

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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ALLIES STORM TOWARD TUNIS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SAN FRANCISCO. A beautiful, sparkling day that follows another beautiful, sparkling day. Northern California is as lovely as only Northern California can be in the early spring.

AT the hotel, one's bags are taken in charge by a combination elevator operator and bellhop. He leaves his car standing at the bottom of the chute while he herds your bags into it and then leaves it standing again at the top while he wangles your belongings into the precious room your reservation priority entitles you to claim, raises the blinds, fiddles with the radiator and otherwise kills time while you're reaching for your change pocket.

Quite different from the last time, a few weeks ago when the baggage was ceremoniously deposited in one of these baby buggy trucks. MANNED BY TWO huckles, who BOTH fiddled around and waited for the reach to the change pocket, which meant that at least one of them was burning up time that might have been used in building ships and airplanes that are sorely needed on the fighting fronts.

SLOWLY—very, very slowly, one thinks at times—the war is coming home to us, and we are beginning to take the common, ordinary, horse sense way of meeting the manpower problems that follow in its train.

AFTER all, why should the average, reasonably well-muscled male traveler in war time have to have his baggage carried for him by even one man, let alone two?

Why couldn't he carry it himself? The chances are it wouldn't hurt him.

If all the bellhops in all the towns in all the states of the United States of America were busy building ships instead of ransacking baggage for able-bodied American citizens who could carry it for themselves without howling a tendon, the resulting increase in shipping output would be pleasing to our side and more or less distressing to the enemy.

IT'S a minor issue, but it makes a point. The point is this: If we're to lick the Japs and the Germans, we stay-at-homes have got to do a lot of things we haven't been in the habit of doing.

BREAKFAST, the next morning. Breakfast now costs about what dinner used to, and if your dander begins to rise and you feel the urge surging up to kick like hell, the sobering thought occurs to you that if you don't eat it and pay for it somebody else will and the management doesn't give a darn whether it's you or somebody else that gets it.

Besides, if you don't like the way things are done at the public eatery, why don't you stay at home and eat what the ration book says you can eat—and no more?

So you eat it and pay the price and even leave a pleasing tip.

IN the old days that now are gone, one tipped because of a notion that the tipper's wan look was the result of creeping starvation arising out of the detestable habit of the capitalist classes of paying wages that barely kept soul and body together.

It was probably a delusion, and the wan look was doubtless the inevitable consequence of having been up too late the night before and having taken on more than could be handled and still come up bright and shining when the nasty old alarm clock did its stuff.

At least the idea gave one a virtuous glow, all same Lady Bountiful, when parting with his cash. You'd at least done your good deed for the day, and in the course of the conduct of your business during the ensuing hours you could put the screws

Giant Air Battle Destroys 37 of 98 Attacking Nippons

By The Associated Press

American fighters were officially credited today with destroying 37 out of 98 Japanese planes in a battle over the southeast Solomons Wednesday when the enemy struck at U. S. shipping off Guadalcanal Island.

The navy said that seven American planes were lost—a ratio of better than 5 to 1 in their favor—and that one pilot was rescued.

The Japanese aerial armada included 50 bombers and 48 fighters. It was not disclosed whether they were successful in reaching the American ships.

A navy communique said the battle climaxed a two-day offensive by American planes which made six forays against Japanese ships and bases throughout the Solomons.

Jap Threat

Coincident with news of the American victory in the skies, Japan's army press chief, Maj. Gen. Nakao Yahagi, voiced a threat of Japanese invasion of India.

Yahagi declared that "the enemy's ambition of recapturing Burma has at last been crushed" and that Japanese successes on the Burma front had "increased the confidence of our forces to advance into India."

New Jap Head

Japanese forces in Burma have a new commander replacing Lieut. Gen. Shojiro Iida, who led the army which overran the country last year, the Tokyo radio indicated.

A broadcast recorded by The Associated Press said that Iida, identified as "the former commander in chief" of the Burma forces, had returned to Tokyo and been received in audience by Emperor Hirohito. It did not disclose the name of Iida's successor.

Bomb Jitters

Japan had a fresh attack of "bomb jitters" today as the Tokyo radio for the second time in 24 hours warned the Japanese people that a new American bombing assault might come at any time "either from the China continent, the Aleutians or from aircraft carriers."

Elsewhere in the far Pacific war theatre, the British command announced that British artillery had smashed Japanese attempts to advance in the Indian region in Burma, with the enemy

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President Sells War Bonds—Staff Members "Dig"



President Roosevelt gave the opening of the second war loan drive his personal attention by selling war bonds to members of the White House staff. Mr. Roosevelt's first customer was John H. Pys, left, his chauffeur when he was assistant secretary of the navy. Secretary of Treasury Henry Morgenthau, right, and other staff members get ready to "put it on the line."

Folkes Trial Jury Chosen Despite Racial Prejudices

ALBANY, Ore., April 8 (P)—A jury of eight women and four men, with a woman alternate, was selected early this afternoon to try Robert E. Lee Folkes in the "Lower 13" knife murder of Mrs. Martha Virginia James, 21-year-old navy bride.

The first venireman of a new batch of 10 called for duty was accepted by Harlow Weirick, Linn county prosecutor, and Leroy Lomax, defense attorney, a few minutes after the court session was resumed at 2 p. m.

ALBANY, Ore., April 8 (P)—Jury troubles again today halted the "Lower 13" murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, accused of the knife slaying of Mrs. Martha James, a navy officer's bride.

A new panel of 15 men and women was exhausted by 11 a. m., and court was adjourned while sheriff's deputies rounded up an additional 10 persons.

State Challenges District Attorney Harlow Weirick and his assistant, L. O. Siesmore, exercised four peremptory challenges during the hour of the morning session. One juror was released peremptorily yesterday, Leroy Lomax, Portland, defense attorney, had accepted the jury yesterday. He had not used one peremptory challenge.

At the morning recess, nine women and four men sat in the box. Most of the veniremen questioned said they had formed opinions.

Folkes Unperturbed Meanwhile, Folkes, a dining car cook, sat seemingly unperturbed, and showed slight interest in the selection of men and women who will decide whether he was the person who cut Mrs. James' throat as she lay in her berth in a Southern Pacific sleeping car as it roared through the Willamette valley before dawn, January 23. He wore a blue serge suit with zoot lines, but insisted that it wasn't a zoot suit. "It's a formal," he explained.

The small court room, filled by the time the session opened, remained jammed throughout the session, with women predominating.

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Closing Dates Announced for County Schools

Dates for the closing of county schools were announced Thursday by Fred Petersop, county school superintendent.

Thirteen schools will shut down for the summer on May 14 and the other eight will be out May 7. Differences in closing time is due to the fact that some schools had a Christmas vacation and others did not, and also that some were closed last fall for the potato harvest, and not having made up all the time lost they must go a week longer than the rest.

Petersop stated that it was very likely that school in rural communities would take up earlier than usual this fall to allow for a shutdown in harvest season. Rural schools would definitely be closed this fall during crop harvesting emergencies, Petersop explained.

This school year time lost last fall was made up in some rural districts by having an extra hour added to the school day, while others attempted having classes on Saturdays.

Bonanza, Henley, Merrill and Malin were closed for potato picking the last week in September and first three weeks in October. This necessitated a whole month's make-up this fall and spring.

Schools closing May 14 are Algoma, Henley, Shevlin, Kirk, Altamont (both grade and junior high), Crescent Lake, Cascade Summit, Pelican Bay camp, Merrill, Bonanza, Lamm's camp at Yamsay, Fairhaven, Shasta.

Those out for the summer on May 7 are Gilchrist, Chiloquin, Beatty, Sprague River, Fort Klamath, Malin, Keno, Bly.

Americans Down 70 German Planes in Raid on Renault

LONDON, April 8 (P)—American gunners destroyed 70 German aircraft in Sunday's daylight bombing of the Renault Works near Paris and Monday's raid on the Eria Aero Engine Works at Antwerp. It was announced officially today.

Forty-seven German planes were shot down in the Renault raid, most of them from Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering's crack squadrons of yellow-nosed Focke-Wulf fighters, the eighth U. S. army air force headquarters said.

Few Changes in Russ-Nazi Line Seen Overnight

MOSCOW, April 8 (P)—While no big changes took place overnight on the Russian-German front, still oozing with the spring thaw, increased action was reported today in several sectors.

The red army stormed German positions south of Izyum and captured advantageous lines in the face of sharp Nazi fire after several days of numerous German attacks.

In the Sevsk sector northwest of Kursk the Germans again began counterattacks but they availed nothing. The Russians previously halted large-scale enemy operations there.

The Volkhov front saw battling again, with the Germans once more trying to take a soviet position, and again failing. Although there was sharp fighting in this sector, southeast of Leningrad, the conflict was not believed to be a major operation.

Artillery duels and scouting operations took place on the western front where the Russians have been edging toward Smolensk.

Nothing was mentioned in the noon communique about the Kuban area or west of Rostov.

Nine Victims of Plane Crash Found After Safe Jumps

WALLA WALLA, April 8 (P)—Nine men who parachuted from a Walla Walla air base bomber, March 30, apparently have been all accounted for, Major Harry E. Gilmore, commanding officer at the field, announced last night.

The pilot, Second Lt. Joseph R. Brensinger, Fairfield, Ala., was spotted yesterday and flown to the Pocatello air base.

Two other flyers are known to be in a cabin upriver from the Hood ranch, 50 miles northwest of Challis, and a ground rescue party is on the way to them.

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British Join Americans to Encircle Axis

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 8 (P)—The British first army gained four or five miles by a surprise attack in the Medjez-El-Bab bulge area yesterday as the second U. S. army corps and the British eighth army united in a relentless pursuit of the enemy in the south, it was announced today.

The first army's advance in the northern sector carried its vanguards to within less than 27 airline miles of Tunis, Nazi-held capital of the French protectorate.

It was announced officially tonight that the eighth army had advanced 15 miles beyond the captured Wadi El Akarit line.

(This would place the army 50 miles from the Port of Sfax.)

Eighth Sweeps North (An Algiers radio broadcast recorded in London at 8:28 p. m. (11:28 a. m. Pacific war time) said the eighth army was reported continuing its sweep north and "all enemy attempts to stop the advance have failed completely.")

More prisoners were rounded up in both northern and southern sectors and Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's positions again were blasted and shot up by allied aerial squadrons.

Americans Rip Nazis The second U. S. corps of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's eighth army collaborated like two woodsmen at the ends of a crosscut saw to rip Rommel's rearwards from their positions.

A communique disclosed that the eighth army, after smashing the Wadi El Akarit position 20 miles north of Gabes at dawn Tuesday repulsed determined enemy counterattacks in heavy fighting that afternoon.

Withdrawal Begins Marshal Rommel apparently then abandoned all hope of holding out in that area and, realizing that his big armored formations in front of the Americans along the Gasfa-Gabes road were in an untenable position, began a withdrawal under the cover of darkness Tuesday night.

General Patton's Americans immediately pushed ahead, clearing up pockets of resistance which Rommel had left behind and clashing at times with the withdrawing armor itself to attain a point 25 to 30 miles east of El Guezar.

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BROWN ADVOCATES BONUS FARM PAY

Says Incentive Plan Better Than Price Increases

By ERNEST B. VACCARO WASHINGTON, April 8 (P)—Price Administrator Prentiss Brown aroused a storm of protest from members of the senate agriculture committee today by advocating increased appropriations for incentive payments to farmers as preferable to two bills designed to increase prices.

"It would be better to appropriate money with which to pay incentive payments in cases where farmer income is insufficient to assure production than to 'break' through the barriers against inflation," he declared.

Farm Position "I don't want to put the farmer in the position of depending up-

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