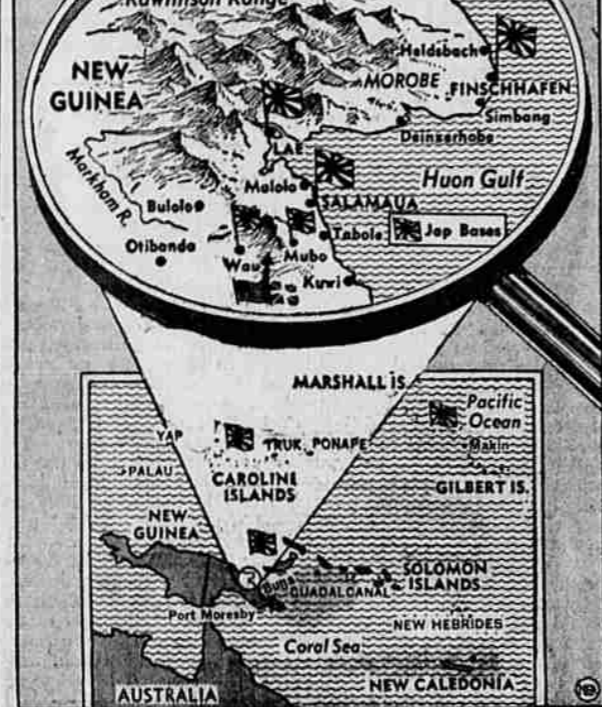
Snowbound Blue Mountain Village Faces Starvation

BAKER, Feb. 9 (AP)—Food supplies to the snow-isolated hamlet of Granite, Ore., probably will be taken by skis in a day or two. Baker county authorities indicated today.

The 41-mile high mining village's six residents were sorely in need of supplies. They have had no green vegetables nor meat for a long time and canned goods supplies are nearly exhausted.

Even the hardy miners could not take rifles and go out for (Continued on Page Two)

Next Front on New Guinea



Quickly following up their victory at Buna, General MacArthur's American-Australian forces are attacking the Japs in the New Guinea area magnified above. Bombers have been raiding Jap bases like Lee and Finschhafen and a ground offensive has been opened up in the Wau-Mubo area.

MacArthur's Men Drive Toward Big Enemy Base

By The Associated Press On the New Guinea front, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters reported that allied troops driving toward the big enemy base at Salamaua wiped out a Japanese pocket east of the Wau airbase, 35 miles southwest of Salamaua.

In the skies, United Nations airmen carried out widespread attacks against the enemy. Dutch and Australian bombers, manning U. S. made bombers, virtually destroyed the Japanese-occupied town and harbor works of Dobo in the Aro Islands, 500 miles north of Australia, setting fires visible 40 miles.

Other allied raiders pounded the Japanese airbase at Buin, in the northern Solomons, destroyed a 2000-ton ship offshore and exploded an ammunition dump; and also blasted enemy-held positions at Bibo, in Dutch New Guinea; Gasmata, New Britain, and Finschhafen and Lee in northern New Guinea.

Dispatches from a Pacific base credited an American submarine with the "clean sweep" destruction of a Japanese corvette. (Continued on Page Two)

SALEM, Calif., Feb. 9 (AP)—Civil and military authorities indicated today they were not interested in prosecuting the 15-year-old son of an army officer who killed an army private in protecting his mother from what he said was an attempted attack.

KURSK FALLS; SIEGE GUNS POUND ROSTOV

Encirclement of Kharkov, Rostov Continues

By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor A sudden and spectacular Russian coup which netted the capture of Kursk, one of the "big six" bastions of the German defense system, imperilled the whole Nazi line below Moscow today even as red army siege guns thundered destruction upon the axis citadel at Rostov-on-Don.

Kursk, which lies about midway between Moscow and Rostov, formed a major link in the German defense wall along with Smolensk, Bryansk, Orel, Kharkov and Rostov.

The city in the Black Earth region on the southern slope of the central Russian plateau, had been in Nazi hands since November 23, 1941, for and a half months after the German invasion and it's stormed into Russia.

Wounded Battle "The (German) Kursk army, as it called itself, does not exist any more," Soviet war correspondents said, reporting that red army shock troops used bayonets and rifle butts to batter the Nazi garrison into submission.

The Russians said Gen. Schneider, the German commander, exhorted his troops to fight on, promising that "relief would come," and even threw wounded soldiers from hospitals into the battle.

The city itself was reported (Continued on Page Two)

Robert C. Nunes Singled Out as Pensacola Hero

ABOARD THE DESTROYER FARENHOLT IN PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 6 (Delayed AP)—Fire Controlman Robert C. Nunes of Klamath Falls, Ore., was singled out today as exemplifying the spirit of the heavy cruiser Pensacola.

With the mainmast in which he was stationed enveloped in flames and himself badly burned, Nunes remained in the face of grave danger to extricate shipmates from the burning structure and then helped remove a seriously burned and helpless man to a place of safety.



Major-General Alexander M. Patch, above, is in charge of the American army forces on Guadalcanal, from where the Japanese were reported today to have withdrawn.

BILL WOULD SHIFT COURT CLERKSHIP

Appointment by Judge Proposed in Measure

SALEM, Feb. 9 (AP)—A bill creating the office of circuit court clerk for Klamath county was introduced in the senate this afternoon by Sen. Marshall Cornett, and Reps. Louis H. Craver and Henry Semon, all of Klamath Falls.

The salary would be fixed by the county court, but the circuit judge would get the power to appoint and remove his own clerk. The judge would be permitted to appoint a temporary clerk or clerks in the absence of the circuit court clerk.

Emergency Clause The bill also provides that the county clerk must turn over all records to the circuit court clerk when and if the new position is created. All laws affecting the county clerk, insofar as they would be applicable to the circuit court clerk, would apply to the circuit clerk.

The bill introduced in Salem today to change the status of the circuit court clerkship contains provisions suggested by the county grand jury after its last session.

At present, the county clerk is circuit clerk and the work is usually done by a deputy county clerk.

Officers Arrive to Aid In Evacuee Registration

(See story on page 4 for President Roosevelt's approval of formation of a combat unit made up of American citizens of Japanese ancestry.) NEWELL—To assist in the comprehensive program of mass clearance of evacuees who have reached the age of 17, one commissioned and three non-commissioned officers arrived at the Tule Lake project on Sunday.

They are First Lieutenant Evan Carroll, Staff Sergeant Attilio B. Sabatini, Sergeant Taro Tsukahara and Sergeant J. Vincent Sullivan, all attached to the war department, Washington, D. C.

Resistance on Strategic Isle Seems Broken

By The Associated Press A Tokyo dispatch broadcast by the German radio reported today that Japan's armies had been evacuated from Guadalcanal island in the Solomons, after a six-month battle against U. S. forces landed on the island in the first allied counter-offensive in the South Seas.

"It is officially announced that Buna on New Guinea and the island of Guadalcanal have been evacuated by the Japanese," the broadcast said. In Washington, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said there was no doubt in his mind that the Japanese were evacuating Guadalcanal.

Knox said his opinion was based on "some information" received by the navy. "All enemy resistance on the island has apparently ceased," he said, "except that there may be a few little groups left."

Berlin quoted Imperial Tokyo headquarters as saying the Mikado's forces withdrew from Guadalcanal "after their missions had been fulfilled." Japanese losses in the Guadalcanal and New Guinea theatres were listed at 16,734 dead, against 25,000 allied troops declared wiped out.

Preparations Underway for OPA Opening Preparations for opening the district OPA office here proceeded Tuesday, with furniture due to arrive for placement in the district quarters in the Balseger building opposite The Herald and News office.

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OPA officials here include Mrs. Ernestine Wonder, senior administrative assistant; John May, assistant regional rationing (Continued on Page Two)

Permission to Keep Hogs Inside City Limits Asked

A proposal that keeping of hogs be permitted inside the city limits was offered to the city council Monday night by Councilman Rollin Cantrell, who said some of the people in his ward want to keep hogs as a means of meeting current food and economic problems.

No Prosecution Seen for Youth Who Shot Soldier

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Even Old Timers Admit This Is Quite a Winter

Even the old timers admit this is quite a winter. Officials of the U. S. bureau of reclamation reckon that the county will have one of the heaviest run-offs in many years due to the exceptional snowfall and precipitation recorded at this time of the year.

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