

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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YANK'S ALGERIAN BASE PERILED

850 Die In Torpedoings

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS WE'VE been reading for days that our armies in Northern Tunisia are mud-bound. Consider today this disturbing fact: Rommel ISN'T mud-bound.

THE dispatches as these words are written (just before noon) are slightly confusing. They tell of a REPULSE suffered by Rommel in a thrust toward Tebessa, which is our railroad supply base just over the Tunisian border in Algeria.

But they tell also of GAINS made by him at Thala, northwest of Tebessa. This suggests that his thrust at Tebessa was what the military people call a feint and what the football reporters are apt to refer to as a fake play.

IN other words, Thala may have been his real objective and his gesture toward Tebessa was intended merely to draw our strength AWAY from where he intended to hit in force.

THE map suggests uneasily that the desert fox may have in mind the bold idea of pushing CLEAR THROUGH to the Mediterranean west of the Tunisian hump and forcing us (by cutting our communications) to withdraw from the entire Tunis-Bizerte area.

TO accomplish this, of course, he'd have to have a lot of strength behind him. We outsiders don't know how much strength the Germans have been able to get across the Mediterranean narrows.

It may be much, or it may be little. Not knowing the facts, we can only make guesses in the dark. If Rommel's strength is limited (as we have been assuming) it may be taken for granted that he is merely hitting as hard as he can in the north before Montgomery has time to catch up with him from the south, thus bringing him between two fires.

THE really disturbing point is that the mud that has been reported as bogging us down doesn't seem to have been stopping Rommel.

THE news from Russia continues favorable. The red armies are reported today at Pavlograd, only 34 miles from the Dnieper river at Dnepropetrovsk. Pavlograd is on the main line railroad that serves the Crimean peninsula.

If the Russians can push on down this railroad 75 miles to Zaparozhe, they can cut the LAST rail route by which the Germans can escape from the Crimea. Maybe the Germans who have been pouring through the Rostov land gap by way of Taganrog and the Sea of Azov coastline will be trapped yet.

Your map will explain this possibility.

AS this is written, there is no news from China. But disturbing news comes from India, which in our plans is closely LINKED with China. (Burma is China's back door and it is from India that we hope to get into Burma.)

The disturbing news from India has to do with shriveled little Gandhi.

GANDHI, in the 12th day of his 21-day hunger strike, is reported to have suffered severe nausea, with near-fainting. His pulse became almost imperceptible. Then he rallied, took a little water and lime juice and after that slept for five and a half (Continued on Page Two)

27 YOUNG MEN REMOVED FROM WRA PROJECT

Agitation Over Registration Leads to Removal

Mounting agitation over registration for job clearance and selective service among evacuees at the Tulelake war relocation project came to a climax Sunday with removal of 27 young men from the project to jails at Klamath Falls and Alturas.

Fourteen young men were brought to the county jail here and 13 were removed to the jail at Alturas. Harvey M. Coverley, director of the project, in a statement obtained through the reports of office Monday morning, said that there was no violence. The men were removed from the project by the project internal security force.

Protest Sent In Coverley stated that the evacuees brought out last night had sent in a protest against registration. He described them as "ill-advised boys" who had been agitated by a "few subversive people." The protest of these evacuees, (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Has Perfect Score in Raid On Bremen Port

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—The German port of Bremen was heavily attacked by RAF bombers last night in a raid from which all bombers returned, it was officially announced today. The air ministry's news service said more than 100 two-ton bombs were rained on the target. The city's defenses were taken by surprise and German ground gunners were reported to have failed to open fire until after the first bomb exploded.

It was the first raid on Bremen since last October 20 when British Mosquito bombers struck that city along with Wilhelmshaven and Hanover. Wilhelmshaven has borne the brunt of the RAF's most recent raids on Germany, last Thursday night and again on Friday night.

Germany's second largest port and an important aircraft manufacturing center, Bremen probably found itself a renewed target for the RAF principally because of its extensive submarine building yards. It previously had undergone more than 100 raids, some of them described as "very heavy."

Six Yanks, Their Tank In Flames, Die Fighting

By HAROLD V. BOYLE WITH THE U. S. ARMY IN TUNISIA, Feb. 20 (Delayed) (AP) Their own tank aflame, six American soldiers found and destroyed two German Mark IV tanks before they perished in a fiery tomb they could not—or would not—leave.

Their soldier-biographer is tall, lanky reconnaissance Sergeant Jesse J. Hurt, 22, of Albia, Iowa, who saw outnumbered U. S. tankmen knock out 12 enemy tanks during one of the armored force battles on the plains east of Sbeitla.

"I was on a hill overlooking the battle scene, which was spreading out before me like a motion picture," he said. "It was like nothing I ever saw before in my life. "We saw one of our medium tanks get hit and start to burn. We watched, expecting any mo-

Soviets Poised For March to Dnieper River

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, Feb. 22 (AP)—Mopping-up operations in the Donets basin have carried the red army into numerous towns about 50 miles south and southwest of Voroshilovgrad, the Russians said today, while far to the west soviet columns were reported poised for a 34-mile march to the Dnieper river after capturing Pavlograd and Krasnohrad. The Russians also announced their drives west of Rostov, north of Kurak toward Orel, and (Continued on Page Two)

MIGHTY U. S. SUB SUNK IN ACTION

Argonaut Lost; Companion Sub Downs 2 Jap Ships

PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 22 (AP) America's largest submarine, the 2710-ton Argonaut, has been sunk in action in the South Pacific with the probable loss of 102 lives—but a companion submarine exacted swift vengeance by sinking two of the heavily-escorted Japanese transports the Argonaut had been stalking.

The Argonaut itself, before it received a mortal wound, had sent a torpedo crashing into an enemy destroyer with unknown result.

Failed to Return The transports, one of 10,000 tons and the other of 7,000 tons, were sunk within two hours after the Argonaut had gone down off the southeast coast of New Guinea. The action occurred more than a month ago. (A Washington navy communiqué (Continued on Page Two)

Good News for Smokers—No Ration Planned

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Cigarette smokers who have heard rumors of rationing for some time got good news from the government today. "No restrictions on the manufacture or distribution of cigarettes are necessary at present," the war production board's beverages and tobacco division reported.

Domestic consumption of cigarettes totaled 236,000,000,000 in 1942, an increase of 29,000,000,000 over 1941, the previous high, but the division said stocks of cigarette leaf tobacco in the hands of dealers and manufacturers were "adequate for the time being."

Gandhi Weathers Crisis on 12th Day of Fast

NEW DELHI, Feb. 22 (AP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi weathered a crisis yesterday in the 12th day of his 21-day fast and today, a government bulletin issued in Bombay said, he appeared more comfortable and more cheerful. His heart, however, was weaker.

The report, signed by six doctors, said the frail Hindu ascetic entered the crisis at 4 p. m. yesterday. "He was seized with severe nausea and almost fainted and his pulse became nearly imperceptible," it said. "But later he took water and lime juice, rallied and slept well into the night."

SUBS BAG TWO U. S. SHIPS IN ATLANTIC AREA

Heavy Losses Hit Military, Civilians On Board

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP) The navy reported today that more than 850 persons, mostly service personnel, were dead or missing as a result of submarine torpedoings of two American passenger-cargo ships in the North Atlantic early this month.

A statement said: "Two medium-sized United States passenger cargo vessels were torpedoed and sunk by enemy submarines within four days of each other early in February in the North Atlantic. Both attacks occurred at night, and both ships sank within 30 minutes.

Loss Heavy "Loss of life among the merchant crewmen and passengers, the latter comprising civilians and personnel of the army, navy, marine corps and coast guard, was heavy in both sinkings. "More than 600 from the total complement of over 900 of the first vessel, and more than half of the approximately (Continued on Page Two)

Allied Bombers Thunder to Attack In Solomon Isles

By The Associated Press In the far Pacific theater, allied bombers continued their thundering attacks on the Japanese positions in the Solomons and in Burma.

From Guadalcanal in the southern Solomons a force of Avenger torpedo planes, Dauntless divebombers, and Warhawk and new Corsair fighters raided the Japanese base at Munda on New Georgia island, 180 miles to the northwest, and started a number of fires, the navy department announced.

After showering the Buin-Faisi area in the North Solomons with 23 tons of bombs on Saturday, the allied raiders returned to the same area Sunday with huge loads of explosives and started fires visible for 50 miles, a communiqué from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced.

Ambon in the Dutch East Indies also was attacked and six Japanese in planes which tried to intercept the attack were shot down.

From India the RAF raided targets near Mandalay and on the Irrawaddy river in Burma and set large fires.

From Chungking, the Chinese reported the third repulse in three days of Japanese units (Continued on Page Two)

Commando Appeal Jams Armory With Record Crowd

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CANNED GOODS USE HALVED BY RATION

Three Cans Per Person Per Month Provided (See Point Table on Page 9)

By IRVING PERLMETER WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—American householders are to be allowed less than half of the canned fruits and vegetables they have been in the habit of eating under a "scant ration" program starting next Monday.

The March allowance announced by the office of price administration last night provides, on an average, for only about three cans per person for the month. Price Administrator Prentiss Brown estimated the civilian supply from March 1 to September, 1944, would average a little more than 13,000,000 cases a month compared with 30,000,000 in 1941-42.

48 Points to Spend This week all families must live on the canned goods they have, and next week, when sales are resumed, they take a new kind of ration book to the store.

Everyone has 48 points to "spend" in March, and families may pool their points. It will take, for example, 14 points to buy a standard size can of corn or green beans, 16 for peas or tomatoes, 21 for peaches or pears, 10 for grapefruit, 23 for grapefruit juice, 32 for large cans of tomato or pineapple juice, 6 for soup, 1 for baby food, about 13 points a pound for frozen fruits or vegetables.

Register This Week Administrator Brown himself (Continued on Page Two)

Something Brewing On English War Front, Say Nazis

BERN, Switzerland, Feb. 22 (AP)—A Le Havre dispatch to the Tribune de Geneve reported today that Nazi aerial reconnaissance over England led to the belief "we are on the eve of an English attempt of unsuspected audacity."

(Just what the attempt might be was not indicated in this dispatch, but the quotation may have been intended to refer to a possible invasion thrust across the English channel or North sea.)

The dispatch said Nazi fliers were "singularly intrigued by enormous preparations at certain ports" and intensive road traffic, along with unusual activity in industrial areas.

Ration Sign-Up

Persons whose last names begin with A, B, C, and D were to sign up for food rationing at schoolhouses Monday. On Tuesday, those with the initials E, F, G and H should sign up. Rationing hours are from 2 to 8 p. m.



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Klamath Citizens Go All Out on Soldier Project

A patriotic crowd numbering approximately 3000 jammed the Klamath armory to the rafters Saturday night when the Commandos staged their Washington birthday dance to provide funds for local visits of wounded soldiers.

It was one of the biggest, if not the biggest, dance crowds in the history of Klamath Falls. Hundreds came for the floor show only, and filled the balconies as well as the armory floor. There was no standing room left.

The affair proved a financial success for the Commandos, giving (Continued on Page Two)

Full Voting Rights For Evacuees Upheld By Court of Appeals

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Full voting rights for Japanese-American citizens who have been evacuated from west coast military areas were upheld by the U. S. ninth circuit court of appeals in a ruling Saturday.

The native sons of the golden west sought a mandate requiring the San Francisco registrar of voters to strike the Japanese names from the great register. The court's seven justices, however, ruled without leaving the bench. They were assembled en banc to hear concluding arguments on constitutionality of the evacuation. The matter was taken under advisement.

OREGON HOUSE KILLS TRUCK BILL 45-15

Statutory Limits To Be Effective After War

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Oregon house of representatives, despite pleas by federal officials, killed 45 to 15 today the bill to make permanent the state highway commission's war emergency order permitting maximum truck length and weight limits of 60 feet and 71,000 pounds.

Defeat of the bill means that the statutory limits of 50 feet and 54,000 pounds again will become effective at the end of the war.

Statements Denied The vote came on the house highway committee's 5 to 4 report recommending passage of the bill. Rep. Robert A. Bennett, Portland, leading the floor fight on the bill, denied statements by army, navy and other federal officials who said that the northwest faces a critical transportation shortage that might prevent civilians from getting oil and food unless the bill is passed.

Opposition These experts, who appeared at a special hearing last Friday night, said that truck operators won't increase the capacity of their vehicles to the temporary (Continued on Page Two)

YANKS, FRENCH FEND OFF NEW AXIS ADVANCE

Nazi Panzers Plunge Toward Tebessa In Algeria

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Marshal Erwin Rommel hurled his infantry late today through Kasserine Pass toward the important American base of Tebessa in Algeria while a strong tank column stabbed to within four miles of Thala.

Observers said the German panzers near Thala were "showing signs of exhaustion and the American and British forces appear to have the situation in hand." A French communiqué closed that yet a third column was within six miles of Sbeitla.

Attack Renewed Late field reports recalled a first estimate of German tanks employed in the various attacks to 40 toward Thala, 20 toward Tebessa and 14 toward Sbeitla.

Although the German armor was pushed back by an American combat team earlier, the axis marshal renewed his thrust toward Tebessa as the sun sank low. The pass is about 35 miles from Tebessa.

American and French infantry to date have successfully countered the new thrusts. (The dispatch was filed at 8:10 p. m., Algerian time 10:10 a. m. FWT).

Yanks Score A competent source at allied headquarters, reviewing Rommel's latest attack, said the Germans branched out toward Thala and Tebessa at about 12:30 a. m. Sunday and at the same time made a "slight infiltration" in the mountains toward Tebessa north of Feriana.

"They met an American combat team which had plenty of battle experience and were knocked back toward Kasserine Gap in their Tebessa attack," he said.

American artillery with British tanks engaged the Germans (Continued on Page Two)

Consideration of Court Clerkship Bill Delayed

Consideration of the Klamath county circuit court clerkship bill was delayed in the state senate Monday by request of Senator Marshall Cornett, who said a check is being made of legal questions concerning the measure.

Senator Cornett told the senate he was uncertain whether the bill conflicts with a constitutional provision requiring county clerks to act as circuit court clerks.

The bill may be considered again Tuesday. It provides that the court clerk be appointed by the circuit judge.

Restaurants, Too, Will Feel Pinch Of Food Rations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Citizens who hope to eke out their food rations by eating out several times a week may find restaurants just as badly pinched. OPA reported today that restaurants will be limited to about the same percentage of canned, dried and processed fruits and vegetables as individual consumers.

In other words, restaurants will get something less than 50 per cent of the amount they have been using. The exact amount has not been fixed but will be announced shortly. OPA said, and restaurants will go under rationing March 1 along with householders.

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