

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 LEAVES AFRICA KORPS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE drama in the war news continues to be provided by Tunisia, where the final finish fight draws nearer day by day.

FOR some time, nothing has been heard of Patton's Americans. Today we learn why. They were being transferred from the far southern to the far northern end of the battlefield. With the transfer completed, they take two hills in the neighborhood of Mateur (see map), consolidate their new positions, and HOLD THEM against German counter attacks.

Hitting the enemy with unexpected force where he isn't looking for it is one of the elements of good leadership.

THE excellence of American staff work, especially the speed and secrecy with which the transfer was carried out, is warmly praised today by British General Alexander.

The British are always full of praise for us when we do a good job and remain courteously silent on the inevitable occasions when we don't do so well—as when Rommel drove us back at the Kasserine pass.

SOME of our professional twistery of the lion's tail might well take a leaf from the British book in this respect.

As long as we're fighting shoulder to the shoulder with the British, let's be decently courteous to them—as they invariably are to us.

An exceedingly sound rule is never to fight with the guy who is HELPING YOU FIGHT.

IN this column, much has been said of late about ancient Carthage, which occupied roughly the site of the present-day Tunis.

Let's add one more thought along that line: Carthage FELL and was destroyed because the hot-headed, uncooperative Carthaginians were always FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES.

THE British 1st army takes Long Stop Hill (Djebel Ahmera on your map) 27 miles west of Tunis and threatens to sweep down onto the flat plain. Long Stop Hill is the strongest known German position between Medjez el Bab and Tunis.

The Medjez el Bab route, remember, is the main gate to Tunis, as Mateur is the main gate to Bizerte.

TODAY'S dispatches indicate that the nazis' Kuban offensive is GAGGING.

The Russians say the Germans have lost 5000 men and 200 planes in the past week and are "bled white." It does begin to look as if they aren't hitting them with their customary punch.

That, if true, would be IMMENSELY important. Inability to hit hard when you need to is the first sign of FATAL weakness.

TWO hundred Russian bombers raid Insteburg, in East Prussia. A 200-plane raid rates as a big one. Insteburg is an important German air base, a concentration point for German reserves destined for the Russian front and an important rail junction.

It is beginning to look as if British, American and Russian air forces have divided up the job of bombing Germany and are following out a definite plan.

DEPARTURE of American diplomats from Helsinki remains an unsolved mystery, with the insiders still as mum as a clam, but it's a safe bet that either we're putting the squeeze on the Finns or the Germans are.

CHURCHILL joins today in threats of reprisal against the Japs for their execution of captured American pilots. Let's keep this fact realistically in mind: THREATS won't bother the (Continued on Page Two)

ALLIED AIRMEN BATTER FIVE NIPPON BASES

Bull's Eye Bombing Sinks Enemy Ship

By The Associated Press Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced today that allied warplanes pounded five Japanese bases in the islands above Australia, carried out 18 strafing attacks on enemy troops in New Guinea, and sank an 8000-ton ship in the Bismarck sea with a single bull's eye hit with a 500-pound bomb.

The communique also disclosed that allied vanguards wiped out a patrol of 20 Japanese troops within six airline miles of the big enemy base at Salamaua, New Guinea.

Apparently the attack was a hit-and-run raid, since the main allied forces were last reported some 100 miles below Salamaua, although patrol fighting had been noted in the Mubo sector 12 miles below the enemy base.

Allied fliers poured cannon and machine-gun fire on Japanese troops in the Mubo-Salamaua region yesterday and raided the enemy strongholds at Lae and Finchaafen, New Guinea; Ubihi, New Britain; Toel, on the Kai islands; and Dobo, in the Aroo group. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Churchill said in a message to Gen. H. H. Arnold, U. S. air (Continued on Page Two)

Nazi Coup in Finland Seen By Washington

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The threat of a Nazi coup in Finland, inspired by Hitler's growing fears for his "European Fortress" and designed to set up a 100 per cent pro-axis government, was seen in diplomatic quarters here today as one of the factors behind Helsinki's newest crisis.

And it was expected to force a final showdown in the little nation's strange war triangle. Latest move in the long-standing three-cornered crisis came yesterday when most of the American legation staff suddenly left the Finnish capital and a strict censorship was promptly clamped on all political dispatches out of Finland.

The state department described the move as "administrative," and declined to throw further light on it; but the capital watched closely to see what bearing it might have on the question whether Finland is to tie up still more closely to Germany or attempt to separate herself from Hitler's war against Russia.

Germans Slacken Furious Butting Against Red Line

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 24 (AP)—The furious German counterattacks in the Kuban regions of the Caucasus, which in the past few days had approached the intensity of an offensive, slackened significantly today as the Germans counted several thousand of their dead in addition to a heavy loss in airplanes, tanks, guns and munitions, Russian front dispatches said.

The dispatches gave no immediate explanation for the cessation of the Nazi attacks, which had been marked by numerous futile charges against the Russian lines from the Black sea coast near Novorossiisk, through the Kuban delta to the coast of the sea of Azov.

Heavy Losses The Germans lost almost 5000 men and almost 200 planes in less than a week—probably far in excess of the losses they had counted on, it was reported. Dispatches yesterday had re-



The plane commanded by Maj. Gen. James Doolittle in the Tokyo raid was wrecked "somewhere in China" after the raid. Top: a portion of the twisted wreckage. Bottom: Gen. Doolittle seated near the wing emblem of the shattered plane. Associated Press photo from the USAA.

WLB Ignored By Lewis in Coal Case But Pushes On

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—The war labor board today ordered the almost-expired wage agreement between Appalachian soft coal operators and the United Mine Workers extended pending settlement of their dispute and decided to proceed with the case with or without the participation of the union.

Ignored by President John L. Lewis and other officers of the UMW at a preliminary hearing today, the board announced it would follow the normal procedure of setting up a three-man, tripartite panel which is to be-

English Claim Subs Sink Ten Axis Ships

LONDON, April 24 (AP)—The admiralty announced today that 10 more axis ships had been destroyed or damaged by British submarines operating against enemy supply lines in the Mediterranean.

Among the damaged ships, the admiralty said, were a cruiser and a tanker. Counter measures by the convoy prevented direct observation of the results of the torpedo hits on these two vessels, the communique said, but breaking-up noises were heard from both.

Four other ships listed as damaged were also believed to have sunk later, the admiralty declared.

Three Southern Men Acquitted in Negro Lynching

HATTIESBURG, Miss., April 24 (AP)—Three Jones county men, charged with violating civil liberties statutes in the lynching of a negro at Laurel last October, were acquitted by a federal court jury here today shortly after 9 a. m.

The verdict brought a dramatic climax to the first trial of white men charged in a negro lynching case in the south in 40 years.

Court officials said the all-white jury took two ballots. The first vote taken last night stood 11 for acquittal and one against.

WATKINS BEATS RECORD. DES MOINES, Ia., April 24 (AP)—Pete Watkins, gangling athlete from Texas A. and M., smashed the 21-year-old high jump record in the 34th annual Drake relay carnival today with a leap of 6 feet 8 inches.

Roosevelt Orders Strikers Back to Work at Celanese

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered strikers at the Celanese Corporation of America, Newark, N. J., to return to work immediately and gave them until noon Monday to comply.

Non-compliance by then, he said, will result in government steps to see to it that full operations at the plant are resumed.

Acting on the recommendation of the war labor board whose repeated appeals to the workers, members of the United Mine Workers district 50, to end their strike had failed, the president sent telegrams to President John L. Lewis of the UMW and four other union officials, demanding that picketing cease and the workers go back to work immediately.

No Comment Lewis could not be reached for comment in New York but a representative said he would have nothing to say.

The president made no mention of the army moving in but such talk of possible "steps" by the White House in the past has been preliminary to the government taking over a struck war plant where the president's instructions were ignored.

The strike has been in effect nearly two weeks. It is a jurisdictional dispute, with the UMW protesting certification by the Labor Relations board of a rival CIO textile workers union as bargaining agent.

Unwarranted Threats Replying to the latest WLB appeal last night the UMW officials said the government agency was using "unwarranted threats."

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early told reporters that the president's action today was in his capacity of commander in chief of the army and navy.

He said the president told the union officials that the strike is a clear violation of labor's no-strike pledge.

Lewis and the other four officials were requested to notify all members of the UMW involved of the contents of the president's directive.

NEWARK, N. J., April 24 (AP) Strikers at the celanese corporation of America's big plastics plant here continued picketing today after President Roosevelt had ordered their immediate return to work.

The president gave the strikers (Continued on Page Two)

Escaped Cons Retaken Near Mather Field FOLSOM PRISON, Calif., April 24 (AP)—The two Folsom prisoners who escaped Thursday night were recaptured today by prison guards two miles east of Mather field, Sacramento.

Guards George Benty, Charles Dangler and A. D. Benton made the capture at 10:15 o'clock this morning, Warden Clyde I. Plummer announced.

The refugee convicts who had established a recent year's record of absence without leaving from the state's maximum security prison were Frank Pedroni, 36, doing life for first degree murder in a tavern holdup in Napa county and William A. Smith, 34, convicted in Riverside county for assault with a deadly weapon and other crimes.

Baseball AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, R, H, E. Detroit 2 6 2, Cleveland 3 6 1, White and Richards; Kennedy and Desautels. Washington 0 1 0, New York 1 4 1, Pyle and Early; Chandler and Hemsley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Sweetheart



Kennell-Ellis. Vivian Dirschl, sophomore, winner of the "Sweetheart of Klamath High" designation in a war stamp and bond contest.

VIVIAN DIRSCHL KUHS 'SWEETHEART'

Sophomore Girl Wins Union Labor's Trip To Ship Event Pretty Vivian Dirschl is the "Sweetheart of Klamath High" who will go to Portland next week on a trip provided by Klamath union labor to the winner of the war bond and stamp contest just concluded at the local school.

In a whirlwind finish, the sophomore daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dirschl, 3404 Shasta Way, came in a short distance ahead of Sally Mueller, the freshman candidate, while Bettie Hopkins, senior, was third, and Betty McKinney, junior, was fourth.

The high school contest developed into a community-wide affair. It not only stimulated new bond sales, but there was warm (Continued on Page Two)

War Finance Total \$1,117,000 Goal—\$1,289,000 by May 1

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U. S. Planes Fire Jap Air Base at Munda

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) American bombers and fighters attacked the Japanese air base at Munda in the central Solomon islands again Thursday, the navy reported today, silencing anti-aircraft weapons and setting fire to three grounded enemy planes.

Other raids were carried out against Vila and Kahili, the latter in the northwestern Solomons, while on Friday bombers and fighters assaulted enemy positions at Rekata bay, a sea plane base on Santa Isabel island.

Gasoline-Rubber Battle Royal Gets Two Sets of Senatorial Referees

WASHINGTON, April 24 (AP) Two separate sets of referees stepped into the fiery gasoline-rubber war production fight today amid assertions that when it's settled, the loser should be handed his hat.

The issue: is the synthetic rubber program hurting the allied air offensive by slowing production of aviation gasoline? The principals: Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson to whom that charge was first attributed; Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes who promptly seconded him; and Rubber Director William M. Jeffers—termed "the maddest Irishman in all the United States"—who emphatically denies the charge.

Referees Named Moving in to referee are members of the senate war investigating committee and Bernard Baruch, whose committee would stand by while the war investigating committee delves into the dispute, Gillette declared the nation is "entitled to know the answers to several important questions."

Truth Questioned One, he said, is whether there is "any truth in the charges that the war department has built huge plants for the production of essential munitions and war materials which are now in disuse. . . . Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) said his committee will have testimony Tuesday of WPB Chairman Donald Nelson and Ickes, Jeffers, Patterson and Undersecretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal will be summoned the following day. Eager to Cooperate Ickes, Patterson and Deputy Petroleum Administrator Davis were called into a huddle late yesterday by War Production (Continued on Page Two)

U. S. TANKMEN SWITCHED TO NORTH FRONT

Americans Advance; British Capture Long Stop Hill

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 24 (AP)—Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters announced today that a captured document indicated that Marshal Erwin Rommel, the German commander in Tunisia, had left Africa.

A statement issued by the headquarters of the 18th army group said: "A document dated March 19 recently captured by the first army was signed by Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim as general officer commander in chief, and not by Rommel, whose present whereabouts and new appointment, if any, are unknown."

Rommel last was known to have been in Africa during the Kasserine pass fighting in February, when captured letters mentioned him.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 24 (AP)—American troops, transferred from the southern Tunisia front to the north, have advanced six miles toward Mateur, 13 miles southwest of Bizerte, and the British first army has taken Long Stop Hill, 28 miles west of Tunis, dispatches from the front said today.

Another U. S. unit hatched its way for seven miles through stiff enemy fire northeast of Beja and to the north of the Beja-Mateur road, fighting its way hill by hill.

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Missing Indian Youngster May Be in River

Fear that Jesse Wright Jr., 15-year-old Indian boy, had drowned in Williamson river at the old Pine Ridge dam, was expressed by searchers who began Saturday to grapple in the turbulent river for the boy's body.

The youngster has been missing a week. Saturday morning his bicycle was discovered beside the dam near the site of the old Forest Lumber company mill. The river is fast and high at that point, and in places the bank has caved in.

It was believed the boy may have gone out on a bank, which collapsed and threw him into the river. Indian Officer John Arkell was in charge of the grappling, according to Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, who was informed of the situation Saturday morning.