

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

May 3—High 70, Low 48
Precipitation as of April 27, 1943
Stream year to date 14.94
Last year 11.08 Normal 10.12

U. S. KNOCKS AT TUNIS GATEWAY

In The Day's News

OUR Americans have stepped into the spotlight in Tunisia. **THEY** took Mateur yesterday, pushed on through, split into two columns and fanned out to the north and to the south. Their north-driving column is reported today to be within long-range artillery shot of Ferryville, which lies just across Lake Bizerte from the town of the same name, where the former French naval base is located. Their column that is headed south is reported within 10 miles of Tebourba.

IF you want to understand the threat that is faced by the Germans as a result of this new thrust by the Americans, you'll have to consult your map. The situation can't be made clear with words alone. **YOUR** map will tell you that if Patton's men can continue on down the road from Mateur to Tebourba they can threaten the flank of the Germans who are holding up the British in the Medjerda valley.

IT is here that the dangerous British thrust toward the Tunis plain was stopped by the Germans in desperate fighting the other day. They simply MUSTN'T let the British break through with tanks into the open country before Tunis, as that would probably be fatal. If our men coming in from the north can threaten the German flank with sufficient force, they may force a retirement at this strategic point.

THERE is another possibility. If they can push on southeast from Mateur, they may be able to cut the ONLY road that connects Bizerte and Tunis, thus splitting the Germans into two pockets—something we've been trying to do ever since the Tunisian fighting started. This road runs through swampy ground, and of course will be bitterly defended by the Germans. There must be hard fighting before it can be taken.

THE Germans are all twittered up over alleged allied naval activity at Gibraltar. (You'll remember they were telling several days ago about a powerful British naval force which, they said, had passed through the strait headed east.) Captain Ludwig Sertorius, a German military commentator who has been much on the air lately, thinks we may be planning a large-scale invasion of Sicily and Sardinia without waiting for the conclusion of the fighting in Tunisia. He says the army under General Clark we've been holding for months across the strait from Gibraltar has been trained as a nucleus for SEVERAL allied armies.

Mussolini is reported by the Morocco radio today to have sent a new appeal to Hitler for help to repel a possible invasion of Italy from the south.

THE Germans say today (by radio) that in April they sank only 400,000 tons of our shipping as compared with 800,000 tons in March. Maybe, they admit, this was due to weather unfavorable for submarines. Maybe it was because we didn't have SO MANY SHIPS at sea. The point is that if we didn't have so many ships at sea for the subs to sink it would be a sign that we're collecting vessels for another invasion armada.

TULELAKE WRA PROJECT COST SEVEN MILLION

Stockman Gets Total; 9 Months Operation Hits \$4,947,398

It cost nearly \$7,000,000 to build the Tulelake war relocation project and operations for nine months involved an outlay of nearly \$5,000,000. The Herald and News learned today through Congressman Lowell Stockman. At the request of the newspaper, Congressman Stockman several weeks ago made inquiries on costs of the Tulelake project, and reported the results today. The figures had not been previously disclosed here. Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson informed Congressman Stockman that the corps of engineers built the Tulelake center at a cost of \$6,975,419. E. M. Rowatt, acting director of the war relocation authority, informed the congressman that "actual obligations" for operation of the Tulelake center from July 1, 1942, through March 31, 1943, were \$4,947,398.76.

Breakdown	
The operations costs were broken down as follows:	
Indefinite Personal Services	\$ 294,108.56
Evacuee Personal Services	894,084.08
Travel	10,886.43
Transportation of Things	210,884.49
Communications	6,533.96
Rents and Utilities	68,889.49
Other Contractual Services	33,879.40
Supplies and Materials	2,754,680.65
Equipment	202,169.49
Grants	471,302.51
Total	\$4,947,398.76

German Troops Fall Back Near Novorossisk

LONDON, May 4 (AP)—The German radio announced tonight that Nazi troops had fallen back to new defensive positions in the western Caucasus just west of Krymskaya, 17 miles northeast of Novorossisk. The DNB report, recorded by The Associated Press, said the Germans withdrew "after withstanding heavy Soviet attacks in the Kuban delta for four days." Krymskaya is 50 miles west of Krasnodar and about 30 miles from the nearest reaches of the Black sea. German and Russian accounts for two weeks or more have told of heavy fighting. The Russians (Continued on Page Two)

Sgt. Lyle Kidd Gets Air Medal at Andreanof Base



Staff Sgt. Kidd

Uncle Sam Takes Over Coal Mine



Uncle Sam takes over the country's strike-bound coal mines and Old Glory is raised over the Liberty, Pa., Montour Mine No. 10 of the Pittsburgh Coal Co., after President Roosevelt ordered flags to be hoisted to signify that the mines were being operated under government control. Fuel Administrator Harold Ickes was empowered to operate the struck mines under protection of army troops.

Navy Force Grabs Russell Islands Near Guadalcanal

By The Associated Press—American occupation of the Russell islands 18 miles off the northwestern tip of Guadalcanal was announced today by the navy. The occupation, which took place in February after the conquest of Guadalcanal, strengthened the position there and marked the second extension of Pacific bases announced in the last fortnight. On April 23 the navy reported that marine forces had moved into the Ellice islands, in the south central Pacific.

Eleven Killed In Fire, Blast At Powder Plant

ELKTON, Md., May 4 (AP)—At least 11 persons were reported dead and 74 more were reported injured today in a blast at the Triumph explosive works. The explosion occurred in a building used for storage and another building nearby was damaged. Fire broke out immediately and fire companies from Elkton, Northeast, Chesapeake City, Md., and Newark, Del., were rushed to the scene.

House Returns Pay-as-You-Go To Ways, Means

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Climaxing a long-deadlocked, historic struggle to find a method for placing the income tax system on a pay-as-you-go basis, the house passed and sent to the senate today a compromise bill designed to abate the 1942 tax debts of approximately 90 per cent of the nation's taxpayers. WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Ready to compromise but unwilling to cancel a complete year's tax debts for everyone, the house returned the pay-as-you-go tax bill to its ways and means committee today with orders to bring back legislation abating 1942 tax obligations of approximately 80 per cent of the nation's taxpayers. The action came after the democratic majority, with history repeating itself, refused by

15-Day Truce Declared in Coal Deadlock

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Fuels Administrator Ickes said today the deadlock between coal mine operators and miners remains the same as it has been except that the miners have gone back to work now for another 15 days. Ickes, who a little earlier in the day had ordered a six-day work week throughout the coal mining industry, said that negotiations for a settlement of the miner-operator wage dispute would have to be conducted directly by representatives of the owners and union, "subject to approval by the war labor board." No Authority He said that he has no authority by law or by executive order to settle the dispute, and he told reporters flatly: "There is no way out if it means by-passing the war labor board." "Negotiations must be carried out by representatives of the operators and miners subject to approval by the war labor board." Ickes, at a special conference, said he knew of no arrangements for the resumption of negotiations and that he had had no communication with either side since his conversations with United Mine Workers' president, John L. Lewis, Sunday. Asked whether the 15-day truce called by Lewis Sunday night to start today was in return for anything Ickes would do, or try to do, the fuels administrator said, "no conditions were asked and none was given." He said he suggested a two-week truce but that when Lewis left the fuels office here Sunday morning he (Ickes) did not know what the miners' president was going to do. Asked why he had proposed (Continued on Page Two)

JAP SUPPLY FORCE DAMAGED, REPELLED

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—An American light naval force, outnumbered two to one, repelled a Japanese supply expedition west of the Aleutian islands March 28, the navy reported today, and damaged at least two enemy heavy cruisers and one light cruiser. United States ships suffered only minor damage and casualties to personnel were extremely light, a navy communique said. Starts at Dawn The battle started shortly after dawn and lasted three and a half hours. It ended when daring destroyers made a torpedo attack on the Japanese and the enemy withdrew. Navy communique number 365 said: "North Pacific: '1. Announcement may now be made of additional details of (Continued on Page Two)

Lumber Product Companies Told No Price Raise

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Producers of lumber and wood products, seeking higher price ceilings on articles manufactured from logs and bolts, were warned yesterday by the office of price administration that no consideration would be given to increased production costs based on above-ceiling prices paid for raw materials. An order effective Saturday makes the already established maximum prices for logs and bolts the highest costs that can be considered, and will act as "indirect control" on values for standing trees, the OPA said. Competition for the wood supply has encouraged some mills, the OPA explained, to buy and bid up stumpage to speculative levels, consequently making it unprofitable for persons to sell logs and bolts at present ceiling prices and shutting out regular log and bolt buying plants which were observing the ceilings.

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Center of Row



With a smile that belied the seriousness of the mine crisis, John L. Lewis, above, is shown emerging from a meeting of the United Mine Workers' International Policy committee in New York, where Lewis' reply to President Roosevelt's ultimatum was approved. Today Fuels Administrator Ickes said the mine deadlock remains the same except that the miners have gone back to work for another 15 days.

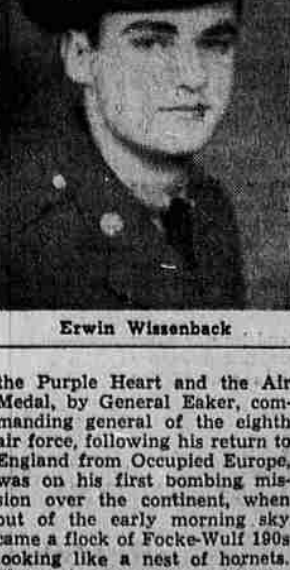
CITY FREEZES LOTS FOR HIGHWAY ROUTE

Alameda Relocation Plan Indicated By State Request City-owned property along Alameda street, paralleling the Southern Pacific railroad to the city limits, was "frozen" Monday night by the city council at the request of the Oregon state highway department. Simultaneously, tentative plans for relocating the state highway through the city of Klamath Falls, were outlined on a map showing the proposed relocation of the route. Whether this will be an immediate project, or a post-war job, was not indicated by state highway officials here or in Salem, but it is presumed that no such construction project will be undertaken until after the war. A previous request made of the Klamath county court to "freeze" county owned lots, was also granted, it is understood. Map Presented. For several years there have been reports of the possibility of the re-routing of the state (Continued on Page Two)

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Clay Pigeon Squadron, was Erwin's brother, Darwin, waist gunner in a companion "Fort." This is Erwin's story: "We had just gotten over the channel when we saw this bunch of Focke-Wulfs coming at us and those Germans can fly those planes. They're Goering's own personnel picked fighters and they were laying for the Forts as they came over. "They came in fast. I shot at several ships, hit one and saw it burst into flames, the engine disintegrating from a burst of 80-calibers and then I turned to get another. I wasn't scared. There I sat in the top turret of the Snoozy, that was the name of our Fort, and I felt that I could shoot at them but they couldn't get me. I'll tell you one thing, you're scared all the time until you get into the actual shooting. Then you aren't scared any more. You remember everything automatically and you just start shooting. "We had been hit by flak and that sent us out of formation and that was the same time that these Jerrys jumped us. We were losing altitude in the (Continued on Page Two)

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AMERICANS PUSH TOWARD FERRYVILLE

French Make Progress North of Lake Achkel

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN NORTHERN TUNISIA, May 4 (AP)—An American-French column pushing along the northern shores of Lake Achkel advanced two miles overnight and now stands within artillery range of Bizerte. The allied column swung toward the great naval base after an advance bringing more than half the northern shore of the lake under allied control. It encountered some resistance in the rough terrain. By WILLIAM B. KING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 4 (AP) Swift-driving American troops, quick to capitalize on their middle position after the seizure of Mateur, pounded forward hard today on the heels of retreating Germans toward Ferryville, which is 10 miles to the northeast and the dock area of the naval base of Bizerte. At the same time other forces fanned out toward the southeast and smashed to a point eight miles south of Mateur toward the line of the Tine river, only six miles northwest of Tebourba, the gateway to Tunis. Close to Tebourba After advancing about 10 miles the Americans were only 10 miles from Tebourba. (The French, in a communique recorded by The Associated Press from the Algiers radio, said "considerable progress" was (Continued on Page Two)

Jeffers Fights Curtailment of Rubber Program

WASHINGTON, May 4 (AP)—Rubber Director Jeffers contended today that prosecution of the synthetic rubber program had "dragged forward" aviation gasoline production and said any curtailment of his program would be "a tragic error." Accepting in "the same spirit in which it was made" Undersecretary of War Patterson's statement yesterday that the two would work together to break bottlenecks, Jeffers told the senate Truman committee: "We are both struggling to (Continued on Page Two)

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