

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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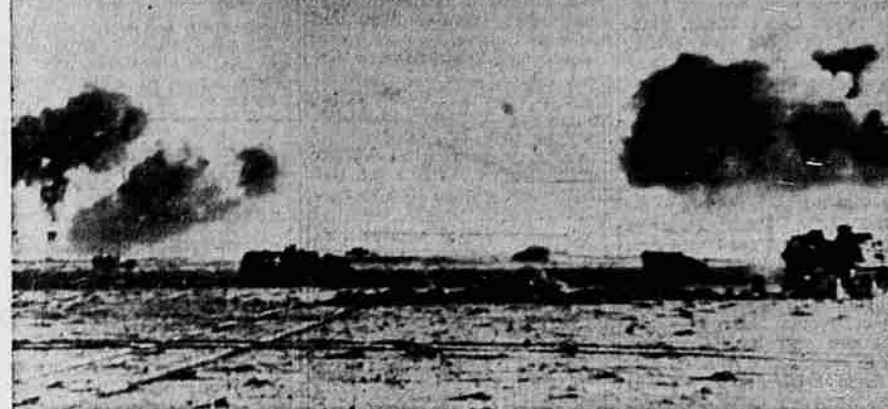
Weather News

March 12—High 87, Low 28 Precipitation as of March 6, 1943 Stream year to date 13.23 Last year 9.92 Normal 9.39

NAZIS BLAST NEW RUSSIAN GAINS

Allies Fire Sousse, Tunis

Weather and Action Alike Hot in Tunisia



Smoke at left and right from axis planes shot down by American anti-aircraft fire serves as a backdrop for fighting at Sousse railway station in Tunisia. In the foreground is strewn U. S. equipment as the men ducked into foxholes to avoid strafing enemy aircraft. The intensity of the axis dive bombing attacks temporarily halted American advances, but the Yanks later retook Sousse.

NAZIS WAGE FIERCE FIGHT FOR KHARKOV

Guns Shake Steel City With Russians on Defensive

By The Associated Press LONDON, March 13 (AP)—The German comeback offensive in southern Russia spread to broader areas and gained new ground despite mud and thaw, the German high command claimed today, as Kharkov shook from the crash of guns in a fierce battle raging for the third time in this war for the steel city of the Ukraine.

The German communique admitted that a violent fight still raged in parts of Kharkov, although it claimed combat units of the SS Elite guard "shattered enemy resistance" and advanced to the main railway station.

Russians Admit Putting up a desperate fight in an effort again to turn the tide as they did at Stalingrad last November, the Russians admitted they again had been forced to fall back west of the city despite "tremendous losses" inflicted on Hitler's manpower and material.

On the central front, however, the Russians were advancing in overwhelming strength upon Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow, in an offensive which might do much to nullify a recapture of Kharkov by the Germans.

"Overwhelming the German resistance, our troops advanced (Continued on Page Four)

Stephen Vincent Benet, Author, Dies in New York

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Author Stephen Vincent Benet, 44, died at his home at 5 a. m. today after an illness of several days.

Farrar and Reinehart, his publishers, reported that Benet suffered a heart attack last night. American poet and story writer, Benet was born July 22, 1898, in Bethlehem, Pa.

He won the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1929 with his "John Brown's Body." One of the last of his writings was a sketch to accompany Norman Rockwell's illustration, "Freedom From Fear," in this week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post.

Among his best known works was the prose story, "The Devil and Daniel Webster," which was turned into an opera. He also wrote an opera based on Washington Irving's legend of Sleepy Hollow, which was performed over the radio in a national broadcast in 1937.

MARSHAL PETAIN REPORTED DYING

German Radio Denies Vichy Head Ill For Week

ALGIERS, March 13 (AP)—Underground reports which reached French North Africa today said Marshal Petain suffered a stroke several days ago and is in a critical condition and probably dying in a hospital near Vichy. Petain's illness was reported being kept secret from the French public.

Marshal Petain, 86-year-old hero of Verdun who emerged from semi-retirement to head post-armistice France, has been less and less active since the Nazi invasion of Vichy territory November 11, 1942.

He named Pierre Laval as dictator last November 18 and designated him his presumptive successor Admiral Jean Darlan, who swung to the allied side in French North Africa only to die from an assassin's bullets.

Within 10 days German broadcasting stations were denying reports that Petain was ill. The marshal held out against transfer of the government from Vichy back to Paris.

He denounced what he termed the "treason" of French commanders in North Africa who joined forces with British and American troops and, with some (Continued on Page Four)

Webb Kennet, OPA Price Specialist, Resigns Saturday

Webb Kennet, price specialist in the OPA district office, resigned on Saturday. Kennet did not announce his plans.

For many years, Kennet operated a retail men's clothing business here.

His resignation was the second in two days. Nick Long, local women's wear retailer, resigned from the same division of the OPA Friday.

Americans Dig Deep to Pay Record Income Tax

By The Associated Press Record-breaking receipts in most districts contrasted sharply with an "I won't pay" attitude among thousands of workers today as Americans dug down to give their government its greatest income tax in history.

Tax filings were far ahead of past years in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Seattle and many other areas as the March 15 deadline approached, a survey disclosed.

But in Cleveland, the internal revenue office reported, war workers were adopting a "come-and-get-me" pose, and in Portland, Ore., where more than 100,000 shipyard workers have settled in the past year, collections were below the 1942 level. In New York's second district—the richest income tax district in the nation—tax payers poured \$70,000,000 into internal revenue offices yesterday alone. One out of every 20 letters

New Company to Operate Canby Lumber Mill

Lumbering activity at Canby, from which the Big Lakes Box company of Klamath Falls withdrew last fall after five years of operations, is to be continued under a new firm being formed in Modoc county, it was learned here Saturday.

The company will operate the old Walker-Hovey mill at Canby, which the Big Lakes operated under a lease. The new logging operations will center at the old Big Lakes camp, and considerable equipment was purchased from the Klamath Falls firm by the new outfit.

R. F. Pray, formerly with the Red River Lumber company, will be in charge of manufacturing and sales for the new operation, and Hi Brown will be the logging boss.

Big Lakes Box company has not logged at Canby since last fall. Big Lakes' logging operations now are centered at Diamond Lake siding, in northern Klamath county.

U. S. Sub Sinks Jap Warship in South Pacific

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—A United States submarine attacked and sank a small Japanese warship in the mid-Pacific, the navy reported today, after a violent 37-minute fight in which one member of the sub's crew was killed.

The date of the action was not reported. The crewman killed was Herbert Andrew Calcaterra, 22, motor machinist's mate, first class, of Stoneford, Calif. The submarine discovered the Japanese ship, an anti-submarine patrol vessel about the size of a corvette with a tonnage of under 1000 tons, as it was running on the surface early one morning.

Pelicans Meet Bulldogs In Hoop Finals Tonight

By FRANK CALISE Herald and News Sportswriter SALEM, March 13—It's the Klamath Falls Pelicans against the Baker Bulldogs in the finals of the state championship basketball tournament here tonight. Coach Wayne Scott's cagers conquered Pendleton, 36 to 27.

PHONE SERVICE ON GAME Tonight's state title basketball game at Salem starts about 9 p. m. and will be concluded about 10 p. m. Herald and News will provide special telephone service to answer inquiries from 8:30 until 10:45, with half-time and final scores.

Last night to go into the final bracket, while the Baker team smashed the over-rated Astoria Fishermen, 29 to 24, to become the other finalists.

The tall Pelicans looked to me to be in fine shape today, despite the effects of two tournament games in as many days. They had a bad session with their shooting eyes last night; if that jinx is over, they should beat the Bulldogs and take the title tonight.

Baker's cagers are big and rugged-looking. They have a deadly ace in Paul Sowers, and the Pelicans will have to solve that problem in winning tonight. The Pelicans took a million

Navy Bombers Raid Jap Bases In South Pacific

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—American bombers raided Munda and other Japanese bases in the central Solomon islands Friday, the navy reported today, after two enemy planes had dropped bombs on American positions on Guadalcanal island.

Navy communique No. 308 said: On March 12: (A) During the early morning, Liberating heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24) carried out minor bombing attacks on Japanese positions at Ballale, in the Shortland island area, and at Vila and Munda in the New Georgia group.

(B) During the night of March 12-13, a force of avenger torpedo bombers (Grumann TBF) attacked Japanese positions at Munda on New Georgia island. Fires were started in the enemy area.

(C) One U. S. plane failed to return from these missions.

Russians Express Appreciation for Lend-Lease Aid

MOSCOW, March 13 (AP)—The Russian people heard official Russian appreciation of American lend-lease aid for the first time today when Moscow's newspapers gave prominence to a statement made by Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff in Washington on the second anniversary of lend-lease two days ago.

The ambassador was quoted as having said that lend-lease material received by Russia had "brought tremendous aid, which is deeply appreciated by the people of the soviet union, who are fully aware of its extent."

EIGHTH ARMY THRUSTS OFF NAZI ATTACKS

Nazis Lose Heavily in Probing of Mareth Offenses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 13 (AP)—Allied bombers blasted military objectives of Sousse and Tunis with fire-setting raids yesterday and attacked both land and sea transport of the axis as ground fighting on the Tunisian front dwindled again to patrolling.

The eighth army's lines in the Mareth line sector, having thrust off probing thrusts by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel with a violence that cost him heavy casualties, remained unchanged, a communique said.

"Our bombers made heavy attacks on the docks and railway yards at Sousse yesterday," the bulletin reported. "Many hits were seen on both targets and large fires were left burning."

Objectives at Ekhidaville were bombed by a formation of medium bombers. Other medium bombers attacked a convoy of motor barges making for Tunis and sank at least three of (Continued on Page Four)

Meat Ration To Be Eased, Says Brown

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Brown promised today that allowances under meat rationing, which begins March 29, "will be liberalized whenever it becomes possible to do so."

Brown pointed out that the flow of meat to market fluctuates from day to day and the perishable nature of meat, but the other items to be rationed will make changes necessary from time to time.

His statement gave no indication of the size of the proposed ration, except to say: "The size of the individual ration will largely depend on individual preferences. The heavy cheese eater can spend as he has for that product, and the heavy meat eater can do likewise. Those who use butter and lard in substantial quantities will be able to satisfy their needs in the same manner although, of course, all who do so will thus be reducing the amounts of other products they can buy."

Two pounds may be the average, but tentative plans for meat rationing would provide 3.1 pounds of hamburger or only 1 1/3 pounds of sirloin steak per person a week, it was learned today from persons participating in the drafting of the program.

John L. Lewis Re-elected Prexy Of Miner's Union

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—Re-election of John L. Lewis to his 12th term as international president of the United Mine Workers was announced by the union today.

Lewis, who has been president of the union since 1920, was unopposed in the election, which was held December 8, as were John O'Leary, vice-president, and Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer, both of whom were re-elected.

The union is holding wage conferences here with northern and southern bituminous operators.

Tycoon Dies



J. P. Morgan, financial wizard, died in Florida Saturday of a heart ailment.

AMERICANS BOMB FRENCH BOULOGNE

RAF in Record Smash At Essen Friday Night

LONDON, March 13 (AP)—Heaping new destruction on German targets on top of a record smash at Essen by the RAF last night, a great fleet of U. S. army air force heavy bombers thundered across the English channel to the Boulogne area early this afternoon.

Their target was the important French rail junction of Amiens, 60 miles northwest of Rouen, which was itself bombed in daylight yesterday.

It is through these two key junctions that the Germans must (Continued on Page Four)

NLRB Orders Union Election At Ewauna Box

PORTLAND, March 13 (AP)—A national labor relations board order for a collective bargaining election at the Ewauna Box company mill at Klamath Falls was received here today.

The order, signed by Chairman Harry A. Mills of the NLRB, was dated March 10 and ordered the election not later than 30 days from that date.

The CIO International Woodworkers of America, local 6-12, and the Klamath Basin district council, Lumber & Sawmill Workers union, AFL, each claim substantial membership at the plant.

Setbacks Certain in War, Says Eden in Washington

WASHINGTON, March 13 (AP)—Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, said today that "setbacks and disappointments are absolutely certain" before the United Nations can hope to win the war and the peace afterwards.

Eden, in Washington for talks with President Roosevelt and other leaders, told a press conference of the hard job which he said lies ahead in explaining that he would discuss "all aspects of the war" with Mr. Roosevelt, Secretary of State Hull and others in extensive conversations.

The diplomat, who last year negotiated a 20-year alliance between Britain and Soviet Russia, flew to Washington yesterday. His arrival came at a time when recent speeches stressing the need of a satisfactory understanding between the democracies and Russia were still echoing.

To some 100 reporters gathered in the ball room of the Brit-

J. P. MORGAN SUCCUMBS TO HEART AILS

Financial Wizard Dies At Vacation Home Today

By E. V. W. JONES BOCA GRANDE, Fla., March 13 (AP)—John Pierpont Morgan, of New York, wizard of finance and the ruler of a tremendous banking empire, died at 3:15 a. m. today at this isolated Gulf of Mexico island to which he had come for a vacation at fishing.

The 75-year-old financier succumbed to a recurring heart ailment which twice before in recent years had stricken him. He lapsed into a coma three days ago and never regained consciousness.

The multi-millionaire head of the House of Morgan became ill February 25 on a train en route to Boca Grande. Upon his arrival, he walked the two blocks from the railroad station to a resort cottage at the exclusive Gasparilla inn. He went to bed immediately and, although twice he rallied and made progress, never fully recovered.

With Morgan at the end were a son, Lieut. Comdr. Henry Sturgis Morgan of the naval reserve (Continued on Page Four)

Nazis Battle Guerrillas in French Hills

GENEVA, March 13 (AP)—Gunfire was plainly heard in this Swiss border city today from the French Alpine region of Haute Savoie, where the Vichy government has sent 800 mobile guards, armored cars and machine-guns in an effort to dislodge guerrillas opposing the German occupation.

It wasn't, you see, a strike against the employer, who was willing to stand the raise. It was, in effect, a STRIKE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. That's what makes it interesting.

It's what makes the somewhat similar situation in the airplane industry of the west so interesting. It all shows how far along the road toward a new world we're getting.

YOU can hardly blame the men. You'd be hot under the collar if you were in their place.

You can't really blame the war labor board, which is in a tight spot. If the rising spiral of wages and costs isn't stopped somewhere the dreaded ogre of inflation will have us by the coat tails. The only way to stop the spiral is to STOP it.

And you certainly can't blame the employer, who was willing to grant the increase.

WHAT most of us do is to suspect that there's a screw loose in the system. Things like that just don't make sense in a nation that's at war.

THE men stayed away a couple of days, and apparently they didn't go fishing. More likely, they stayed at home and talked and in the end their natural common sense and good citizenship got the upper hand, for they went back to work this morning pending a reconsideration of their case by the war-labor board.

And people started riding the cable cars again and were happy.

OVER in Berkeley, a friend tells this writer, there's a big bulge in the chicken business.

People are building chicken houses in their back yards. The houses they're building have been specially designed by the University of California, with screen wire floors and receptacles below to catch the droppings, which are then carefully (Continued on Page Four)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE California street cable cars were tied up again the first of the week by a strike—which is nothing unusual in their history. One normally looks up and down the street, waits a few minutes and then, if no car comes along, flags a taxi or walks.

This time a kindly passerby explained that the cars were off again, and so no time was lost.

THE present strike has followed the pattern of the difficulties in the airplane industry.

That is to say, the employees of the California street cable car company were getting 83 cents an hour. The employees of the municipal street railway were getting 87 1/2 cents an hour. For a variety of reasons, the difference gripped the cable car men.

If you ever watched the gripman lean back on his lever when he starts up a steep hill, you'll understand one of the reasons. Running a cable car in a hilly town is a man-sized job.

THERE was no trouble with the employers, who were willing to pay the increase. But the war labor board, charged with the job of controlling inflation, balked and refused to permit it.

So the men quit. It was carefully explained that they didn't strike. They just took a vacation—to go fishing, they said. Maybe, while they were fishing, a better job would turn up.

Anyway, the cars quit running.

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