

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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BRITISH TANKS HURL NAZIS BACK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THERE'S a lull again in the news. You can't run all the time at top speed. You have to stop every now and then to catch your breath. War works the same way.

THERE isn't really much of a lull in Russia. It merely SEEMS so. There's plenty of hard fighting there every day. The news rises to fever heat only when STRATEGIC points are taken. It dies down in the intervals. This is an interval.

SOMETHING big is shaping up. The Russians appear to be pushing one jaw of a pincer down from Rzhev, which they forced the Germans to abandon a few days ago. They're pushing another pincer jaw up from the general neighborhood of Kharkov. If these jaws should CLOSE somewhere in the vicinity of Smolensk, the German-held wedge whose point is STILL within 100 miles of Moscow would be bitten off.

YOU may be quite sure the Russians want to do just that. You may be equally sure the Germans will fight like wildcats to prevent it.

IN Tunisia, Von Arnim is still hacking at the flanks of Medjez el Bab, which lies at the head of the valley that is the main gate to Bizerte and Tunis. That's the real meaning of this fighting up around Sedjenane you'll read of in your newspaper tonight.

THERE'S a flicker of excitement in the news from Southern Tunisia today. Free French outfits join Giraud's French at Nefta, on the WEST side of the Chott Djerid, the salt marsh that is a part of the Mareth defenses where Rommel has been holding back Montgomery.

The French are reported to be pushing northward from Nefta to Gafsa. From Gafsa a railroad follows a gap in the hills down to the Mediterranean coast.

THE point is that Montgomery may be undertaking to FLANK the Mareth defenses (through difficult country) and get into Rommel's rear by the Gafsa route.

Increased air and ground patrol activities are reported in the Mareth area. These are often the prelude to hard fighting.

ONE of our large objectives in Tunisia is to smash Rommel in the south and make possible a junction between Montgomery's and Alexander's armies, thus compressing the Germans into a tighter ring around Tunis and Bizerte.

IN the Pacific, you may be quite sure the Japs are STUNNED for the moment. Even semi-savages such as the Japanese can't help being shocked by disasters like that of the Bismarck Sea.

YOU must have noted the rising tension in Spain. Keep your eye on that part of the world—especially on Gibraltar. Every time Hitler looks at the map, Gibraltar must jump out and hit him in the eye.

If he could close the Gibraltar strait, he could nullify a lot of our prospective gains in the Mediterranean.

THE British RAF hits Germany for the NINTH consecutive night. They're bringing nearer the time when allied planes will be over Germany CONSTANTLY.

Don't overlook this angle: It will take a lot of planes to SUPPLY such an effort. A rough tabulation of admitted losses in the past week brings the total to around 40. We mustn't let ANYTHING (Continued on Page Two)

Drastic Food Lack Seen

Third Degree Methods Enter Lower 13 Case

ALBANY, Ore., March 5 (P)—Third degree methods of Los Angeles police were precipitated into Oregon's "lower 13 murder case" here today as Robert E. Lee Folkes entered a plea of innocent before Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling of Linn county. Trial was set for 10 a. m. April 7. Folkes, 20-year-old Los Angeles negro dining car cook, is under indictment on a charge of knifing to death Mrs. Martha Virginia James aboard a limited train as she lay in berth lower 13 the morning of January 23. Prosecution reverted to Linn county, through which the train was passing at the time. Leroy Lomax, Portland attorney, asked permission to read a 75-page confession which District Attorney Harlow Weirick said the negro had made. After perusing the document, Lomax asked whether similar confessions had been made in Los Angeles, where Folkes was arrested when the train reached that city. Weirick said Folkes had made conflicting statements in (Continued on Page Two)

RED GAINS MENACE ENTIRE NAZI LINE

Scores of Towns Recaptured South Of Rzhev

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, March 5 (P)—Striking out from Rzhev, the Russians have recaptured scores of towns southwest of the fortress city and have completely cleared the 270-mile-long railway between Moscow and Velikie Luki with the occupation of Olenino, 35 miles due west of Rzhev, it was announced today. Coupled with new gains by Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's forces on the northwest front and with advances by red army columns northwest of Kharkov, the soviet successes increased the immediate threat to German positions at Orel, Bryansk, Gzhatsk, Vyazma and Staraya Russa. The potential menace to German key bases at Smolensk and Konotop was intensified. Nazi Claims At Velikie Luki, the red army was only 80 miles from the Latvian border and a short distance from north and south railway lines over which the Germans (Continued on Page Two)

35-55 PER CENT SLASH IN TAX NOW FAVORED

Conference Committee Eyes Changes in Oregon Set-Up

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr. SALEM, March 5 (P)—A conference committee, seeking to reach agreement between the senate and house income tax reduction measures, appeared today to be favorable to an idea SALEM, March 5 (P)—The house voted today to end the Oregon legislative session at 11:59 p. m. tomorrow. There was some doubt, however, that the senate would agree because it still has considerable business before it. That taxes should be cut between 35 and 55 per cent on taxes payable next year. After the house had passed a bill for a 10 per cent cut on payments made this year and 11.62 per cent beginning next year, the senate voted 24 to 8 yesterday for a plan by Sen. Dean H. Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate tax committee, whereby taxes would be reduced at least 35 per cent next year, and possibly 55 per cent. The house then refused to accept the senate plan, and a con- (Continued on Page Two)

Appointment of Lynn Roycroft as director of the Civilian Service Corps, branch of the Klamath county defense council, was announced Friday. He replaces Ed Ostendorf, now director of the OPA office here. Roycroft, who resigned as captain of the police reserves to take over the new job, has been active in local civilian defense work. The corps covers war savings, salvage drives, victory gardens and related defense problems.



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DOUBLE BLOW HITS BOOTLEG MEAT SALE

Closer Control Over Slaughter, Sale Ordered

By KARL R. BAUMAN WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—The government launched a two-front attack today on black market operations in meat. Following closely on OPA announcement of uniform retail prices for meat, Agriculture Secretary Wickard issued three orders providing closer control over the slaughter of livestock and sale of meat. Black Market Hit OPA announced uniform retail ceilings for pork, beginning April 1, and said similar maximums would be established about the same time for beef, veal, lamb and mutton. Both Wickard and Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown said their actions were designed to prevent black market operations. Wickard also asserted his orders would result in adequate supplies of meats for direct war (Continued on Page Two)

MOVE TO DEFER FARM WORKERS GAINS GROUND

Food Crop Will Fall Below 1942, Say Leaders

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—The senate's military committee reported today that the prospect of a 1943 food crop as large as last year is "almost hopeless of realization." It recommended legislation to restrain the movement of labor away from the farms to avoid a result that "may be tragic." The report, to the senate, asked passage of a bill to defer the induction of farm workers into the army for the remainder of 1943. Mel-Administration Administration of existing legislation providing for the deferment of essential farm workers, the committee said, has been "so circumscribed by red tape" that it has not accomplished the desired result. "The draft boards throughout the country did not administer it with understanding, sympathy and uniformly and many farmers who were entitled to deferment were given little or no consideration," its report added. Minority Report The committee's main conclusion was in line with a statement by Agriculture Secretary Wickard that Americans must tighten their belts because there is not going to be enough food to satisfy the demands of the United States and its allies this year. While recognizing a need for some action, the committee minority, in a report written by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), opposed deferment of farmers as a group and recommended a revision of existing legislation defining the agricultural commodities essential to maintain the war effort as well as "the standard of production per person upon which deferment should be based." When Senator Nye (R-N.D.), who has forecast a food shortage because of insufficient farm labor, said he was satisfied there (Continued on Page Two)

Snell Gets Bill Increasing Wages Of State Police

SALEM, March 5 (P)—The senate passed and sent to the governor a bill increasing salaries of state police officers between \$35 and \$50 a month. The bill would increase privates' pay from \$160 to \$200 a month. The house sent to the senate the state police appropriation bill totaling \$1,502,452, including \$142,642 to provide the salary increases.

Two Jap Planes Bomb Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON, March 5 (P)—American planes raiding through the Pacific have hit again at four Japanese bases in the Solomon island area and at the Japanese position on Kiska in the Aleutians. The navy reported this today in a communique which told also of two Japanese planes bombing United States positions on Guadalcanal island but without damage.

Japs Maintain Silence on Battle

NEW YORK, March 5 (P)—The Japanese radio maintained silence today over the crushing defeat inflicted by American planes on the 22-ship Japanese convoy off New Guinea. U. S. radio monitors said they had heard no Japanese broadcast mention the battle.

News Index table listing various news items and their page numbers.

Can't Escape Home Duties Even in N. Africa



War or no war, homely tasks must be performed in Tunisia as evidenced by this young American nurse at a U. S. evacuation hospital behind the North Africa battlefield. Eugenia Alblinder, of San Francisco, is the nurse who laughingly cleans mud off her boots as newly-washed clothes hang in the background.

It's Too Bad Nobody Was In Jail Here in December

Sheriff Lloyd Low was mighty proud last December when the local jailhouse was virtually devoid of prisoners—but now, it has him worried. For the sheriff has learned that jail food allotments for the current period are based on the December requirements. Instead of a daily average attendance of two or three, as in December, the jail now has 37 prisoners, including 11 Japanese project evacuees. Sheriff Low has on hand a quantity of dried beans, some rice and several sacks of potatoes, but not much of anything else. The beans put him behind a couple of thousand points, shutting off his buying power. "It has to be worked out, or somebody is going to be hungry for something besides beans," said the sheriff. Lee Jacobs, food rationing official of the OPA district office, said that it can be worked out. He said there are provisions in the regulations that provide for a supplemental allotment, if needed, for the jail, which is known to the OPA not as a hoosegow or jug, but an "institution of involuntary confinement."

Net Spread for Youth in Mass Murder Mystery

AUBURN, Calif., March 5 (P)—All California peace officers were asked today by District Attorney Lowell Sparks of Placer county "to arrest and hold" 19-year-old Raymond Latschaw whom the prosecutor said he wishes to "question minutely" in connection with the slaying of five members of the youth's family near here. At the same time action was taken which would lead the federal bureau of investigation into a nationwide hunt for the youth, who has not been seen since February 11, the date established as that when the mass killing took place. Raymond's draft board, Sparks announced, has declared him delinquent for failing to report and delinquency cases are reported to the FBI. The district attorney also asked state authorities to press their search for one of the Latschaw family automobiles which witnesses said disappeared from the murder premises after February 11. The death gun, believed to be a .380 caliber pistol, never has been found despite a thorough search of the Latschaw ranch. Robbery has been advanced as the motive for the crime, the authorities determining that the Latschaws cashed checks totaling more than \$900 shortly before February 11 and this sum has not been accounted for.

Nazis Rushing Construction of French Defense

LONDON, March 5 (P)—Fighting French authorities said today the Germans were rushing construction of defenses in a zone between the region of Soissons and Compiègne, at the confluence of the Oise and Aisne rivers 80 miles inland from the English channel. Five thousand French prisoners of war were reported used on the work at Margival north-east of Soissons and another 2000 west of Soissons. "It is obvious," a fighting French spokesman said, "that this locality would become a vital key point to any army which envisaged a withdrawal from the northern coast line."

Airmen Sink Two More Jap Destroyers Off New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, March 5 (P)—Airmen of the southwest Pacific command, including American, British, Dutch and Australian fliers, put the finishing touches to the destruction of a Japanese convoy of 22 ships by sinking two battered destroyers yesterday and raising to 82 the number of enemy planes shot out of action, an allied communique said today. Thus in three days, 12 transports and 10 cruisers or destroyers were sunk, 15,000 Japanese troops and several thousand seamen were killed, 82 enemy planes were destroyed or badly damaged and the attempt to strengthen the enemy garrisons on New Guinea was converted,

FRENCH PUSH EASTWARD ON VITAL PORT

RAF Carries Mighty Assault Into the Ninth Night

By CARL C. CRANMER Associated Press War Editor Forty-ton Churchill tanks were reported today to have thrown the Germans out of Sedjenane, about 40 miles west of Bizerte in northern Tunisia, as the allied air forces mounted a sweeping offensive in evident preparation for bigger things to come. For the ninth successive night the RAF carried on its mighty aerial hammering of western Germany.

Yanks Consolidate Field reports at allied headquarters in North Africa said the British tanks threw the Germans out of Sedjenane, a little village 12 miles south of the sea on the Mateur-Tabarka road, and after stiff street fighting held Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's forces in check. In central Tunisia American troops, reported yesterday within three miles of Faid pass, starting point of Marshal Erwin Rommel's recent offensive, were consolidating their position, an allied communique announced. Allied Patrols Active Further south, French forces occupied Nefta, near the northwestern end of the Chott Djerid, a salt lake, and pushed on toward Gafsa, 60 miles to the east, the communique said. The fighting French said their troops had joined Gen. Henri Giraud's Frenchmen in the action threatening the rear of the Mareth line. Allied patrols were officially described as "very active" before the Mareth line, and dispatches from advanced bases in (Continued on Page Two)

Greer Garson, James Cagney Get the Oscars

HOLLYWOOD, March 5 (P)—James Cagney and Greer Garson, established thespians but newcomers to the "Oscar" roster, received the Motion Picture Academy's awards early today for the best actor and actress performances of 1942. Fifteen hundred guests at the academy's 15th annual dinner waited anxiously until well after midnight for announcement of the winners of film-land's most coveted honors, bestowed by ballots of approximately 11,000 motion picture people. Cagney's award was for his role in "Yankee Doodle Dandy," a Warner Brothers' film, and Miss Garson's for her performance in M-G-M's "Mrs. Miniver," the picture which was adjudged the best production of 1942 and which virtually swept the list of "bests." Other major awards: Best supporting performance (Continued on Page Two)

The Mayor Sets a Good Example



Mayor John Houston, second from left, is shown presenting his personal check to L. Orth Bisemore, Red Cross war fund drive chairman. The mayor made out the check at the time he signed a proclamation to start the drive next Monday. Others in the picture are Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsby, at left, in surgical dressing uniform, and Mrs. Gladys Toyce, right, Red Cross office secretary.