

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.

May 5—High 55, Low 36
Precipitation as of April 28, 1943
Stream year to date 15.55
Last Year 11.08 Normal 10.18

TUNISIAN 'PAY OFF' FIGHT STARTS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE highlight of today's African news is the recapture by the British of the bloody crest of the Djebel Bou Aoukaz, the 2000-foot hill that guards the last approach by way of the Medjerda valley to the Tunis plain.

(If you want a mental picture of the Djebel Bou Aoukaz, take a good look at familiar Stukel mountain, south of town. The two are essentially similar.)

FARTHER north, our Americans are mopping up the hills around Lake Achkel, which lies just southeast of Bizerte. They're aiming, evidently, at Ferryville, eight miles across Lake Bizerte from the town of the same name. At Ferryville, we'd be within easy artillery range of the naval base stronghold.

IN the far south the Germans who have been holding up Montgomery in the hills north of Medfendave are reported today to be mining the area heavily. (This is interpreted as meaning that they're getting ready for another retirement.)

IN the Kuban delta, the Russians are more or less duplicating what we're doing in Tunisia. They're reported today to be closing in steadily on Novorossisk (which, like Bizerte, is a naval base).

THERE'S nothing new from German sources as this is written regarding the expedition we're supposed to be sending into the Mediterranean from Gibraltar, but Elmer Davis, head of the Office of War Information (in Washington), chips in today with a statement to the effect that there is sure to be an allied assault on the European continent this summer, and adds that it CAN start before Tunis and Bizerte fall.

STALIN provides today's most interesting story. Ralph Parker, New York Times correspondent, taking a leaf from AP Henry Cassidy's book, asks the head of all the Russias a couple of questions:

1. What does Russia want from Poland?
2. What should be the fundamentals of Russian-Polish relations?
Stalin, scoring traditional diplomatic double-talk, answers straight from the shoulder, in language anyone can understand.

HE says:
1. Russia wants a strong and independent Poland after Hitler Germany is defeated.
2. The fundamentals of Russian-Polish relations should be good, neighborly understandings and mutual respect, "or, should the Polish people so desire, an alliance providing for mutual assistance against the GERMANS as the CHIEF ENEMIES of the Soviet Union and Poland."

THAT sounds like good sense, plainly stated. It leads to the conviction that the basically sensible PEOPLE of America (as differentiated from grabbing politicians and nutty sentimentalist whose heads are eternally up in the rosy clouds) ought to be (Continued on Page Two)

REDS HAMMER AT ROAD TO NOVOROSSISK

Soviet Army Smashes Through Kuban Delta Bulge

By EDDY GILMORE
MOSCOW, May 6 (AP)—The red army, hammering today at the northeast approaches to Novorossisk, has taken a dozen more villages in the area in addition to Krymskaya and nine other towns which the Soviets announced they captured yesterday in smashing through the Kuban delta bulge toward the Black sea port.

One of the villages is about nine miles northeast of Novorossisk in the hilly march country through which the Soviet troops are sweeping the Germans toward the sea in a drive gaining daily momentum.

Massive artillery barges paved the way for new thrusts and mowed down hundreds of German and Rumanian soldiers in the front lines and in deeply fortified positions.

Soviet bombing planes sprayed the axis troops with bombs and cannon fire as they tried to cling to their defense points against the mounting pressure.

Axis Weakened
The loss of 7000 dead and of numerous men captured in the last few days has weakened the axis forces but their strength probably remains far from crushed.

Tons of Bombs Splatter Nippon Burma Positions
NEW DELHI, May 6 (AP)—American heavy bombers dropped more than 30 tons of bombs Tuesday on Japanese installations in Toungoo, Burma, blasting the enemy headquarters there and causing great damage to other buildings, a communique of the U. S. army air forces announced today.

Tojo Threatens Invasion; Nippons Open Drive on China's "Rice Bowl"
By The Associated Press
Premier Hideki Tojo of Japan asserted today that the mikedo's invasion armies were "now prepared to deal a decisive blow at the enemy," and simultaneously a Chinese army spokesman said Japan was preparing to launch "an important move" in the Pacific war theatre.

R Street Mystery Man



John Monroe (above), who at a congressional committee hearing on war contracts, declined to answer questions about himself or social activities at his Washington, D. C., R street home, was to be given another chance to testify.

GEN. DEVERS HEADS EUROPEAN THEATRE

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers, commander of the armored force, was named today by Secretary of War Stimson to succeed Lieutenant General Frank M. Andrews as commander of American army troops in the European theatre.

John Hampshire, American Ace, Killed in China

GRANTS PASS, Ore., May 6 (AP)—Capt. John Hampshire, ace of the American air force in China, was killed in aerial combat May 2, John Hampshire Sr., of Grants Pass, the flier's father, was notified by the war department today.

drive against China's "rice bowl" in north Hunan and south Hupeh provinces, with 7000 to 8000 troops leading the assault.

WLB STARTS HEARING ON COAL DISPUTE

Hope Expressed That Lewis, UMW Men Will Attend

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—A war labor board panel started a public hearing on the soft coal wage dispute today with the expressed hope that President John L. Lewis and other United Mine Workers officials would change their minds and decide to attend.

Retrospective Pay Hearings Slated
Commission Referee Due to Discuss Date Question
Efforts to fix a date for retrospective wage awards granted pine workers will be made at two meetings to be held here Friday and Saturday by the west coast lumber commission, it was announced today.

Eighteen Coal Miners Rescued After Explosion

LaFOLLETTE, Tenn., May 6 (AP)—Eighteen coal miners, huddled behind a hastily erected canvas barrier nearly 2000 feet underground, survived an explosion that rocked the Etina Coal and Coke company mine and suffocated ten of their companions.

Stop Forest Fire Parade Schedule Told

A Stop Forest Fires parade will pass down Main street at 12 o'clock sharp Friday noon as a prelude to the fire banquet to be held at the Willard hotel Friday evening with Regional Forester Horace Andrews as speaker.

Food Administrator Says Farm Labor Supply "Sufficient"
WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Food Administrator Chester C. Davis reported today the farm labor supply should be "sufficient to produce and harvest a 1943 crop up to the levels of the announced goals."

Associated Press Photographer Is Pulitzer Winner



Frank Noel (left), 38, of the Associated Press, took the picture entitled "Water" (right), which was announced as a winner of the Pulitzer Prize for "an outstanding example of photography." The picture was made in January, 1942, when Noel drifted in a lifeboat toward the northwest shore of Sumatra after surviving a ship torpedoed in the Indian ocean.



"Little Room for Choice," Says Treasury of Tax Plans

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The treasury told the senate finance committee today that while there is "little room for choice" between three plans for current collection of taxes, the abatement of revenues proposed under the Carlson-Ruml measure advocated unsuccessfully by republicans in the house "is thoroughly inequitable and unfair."

Tulelake WRA Has Difficulty With Coal Work

Work difficulties at the Tulelake WRA project as a result of a heavy influx of coal are receiving the attention of project authorities, but there is no strike or work stoppage by the coal crew, according to Harvey Coverly, project director.

Senator Charges "Pampering of Disloyal Japs"

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Senator Robertson (R-Wyo.) told the senate today the American people will not continue to permit "administration pampering and petting" of disloyal Japanese in this country when Americans are "being murdered or mistreated" by Japanese militarists.

Stalin Wants Independent, Strong Poland

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Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, R, H, E. Philadelphia 3, 6, 1; Brooklyn 2, 5, 2; Podgajny and Livingston; Newsum and Moore.

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By STERLING F. GREEN
WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Director Elmer Davis of the office of war information said today there is "no question but that there will be allied operations on continental Europe this summer."

ATTU BOMBED

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The navy reported today that Liberators heavy bombers and Lightning fighters attacked Japanese installations on Attu island, westernmost of the Aleutians, on Tuesday.

MASSICAUT CAPTURED BY ALLIED ARMOR

Americans, British Wade Up Last Of Axis Hills

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, May 6 (AP) It was officially announced today that an allied offensive had begun on both the second U. S. army corps and British first army fronts of Tunisia and a field dispatch said "the payoff battle is under way."

A special communique announced that enemy positions in the Medjerda river valley had been penetrated deeply and a field report from Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent with the British first army, said the British had broken through for four miles along the main road from Jedez-el-Bar to Tunis after capturing Djebel Bou Aoukaz.

Stalin adds that should the Polish people so desire, post-war relations between Poland and the USSR should be based "upon the fundamental of an alliance providing for mutual assistance against the Germans as the chief enemies of the Soviet Union."

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