

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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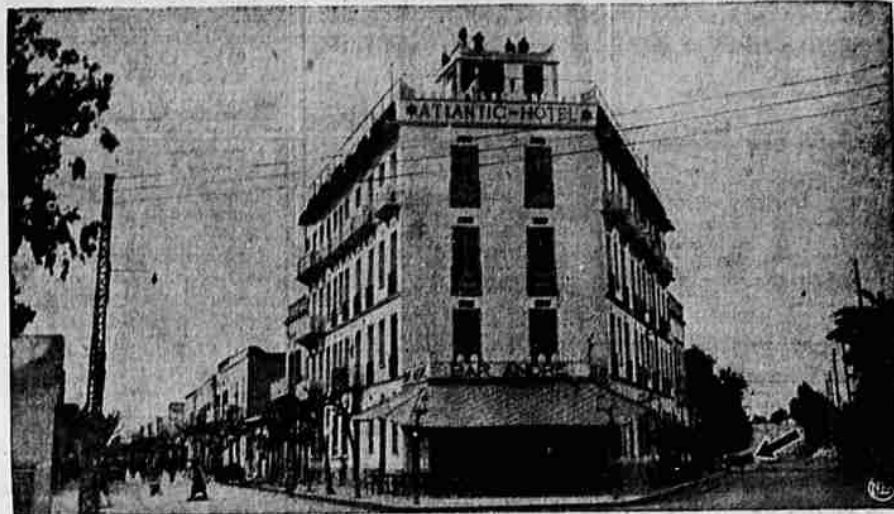
Weather News

March 29—High 55, Low 33
Precipitation as of March 29, 1943
Stream year to date 13.61
Last year 10.08 Normal 9.03

ALLIES STORM THROUGH GABES

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Gabes Has Southern Tunisia's Only Skyscraper



This is the main street in Gabes, one-horse (arrow) town of 10,000 population on the edge of the southern Tunisian desert. The Atlantic hotel, tallest structure on the desert, has a lookout post on the roof. Many palm trees are found at this oasis, captured today by the allies who have pushed the axis forces including many Italians into retreat with General Rommel.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ONCE again Rommel's defense lines have been broken, and he is in full retreat before Montgomery's 8th army. Churchill, who told of the check at the Mareth line the other day, tells the house of commons this morning: "Another severe defeat has been inflicted by the desert army on the axis forces they have so long pursued."
He added: "Rommel has suffered heavy and crippling losses in men and equipment. His panzer armored divisions in particular have been remarkably mauled and enfeebled."

IT is revealed today that it was Montgomery's flanking column, sent around behind the Mareth line while the main 8th army was hitting it in front, that turned the trick.
Churchill knew that was the plan when he spoke the other day. He was helping to confuse and mislead the enemy. That is part of war.

AS Rommel's army flees northward along the Mediterranean coast, we're waiting hopefully for news of our Americans swinging in on its flank. So far there has been no such news.
The map tells us this narrow coastal road is flanked by mountain ridges whose passes are held by the Germans. That helps to explain why Rommel hasn't been cut off and trapped or annihilated by flank attacks. Mountain ridges are natural defense lines.

BRITISH planes sweep through the Ruhr and bomb Berlin for the 60th time since the war began. Thirty-three of them are lost—the second heaviest loss suffered by the RAF since the bombing of Germany started.
But note this point: Through all the fighting in Africa the Germans have lacked sufficient air strength. One reason is that their planes have been kept busy fighting off allied air raiders over Germany.
That's team work on our part.

THE battle of Tunisia isn't over, but it is going extremely well right now for our side.
It seems inevitable that the Germans will be concentrated in the northern tip, around Bizerte and Tunis, where they will provide masses targets for our growing air force.
The news of the next few days will be well worth our reading.

Heating Plant Ordinance Adopted by City Council

The heating plant ordinance was adopted by the city council in adjourned session Monday night, but the expected protest from the Klamath Heating company was withheld by John W. Kirby, president, in view of the forthcoming investigations by the public utilities commissioner.

Kirby told the council that "anything I might say now would be superfluous since it has been placed in the hands of the commissioner."
Mayor John H. Houston asked that a letter from Edith McLeod be read, the letter setting forth complaints against the "black snow" which she maintained did not exist before the heating plant was established. Mrs. McLeod lives at 413 High street.

Councilman Rollin Cantrall asked, prior to the passing of the ordinance, if adoption would have any bearing on the proposed hearing before the public utilities commissioner. City Attorney J. H. Carnahan advised the council that, in his opinion, the hearing would have nothing to do with the ordinance and that he had laid all problems before the commission including the breaking down of the heating system during the past winter months.
A. H. Bussman, councilman, moved for adoption of the or-

FARM HELP TO GET INACTIVE DRAFT STATUS

Different Technique Noted in Dairy Work

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—President Roosevelt told a press conference today that the war department is taking steps by which some men would be placed in an inactive reserve status so they might return to essential industries, agriculture, and particularly dairying.

The president said that one of the principal manpower problems involved dairy workers because they require a different technique than seasonal crop farm help.

And, he added, on the basis of two weeks of study, a memorandum has been prepared on steps which will be taken to relieve the situation.

Action Courses

Seven courses of action were listed.
After estimating that there is a national shortage of about 50,000 workers, the memorandum said the war manpower commission has directed every employment office to list the names of farmers wanting to employ dairy workers.

In the second place, the war department, with reference to releasing men 38 years old and over from the army, has ordered that discharge of such persons shall cease after tomorrow, and (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Falls Leads Cities in Traffic Safety

CHICAGO, March 30 (P)—The national safety council announced today that Klamath Falls, Kenmore, N. Y., and Cheyenne, Wyo., led cities of their class—20,000 to 25,000—in traffic accident prevention, having no fatalities in the first two months of 1943.

More than half of the cities reporting—177—had perfect records for the first two months. Springfield, Mass., was largest, followed by Trenton, N. J., and Spokane.

The decrease in traffic deaths in the Pacific coast states in February was 30 per cent, while the first two months of 1943 it was 20 per cent.

FIGHTER PLANES FIRE JAP VESSEL

Navy Reports Action In Northwest Solomons

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—American fighter planes attacking at such low altitude that one craft lost a three-foot section of its wing against a mast, strafed and set afire a Japanese destroyer in the northwestern Solomon Islands on Monday, the navy reported today.

The damaged plane and all others in the operation returned safely. They were credited with setting afire five to seven Japanese planes.

Communique No. 329: Return Safely

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Communique No. 328: East Longitude

"1. On March 29:
(A) During the morning, a group of Lightning (Lockheed (Continued on Page Two)

Good Samaritans Turn Thief, Rob Stranded Driver

Three good Samaritans who turned into something else is the role attributed by police to Sidney Raymond Johnson, 21, and two minor youths, who are accused of a car looting near Bonanza.

According to City Policeman Orville Hamilton, who handled the case, the three youths came upon George Kuehl, Dairy, on Saturday night, after Kuehl's car had slipped into a ditch about three miles side of Bonanza. Hamilton said the youths picked up the stranded motorist and drove him to Dairy for help. They left him there, returned to Kuehl's car, and allegedly looted it of a blanket, radio, fog lights and other articles.

Kuehl reported to the sheriff's office and to city police. The affair was traced to Johnson when he assertedly undertook to dispose of the stolen radio here. Sheriff's officers said Johnson is on parole from Alturas.

Little Hope Held For Exchange of Prisoners Soon

PORTLAND, March 30 (P)—The Oregonian's Washington correspondent reported today that Secretary of State Hull holds little hope for an exchange of American, including many Oregon soldiers and civilians, and Japanese prisoners in the near future.

Hull informed Oregon Representative Angell that "No means of effecting the general repatriation of American military personnel captured by the enemy can be foreseen at this time."

Aiken Accuses Maritime Group of Mismanagement

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—President Roosevelt's nomination of Rear Admiral Emory S. Land to a new six-year term as chairman of the maritime commission was confirmed by the senate today despite charges by Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) that the commission was guilty of mismanagement and collusion.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—Accusing the maritime commission of seven alleged acts of mismanagement and collusion, Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) told the senate today he had "only scratched the surface of what is destined to become the most revolting scandal in the history of national expenditures."

Ship Tonnage Exceeds Losses, Says Admiralty

LONDON, March 30 (P)—A. V. Alexander, first lord of the admiralty, said at the guildhall today that new shipping tonnage produced by the allies in the past eight months exceeded losses by "a good deal more than 2,000,000 tons."

Calling the U-boat "the most deadly menace of all," Alexander said the axis had a "very large number" of submarines at sea despite attacks on the enemy's building yards and operational bases.

"In the last six months there never has been a single day in which one or more attacks has not been delivered on U-boats" by the royal navy, he said, adding that "very heavy losses" were being inflicted on the undersea fleets.

Mme. Chiang Hears Thundered Answer To Win War Query

SAN FRANCISCO, March 30 (P)—Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, in an appeal for labor cooperation and increased production, enrolled America's working men and women today as "fellow workers" with herself in the cause of victory.
The wife of China's leader, nearing the end of her five-day visit in San Francisco, appeared last night for an unscheduled talk before a labor gathering and heard a thundering "yes, yes" interrupt her determined declaration: "You want to win this war."

Police Hunt for Parents Of Abandoned Baby Girl

EUGENE, Ore., March 30 (P)—Mrs. Ida Turney of Roseland, Ark., and Lane county officers left for Corvallis today in search of a young woman who last night thrust a two-year-old girl in Mrs. Turney's arms and disappeared.

Mrs. Turney, en route home from a visit with her son in Corvallis, became confused and climbed aboard her bus with the child. The bus pulled out a moment later.
Mrs. Turney left the bus here and reported the event to author-

ities who turned the child over to the Lane county welfare commission.

Mrs. Turney said the young mother muttered a hasty promise to send money for care of the child. She was of medium height, wore a gray coat and said she was employed at nearby Army Camp Adair.

Mrs. Turney's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edith Rogers, of Corvallis, had accompanied Mrs. Turney to the stage depot to see her off but left a few seconds before the episode.

REDS MUSH IN MUD AT NAZIS IN SMOLENSK

Soviets Drive Wedge Into German Defenses

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, March 30 (P)—Slogging ahead in bad weather and through swampy country, the red army is continuing to move toward Smolensk, while south of Bely, the soviet midday communique said today three more villages have fallen into Russian hands.

A strong enemy bastion was attacked in the Bely sector yesterday and a wedge driven into the German defenses, with one detachment swinging around the position to aid in exterminating a large part of the garrison and then helping to shove off a German counterattack, the bulletin declared.

Ledage Action

(The German high command, telling of an action not mentioned by the Russians, said "our gallantly fighting infantry again held its own" south of Lake Ladoga in the Leningrad area against "storming Russian masses." The fighting was described as close and grim. Russian attacks southwest of Vyazma and in the Caucasus also were declared repulsed, with 27 tanks destroyed in the Vyazma zone. The broadcast communique was recorded in London.

(Since February 23, the communique said, the Russians had lost 61,460 in dead, 2978 prisoners and 293 tanks in the Staraya Russa sector southeast of Leningrad.)

Consolidate Points

While the main force of the Russian army northeast of Smolensk consolidates its newly-won points, scouts have gone out on reconnoitering missions, it was said.

In the latest fighting, about 300 Germans were killed, the communique said, and the Russians captured two guns, a mortar battery and an ammunition dump.

Heavy losses were reported dealt a German rapid fire rifle unit that attempted to storm soviet positions on the northern Donets river, with the Germans forced back to their original positions.

The action was described officially as "in the area of the mid-

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Alonzo Palmer Held Prisoner In Philippines

Word was received here Monday that Staff Sergeant Alonzo Palmer, 22, who has been reported missing since May 7, 1942, is a prisoner of the Japanese government in the Philippine islands.

Sergeant Palmer was through the entire battle of Bataan, having been in the Philippines three years this May. He was in the air force stationed at Nichols field there.

Having lived in Klamath Falls for many years and graduated from both grade and high schools here, Palmer is well known. News of his being a prisoner of war was received by his mother, Mrs. Elsie Ryan of 613 Main street.

Selective Service Directors to Meet

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—A conference here next week of state selective service directors was scheduled today amid reports that changes in regulations are impending to clear the way for drafting of fathers when other classes are exhausted.

British Pursue Fleeing Germans Down Bottleneck

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 30 (P)—A junction between the British eighth army and the American forces of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., appeared imminent today as the British stormed through Gabes and El Hamma in pursuit of the fleeing African corps.

Occupation of Gabes and El Hamma on opposite sides of the Gabes bottleneck between the sea and the salt lakes was announced by an allied headquarters communique today, and the second New Zealand division of Lieut. Gen. Sir Bernard Cyril Freyberg continued the chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel along the coastal road toward Sfax, 70 miles to the north.

Nazis Withdraw

The German armor withdrew from Gabes under a terrific allied air bombardment, as well as punishment from the sea delivered by salvos of shells from allied warships.
(Announcing the passage of New Zealand troops through Gabes this morning, Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons in London today that the vanguards were still in contact with the retreating enemy forces north of Gabes.)
(Disclosing that the New Zealanders were the same force which outflanked the Mareth line by taking El Hamma, about 20 miles west of Gabes, the Churchill announcement indicated that the Gabes gap already was closed to retreat for any axis forces trapped in the 15-by-

HOUSE APPROVES SKIP-YEAR TAXES

Bitter Fight Seen Over Luce Plan

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—The entangled pay-as-you-go tax controversy was returned to the house today and means committee today after a bitter partisan fight in which the democratic majority in the house blocked the Ruml skip-year plan but failed to push across its own proposal.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—The house tentatively approved today the skip-year tax plan, by-passing a year's tax obligations on individual income for millions of American citizens in order to put them on a pay-as-you-earn basis.

WASHINGTON, March 30 (P)—The house shouted down today the plan of Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) to cancel 1942 tax liability on individual taxable income up to \$25,000 and then, warming up to a vote on the Ruml skip-year proposal, voted against a suggestion to publicize the names of those the (Continued on Page Two)

Spring Brings Applications For Garden Lots

Last week's balmy spring weather made a number of Klamath residents Victory garden conscious and 22 applications for city lots were filed in the police judge's office.

A short time ago the city council took steps to aid would-be Victory gardeners, by offering them the use of city owned lots to be used for such a purpose. Only a few strings were attached to the offer including the clause that occupation of the lot would be revoked in case the city sold the property, and that the city would in no way be responsible for water service charges.

Mills addition, with six applications, led the city and industrial addition, with four applications, was next. Fairview residents who signified their intentions of using city property for Victory gardens, totaled three; Darrow, two; Railroad, two; and Hot Springs, Hillside, West Klamath Falls, Hollister and First additions, each had one application on file.

Folkes to Be Tried April 7 For "Murder in Lower 13"

ALBANY, Ore., March 30 (P)—The trial of Robert E. Loe Folkes, 20, negro dining car cook accused of the "Lower 13" knife slaying of Mrs. Martha Virginia James will open April 7 as scheduled.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling refused a defense motion to postpone the trial.

He granted Defense Attorney Roy Lomax's request for a copy of the autopsy report made by Dr. Joseph Beeman of the state police crime laboratory after Mrs. James, 21-year-old bride of a navy ensign was found, her throat slashed, in berth 13 of a Southern Pacific passenger train as it passed through Linn county. The judge refused, however, to issue orders that Lomax be supplied with copies of statements made by Folkes to police in Los Angeles, where he was arrested; a copy of the statement Folkes made to officers after his return here, or a list of the passengers aboard the death car.
Lomax had charged that the state and Southern Pacific officials were withholding evidence that would deprive Folkes of a fair trial.
Lewelling said no order he issued would be binding upon persons not parties to the action against Folkes. He added that Lomax could ask the circuit court at Portland to force Southern Pacific officials to furnish him with a passenger list.