

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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REDS OPEN DRIVE ON GERMANS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THERE are signs today that the Russian front, long immobilized by mud, may be stirring again.

THE Berlin radio (as heard by Reuters in London) says German troops, yielding before a new Russian offensive, have evacuated a strip of the Kuban bridgehead in the Caucasus several miles long and a mile and a half deep.

Remembering that the fighting in the Kuban is similar to the last stages of the siege of Tunis and Bizerte, we recognize at once that if true that would be important.

THE Germans also relate today that in a sudden upsurge of fighting the Russians forced the main defenses of Velikie Luki, 250-odd miles west of Moscow—a front that has been quiet ever since the winter began to break up.

There is also mention of renewed fighting at Staraya Russa, north of Velikie Luki.

INSTINCTIVELY, we distrust these reports because they come from the Germans. But surprisingly often the Germans have been the first to tell of new and important Russian thrusts. The Russians are inclined to fight first and talk later.

AFTER two days of hard fighting U. S. army forces, supported by navy and air action, win a foothold on the ridge dominating the Jap positions at the head of Chichagof harbor, on the island of Attu.

Tunisia taught us the importance of dominating heights.

IT looks as if the Japs on Attu are doomed—which is an encouraging thought. The soberer second thought is to the effect that if EVERY Jap island takes as long to conquer as Guadalcanal and Attu a lot of time will be required to TAKE THEM ALL.

ITALY'S Mediterranean islands are steadily bombed again today by our planes based in Africa. Germany appears to have had a rest from MAJOR bombing last night.

HERE'S an interesting note from the home front.

R. E. Brown, general agent of the farm credit administration at Spokane, says: "Farmers are reversing the pattern of the last world war, when farm indebtedness rose sharply. So far in World War 2, they are not only stepping up production to meet wartime needs but are paying off their mortgage indebtedness."

Most of the older generation will remember that in the last war too many farmers (especially in the Middle West) tried to buy all the land that joined them, often paying fantastic prices. The ensuing headache (after the war) was a bad one.

WITHIN the limits of possibility, EVERYBODY should try to come out of this war with his PRIVATE debts paid off. If that can be done, maybe we can survive the crushing weight of NATIONAL debt that will have to be faced.

SENATOR BYRD (Virginia) who for years has been hacking away at needless government extravagance, estimates today that government travel and communications bills, EXCLUSIVE of the war and navy departments, will total more than a hundred million dollars this year.

He thinks a lot of the hundred million will be wasted and calls upon congress to do something about it before it is too late.

FOR years Senator Byrd has been protesting reckless waste and extravagance in government, but so far he has been a lone voice crying out in the wilderness and practically no

Attu Forces Gain

Klamath Airman Home From Africa



After a strenuous bombing campaign of 57 missions, Captain John Harding, ex-KUHS football player, is home from Africa and England on brief leave. He is shown here with his wife, the former Margaret Horton, his sweetheart of Klamath high days.

Captain Harding Tells of Plane That Carried Him on African Bombing Missions

Affection for the Flying Fortress—the kind of feeling a man has for a comrade who has been through hell with him—runs warmly through the talk of Captain John Harding, 22-year-old Klamath airman who is home briefly from the wars. And when Captain Harding praises the big American bomber he is talking about the planes that carried him on 57 bombing missions and in 280 hours of combat flying—probably as intensive a fighting schedule as any American air force pilot in the European-African war theater.

Echer Paroled After Telling Shooting Story

James Echer, charged with assault while armed with a dangerous weapon, after a shooting fracas in which he was involved some weeks ago, was given six months in the county jail and paroled to the district attorney's office by Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Thursday morning, after he had told his side of the story in circuit court. Echer shot Woodruff L. Hub. (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Detroit	3 8 1
New York	2 4 0
Newhouse and Richards; Donald, Murphy (9) and Hemsley.	
Cleveland	3 7 0
Boston	4 8 0
Bagby and Rosar; Judd and Partee.	
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	0 4 0
Cincinnati	7 15 0
Johnson, Podgajny (7) and Livingston; Riddle and Mueller.	
Boston	2 5 1
St. Louis	3 8 0
Tobin and Mast; Pollett and Odea.	
COAST LEAGUE	
	R. H. E.
Portland	3 13 3
Los Angeles	4 5 0
Orrell and Adams; Mallory; Moity (7) Baker (9) and Holm.	

TROOPS GRAB FOOTHOLD ON SOUTH RIDGE

American Casualties Light Despite Fierce Fight

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—American forces supported by a naval bombardment and attacking army bombers and fighters have won a foothold on a ridge south of enemy-held Chichagof harbor after two days of hard fighting, the navy reported today.

Despite the ferocity of the fighting on Attu, Secretary of War Stimson reported today, the American casualties have been relatively light, with preliminary reports indicating the army has lost 127 killed, 399 wounded and 118 missing.

Pounded From Sea
From the communique and the war secretary's discussion of the situation it appeared that the main enemy position is that at the head of Chichagof harbor which is being pounded by sea, air and ground troops.

However, the communique brought out, although Stimson did not develop it, the fact that the Japanese also still have a force in the area north of Lake Nicholas which lies south of Chichagof harbor and about three miles away. The two positions were obviously isolated from each other.

No Navy Action
So far there has been no report of any heavy American action against the force in the area south of Lake Cories which is north of Lake Nicholas.

The attacks on the ridge dominating the area around the head of Chichagof harbor began on Monday, yesterday's communique revealed. The action was (Continued on Page Two)

Eastern Bus, Taxi Operators Forced To Reduce Mileage

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Implementing its order for an over all reduction of 40 per cent in gasoline rations for all commercial vehicles in the eastern shortage area, the ODT today directed bus and taxicab operators to reduce their mileage immediately by 20 per cent.

Failure of some operators to begin stretching their T rations voluntarily to meet the 40 per cent reduction made today's action necessary, the office of defense transportation said.

Relief for Small Taxpayer Recommended by Conferees

By FRANCIS M. Lo MAY
WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—Senate and house conferees, winding up their work on a pay-as-you-go tax system, recommended additional relief today for smaller taxpayers.

The joint committee, whose tax bill the senate and house are expected to act on next week, stuck to its plan of granting 100 per cent abatement of a year's taxes for persons with a bill of \$50 or less and 75 per cent for those in the higher brackets.

Pay Difference
Then it added this provision: Persons with an abatement year bill of up to \$66.87 get a flat \$50 credit, having to pay only the difference.

The idea was to prevent too much discrimination between those, for example, who owe just under \$50 and those who owe just above \$50. When the conferees announced a compromise agreement Tuesday, a spokesman said the measure provided cancellation of a

Women to Help on Fire Lookouts This Summer



Rosella Cline Thompson, who will spend the summer at Shake butte lookout in eastern Klamath county this summer, is shown sighting through a fire-finder. She is one of a number of women in this area who will do lookout and similar duty this summer.

Lady Lookouts Watch for Fires in Western Forests

By LOIS STEWART
Who says it isn't a woman's world? Assembly lines, shipyards, truck driving, even working in the railroad yards has nothing on the new invasion of the forests as fire season nears. On top of at least five mountains in southern Oregon, some 7000 feet up, women will serve as lookouts until next October, or until the fire season is officially ended. They will go well equipped with everything from

magazines, nail polish and battery radios, to warm top coats for chilly nights. First to leave Klamath Falls was Mrs. Alice Hamilton who will serve as lookout on Mount Stella. Mrs. Hamilton, possibly the Rogue River national forest's only lookout, left a week ago accompanied by Mrs. Caroline Hoskins and her son, Robert. The party left by way of Medford and from there will be accompanied to their new home by forest men.

Air Raid Observer
Mrs. Hamilton's chief job will be as air raid warden and observer. The shift is a 24-hour one and it means a sharp eye. Mrs. Hoskins and Robert are going along as companions. Old timers in these parts, when they hear Mrs. Hamilton's name, remember her for the extraordinary record she holds—fifty-two years of consecutive trips to Huckleberry mountain. Maybe Mrs. Hamilton can get a half day off to visit the berry patch in order that her enviable record will not be broken.

Mount Stella is seven miles by mountain road off the Diamond Lake highway and affords a beautiful view of lake country. But it also protects a wealth of timber which must be jealously guarded. Mrs. Hamilton served as ranger at Huckleberry mountain last year and is a veteran of the forest country.

Other Women Named
The Klamath Forest Protective association announced the names of three women who will serve as lookouts. They are, Mrs. Twyla Ferguson, who goes to Yainax Butte, 10 miles southwest of Bly; Mrs. Rosella Cline Thompson, stationed at Shake Butte, 25 miles north of Bly, and Mrs. Thelma Duke, who will (Continued on Page Two)

British, U. S. Agree on Next War Operation

WASHINGTON, May 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the war conference of the British-American staffs has ended, in "complete agreement on future operations in all theatres of the war."

The chief executive issued a one-sentence statement on the end of the momentous parleys which began here May 11 when Prime Minister Churchill arrived from England for parleys with the American president, accompanied by his top military, naval, and air advisers. The statement: "The conference of the combined staffs in Washington has (Continued on Page Two)

BATTLE RAGES FOR NAZI-HELD KUBAN REGION

Artillery Blasts Way For 100,000 Russians

By JAMES M. LONG
LONDON, May 27 (AP)—Attacking nearly 100,000 strong, red army infantry and tank men have forced the Germans to fall back from a front line sector of the Kuban bridgehead several miles long and two kilometers (1.24 miles) deep. DNB announced today in a dispatch broadcast by the Berlin radio.

The German news agency said nazi defenses all along the Delta stronghold were battered. The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

Thunderous Barrage
The attacking force, which struck after thunderous artillery preparation, was reported made up of six soviet rifle divisions and three tank regiments.

DNB said the main attack was delivered "against German positions between Moldavanskoje, in the area of Krymskaya," which lies 20 miles above the port of Novorossiisk. Other attacks were reported pressed to the south in the Novorossiisk sector and to the north, along the banks of the Kuban.

Violent Battle
Both Russian and German reports had indicated a violent upsurge in the land and air battle for the Kuban river zone held by the Germans from Novorossiisk northward to Temryuk, on the Azov sea.

The Russians announced in their midnight communique that they had smashed back two counterattacking German battalions totaling about 1600 men, and a special broadcast from Moscow later reported 67 German planes shot down in the (Continued on Page Two)

Memorial Day Program Told By Committee

Program for Sunday's Memorial Day observance was announced Thursday by the committee.

All participants are to be at Link River bridge at 9:30 a. m. Naval ceremony honoring those lost at sea will be at 9:45 a. m., by the American Legion. At 10 a. m., on the courthouse lawn, the Memorial service and dedication of monument to all who have made the supreme sacrifice in the service of our country will be held.

At 11 a. m., services will be held at Linkville cemetery by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. All organizations are invited to participate and are expected to be at Link River bridge at 9:30 a. m. Musical numbers for the parade and service will be furnished by a military band from Camp White.

All members of the "citizens' committee" and officers of the veterans' organizations are asked to be at the Legion hall at 7:30 o'clock Friday night to work out final plans for this service and parade.

Japanese Point Concentrations At Chungking

CHUNGKING, May 27 (AP)—The Japanese have concentrated formidable infantry, tank and air forces along the Upper Yangtze for operations already well under way and apparently pointed at Chungking and have opened the great river itself as a supply route as far as Ichang, a Chinese military spokesman said today.

Ichang, 1000 miles from the Yangtze's mouth and 462 miles below Chungking as the river winds, is the main base for vigorous drives into western Hupeh province which have been in progress for a fortnight. (Continued on Page Two)

CIO ENDS AKRON RUBBER STRIKES

FDR Ultimatum Forces Normal Shifts To Report

AKRON, O., May 27 (AP)—Spokesmen for Akron's four largest rubber companies reported virtually normal shifts reported for work at 2 p. m. today as CIO unionists, complying with a pres-

Struggle In

The back-to-work movement started earlier at the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company, and the Firestone Tire & Rubber company employes straggled into the plants throughout the morning and six hours after the first men reported on the 6 a. m. shift, Firestone guards estimated (Continued on Page Two)

Midwest Flood Families Start Back to Homes

By The Associated Press
Farm families in many parts of the six-state midwest flood zone, evacuated after rising waters from scores of rivers threatened their lives, were returning to their water-damaged homes and inundated lands today to begin to reshape their summer program of food production. The evacuees in many of the flooded areas returned to their homes as the danger of further rising waters passed, but thousands of others remained in refugee shelters, mostly in southern Illinois and eastern Missouri. More than 180,000 persons were driven from their homes by the floods. Other thousands in communities along the Mississippi and Illinois rivers still were plagued by the disorderly conduct of the two surging streams. The situation in many river towns, although somewhat improved, remained critical, said army engineers