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 precau tionary periods, watch your street lights.

Herald and News

IN THE SHASTA-CASCADE WONDERLAND

PRICE FIVE CENTS

DAIRY WORKER

SHORTAGE TO

Manpower Action Set For Relief of

Industry

By CHARLES MOLONY WASHINGTON, March 31 (A)

under a seven-point, semi-com

signed primarily to relieve a shortage of 50,000 dairy work-ers but capable of being extend-

sential industry.

The program, announced by President Roosevelt late yester-

Release Changed

coming as draft boards were poised to begin tomorrow the re-

ing jobs.

all agriculture and es-

BRING DRAFT

KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 81, 1948

Number 9759 ROMMEL BUSINES ED ACROSS SANDS

SPRING THAW HAMPERS RED ARMY ATTACK

Major - Scale Battles Lacking for Week

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, March 31 (A)-The spreading spring thaw has brought still worse weather conditions to the long Russian front creases are met. And he indicatand the soviet midday communique today again opened with its monotonous keynote: "No essential changes occurred on the

Almost a week has gone by now that no major-scale activi-ties 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 num-ber of tanks destroyed in this

(It said that "south of Lake Ilmen a German offensive oper-ation made in order to shorten the front reached pre-arranged

(Continued on Page Two) Governor Signs Measure Easing Income Taxes

ernor Earl Snell signed two more of the legislature's tax relief measures late yesterday, the bills providing for quarterly payment of personal income taxes and for reduction of gift taxes to the wels of Washington and Cali-cornia.

SALEM, March 31 (/P)- Gov-

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

bill to compel employers to give employes itemized statements of salary deductions, such as those for victory tax, war bond pur-

violates federal price regula-

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 legisla-worker in a Kaiser shipyard tion." The bill was designed to somewhere, was a native of Ilgive poultry owners protection linois. Little else is known about against damage caused by dogs. him here.

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 in-

S. PLANES HIT

ed he isn't April fooling.

day, hinted broadly at the possible drafting of farm-experienced men now deferred because of age or minor physical disabilities if they refuse dairy-Return After

Raid

LONDON, March 31 (A) -American Flying Fortresses attacked shipping and shipbuild- the army upon request of the ing 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 Fly-ing Fortresses (B-17's) of the United States army eighth air force attacked shipping and ship-

over the target and carried out diversionary sweeps. "Bombs were seen to burst on

results was difficult. The flak was heavy but ene-(Continued on Page Two)

Man Found Dead

Beside Tracks

DORRIS-A man identified as 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 regula
The body was seen by an en
DORRIS—A man identified as John Robert Hagerty, about 50, was found dead beside the Southern Pacific tracks four miles for talks with Giraud, but he believed it would not be for several weeks.

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Treadway of Mt. Shasta came here to investigate.

Hagerty, identified from pa-pers in his clothes as a former

Prominent Chicago Youths, Girl Abducted; Three Held

nent families, were kidnaped and robbed early today by five young toughs, three of whom, Police Chief Frank Tiffany of driving to Lake Forest from Spectators were obliged to keep Lake Forest said, had been cap Chicago where the young people at least 15 feet from her car. tured by police and identified by the girl as among the abduc-

victims of the kidnaping who were released as police from the Indiana to the Wis-

consin state lines entered the hunt were: Helen Priebe, 18, heiress to the bulk of an \$800,000 coffee

Thomas Stanton Armour, 18, grandnephew of Ogden Armour, meat packing magnate, and son of Lieut. Commr. Lester Ar-

Kent Clow Jr., 18, son of Raymond Weglowski, 17. The large, fully-laden ship which was Kent Clow Sr., wealthy plumb-chief said he would obtain John picked off from a strongly esing supply manufacturer.

All reside in Lake Forest, youths still at large.

Two youths and a girl, members of wealthy, socially prominent families, were kidnaped curbed and they were seized by issimo as her automobile trathe five abductors. The kidnaping occurred as Armour was lice and thousands of soldiers.

had attended a theatre and night club. Two of the captured youths were locked up at the Chicago detective bureau while the third Six Nazi Vessels

detective bureau while the tonic detective bureau while the tonic accompanied a police squad in a hunt for the two fugitives, one of whom, Tiffany said, was one of whom, Tiffany said, was some standard to be an ex-convict.

LONDON, March 31 (AP)—
Friction Reports six axis ships and damaged four six axis ships and damaged four SALEM, March 31 (approximately provided to the supply route to Tu-

classification of registrants still in non-deferable jobs, gave em-phasis to his recent declaration (Continued on page two) Gen. De Gaulle, building yards at Rotterdam in daylight today," the commun-Giraud Desire ique said. Allied Support French Unity "RAF, Dominion and allied fighters, supported the bombers ALGIERS, March 31 (AP)-Gen. Georges Catroux, emissary of Gen. Charles de Gaulle in his the target area but owing to heavy cloud observation of the

negotiations with Gen. Henry Giraud, for unification of the French elements fighting the axis, declared yesterday that "Gen. Giraud as much as Gen. De Gaulle wishes union of all Frenchmen."

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

The body was seen by an en-gineer on an extra. Authorities were notified and Coroner Jess such time as union makes such time as union makes that unnecessary."

Mme. Chiang Gets Welcome in Last Port of Call

LOS ANGELES, March 31 (A) 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

Four British Subs

Japanese Cargo Ship Sinks After Torpedoing



Tens of thousands were brought closer to military service today In action close to the coast of Japan, an American submarine torpedoed and sank this Japaness 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. pulsory manpower action de-

CONGRESS TALKS TWO WEEK RECESS

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

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 WASHINGTON, March 31 (P) Senate Majority Leader Barkley agriculture, subject to recall by talked today of a possible twoweek recess for congress at Eas-ter, now that the tax situation with particular reference to subwar manpower commission.
The president's announcement has become suddenly dormant.

The pay-as-you-go tax fight is only sleeping—not dead—but Barkley said after a general survey of the legislative picture in a White House conference that if the situation permits, a recess would be helpful in letting members of congress get in touch with conditions back home.

OWI Conference

mer Davis' press conference, where he spoke encouragingly of the fighting in Tunisla and also predicted that meat supplies, now rationed, will "be spread more evenly about the country within a very short time." Other developments on a capi

tal day strangely quiet in comparison with the uproar of house debate in recent days on taxa-tion, which ended with defeat of works to the house ways and means committee, included a consumers' protest against the Pace farm parity bill and re-(Continued on Page Two)

Self Defense Seen

Self defense was apparently going to be the plea of the de-fense 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.

Acting for Wallan are Attorneys Joseph C. O'Neill and George Roberts of Medford.
Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is presiding.

22 Japanese bombers and fi

their attitude toward a plea of self defense in a case of this nature. Bowman died after in-juries in an alleged fight on a Dump Explosion suburban street last Christmas

The jury was completed 2:30 p. m. Members are R. C. Woodruff, Alfred D. Smith, Harry Wilson, Thomas Picard, M. E. Nicodemus, Victor O'Neill, William Kunz, Joe Upton, Elton Disher, George Denton, James Kerns Jr, Robert Teater.

By The Associated Press
The Berlin radio broadcast a report from Rome today that an ammunition depot blew up in Naples last Sunday, killing 72 and wounding 1179 civilians and soldiers.

These casualties in cluded

SALEM, March 31 (AP)-Gov-

control meeting.

Hull, Litvinoff Discuss Conversations With Eden

WASHINGTON, March 31 (P) Following closely President Roosevelt's prediction of an early Russian-American confer-ence, Secretary of State Hull and Soviet Ambassador Maxim Lit-vinoff met today to discuss their separate conversations with Brit-ish Foreign Secretary Anthony

Eden. State department sources said the object of the meeting was a jects both Hull and Litvinoff al-ready had taken up with Eden.

Hull Confers

Later in the day Hull planned to confer with China's Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, who also had several conversations with Eden before the British statesman's departure for Canada yesterday.
Another state department

Conditions at home and abroad were topics at OWI Director El-

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
large Japanese destroyer and the Rural skip-a-year plan and recommittal of the whole tax bill putting three others to flight that despite wide newspaper and putting three others to flight that despite wide newspaper and the waters off northern New radio discussion he had received fewer than a dozen letters about

tempt to deliver supplies failed." Gen. Douglas MacArthur's committee, Democratic Leader headquarters said, referring to Barkley of Kentucky, said he the exploit which occurred in had received only about 20 letters and ventured the observations. Beckham, 29, made his home in Klamath Falls with his brother the area where allied fliers determined the observations. stroyed a 22-ship Japanese convoy early in March. Bases Pounded

Other allied warplanes pounded the Japanese bases at Lae, Salamaua and Finschhafen in New Guinea, and dropped 1000 pound bombs on the enemy base at Gasmata, New Britain. A single allied reconnaissance have shot down four of nine Japanese planes in a running

battle. The allied plane returned safely. the Burma-India front. Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg is presiding.

The defense attorneys, in
questioning prospective jurors,
asked repeatedly concerning

India.

Naples Ammunition **Wounds Thousands**

By The Associated Press The Berlin radio broadcast a report from Rome today that an

These casualties included seven Germans killed and 31 Germans wounded, said the broadcast recorded by The Associated Press. Admiral Domen-cio Cavagnari has been directed to determine the cause of the accident, the Berlin radio added.

caller was Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese ambassador to Great Britain who is en route to Lon-

don after several months in Chungking. Mum on Russia
Mr. Roosevelt did not say
where or when the RussianAmerican conversations would

take place, nor who the principals would be.
Withholding all specific information at a press conference yesterday, Mr. Roosevelt turned aside with noncommital answers questions designed to bring out

whether he expected Premier Stalin or Foreign Commissar Molotov to come to this country.

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

Puzzlement at what they called comparative public apathy toward post war problems was expressed by some members of a senate foreign relations sub-committee as they assembled to begin consideration of a half dozen proposals for collective action by the United Nations. Mail Increase
While sponsors of some of the

the problems involved.

Another member of the sub-

ters and ventured the observa-tion that the public doesn't seem William Beckham, 1943 Orchard greatly excited about the ques-

Davis Blames Meat Pile-Up For Shortage

WASHINGTON, March 31 (AP) Elmer Davis, director of war in-formation, blamed the temporary shortage of meat in most parts of the country today on a pile-up of meat in the middle west but predicted that various govern-mental actions "will cause supplies to be spread more evenly about the country within a very short time."

Davis distributed a prepared

statement at a press conference, adding that part of the shortages this week was due "to the buy-ing run last weekend when so many of us went out whole hog for that last steak."

Asserting the worst shortages were on the Pacific, Atlantic and Gulf coasts, he said they "have been caused primarily by the failure of meat to move out of the middle west and because of loss of local supplies to black markets."

Kaiser Shipyard Claims New Record

Tiffany said he woulde prepare warrants charging kidnaping and robbery for the three captives who he said identified themselves as Robert Kravish, 17, Richard Schenold, 19, and Raymond Weglowski, 17. The Raymond Weglowski, 17. The Raymond Weglowski, 17. The Raymond Weglowski, 17. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. Chief said he would obtain John Doe warrants for the two corted convoy off northern Sichland Schemold, 19, and State Treasurer Lestie M. Doe warrants for the two corted convoy off northern Sichland Schemold, 19, and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor, with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State Treasurer Lestie M. South State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The Liberty State Robert S. Farrell Jr. The governor with Farrell and State announcing their own deaths. | come the 17th.

British Capture Sedjenane; Tanks Move up on Flank

Weather News

March 50—High 45, Low 21 Precipitation as of March 24, 1846

10.06 Wormal

Stream year to date Last year10.06

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, March 31 (P)—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,

Capturing Metouia, eight miles north of Gabes, the eighth army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery swung on to Oudref, four miles farther along the road, and then continued to drive northward with nothing to halt the onrush but hastily erected defenses, Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-

hower's headquarters said.

Goums Fight British infantry and Moroccar Goums of Lieut. Gen. K. A. N Anderson's first army took Sed-jenane, 40 miles west of Bizerte,

after an advance of about sever miles from the Djebel Abold Meanwhile the forces of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., made a slight advance through dense minefields in the scarred hills east of El Guetar.

The British in taking Oudres and Metouia, however, had seized the junction of the road leading from El Guetar and Gafsa with the main coastal highway, and the axis position in front of Patton appeared to

be wholly untenable.

Italian Encountered The fact that the Americans encountered mostly Italians in their advance was taken here as indicating that the axis chieftain already had pulled back most of his effectives, in an effort to avoid being nailed on the The eighth army's onrush and

the American's dogged hammer-ing 45 miles to the northwest was squeezing Rommel's forces farther back into a bottleneck between small salt marshes (Continued on Page Two)

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

street. Beckham was born in Riverside, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. Marie Pryor of Los Angeles. For a time he was employed at the Mt. Shasta, Calif., mill, but for three years prior mill, but for three years prior to his enlistment lived in this city. He joined up in February, 1941, and was sent immediately synthetic rubber today in compact bales destined to keep allied 1941, and was sent immediately to Fort Mills, The Philippines. Relatives received a Christmas card in December, 1941, the card mailed in November. This was the last word until they were informed by the government of his whereabouts. The youth's brother is an employe of Lamm Lumber company.

1941, and was sent immediately synthetic rubber today in company synthetic rubber to synthetic rub

GABES ROAD

American Tanks Rock Axis Back on

Heels By HAROLD V. BOYLE
WITH U. S. FORCES AT EL.
GUETAR, Tunisia, March 30 (Delayed)—(P)—United States infantry and armored forces, working smoothly as a team, rocked
the Italians back on their heels
to smoothly declare saveral rules.

in a smashing drive several miles down the Gabes road today. The advance was slowed only be-cause of dusk and minefields. The only reason the Americans did not smack the Germans around was that the nazis pulled out in the night, leaving Musso-lini's men holding the bag—just as they did at the Ousseltla val-ley and Kasserine Gap battles. Prisoners Taken

The story can be told best by

hese statistics: Yesterday the United States infantry brought in approximately 86 German prisoners; today they sent back between 150 and

they sent back between 180 and
200 prisoners and only 12 were
Germans—the rest Italian.
One U. S. scout captured 15
Italians and was worrying what
to do with them when one of
the prisoners said, "There are
(Continued on Page Two)

Ersatz Rubber Turned Out by

BATON ROUGE, La., March 31 (P)—An extensive new plant built with skillful engineering

Newport Homes Totter on Brink of Widening Crevice

NEWPORT, Ore., March 31 (A) | about 20 feet more and was bu-Mother Earth split a seam at the ried in debris.

curred about three blocks from curred about three blocks from the ocean and gave rise to fears for an entire residential district between it and the beach.

Investigators said today the

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.

The cave-in started several days ago and widened rapidly this week to a width of 50 feet and a depth of about 25. It occurred about three blocks from

Investigators said today the cause has not been determined although a test drill showed a shifting sand formation underlaying the entire area at a depth of 30 to 40 feet.

No one was injured when the Ben Cleland home suddenly settled about six feet as the fissure opened. Later, as the earth break widened, the house rolled down