#### **Blackout Signal**

is the signal for a blackout in Klamath Falls. Another long blast, during a blackout, is a signal for all-clear. In precau tionary periods, watch your street lights.

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# RUSSIA CUIS TIES WITH POLA

## In The Day's News

#### TODAY'S dispatches indicate

that the mountain walls protecting the German armies in Tunis and Bizerte are beginning to crumble. No connected story of what is happening is available as this is written, but it is an-nounced that the allies are mov-ing forward in ALL FIVE SEC-TORS of the Tunisian battle-

THE French are reported this morning to be within three miles of Pont du Fahs, which lies in a nest of hills at the head of a valley that leads directly to Tunis. The valley is traversed

by highways and a railroad. The French took the hills to the west and swept DOWN to within point-blank cannon range of the town. The Germans still hold the hills to the east. They also hold the hills com-

manding the valley route to

THE Germans are reported this morning to have started WITHDRAWING before Patton's Americans, and it is added that there is no indication as yet as to how far their retreat will con-

. . . A LLIED headquarters says the Germans have thrown NEARLY THE LAST of their armored reserves into a fight to the death with massed allied tanks jabbing dangerously into

the German positions.

Alexander's British in the far north and Montgomery's British in the far south are making progress hill by hill.

SMART co-ordination between American ground and air forces is reported in the dis-

patches. In the mountain country in which our men are operating with Germany and withdraw tanks are of little value, and so the bombers are called in. At Germany has been reported one point, our troops were blocked by powerful German cannon and machine gun posi-tions on BOTH sides of a valley through which we had to pass.

Twenty bombers were sum moned. Twelve of them tackled one hill and the remaining eight tackled the other. The Ger-man positions were smashed and the American troops, cheering wildly, pushed on through.

THESE scattered glimpses paint a picture that looks like the beginning of the end, with the Germans outnumbered and outweighed but fighting stubbornly for every inch.

POLITICAL news from Europe is mixed with the fighting

Russia severs diplomatic relations with the Polish govern-ment-in-exile, charging the Poles with carrying on a hostile propa ganda campaign against the soviets "to please Hitler's tyranny." Specifically, the Russians say, the Poles are playing with the Germans in the hope of getting territorial concessions living.

Russia's expense, Our state department in Washington expresses regret over the

AT the same time, it is report ed today that a break in re-lations between the United States and Finland is regarded

as only a matter of hours.

Finland and what is left of Poland are little countries under the thumb of Germany. We've been getting a bit impatient with the Finns. It is understandable that the Russians should be similarly impatient with the Poles.

of the real facts, are in no post-tion to criticise intelligently. Storms which in the North Pa-tilon to criticise intelligently. We'll do well to sit tight and crushing blasts in a matter of await developments.

IN the Pacific, four of our fighter planes tackle ten Jap bombers escorted by 20 Zeros to the north of Guadalcanal. They shoot down five Japs, but lose two of their own—or HALF their

In China, 25 Jap planes are jumped by half that number of (Continued on Page Three)

## Axis Yields West Wall

## Strikes Mushroom As Lewis Ignores Mediation Efforts

Strike reports came from two more sectors of the bituminous coal fields today as John L. Lewis continued to ignore the war labor board's efforts to settle contract disputes affecting his 450,-000 soft coal miners.

The United Mine Workers' president allowed to expire with-

### FINN DIPLOMATIC BREAK IMMINENT

#### Germany Said Bringing Strong Pressure On Country

STOCKHOLM, April 26 (A)-A break in diplomatic relations between the United States and Finland appeared imminent today-perhaps only a matter of hours-as advises from Helsinki indicated little possibility of a change in Finnish foreign policy which might case the situation.

While the Finnish public was reported deeply disturbed by the prospect of a break, Finland's official position was summed up tersely by a source close to the government with these words:

"The Americans cannot expec us to tie a noose around our own necks."

#### American Desire

The statement was an obvious reference to American desires that Finland settle her differences with Russia, break her ties

Germany has been reported bringing strong pressure on Fin (Continued on Page Three)

### Cafe Prices To Be Frozen in

office of price administration to-day announced the freezing of day announced the freezing of restaurant prices in Washington, Oregon and California, effective May 1, to halt rising costs to Allies Announce consumers. The order will freeze prices of food and beverages for immediate consumption in the immediate consumption in the three states at highest charges IN NORTH AFRICA, April 26

for the week April 4-10, 1943. said the prices established to April 15. 

First Lieut, Jack D. Lindh son of Gus Lindh of this city

took part in a successful raid off the North African front.

MODOC PINE TAKES

OVER ACKLEY MILL

Announced by

J. R. Shaw

Modoc Pine, an associate com-

pany of the Shaw Lumber com-pany, Monday took over opera-

tion of the Ackley Lumber company, it was announced by J. Royal Shaw, president of Shaw Lumber company.

For the past three years the

Modoc Pine company has been taking the cut of the Ackley mill. With the death of Harry

Ackley, Modoc Pine is now tak-

ing the mill over on a lease and

(Continued on Page Three)

Celanese Plant

Less than 48 hours after a presi-

Corporation of America's plas-

They reentered the plant five

hours ahead of the noon dead-line set by President Roosevelt

in his order to halt a two-week strike or "your government will

take steps to protect the interests

division returned to their

Strikers at

jobs this morning.

of the nation at war.'

(Story on this page).

out a word from him the WLB's 9:30 a. m. deadline for submitting \*nominations for a labor member of a three-man fact-finding panel

Common Sense
Previously Chairman William
H. Davis had said the board would use its own "common sense" in selecting the panelto represent the public, industry and labor—if Lewis continued to disregard the WLB. He failappear Saturday for a

preliminary session.

Meanwhile some 9500 miners were reported on strike in southwestern Pennsylvania and south-eastern Kentucky, and union officials warned the walkouts might spread because of dissatisfaction among the men over progress of negotiations.

Walkout Extends Mines of the Republic Steel (Continued on Page Three)

#### **Navy Denies** Carrier Sunk By German Sub

WASHINGTON, April 26 (AP) The navy denied today German claims that the aircraft carrier Ranger had been torpedoed and

sunk in the North Atlantic. "Neither the ranger or any other United States carrier has been sunk or damaged in any

ocean," a navy spokesman said. The Berlin radio claimed Sunday night that the ten-year-old aircraft carrier had been sunk by a German submarine in the North Atlantic.

The broadcast asserted that a submarine commanded by Lieutenant Commander Von Buelow attacked the carrier which was employed, Berlin said, in guarding a convoy lane across the Atlantic.

Launched at Newport News, Return to Jobs

SEATTLE, April 26 (P)—The the first American naval vessel

(AP)- Allied headquarters an-Frank E. Marnh, recently ap-nounced today that the axis lost pointed west coast regional OPA 66,000 men killed, wounded and administrator who issued the or- taken prisoner from January 1

## HILLS TAKEN OPPOSITION

French "Hinge" Wins Five Mountains From Nazis

LONDON, April 26 (A\*)—A French communique broad-cast by the Algiers radio anforces had driven to a position little more than three miles from the German Tunisian stronghold at Pont Du

#### By WILLIAM B. KING

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 26 (A)—The Germans were reported in retreat today on the Amer-ican-manned northern sector of the Tunisian front, after yielding mountain strongholds at the southern end of their abbreviated west wall with little resist-ance and concentrating armored strength against tank-supported blows by the British first army Change in Operation at their center.

Even as a field dispatch said that the Germans had begun withdrawing from positions be-fore the second U. S. army corps this morning, headquarters announced that the French 19th army corps, serving at the "hinge" between the British first and eighth armies, had won five mountains without heavy opposition and wiped out a German salient that had poked dangerously into allied lines.

Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim was known definitely to have committed most of his armor to "fight it out" against British tanks which penetrated the nar-row plain east of Toubellat, between the French and American

Vital Area

(The possibility of a British NEWARK, N. J., April 26 (49) dential directive to end a walk-out, employes of the Celanese may have influenced Von Ar-river front and 70 more in a (Continued on Page Three)

#### **Baby Girl Falls** In Live Coals Reaching Toy

Little Ruby Estelle Gunn, 2-year-old daughter of Frank Gunn of Weyerhaeuser camp near Beatty, suffered third degree burns of the foot, both knees and hands and second degree burns on the face, when she fell into a bed of hot coals attempting to recover a toy.

Klamath Valley hospital Saturday afternoon. The right hand was so badly burned that ampu (Continued on Page Three)

#### Folkes Dressed in At Penitentiary

SALEM, Ore., April 26 (A)—
Robert E. Lee Folkes, convicted negro slayer of Mrs. Martha Virginia James in berth lower 13 of ginia James in berth lower 13 of from the north-south range SALEM, Ore., April 26 (/P)a speeding limited train, was dressed in today at the Oregon state penitentiary where he is under sentence to die in the lethal Shortland island are a and bombed and strafed enemy posi-

military spokesman said

#### "This is a vital area," the spokesman said.

break-through in the Goubellat sector, which would slash a path between the Tunis-Bizerte area ing operations on almost all and the axis secondary southern fronts and the communique said defense line based at Pont Du 100 Germans were killed during to order withdrawals on the

The child was admitted to

r near the end of the Aleutians chain, loosing explosives and strating enemy positions with machine gun fire.

The weather was so bad, how
The weather was



Patton Hits Nazi Line Again

Wearing his pearl handled revolvers. Patton Jr., is shown in a typical pose as he sits out on an open hillside and watches his U. S. troops move forward against enemy-held hills on the Tunisia front. Old "Blood and Guts." as his men call him, may be directing operations just like this as his armoured forces spearhead a new drive toward Tunis. Today his troops were reported advancing as the Germans with-drew from defenses.

#### U. S. Ground Forces Head Wounded at Tunis Outpost

scalp wound, and another caused

a severe wound on the shoulder. The steel helmet that he was

wearing undoubtedly saved his life."

Evacuated

Eisenhower said McNair would be evacuated from the front within the next day or two

and probably would return to the (Continued on Page Three)

**Bonds, Tickets** 

Going Fast for

Union Smoker

Tickets for union labor's smok-

Admission to the smoker will

eral admission. Sale of "E" bonds, the smaller denomina-tions, has lagged in labor's drive

and it is hoped that the smoker

Tickets may be obtained by

ings and Loan offices, and the

will net well over \$25,000.

WASHINGTON, April 26 (P) Another fragment caused a se-Lt. Gen. Lesley J. McNair will be incapacitated several weeks Forward Post as a result of the wounds he re-ceived in Tunisia last Fridey, the war department reported today, adding that he was not critically injured.

A detailed report just received from Gen. Dwight D. Eisen-hower "indicates that he was severely but not critically in-jured," the army said, when a shell fragment penetrated his helmet, inflicting a scalp wound.

#### **Germans Prod** Russ Line; No **Big Engagements**

By EDDY GILMORE MOSCOW, April 26 (P)—Halt-ed by heavy counter-attacks in the Kuban delta of the western Caucasus, German forces prodded at various sectors of the long Russian front today, but there were no reports of important engagements and the mid-day com-munique said nothing of signif-

icance had occurred.

Both sides waged active scout light engagement on the wester front. There was scattered artillery activity.

Apparently the temporary ac-

tivity west of Rostov had died down as there were no further reports of operations in this area.

As far as the news was concerned this seemed the quietest day of the year. The Russian people, meanwhile, were keep-ing posted on the situation created by Japanese treatment of the American fliers in their

### Jap Bombers **Back Threat in**

CHUNGKING, April 26 (AP) The Japanese used "scores of bombers" to back their biggest offensive in recent months in

gas chamber May 28.

Calmly he walked into the prison with Lieut. Ray Howard North Honan provinces.

Operations against enemy strong-holds in Southeast Shansi and Pulpits and altars were bank-ed with Easter lilies and green-

que said.

## Story About Officer Killings Charged As Propaganda

POLES ACCUSED

WITH GERMANS

MOSCOW, April 26 (A)-Sovlet Russia severed relations with the Polish government in exile yesterday, accusing it of being in league with the Germans in carrying out a "hostile campaign" against the soviet union in connection with German charges that the Russians had killed 10,000 Polish officers near

Foreign Commissar Molotov handed the Polish ambassador a bitter note, denouncing the Polish government, the news agency
Tass reported. It charged the
Poles with carrying on a hostile
campaign against the soviet
union along the same lines as the union along the same lines as the recent German propaganda diatribe, accusing the Russians of murdering 10,000 Polish officers near Smolensk. The Russian note flatly charged that the Germans had killed the Polish officers.

#### Please Hitler

Please Hitler
"The Pollsh government, to please Hitler's tyranny, deals a treacherous blow to the soviet union," Molotov's note said. "The soviet government is aware that this hostile campaign against the soviet union was undertaken by the Pollsh government in order to exert pressure for the purpose of wresting from it the termitorial concessions at the expense of the interests of the soviet Ukraine, soviet Byelo-"General McNair (commander of all ground forces) was at a forward observation post in northern Tunisia observing the attack on enemy positions by elements of an American di-vision," the department said. "This post came under heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire. The general was struck by shell fragments, one of which pene-trated his helmet and inflicted a the soviet Ukraine, soviet Byelo-Russia and soviet Lithuania.

"All these circumstances compel the soviet government to rec-ognize that the government of Poland, having slid to the path of accord with Hitler's govern-ment, actually have discontinued allied relations with the USSR and adopted a hostile attitude toward the soviet union. On the strength of all above, the soviet government has decided to sever relations with the Polish govern-

"Please accept, Mr. Ambassa-dor, assurances of my high es-teem. Molotov."

Abnormal Behavior

The note said the Russian gov-ernment "considers the recent behavior of the Polish govern-ment as entirely abnormal and (Continued on Page Three)

#### er, slated for Friday night in the Klamath Falls armory, were go-ing like "hot cakes" Monday, ac-Lt. Jack Lindh cording to G. C. Tatman, general chairman of labor's drive. On "Successful" be the purchase of "E" type, or family bonds, with a \$50 bond admitting the holder to a ring-side seat, and \$25 bonds for genside seat, and \$25 bonds for gens

WASHINGTON, April 26 (P)
First Lieut. J. D. Lindh of
Klamath Falls, Ore., was on a
"successful" U. S. army air
force raid on harbor and dock
installations at Port Torres in
Sandinia April 18 the way does showing evidence of bond purchase at the Klamath Billiards,
T. B. Watters' office, First National bank, United States National bank, First Federal Sav- of the northwest African strategic air force. Direct hits were (Continued on Page Three)

#### Klamath's Easter Thousands Pray for War-Racked World

er finery as thousands flocked to Klamath Falls churches Sun-

Without exception, ministers none were turned away as in reported their places of worship past years. filled to capacity and in several churches late comers stood during the services as they listened to the story of the resurrection would soon come to war torn and knelt in prayer for the men

The khaki and blue of the moriels to those who have armed forces, mingled with East-

Honan-Shansi border and both sides suffered heavy losses, a Chinese communique said today.

Some 40,000 January 10 to Kiamath Falls churches Sunday in observance of the most cral pastors reported, although others said that despite over-flowing name and flowing name and control of the said that despite over-flowing name and control of the s Attendance this year was

countries and that hatred and strife would be buried by a Christian world which prayed for tolerance of all peoples.

ed numerous floral gifts as me- (Continued on Page Three)

#### American Fliers Gamble Skill Against Weather to Hamper Japs in Aleutians By HAMILTON W. FARON WASHINGTON, April 26 (P) Gambling their navigation skill Earlier after two days had same time Avenger bombers Earlier after two days had same time Avenger bombers passed without reports of as- struck the enemy airfield and

for a chance to slow up construc-tion of a Japanese airbase in the Aleutians, American fliers have resumed their bombing raids on enemy installations at Kiska.

For two days the United States pilots apparently were We outsiders, knowing little carthbound because of fog and the real facts, are in no posi-

enemy was able to make 48 hours of progress in his dogged construction of an airport.

the much-bombed Japanese base at Munda, New Georgia island, Shortland island again felt the blows of the standard island. disclosed the raids have started again.

Roar Through Storm

Despite storms, bombers and fighters took off Saturday to roar down on the rocky island near the end of the Aleutians that the rocky island the rocky island. fire blazing, destroyed a num-ber of unidentified buildings

saults on Kiska, which had been bombed 113 times since April 1, with bombholes after knocking it was assumed here that the out anti-aircraft positions. Other Attacks
Other planes launched attacks at Vila on Kolombangara island, not far from Munda, without ob-

> tions at Rekata bay, a Santa Isabel island seaplane base. Some indications were seen in the South Pacific that the recent comparative lull in operations,