

Blackout Signal

One 3-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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FIRST ARMY JABS AT BIZERTE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IF you like your war news gory, you might as well skip it today. There isn't much heavy fighting—even in Russia, where the entire vast front, from Leningrad to the Black Sea, is described in the dispatches as resembling a "great slushy lake."

IN southern Tunisia, Rommel is still successfully resisting encirclement.

The Algiers radio (unconfirmed officially) says Montgomery's and Patton's forces have effected a junction, but BEHIND Rommel's retreating African veterans.

In other words, the desert fox has eluded another trap.

IN northern Tunisia, Anderson is still on the prod and is said to have regained most of the ground lost to the Germans during the last month.

THE latest reports (guesses might be a better word) put German strength in Tunisia at about 200,000 men, well supplied with weapons and ammunition.

Rommel's armies (he commands in all Tunisia) are described today as fighting stubbornly and skillfully, with no signs of panic or collapse.

THE air is full of rumors today.

One rumor school insists that Hitler has ordered Rommel to fight to the last man in order to provide more time to fortify the axis-held northern shore of the Mediterranean, from Italy to Spain.

Another school asserts that a rescue expedition after the pattern of Dunkerque is being organized to take Rommel's men off. These tales insist that Hitler can't afford a last-stand delaying operation in Africa, with its attendant loss of some of his toughest fighters.

SWISS reports say that Rommel himself will ultimately be taken out of Africa (presumably by plane) to Italy, where he will be given the title of "observer and military adviser to the Italian high command" and that his job will be to "reorganize Italy's defenses and indirectly assume command of the Italian anti-invasion army."

IF you're wise, you'll keep your fingers crossed. Nobody knows who is peddling these rumors. Maybe the Germans are gathering ships (they're said to have commandeered the Italian fleet) to rush reinforcements to Africa. We outsiders will have to wait until EVENTS clear the air.

THERE'S nothing of great importance from the South Seas. Our planes smack five Jap destroyers conveying a supply ship—probably to some Jap island base. Some 30 to 40 Zeros appear off Guadalcanal and are chased off by our fighters. Score: 16 Zeros shot down to six of our planes. Kiska is bombed again.

ON the home front, FDR vetoes the farm bloc bill to exclude benefit payments in computing farm parity price formulas. (Benefit payments are what the farmer gets as a subsidy to induce him to do what the government wants, such as planting certain crops or not planting others.)

HE adds: "The time has come when EVERYONE—farmers, workers, managers, inventors—must realize that living standards CANNOT BE IMPROVED in time of war."
He goes on: "On the contrary, we must all CUT our standards of living for (Continued on Page Two)

Local Rubber Successful

Judge Rules Out 2nd Degree Murder As Issue in Trial

Any issue of second degree murder was removed from the trial of Kenneth Wallan Friday morning when Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg allowed a defense motion that limited a guilty verdict, one is returned, to manslaughter.

The motion was made by George Roberts, defense attorney, who asked that the court withdraw the question of second degree murder from the jury. He asserted that the state's case, which had just been completed at the time, had failed to show any evidence of malice on the part of Wallan in allegedly killing James Bowman last December 24.

District Attorney L. Orth Sisemore resisted the motion, declaring that the evidence had shown Wallan had walked several feet, picked up a board, and returned to attack Bowman as he lay on the ground beside his Shasta way home.

Roberts replied that a witness, who had testified to seeing Wallan walking the board, did not see Bowman on the ground receiving the blows.

Circuit Judge Vandenberg then granted the defense motion.

The state completed its evidence about 10:30 a. m. Friday, after presenting evidence to show that Wallan and Bowman were at a party on Christmas eve at a local hotel, that they drove from the hotel to Bowman's home and that Bowman was fatally injured in an alleged attack by Wallan near the rear of the house.

Defense testimony late Friday morning was featured by the witness-stand appearance of John Fanning, who attended the hotel party. Fanning testified Bowman had been drinking gin on that afternoon before the party. He said that Bowman, at the party, threatened to "whip" Fanning and swung at him. Fanning said he ducked and in turn hit Bowman, who struck the wall and fell on his face. Fanning testified that later, at the same party, he again knocked Bowman down.

Another defense witness, Aubrey Jefferson Kosen, testified he had had words with Bowman the night at the party. It was apparent the defense was (Continued on page two)

Rosser to Be Released From Arson Sentence
SALEM, April 2 (AP)—Albert Earl Rosser, former head of Oregon AFL teamsters, will be released from prison July 6 after serving a third of his 12-year arson sentence in connection with the burning of the Salem box factory on November 20, 1937.

The state parole board announced that Rosser would be granted the parole because of his good behavior.
Rosser is the last of the labor terrorists of 1937 to finish pay- (Continued on Page Two)

Action Dulls as Russians Close in On German Defenses at Novorossisk

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, April 2 (AP)—Three more villages have fallen to soviet troops closing about Novorossisk and other German positions along the Black Sea coast, the Russians announced today, but elsewhere on the long front only minor activity was reported by the soviet noon communique.

(The German communique broadcast today by the Berlin radio and recorded by The Associated Press said that the Russians had launched a series of strong attacks south of Lake Ladoga, but that German fire-power and close-range fighting beat them down in front of the nazis line.
(The Russian war bulletin



This is Larry Mays, forest service official transferred here to handle the Klamath county rubber plant growing project. He has been assistant supervisor of the Deschutes forest at Bend.

NIP SHIPS BASHED AT KOLOMBANGARA

American Bombers in Raid on Japanese Destroyers

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—American bombers battered a Japanese force of five destroyers southwest of Kolombangara while almost at the same time, fighter planes were engaging 30 to 40 Japanese Zero fighters and shooting down 16 of the enemy planes, the navy reported today.

In these Solomon island engagements, six United States planes were lost in the aerial combat, fought northwest of Guadalcanal island, but two of the pilots were rescued.

Results of the attack by bombers on the Japanese surface force were not observed, the navy reported in communique No. 332 which told also of two more attacks on the Japanese base at Kiska in the Aleutians. The text of the communique:
"1. On March 30th:
"In addition to the two attacks reported in navy department communique No. 331, Kiska (Continued on Page Two)

Italians Appoint New Naval Chief

LONDON, April 2 (AP)—The Rome radio announced tonight that Admiral Carlo Bergamini had been appointed commander-in-chief of the Italian naval battle forces.
Admiral Eduardo Somigli was appointed commander-in-chief of naval forces protecting merchant traffic.
The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

Men Steal Cable, Set Off Alarm on Railroad Tracks

DUNSMUIR, Calif., April 2 (AP)—Two men attempting to steal 500 feet of cable from the Southern Pacific railroad right-of-way turned themselves in.
They dragged their loot across the rails. That, said Dispatcher J. L. Morgan, flashed a red light on the Dunsmuir control board.
He knew no trains were in the block so he called state highway patrolmen who arrested the pair.

The struggle for mastery of Donets river positions on an arc east of Kharkov was marked (Continued on Page Two)

KLAMATH SEEN AS POTENTIAL GROWING AREA

U. S. Forest Service To Plant Russian Dandelion

The Klamath country assumed the status of a potential rubber-producing area Friday with the announcement by the U. S. forest service that it will plant a considerable acreage of kok-saghyz, the Russian dandelion, near Klamath Falls this spring. This project is a further development from an experiment in growing the Russian rubber-producing plant, conducted at the experimental station in the Spring Lake district last year. That experiment proved to be one of the most successful of a large number of test fields in the United States, Canada and Alaska, the forest service disclosed today.

Large Scale Seen
If similar success attends the growing of this expanded acreage this year, the planting may be extended to large scale production in the Klamath district next year.
It was learned approximately 60 acres will be planted in this area. In view of the intensive nature of this crop, it was ex- (Continued on Page Two)

Woman Hunted As Baby Body Found in Bag

MEDFORD, April 2 (AP)—A search for Mrs. Bernard Lotka, wife of a Camp White sergeant, was ordered here today after the body of a 9-week-old baby boy was found in a leather overnight bag in a local auto car cabin. Deputy Coroner Carlos W. Morris said.

A pair of slippers which Morris said was identified as Mrs. Lotka's was in the cabin.
The deputy coroner said the child appeared to have died of natural causes about 10 hours before the body was found, but he ordered an autopsy.
Hospital records show the baby was born January 25 to Sgt. and Mrs. Bernard Lotka, whose address was given as the motor court cabin where the discovery was made.

Snell Appoints Chessman to State Highway Commission

SALEM, April 2 (AP)—Governor Earl Snell today appointed Sen. Merle R. Chessman, Astoria newspaper publisher, to the state highway commission, succeeding Huron Clough, Canyonville, who asked to be relieved.
The appointment is the third made by Snell to the three-man commission. He already had appointed T. H. Banfield, Portland, to succeed Henry F. Cabell, Portland, and Arthur W. Schapp, Klamath Falls, to succeed Herman Oliver, John Day.

California Wants To Condemn Idle Jap Machinery

SACRAMENTO, Calif., April 2 (AP)—Governor Warren announced today his intention to ask for the passage of urgency legislation giving the state the right to condemn and purchase idle farm machinery of Japanese or any person who has it in storage without the intention of putting it to use for the production of food.

First Synthetic Truck Tire



Rubber Administrator William M. Jeffers (right), shows Senator Raymond E. Willis (left) what Jeffers termed the nation's first all synthetic heavy duty truck tire. The tire was built by Goodyear with butadiene produced from alcohol manufactured at an Institute, W. Va., plant which utilizes grains.

Roosevelt Vetoes Bankhead Bill Raising Farm Prices

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—Branding it inflationary and dangerous, President Roosevelt vetoed today the Bankhead bill to increase farm prices by excluding benefit payments in figuring the farm parity price formulas.
Returning the measure unsigned to the senate, Mr. Roosevelt said in a message:

Roosevelt Message
"I am compelled to this action by the deep conviction that this measure is inflationary in character. It breaks down the barriers we have erected and which we must maintain in order to avoid all the disasters of inflation. It is wholly inconsistent with our stabilization program and, therefore, dangerous alike to our constructive farm policy and to our whole war effort."
Administration opponents of the bill, which won easy victory in both house and senate, have estimated it would add approximately \$1,500,000,000 to the nation's annual food bill.

It takes a two-thirds vote of both the house and senate to override the president and make a vetoed bill law. The Bankhead measure originally passed the senate by a vote of 78-2. The house showed a standing vote in its favor of 149 to 40.

Navy Asks Aid In Curbing War Profiteering

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP)—The navy officially asked congress today for aid in cracking down on manufacturers' representatives who "have their offices in their hat" and sales agents "of little ability" receiving "outrageous fees" for procuring war contracts.
Endorsing a proposed legislative curb on their profits Jacob E. Davis, special assistant to the undersecretary of the navy and a former democratic representative from Ohio, told the house naval committee:

"Conceding that an agent should be compensated amply for introducing a new and untried article to the government, he should not receive enormous fees during the emergency due solely to the fact that subsequent orders, to secure which he hardly has to turn a finger, swell his commissions to astronomical figures."

Clifford Clegg, Missing, Now Philippine Prisoner

First word in 14 months from their son, Clifford, came today to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Clegg of 2429 Orchard avenue, when the war department advised them that the youth was a prisoner of war in the Philippines.
The parents, thrilled by the wire, were previously advised that Sgt. Clegg, 25, was missing following the fall of Corregidor. The mother had never given up hope that her son was alive, she said today.
Young Clegg enlisted in the army infantry in Medford late in 1938, served for three years at the Presidio, San Francisco, and then re-enlisted for foreign service in 1939 when he was sent to Manila. Last word came from him was received late in November and dated October 26, 1941. Clegg was with the 31st Infantry (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIES STORM TOWARDS AXIS ESCAPE ROUTE

Mateur Threatened; Troops Push Past Sedjenane

By ROGER GREENE
Associated Press War Editor
British 1st army troops have smashed deep into the vital German defense zone in northern Tunisia, an Algiers broadcast said today, and are storming toward Mateur only 18 miles south of the enemy's potential "Dunkerque Escape" port at Bizerte. The radio said Lieut. Gen. K. A. N. Anderson's forces were now "pressing on the retreating Germans in the vicinity of Mateur" after a thrust from Sedjenane, 25 miles to the west.

No Details
A bulletin from allied headquarters gave no details of the 1st army's advance, but declared:

"Our troops continued to push northwards and eastwards beyond Sedjenane."
Edward Kennedy, Associated Press correspondent at allied headquarters, said British and French troops pushing from Sedjenane toward Mateur had "made good almost the last of the losses in the fighting a month ago."

Since that time, Col. Gen. Jürgen von Arnim had driven the British back 30 to 40 miles.
British Drive
British vanguards, spearheaded by fierce tribal warriors of French Morocco, were reported to have driven six miles east of Sedjenane two days ago, and yesterday's allied communique (Continued on Page Two)

Senate Group Condemns John Lewis' Actions

WASHINGTON, April 2 (AP) Declaring that labor leaders "must now demonstrate that they are statesmen and patriots as well as paid advocates for worthy causes," the senate war investigating committee today condemned John L. Lewis' attitude in asserting that his no-strike promise was not "necessarily binding."
"Labor has come of age and the country expects these leaders to recognize that labor has duties as well as rights," the committee said, adding that "no citizen has the right to jeopardize the nation's existence in war time."

In its first official comment on the dramatic exchange between the committee and the president of the United Mine Workers a week ago, the group headed by Senator Truman (D-Mo.) observed:
"The obligation which rests upon Lewis is... an obligation to the United States arising out of the war emergency."

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