

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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ROMMEL REELS UNDER BATTERING

Withholding Levy Asked

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE meat of today's war news is that the fighting in Tunisia is approaching the stage. Sousse falls. The Germans are abandoning their important air and supply base at Kairouan. Rommel, escaping all the traps laid for him in his long retreat across the northern coast of Africa, is joining Von Arnim and their combined forces are preparing to fight it out at Tunis and Bizerte behind the mountain walls that served so long as a barrier between Carthage and her landward enemies.

THE fight will be essentially similar to that which the Russians waged at Sevastopol, where they had to supply themselves from the sea against the Germans who were coming at them from the land.

A DESPERATE battle is being waged by the Germans to get in supplies and reinforcements and an equally desperate battle is being fought by our sea and air forces to PREVENT supplies from reaching them.

Some idea of the extremity of the Germans' position may be gained from the fact that they are using clumsy and more or less obsolete transport planes to FLY IN gasoline.

We've been shooting these supply planes down in rather startling numbers.

HITLER and Mussolini hold another meeting. Apparently NO JAPS were present. (The "axis" is becoming just another word. What it really means is GERMANY.)

We outsiders can't judge accurately from the surface indications that are all we have to judge by, but we're beginning to guess that Japan is fighting her own war, for her OWN purposes, and isn't going out on any limbs to help Hitler.

Which doesn't make Japan any the less dangerous.

A FORMAL statement issued following the Hitler-Mussolini meeting says the big shot and his satellite little shot have dedicated themselves and their people to "complete annihilation of any future danger which might threaten the European-African area from the west or from the east."

Don't pay much attention to the statements issued after these conferences. What is given out is for the ENEMY'S consumption—as was our unconditional surrender ultimatum at Casablanca.

The conferees aren't tipping off anything that would be really interesting or valuable to their enemies.

YOU never heard of a football coach tipping off any of the really hot, inside stuff he plans to use against his opponent in the big game.

AN Italian newspaper (La Tribuna Illustrata) is quoted by the Berlin radio as saying that Hitler and his stooge Mussolini are deciding "whether or when" New York is to be bombed.

La Tribuna Illustrata says the new Heinkel-177 could easily do it, carrying from two to three tons of bombs from bases on the French coast and depending for weather information on axis submarines scattered across the Atlantic.

Major Changes in Draft Laws Speed Increases in Army

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—The Kilday bill to give draft deferment priorities to men with dependents and to put draft quotas on a statewide instead of a local board basis was passed today by the house and sent to the senate.

FIGHTING BILLIONS POUR IN TREASURY

U. S. Assured Loans Won't Increase Debt Ceiling

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Americans started pouring more fighting billions into Uncle Sam's war chest today with the assurance that the new loans won't push the national debt above the legal ceiling.

On the eve of the treasury's second war loan campaign—aimed to borrow some \$13,000,000,000—President Roosevelt announced (Continued on Page Two)

British Down Three German Planes in Raid

LONDON, April 12 (AP)—At least three Nazi planes were shot down over coastal districts of England last night as the Germans attempted weak reprisals for heavy allied weekend attacks in which Russian planes swept into Germany for the first time in many months to hit Koenigsberg, important east Prussian supply junction for the soviet front.

In addition, a British intruder plane over northern France knocked a twin-engine German craft out of the air as it came in for a night landing, the air ministry news service reported.

The big RAF bombers did not resume the hammering of Germany and the occupied territories last night, but aircraft of the bomber command laid mines in enemy waters and two planes were lost, an air ministry communique said.

Allied Fighting Planes Down 23 Jap Air Raiders

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, April 12 (AP)—Tearing into a formation of 45 Japanese air raiders over Oro Bay, New Guinea, allied fighters shot 23 of the planes out of action yesterday and broke up an assault which allied headquarters characterized today as part of a new enemy air offensive in the southwest Pacific.

An allied communique announcing the smashing of the raid said the Japanese offensive "may attain a considerable scale of effort," judging from recent reconnaissance reports showing "major increases" in the enemy's air strength.

Early Trial Seen In Medford Baby Smothering Case

MEDFORD, April 12 (AP)—District Attorney George W. Neilson said today that he will seek speedy trials for Sgt. Bernard Lotka, 23, and his common-law wife, Tillie Michanalski, 22, indicted on first degree murder charges in the smothering of their 10-week-old son here April 1.

They will be arraigned before Circuit Judge H. K. Hanna Wednesday, Neilson said.

MEASURE SEEN HELP IN FIGHT ON INFLATION

Rayburn Calls for Joint Party Action

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) called today for joint democratic-republican action to enact quickly a 20 per cent withholding levy against the taxable portion of wages and salaries, as a measure to help prevent inflation.

But Representative Martin, the republican leader, promptly said that any proposal to consider a withholding tax without an abatement feature was not compromise, but surrender. In a statement to reporters Martin added:

"It looks like we are unable to get from the ways and means committee a chance to pass any one of the several pay-as-you-go proposals, and it looks like we'll have to petition a bill out."

If 218 members signed such a petition, a new house vote could be had April 26 on pay-as-you-go taxation, probably including the Ruml plan to skip an income tax year.

Rayburn left the speaker's rostrum to give newspapermen a statement after Chairman Doughton (D-N.C.) of the ways and means committee told the house that if the leadership of both parties would agree to support a simple withholding levy, he would introduce such a bill and seek to bring it from the (Continued on Page Two)

Walker Comments on Republican Talk On "Fourth Term"

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Asserting that "obviously, the opposition is not in accord with my views" for a short campaign, Democratic Chairman Frank C. Walker added today in commenting on "satisfactory and positive" assurance that President Roosevelt will not seek a fourth term:

"This is no time for politics. Let us get on with the war."

Six Die, Many Hurt in Severe Alabama Storm

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 12 (AP)—Six persons were killed and many others injured today in storms that struck the north Alabama towns of Hackleburg and Vinemont.

The business section of Hackleburg, 90 miles northwest of Birmingham, was destroyed, and four persons were killed there, Stone J. Crane, Red Cross field representative said.

To the Readers of the Herald-News

"The 13 billion second war loan is the responsibility of every one of us.

"As Americans, we must lend our government every dollar we can during these next few weeks. No matter how much or how little our pay checks are, each of us must do his part.

"The money is urgently needed to back up our armed forces now on the offensive with the weapons they must have to win and win quickly.

"We are asked to give up our luxuries and even our comforts to match in a small way the sacrifices our men in the armed forces are making on the fighting fronts.

"Remember: They give their lives—we are only asked to lend our money.

"Only you know how much you can lend. Don't wait for someone to come around and ask you to do your part.

"Do it today. Do it gladly. Do it to the utmost of your capacity.

"Do it knowing that upon how much you do depends to a large extent how quickly we win this war."

Tin Can Matinee Draws Youngsters



This picture, taken from Seventh and High streets, shows just a part of the line-up of youngsters who jammed the Esquire theatre Saturday and paid in tin cans to get in. More than two and a half tons of cans for the tin can salvage drive were contributed by the boys and girls, who made a line nearly a block long from the theatre entrance.

FIRES, EXPLOSIONS STRIKE MUNDA JAPS

Navy Message Tells Of Raid on Kahili

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Two bombing raids causing heavy explosions and starting fires at the Japanese airbase at Munda in the Solomons were reported today by the navy in a communique which told also of a raid on Kahili, and of two bombing assaults on Kiska in the Aleutians.

Hits were made on the airfield and anti-aircraft positions at Kahili, but results of the raids on Kiska were not observed.

Navy communique No. 341: "South Pacific: (All dates are east longitude)

"1. During the night of April 10-11, Catalina patrol bombers (Consolidated PBV) bombed Japanese installations at Munda on New Georgia island, starting a small fire.

Kahili Hit

"2. On April 11: (A) In the early morning, Liberator heavy bombers (Continued on Page Two)

Action Waits Condition of Shooting Victim

Further action in connection with Saturday morning's shootings here was held in abeyance Monday pending developments in the condition of James Eugene Echer, who is in Klamath Valley hospital with a bullet hole through his abdomen.

Echer was shot by Assistant Police Chief Orville Hamilton when he dropped his hands when being arrested after a wild chase over the city's streets early Saturday. His physician said Monday Echer's "condition is unchanged—he is in a critical condition—he has a fighting chance to live." Several holes were found in his intestines and an end of one of his kidneys was shot off.

Echer was arrested in connection with another shooting, which wounded Woodruff L. Hubbard. Hubbard allegedly was shot in the leg by Echer at a house on Worden street. Bullets were exchanged by Echer and police during an ensuing chase, and Echer was wounded after he got out of the car and assertedly dropped his hands to his sides, causing Hamilton to think he was reaching for a gun.

Key Witness Declines to Identify Folkes as Killer

ALBANY, Ore., April 12 (AP)—The murder trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes was adjourned today until Wednesday after the state's key witness declined to identify Folkes as the man he saw emerge from lower 13 a few minutes after Mrs. Martha Virginia James was slain on a limited train January 23.

Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling called the adjournment after a conference with Defense Attorney Leroy Lomax, who advised that an attack of bronchitis and influenza made it necessary for him to rest. The court's decision was announced as the trial reconvened this afternoon after Lomax had been granted a recess this morning.

ALBANY, Ore., April 12 (AP)—Harold Wilson, a marine corps private, declined today to identify Robert E. Lee Folkes as the man he saw emerge from lower 13, the berth in which Mrs. Mar-

Hull Asks for Renewing of Trade Pacts

WASHINGTON, April 12 (AP)—Secretary of State Hull today urged renewal of the reciprocal trade agreements law in order he said to demonstrate that the United States will cooperate with other nations not only in war but in the peace to come.

"The many peoples who look toward this country with hope," Hull told the house ways and means committee, "are watching our action on this act with profound interest. What we do about it will be looked upon as a signpost pointing to the path they can expect us to follow."

"Renunciation of the trade agreements program, or the curtailment of it in scope or time by amendment, would be taken as a clear indication that this country which, in war, is bearing its full share of responsibility, will not do so in peace. This might well weaken the ties which hold together the group of nations with which we are so vitally associated in the prosecution of the war."

Sgt. Tichenor To Appear at Murder Trial in Albany

Sgt. E. W. Tichenor of state police, received word early Monday morning to appear in Albany in connection with the murder "in lower 13" of Martha Brinson James. Tichenor was one of the investigating officers when the death car was removed here.

EIGHTH ARMY PUSHES AXIS PAST SOUSSE

British First Knocks Germans North Of Kairouan

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 12 (AP)—The British eighth army entered Sousse at 8:30 a. m. today in its rapid push northward along the Tunisian coast while first army units knocked out armored remnants of the German Africa corps on the plains northwest of Kairouan after occupying that city yesterday.

Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's men were reeling under heavy blows from both ground and air forces and they offered light opposition.

The Kairouan plain engagement took place as German tanks were intercepted while attempting to escape northward. Ten of them were knocked out. (A dispatch from Kairouan said 18 of a formation of 40 enemy tanks were destroyed by a British armored force in the battle to clear the Kairouan plain, and 20 Nazi anti-tank guns and 20 motor vehicles also were wrecked. The 40-tank formation was described as the rear guard of two German armored divisions.)

The fall of Sousse leaves the enemy only two important ports in all Africa, Tunis and Bizerte.

Prisoners Taken

It was officially announced that the British eighth army had taken 20,000 prisoners since it opened the offensive against the Mareth line March 20. Thousands of others have been captured by the American second army corps, the first army and the French.

(A French communique broadcast tonight by the Algiers radio and recorded by the Associated Press said French (Continued on Page Two)

Pioneer Dies on Anniversary in House of Birth

Silas Warren Kilgore, Langell valley pioneer, died on the 54th anniversary of his birth in the house in which he was born, at 10 p. m. Saturday following a lengthy illness. Mr. Kilgore, son of the late Silas W. and Mary Alice Kilgore who came to the valley in 1871, was a well-known stockman of that section. He had been ill for the past six years. Mr. Kilgore was born April 10, 1889.

Services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the chapel of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home with burial in the Bonanza cemetery by the side of his parents.

Mr. Kilgore is survived by his wife, Louise, two sons, Charles and Silas Wright, all of Langell valley, and one brother, Merle S. Kilgore, of this city.

Warm Spring Sun Moves Gardeners, Sets New High

Sunday afternoon's temperature hit a seasonal high of 69 degrees and sent many a Victory gardener out to his plot in the warm spring sun. The minimum was 44 degrees.

The U. S. weatherman said it was warmer Sunday than any day since last October 25, and the minimum was "higher" than October 14, when it was also recorded at 44.

Hitler, Mussolini Confer On Stern Military Events

By The Associated Press

LONDON, April 12 (AP)—Adolf Hitler and Premier Mussolini have just concluded a four-day conference in the shadow of the most alarming axis prospects since the war began—expulsion from Africa and imminent allied invasion of the European continent.

The axis leaders, according to the German radio, admitted their meeting was held "against a background of stern military events, especially in the Italian realm," but came up with the typical axis statement that they had dedicated themselves and their people to "the complete annihilation of any future danger which might threaten the European-African area from the west or from the east."

No Japs Allowed

The location of this twelfth