

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

April 14—High 79, Low 48
Precipitation as of April 8, 1943
Stream year to date 14.23
Last year 10.34 Normal 9.58

AIRCRAFT PROMISED MACARTHUR

Noose Tightens On African Axis

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
FOR us here on the Pacific Coast, the curious, impersonal and in many ways puzzling debate between our headquarters in Australia and our high-up officials in Washington is still the highlight of the news. It continues today.

A SPOKESMAN for MacArthur at allied headquarters in the South Pacific says the Japs are maintaining a GREAT COMBAT FLEET at their base at Truk, within three days sailing time to New Guinea, and for several months have maintained at their Rabaul base alone (not to mention other bases) a concentration of approximately 250,000 tons of merchant shipping.

Constant (Jap) convoys, operating BEYOND THE RANGE of our air forces are being pushed forward to reinforce the enemy.

THE situation he outlines is clear enough in its implications. The Japs, with many terrible experiences behind them (Coral sea, Bismarck sea, etc.), are afraid of our aircraft. They dare not face it again without at least equality in the air.

So they are building up their OWN air power, and meanwhile are concentrating smashing heavy naval and transport strength to be rushed in for the kill if and when they can get air power enough to knock our planes from the skies.

WAR SECRETARY STIMSON, after listening for three days to the pleas for more planes in the South Pacific, tells his press conference in Washington today: "We will keep our American and Australian fliers supplied with SUFFICIENT planes not only to replace our losses but to BUILD UP our aircraft to counter the INCREASING enemy air strength."

He adds that the ALLIED COMBINED chiefs of staff (note that he takes it out of the realm of purely American decision) have before them the "very difficult task" of allotting a limited supply (of planes) to meet large demands.

WASHINGTON officials who are quoted anonymously in the dispatches today seem generally to hold the opinion that the Japs are more interested in holding and building up what they've seized already than in BITING OFF MORE by attacking Australia.

They intimate also that we're not in any position to launch a big offensive soon in the South Pacific.

CLUB POWERS SECOND WAR LOAN DRIVE

Insurance Company, Lumber Firm Add Money

A \$20-a-plate luncheon and \$25,000 purchases by a lumber firm in an insurance company put added power into Klamath county's war finance drive as it went over the \$400,000 mark Thursday.

Progress Made In Solution of "Black Snow"

City officials expressed the belief Thursday that definite progress had been made toward solution of "black snow" and steam problems as a result of an informal discussion of these questions Wednesday in which representatives of the city, Klamath Heating company and the state utilities commissioner participated.

Two Klamath Men Collect Additional Citations for Bravery Fighting Japs



Sgt. Charles Norris Doty

Porter Testifies Wilson Said Knife Killer Not Negro

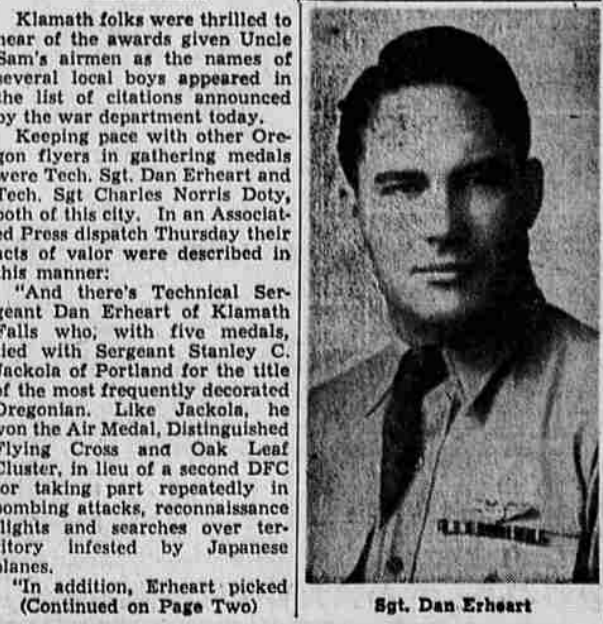
ALBANY, Ore., April 15 (AP)—The knife killer of Mrs. Martha Virginia James was described by the state's principal witness soon after the slaying as a white man, a negro Pullman porter testified in the trial of Robert E. Lee Folkes, negro dining car cook, today.

Under cross examination by Defense Counsel Leroy Lomax, H. M. Hughes, the porter, said Marine Private Harold Wilson, the first man to reach the fatally slashed Mrs. James after she tumbled from her berth, insisted that the man he saw running down the aisle of car D was a white man.

WASHERMEN CERTIFIED AS Bargaining Agent For Ewauna Workers

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15 (AP)—Certification of the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, as the bargaining agent for employees of the Ewauna Box company, Klamath Falls, was announced by the national labor relations board today.

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Sgt. Dan Erheart

ALLIES STORM HILLS; 30,000 TROOPS TAKEN

German Plane Losses Since March 20 Total 459

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 15 (AP)—French and British infantry successfully stormed two important hills on the south and western fronts of the constricted axis Tunisian line yesterday and, capturing 600 prisoners, increased the total allied bag since the opening of the Mareth offensive to more than 30,000.

Air Battles on Increase Over Russian Front

MOSCOW, April 15 (AP)—Air battles increased over the Russian front today, with the Russian army's fliers concentrating again on Nazi supply columns and their Yak, Mig and Lagge fighter planes successfully battling off the Germans' Focke-Wulf 190 raiders.

Plans Set for Basketball Dinner

Plans were set for the 6:30 p. m. dinner Thursday to be held at the Willard in honor of the state champion Pelican basketball team.

Tops In Scholarship



June O'Brien and John Fletcher, shown above, will be valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Klamath high school commencement exercises next month. It was announced by Principal Stanley Woodruff. Miss O'Brien had a straight 1 average, and Mr. Fletcher's average was 1.09. Both students major in mathematics and science.

Britain's Bombers Batter Stuttgart War Industries

LONDON, April 15 (AP)—Britain's powerful four-engine bombers raced 400 miles across Nazi-held Europe last night to strike at the German industrial city of Stuttgart in a highly concentrated raid from which 23 bombers failed to return, the air ministry announced today.

Collaboration Pictured as "Cornerstone"

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—Chairman Donnelly (D-Tex.) said today a foreign relations sub-committee probably would draft its own version of a proposal to put the senate on record for postwar collaboration with other nations.

Today Last Day to File State Income Tax Returns

SALEM, April 15 (AP)—Today was the last day for filing state income tax returns and making the first quarterly payment.

NIPPONS MASS COMBAT FLEET IN TRUK AREA

Americans Break All Records Hitting Kiska Japs

By The Associated Press
Secretary of War Stimson today promised a constantly increasing flow of planes and other war supplies to Gen. Douglas MacArthur's forces in the southwest Pacific, even as a spokesman at allied headquarters declared that a great Japanese combat fleet was massed in the Truk area "within three days' sailing distance of New Guinea."

Simultaneously, a navy bulletin revealed that American fliers of the Aleutian command broke all records for attacks on the Japanese outpost at Kiska, blasting the enemy stronghold 10 times on Tuesday.

Japs Fired
The navy said heavy and medium U. S. bombers, escorted by fighters, set fires in the main Japanese encampment, strafed enemy float planes and inflicted other havoc in the unprecedented series of assaults.

Altogether, Kiska has now been attacked 73 times since March 1, an average of nearly two raids a day.

Stimson's pledge followed a series of appeals for greater allied air strength in the South Sea battle theatre and repeated official warnings from Australia that the Japanese were preparing to unleash a new offensive.

Fifteen Leave OWI Because Of Principles

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—Fifteen recently resigned members of the office of war information staff said in a statement today they were leaving "because of our conviction that it is impossible for us . . . to tell the full truth."

One-Third of Second War Loan Already Subscribed

WASHINGTON, April 15 (AP)—Secretary Morgenthau reported today the treasury already has raised more than one-third of the \$13,000,000,000 sought in the second war loan campaign which opened Monday.