

### 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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### Weather News

March 10—High 55, Low 34  
Precipitation as of March 4, 1943  
Stream year to date ..... 13.22  
Last year ..... 5.92 Normal ..... 6.31

# FREE FRENCH SEAL ROMMEL TRAP

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
**SAN FRANCISCO**—A n d r a i n i n g a l i t t l e .  
That used to be important, in a way, for in those used-to-be days that now are dead, one came to San Francisco primarily on business but always looked forward to mixing in a little pleasure as a sideline. Pleasure is greatly abetted by a sparkling sun shining from a sky that has been washed clean by the morning fog that is a familiar part of the climatic side of life in this pleasant and livable city.  
In these present days, one thinks less and less of mixing in a little pleasure with his business.

THAT statement (about mixing pleasure with business), when set down in cold type, may sound a little smug and affected—like trying for a pose.  
It isn't—down here.

ONE drops into a cocktail bar along toward evening, having in mind the relaxation that supposedly comes with the cocktail hour.

The bar will be thickly sprinkled with service men; clean-looking soldiers and sailors and marines. That will be nothing new, for it has been that way here for a year and a half.

The thing that is new is an intangible thing. You can't put your finger on it. But it is there. You can't touch it or taste it or smell it.

But you can SENSE it.

A YOUNG sailor walks in. He walks with a cane. Around his neck is a metal harness that keeps his head in the air and his face straight to the front.

Beside him walks a young woman. Solitude is in her face and pride in her eye as she guides him to a table and helps him into a seat.

Happiness invests her like a garment.

SOMETHING snaps in your brain. The haunting difference in the atmosphere that has seemed to make this familiar place UNFAMILIAR to you becomes suddenly clear and tangible and understandable.

The thing that is NEW is the physical experience of war. This boy has been there, and he bears the marks of it.

The happiness that invests his young wife like a garment is built upon the knowledge that he is there, with her, and is born of the long hours when she didn't know where he was or whether he would ever be with her again.

THE scales fall from your eyes. With your cleared and sharpened vision, you look about you. The difference that formerly puzzled you is now as clear as day.

As for the past year and a half, the bulk of the boys around you are in uniform. But many of the uniforms bear foreign service stripes.

The faces above the collars are graver. The eyes in the faces have been places and have seen things.

Because of the things they have seen, they are no longer boys.

A YEAR and a half ago, or even as late as a year ago, the hotel lobbies and the bars of San Francisco were gay.

It was a brittle gaiety, and the (Continued on page two)

## Mountains Yield Wreck of Bomber

TUCSON, Ariz., March 11 (AP)—The rugged Galluro mountains today reluctantly yielded the wreckage of a B-24 army bomber missing from Davis-Monthan field with 11 men aboard since January 18.

When first sighted from the air by a civil air patrol pilot, base officers believed it to be the wreckage of a B-17 from Lockbourne field, Columbus, Ohio, which disappeared on a flight from Portland, Ore., on March 3.

## U.S. Strikes At Jap Bases

Evacuees Register at Tulelake Project



This picture shows evacuees of Japanese descent registering for military service or job clearance at the Tulelake war relocation project. Registration has been proceeding for several weeks, and has been the source of agitation which resulted in arrest and segregation of numerous evacuees.

## FERTILIZER LACK HITS SPUD PLANS

Shortage Arouses Serious Concern for 1943 Increase

Klamath basin potato growers' plans to increase production this year in answer to wartime demands are in jeopardy as a result of a serious shortage in fertilizer, it was learned from several agricultural sources here Thursday.

Widespread efforts are being made to assure the potato industry here of an ample supply of ammonium phosphate, commonly known as 18-20, the fertilizer generally used by basin potato growers. Appeals have gone to numerous government agencies and the congressional delegations of Oregon and California, with no tangible results as yet. Opinion prevails here that the shortage is somehow (Continued on Page Two)

## Waterfront Workers Said on "Slowdown"

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 11 (AP)—An employer spokesman's insistence that labor "slowdowns" are hampering ship loadings on the west coast and a union leader's equally unqualified statement to the contrary cast confusion today over the effectiveness of efforts to accelerate longshore operations.

## Missing Keith Argraves Reported Italian Prisoner

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## RAF Bombs Destroy 2000 Nazi Plants

LONDON, March 11 (AP)—The RAF's ceaseless bombing offensive, now showering German Europe with fire and explosives at the rate of more than 10,000 tons a month, has already wrecked more than 2000 German factories and left more than 1,000,000 Germans homeless, Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told the house of commons today.

## Oklahoma Farm Families Asked To Go to Oregon

OKLAHOMA CITY, March 11 (AP)—One hundred Oklahoma farm families within the next two or three weeks will be offered free trips to Oregon and Washington for resettlement in labor shortage areas, farm security administration officials disclosed yesterday.

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The Argraves were overjoyed when word reached them from their son, sent through the government and signed in his own handwriting, as he had been reported missing in action in North Africa on December 28, and this was the first news of his safety.

## SENATE CONSIDERS FARM DEFERMENTS

Way Cleared to Pass Broad Farm Labor Deferment

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The senate turned down today, 49 to 32, a proposal by Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) to broaden the present system of draft deferment for farm workers—but in so doing apparently cleared the way for early passage of even broader legislation, which would direct deferment of workers employed "substantially full time" on farms.

## Limitation of Salaries Bill Heard in House

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The bill to repeal President Roosevelt's limitation on salaries to \$25,000 after taxes was upheld in house debate today as necessary to "government by law" and opposed as likely to lead to "a flood of demands for wage increases."

## J. P. Morgan Heart Condition Worse

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—The office of J. P. Morgan here announced late today that the condition of the financier, ill in Boca Grande, Fla., "has deteriorated during the day and is regarded as grave."

## ALLIED PLANES BLAST ENEMY IN SOLOMONS

Americans Break Up 22-Plane Japanese Attack

By The Associated Press  
American warplanes ranging the skies in the South Seas battle theater blasted three Japanese bases in the central Solomons and broke up a 22-plane Japanese attack northwest of Guadalcanal island, shooting down four enemy raiders, and the navy today added this tagline of victory:

"No United States planes were lost during these actions."

Ten Japanese dive bombers, escorted by 12 Zero fighters, made up the attacking force which was presumably headed for American-held Guadalcanal. One of the bombers and three Zeros were shot down.

Nor were any U. S. planes lost, the navy said, in a sizable attack on the Japanese outpost at Kiska in the Aleutians, where hits were scored in the enemy encampment.

Allied warplanes, striking at Japan's vital supply lines, were officially credited with destructive attacks on five more Japanese merchant ships in the southwest Pacific, while on the Burma front the RAF continued to punish Japanese invasion forces.

American airmen also hit the (Continued on Page Two)

## Coal Miners' Pay Increase Turned Down

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—Northern bituminous coal operators refused today to accept virtually all the demands made by John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, for a new contract.

Charles O'Neill, spokesman for the northern operators, declared at the Appalachian joint wage conference that the demands, which include a basic per cent increase of \$2 for 450,000 miners, would cost about \$750,000,000.

Union officials had estimated the demands, if granted, would cost 40 cents a ton for the nation as a whole or \$240,000,000 for 1943 on 600,000,000 tons requested by the government.

When O'Neill said the wage increase demand would cost about \$750,000,000, Lewis rose and declared:

"Why don't you move it up to a billion? You might as well. It would be just as true."

O'Neill then asserted: "The operators say to these demands as made and offered: No."

Discussing the war labor board, whose Little Steel formula has been denounced by Lewis, O'Neill declared:

"We do not propose here, to argue the propriety of the Little Steel formula. Under the facts as we know them the Little Steel formula would deny any general increase in wages to the United Mine Workers of America."

## See Garden Table on Page Nine

Victory gardening is prominently featured on today's agricultural page (Page 9) and included in an important planting table which will be of interest, particularly to new gardeners. An article by Bob McCambridge, assistant county agent, gives gardening information applicable to the Klamath area.

## Klamath's Mail Carrierette



Klamath Falls post office, like other business in war times, substitutes women for male employees. First woman foot letter carrier is Bessie V. Snook, who was sworn in as temporary substitute on March 8. She is shown above as she starts out from the post office for her daily stint.

## Mail Carrierette Latest Wrinkle At Post Office

Klamath west end citizens no longer wonder where the mailman is. Now it's "I wonder what's keeping that girl today."

Yes, everyone on carrier route No. 3 is now having his mail box filled by mail carrierette.

Bessie V. Snook was sworn in as temporary substitute letter carrier on March 8 and has started her work of delivering mail. She is the first woman foot letter carrier in Klamath Falls, her delivery district being west of Third street from Klamath avenue to California avenue and the west side of Link river.

After pounding the pavement for three days with a load of 50 pounds on her back, Bessie says that she still hasn't got sore feet!

## New York Faces Potato Famine

NEW YORK, March 11 (AP)—F. H. Vahlsing, one of the country's large growers and shippers of potatoes, says New York City faces a potato famine and that potato black markets are "prevailing all over the United States."

"The potato situation is getting out of hand," he said yesterday in announcing he had sent identical telegrams expressing this view to OPA Administrator Prentiss M. Brown and Economic Stabilization Director James F. Byrnes.

## Legislature Adjourns Session Marked by Numerous Schemes to Relieve Taxpayers

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.  
SALEM, March 11 (AP)—Delayed by a five-hour sales tax battle in the house, Oregon's 42nd legislative assembly ended its session at 11:42 p. m. last night.

After both houses had completed legislative action on the 3 per cent sales tax bill, which is referred to the people, sales tax proponents waged an unsuccessful battle to have a special election next November 2, so the voters could decide then if they want the sales tax. Now they will have to wait until November 1944 to vote on it.

The senate voted 23 to 8 yesterday afternoon to hold the special election. The bill arrived in the house at 8:30 p. m., and the battle started. After a dozen ballots, the house voted 31 to 29 against holding the special election.

The 59-day session was the shortest since the 57-day session in 1937. The 1939 66-day session

## LEND LEASE GOES TO WHITE HOUSE

Senate Passes Program To Continue Act One Year

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt signed into law today a bill extending the lend-lease program another year, acting little more than an hour after the senate had passed it 82 to 0.

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—The senate passed and sent to the White House today legislation to continue operations of the lend-lease program for one year beyond June 30. The vote was 82-0.

Acting less than 24 hours after the house had approved the measure by a 407 to 6 vote, the senate completed legislative consideration of the bill after only two hours of debate on the second anniversary of the signing of the original legislative authorization.

It had before it at that time a report showing that the dollar value of materials and services supplied to other nations in the world's greatest mutual-aid program had mounted to \$9,632,000,000 in the first two years. Stettinius said that while (Continued on Page Two)

## MARETH FLANK MOVE CLOSES TRAP ON NAZIS

Reds Almost Complete Encirclement of Vyazma

By ROGER GREENE  
Secretary of War Stimson said today that Fighting French troops had made contact with other French legions in a flanking movement around the southern end of the Mareth line in Tunisia. Such a movement meant the sealing of the trap on 250,000 axis troops under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel.

Stimson said Gen. Le Clerc's Fighting French columns, who had driven more than 1200 miles across the desert from Lake Chad in the heart of equatorial Africa, closed the ring around the axis by contacting Gen. Henri Honore Giraud's French forces.

In northern Tunisia, allied military quarters announced, Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim's axis forces attacked British first army lines in the Sedjenane sector with dive-bomber support yesterday but were driven off with heavy losses.

Frontline dispatches said allied troops continued to squeeze closer to the German base at Gafsa, on the central Tunisian front, and French troops were reported closing around the strong point.

On the Russian front, Hitler's high command asserted that nazl shock troops were battling "on the edges" of Kharkov, in (Continued on Page Two)

## Truman Blames Conflict as War Shortcoming

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP)—Inadequate planning, conflicting authority and hesitancy to adopt unpopular but necessary policies are blamed by the senate's Truman committee for the nation's shortcomings in its war effort up to date.

However, the special committee investigating the war program reported late yesterday that these "three basic weaknesses" in the government are fast being corrected, and expressed supreme confidence in victory.

No agency or group in the nation was held solely responsible, and the committee which is headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo.) declared "various sectors of the public have been guilty along with the government." Much of the "confusion and bickering" it termed inevitable, adding that perhaps it was a condition due to the "democratic form of government where men do freely express their opinions and are not subject to dictatorial orders."

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75 per cent the personal property offset against the corporation income tax, which will save industrial concerns about 10 per cent of their taxes.

Sales Tax Vote  
If the people vote in November, 1944 to pass the legislature's 3 per cent sales tax, they automatically would cut property and income taxes even more.

Highway legislation will give cities 5 per cent of highway revenues for maintenance of city streets, legalize big trucks for the duration, permit the highway commission to make agreements with cities to close city streets entering state highways, and compel automobile owners to prove financial responsibility after having traffic accidents.

The legislature refused to allow any permanent increase in the truck weight and length limits. Liquor bills took up much of the time of the lawmakers. They voted to give liquor stores a (Continued on Page Two)