

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 30—High 45, Low 21
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ROMMEL PUSHED ACROSS SANDS

SPRING THAW HAMPERS RED ARMY ATTACK

Major - Scale Battles Lacking for Week

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, March 31 (AP)—The spreading spring thaw has brought still worse weather conditions to the long Russian front and the soviet midday communique today again opened with its monotonous keynote: "No essential changes occurred on the fronts."
Almost a week has gone by now that no major-scale activities have been waged in the battle areas, although there still are repeated sharp clashes in various sectors.

Thrusts Repulsed
The German high command communique said Russian thrusts on the Kuban bridgehead and southwest of Vyazma were repulsed. South of Lake Ladoga, successful defensive fighting continued, the communique said. It reported that two soviet battalions were annihilated and a number of tanks destroyed in this action.
(It said that "south of Lake Ilmen a German offensive operation made in order to shorten the front reached pre-arranged (Continued on Page Two)

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The quarterly payment bill makes the first installment due April 15, instead of April 1. Payments formerly have been allowed annually or semi-annually, lowered annually or semi-annually.

Itemized Statement
bill to compel employers to give employees itemized statements of salary deductions, such as those for victory tax, war bond purchases, social security and for insurance.

He vetoed a bill reducing the tax on imported bottled wines under 14 per cent alcohol from 30 to 10 cents, asserting the bill violates federal price regulations.

The controversial bill to classify chickens, ducks, geese and rabbits as livestock in Washington county also was vetoed, the governor asserting the bill is "unconstitutional class legislation." The bill was designed to give poultry owners protection against damage caused by dogs.

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Victims of the kidnaping who were released as police from the Indiana to the Wisconsin state lines entered the hunt were:
Helen Priebe, 18, heiress to the bulk of an \$800,000 coffee fortune.

Thomas Stanton Armour, 18, grandnephew of Ogden Armour, meat packing magnate, and son of Lieut. Commr. Lester Armour.
Kent Clow Jr., 18, son of Kent Clow Sr., wealthy plumbing supply manufacturer.
All reside in Lake Forest,

April 1



That's the deadline set by bellowing, bushy-browed UMW President John L. Lewis, after which his miners won't work unless demands for wage increases are met. And he indicated he isn't April fooling.

U. S. PLANES HIT ROTTERDAM YARDS

One Fortress Fails to Return After Raid

LONDON, March 31 (AP)—American Flying Fortresses attacked shipping and shipbuilding yards at Rotterdam in Holland today and lost one bomber, an eighth air force communique announced.

"It is announced by the air ministry and headquarters of the United States army that Flying Fortresses (B-17's) of the United States army eighth air force attacked shipping and shipbuilding yards at Rotterdam in daylight today," the communique said.

Allied Support
"RAF, Dominion and allied fighters, supported the bombers over the target and carried out diversionary sweeps."
"Bombs were seen to burst on the target area but owing to heavy cloud observation of the results was difficult."
"The flak was heavy but effective (Continued on Page Two)

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The body was seen by an engineer on an extra. Authorities were notified and Coroner Jess Treadway of Mt. Shasta came here to investigate.

Hagerty, identified from papers in his clothes as a former worker in a Kaiser shipyard somewhere, was a native of Illinois. Little else is known about him here.

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One of the victims was a medium-sized vessel carrying petroleum, it said. Another was a large, fully-laden ship which was picked off from a strongly escorted convoy off northern Sicily.

DAIRY WORKER SHORTAGE TO BRING DRAFT

Manpower Action Set For Relief of Industry

By CHARLES MOLONY
WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Tens of thousands were brought closer to military service today under a seven-point, semi-compulsory manpower action designed primarily to relieve a shortage of 50,000 dairy workers but capable of being extended to all agriculture and essential industry.

The program, announced by President Roosevelt late yesterday, hinted broadly at the possible drafting of farm-experienced men now deferred because of age or minor physical disabilities if they refuse dairying jobs.

Release Changed
It also changed the system of releasing soldiers 38 years or older so that in the future they can be channeled into and kept at jobs in essential industry and agriculture, subject to recall by the army upon request of the war manpower commission.

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Catroux told a press conference that unification negotiations were progressing, and that he hoped to announce achievement of the desired goal shortly, though he might have to return to London first for conferences with De Gaulle.

Catroux said no time had been set as yet for De Gaulle's proposed trip to North Africa for talks with Giraud, but he believed it would not be for several weeks.

Meantime, he reported, the De Gaulleists intended to set up a headquarters in Algiers "until such time as union makes that unnecessary."

Mme. Chiang Gets Welcome in Last Port of Call

LOS ANGELES, March 31 (AP)—Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek received a tumultuous welcome today in Los Angeles, her last port of call before returning to her native China.

Scores of thousands lined downtown streets, cheering to the echo the American-educated wife of China's generalissimo as her automobile traversed the parade route, guarded all the way by FBI agents, police and thousands of soldiers. Spectators were obliged to keep at least 15 feet from her car.

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Japanese Cargo Ship Sinks After Torpedoing



In action close to the coast of Japan, an American submarine torpedoed and sank this Japanese cargo vessel, then took a picture of the stricken ship just before the stern went under. The peculiar lighting was not explained in the navy's caption. U. S. navy photo.

CONGRESS TALKS TWO WEEK RECESS

Pay-As-You-Go Tax Fight Sleeping, Not Dead

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Senate Majority Leader Barkley talked today of a possible two-week recess for congress at Easter, now that the tax situation has become suddenly dormant.

OWI Conference
Conditions at home and abroad were topics at OWI Director Elmer Davis' press conference, where he spoke encouragingly of the fighting in Tunisia and also predicted that meat supplies, now rationed, will be spread more evenly about the country within a very short time.

Self Defense Seen As Issue in Trial of Kenneth Wallan
Self defense was apparently going to be the plea of the defense attorneys at the trial for Kenneth Wallan, charged with the second degree murder of James Bowman, which got under way in circuit court Wednesday morning.

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Hull, Litvinoff Discuss Conversations With Eden

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL
WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP)—Following closely President Roosevelt's prediction of an early Russian-American conference, Secretary of State Hull and Soviet Ambassador Maxim Litvinoff met today to discuss their separate conversations with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden.

Mum on Russia
Mr. Roosevelt did not say where or when the Russian-American conversations would take place, nor who the principals would be.

Eden Talks Help
But he made it clear that he and Anthony Eden, in consultations which ended yesterday, had cut the pattern for additional talks among various members of the United Nations.

Lone Fortress Sinks Jap Ship Off New Guinea
By The Associated Press
A lone American Flying Fortress, attacking in pitch-black night, was officially credited today with probably sinking a large Japanese destroyer and putting three others to flight in the waters off northern New Guinea.

War Department Lists Another Local Prisoner
Another Klamath youth was listed as a prisoner of war in the Philippines, according to word received here Wednesday when the name of Pvt. Gail Beckham, was given out by the war department.

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British Capture Sedjenane; Tanks Move up on Flank

By EDWARD KENNEDY
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 31 (AP)—British Eighth army veterans, pushing the defeated forces of Marshal Erwin Rommel relentlessly across an open and barren plain under a fiery air attack, have seized Oudref directly in the Gabes gap, the British first army in the north has captured Sedjenane and Americans in the center have moved up a notch on the enemy's flanks, it was announced today.

Goums Fight
British infantry and Moroccan Goums of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's first army took Sedjenane, 40 miles west of Bizerte, after an advance of about seven miles from the Djebel Aboud area.

Italian Encountered
The fact that the Americans encountered mostly Italians in their advance was taken here as indicating that the axis chief-lead already had pulled back most of his effective, in an effort to avoid being nailed on the flank.

Prisoners Taken
The story can be told best by these statistics:
Yesterday the United States infantry brought in approximately 88 German prisoners; today they sent back between 150 and 200 prisoners and only 12 were Germans—the rest Italian.

Ersatz Rubber Turned Out by Federal Plant
BATON ROUGE, La., March 31 (AP)—An extensive new plant built with skillful engineering economy in strategic materials turned out the government's first synthetic rubber today in compact machines destined to keep allied war machines rolling to victory.

Newport Homes Totter on Brink of Widening Crevice
NEWPORT, Ore., March 31 (AP)—Mother Earth split a seam at the edge of this Oregon coastal town, dropping one house into a 25-foot crevasse, leaving several others tottering on the brink and isolating an entire block of homes.

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