

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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SICILY AWAIT'S MASSES ATTACK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AIR war dominates the news again today, to the practical exclusion of everything else. Only in Russia is ground fighting mentioned at all, and there it is on a minor scale—patrol actions, etc.

WITH the Italian minor islands (notably Pantelleria and Lampedusa) out of the way, the final, all-out assault on Sicily seems only a matter of time. Already the softening-up process is well under way.

Regardless of what may be in the wind for the Italian mainland, the Sicilian strait will not be safe for our ships as long as Sicily is strongly held by the enemy.

Your map will make that clear.

WERE hitting hard at axis airfields on Sicily, notably at Catania and Gerbini and at the same time are smacking mainland fields and bases to stop enemy planes that might come to the aid of the Sicilian fields under our attack.

We're sending heavy bombers from North Africa, which are picked up by the shorter-ranged fighters based at Malta. You may be sure we'll be using Pantelleria in the same way as soon as we can get the captured fields there into condition for our fighters.

UNESCORTED Flying Fortresses hit the German submarine nests at Bremen and Kiel Sunday morning. Twenty-six of them are shot down—our heaviest loss of the war so far. (The severest previous loss was at Bremen on April 17, when 18 Flying Fortresses were shot down.)

U. S. General Anderson, commanding one wing of the Bremen-Kiel operation, says: "The price (26 American bombers) was NOT TOO HIGH for the RESULTS achieved."

We must remember that for every military advantage gained a price has to be paid.

SATURDAY night, the British raided Bochum, in the Ruhr valley, dropping two-ton bombs on German chemical plants and armament works at the rate of FIVE per minute.

In this raid, the British lost 24 bombers.

THE Russian air force today begins its seventh week of fierce air battles—which, the Russians say, have cost the Germans a total of 3319 planes.

A special Russian communique asserts that in June alone 1230 German planes have been shot down. In the LAST WEEK, this special communique says, the German losses have been 498 planes to the Russians' 153.

(This, of course, is extremely important, if true, as it indicates a steady whittling down of German strength in the air.)

IT is quite possible that our purpose is to weaken the Germans fatally in the air before attempting further heavy land operations against them—even in Russia. One way to do this is by constantly challenging the enemy, forcing him to send up his fighter planes to be shot down.

The scheme works only when you are BETTER IN THE AIR than the enemy. The Germans tried it against England, but it didn't work because the British planes and pilots were better than the Germans and shot down TOO MANY of them.

The British, however, realized the danger clearly, and instead of sending up their defending fighters in swarms to be shot down in swarms by an enemy who was numerically superior used them sparingly, depending upon the individual excellence and personal heroism of their fighter pilots.

It was of this phase of the battle of Britain that Churchill (Continued on Page Four)

REJECTED MEN MAY STILL GET SERVICE CALL

Lower Standard Seen As Aid In Delaying Fathers' Induction

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—Many of the more than 2,800,000 men rejected by the armed services for physical disqualifications may be reclaimed as a result of lowered standards, delaying the induction of fathers, testimony before a house committee indicated today.

Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey, in testimony last month at hearings on the war manpower commission's appropriation bill which were made public by the committee today, said lowered navy standards might postpone the drafting of fathers three or four months.

Since then, the navy has dropped its requirements. Although official indications have been that the drop was not sufficient to produce enough "reclaimed" men to postpone the father-draft three or four months, there have been hints it might be held off beyond that date last mentioned officially, August 1.

Brighter Outlook
And while Hershey and War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt told the committee that eventually a "great majority" of physically fit fathers might be in uniform, there were many points in their testimony suggesting a brighter outlook for family heads.

One was McNutt's statement that the armed forces by the end of June will have 9,200,000 men toward their top planned strength of 10,900,000 by the end of this year, and that army inductions (Continued on Page Four)

Dempsey Denies Use of Fists in Domestic Ruckus

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 14 (AP)—Jack Dempsey's suit for divorce and his wife's counter claim for separation went to a supreme court referee for decision late today after the former heavyweight champion had denied that he punctuated marital life with his Broadway beauty by socking her with the fists that made him famous.

Referee J. Addison Young promised to reach a decision "as promptly as possible." The trial began May 25.

Denying emphatically that he ever struck his wife, the former Hannah Williams, Dempsey acknowledged, however, that he once assisted three men out of his kitchen by slaps, shoves and grasps at the seat of the trousers.

He also denied that he ever pointed a gun at his wife and threatened to kill her, as Mrs. Dempsey had testified earlier.

U. S. Airmen Win Race With Death by Outswimming Gas Flames in Channel

By LEO BRANHAM

A U. S. BOMBER STATION IN ENGLAND, June 14 (AP)—After crash landing their burning, shell-riddled Flying Fortress in the choppy waters of the English channel, nine United States airmen won a race with death by outswimming spreading gasoline flames on the water.

The Fortress, which they called "Barrelhouse Bessie from Basin street," quickly sank but its fuel leaks fed the fire.

An hour and a half after the crash, as the survivors, clinging to a damaged and only partially inflated rubber dinghy despaired of help and were about ready to give in to the bitter cold waters, a British boat rescued them.

The sole casualty of the crew of the bomber—one of the 13 which failed to return from the

It's Flag Day - Here and On the Global Battlefronts



"This year the Stars and Stripes is a battle emblem flying in the deserts and jungles and over Arctic snows. It flies with our men in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, China, Burma and the Aleutians and in the vastness of the world so remote that the American flag has never been seen there before." —Franklin D. Roosevelt.

FIERCE FIGHTS IN RED SKIES RESUME

Nazi Plane Loss Put At 3319; Russians Gain In Ore

MOSCOW, June 14 (AP)—The red army air force has begun its seventh week of fierce air battles which Russians say have cost the Germans 3319 planes and soviet scouting detachments reported offensive gains in the Orel "hinge" sector of the front. Striking in that region south of Moscow, where the Germans have been expected to attack, the Russian patrols captured four settlements, according to the soviet midday communique.

A special communique indicated the ferocity and scope of the Russian air assaults on German communications and supplies which were launched in May. The Germans' June losses alone were 1250 planes shot down, it said and it put German air losses last week at 498 craft to Russian losses of 153.

300 Nazis Killed
Three German planes were shot down last night in the fighting near Mtsensk, which is about 50 miles northwest of Orel, and about 300 Germans were killed, eight tanks were

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Program Given For Flag Day Event Tonight

The program for this evening's Flag Day exercises, to be held in front of the Elks temple with the public urgently invited to attend, was announced by Charles Seavey, chairman of the Elks Flag Day committee.

It will start promptly at 7:30 p. m. Seats will be provided for the audience.

The program:
Raising of Colors—American Legion.
Raising of Old Fort Klamath Flag.

Presentation of Air Medal to Mrs. John Reber in behalf of Captain Ehle Reber, by General S. M. Connell, of the Fourth Bomber Command.
Tribute to Capt. Reber by Lynn Roycroft.
Elks Flag Day Ritual—Officers of the Lodge.
History of the American Flag.
Address—Hon. William McAllister, Speaker, Oregon House of Representatives.
Closing—Lowering of Fort Klamath Flag.

SHIPYARD DEATH
PORTLAND, June 14 (AP)—A woman shipyard worker, Helen B. Russell, 47, died at a hospital today of injuries suffered June 2 in a fall while at work. Her death was believed to be the first involving a woman shipyard employe.

U. S. SUBS SINK 12 JAP VESSELS

Undersea Craft Now Credited With 256 Ships

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—American submarines on battle patrols in the Pacific have sunk 12 Japanese ships, including one destroyer, probably sunk another and damaged three, the navy announced today.

Pursuant to policy, the navy gave no details on the actions which brought the number of Japanese ships sunk, probably sunk or damaged by submarine action to 256.

Communique No. 411:
"Pacific and Far East:
"1. United States submarines have reported the following results of operations against the (Continued on Page Four)

M'Nary, Holman Favor Bill To Outlaw Strikes

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—The vote of northwest senators on legislation to outlaw strikes in government-operated war industries and to curb walkouts in privately-controlled plants, which won congressional approval Saturday with adoption of a conference report by the senate, follows:

Republicans: For—Holman and McNary, Oregon, and Thomas, Idaho.

Democrats: Against—Bone and Wallgren, Washington.

The bill to outlaw strikes in government-operated war factories and curb walkouts in privately-controlled industries has passed both houses of congress and is expected to be signed by Speaker Rayburn, of the house, and Vice President Wallace, as president of the senate, and placed on President Roosevelt's desk.

The president will then have the option of signing it, vetoing it or permitting it to become a law without his signature. If the bill is to become a law before the current truce in the soft coal dispute expires at midnight Saturday of this week the president will have to sign it, as the ten-day period for it to become a law automatically will not run out until after the truce deadline.

F. R. RECEIVES STRONG APPEAL FOR FOOD CZAR

Bipartisan Proposal Made; Ceiling Eyed As Obstacle

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP)—Senator George (D-Ga.) said a bipartisan congressional delegation urged President Roosevelt today to establish a food czar with authority to make final decisions on production, processing, distribution and price of agricultural commodities. A similar appeal is to be made to Mr. Roosevelt tomorrow by members of the house agriculture committee.

Asserting that "we just can't afford to have a food shortage in this country," George said he personally is convinced that if price ceilings threaten to hold down the maximum production and preservation of food "then price ceilings must yield and there must be increases."

Alternative
As an alternative President Roosevelt was reported to have urged congressional leaders to provide between \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000 in subsidies to effect a rollback of commodity prices to consumers—suggestion said to have met with sharp opposition from republicans, including Senate Minority Leader McNary (Ore.).

Without commenting on the president's attitude, George told reporters the congressional group which attended the White House conference was not so vitally interested "in how this problem is met as in obtaining the establishment of an over-all food authority."

Members were reported to have complained that while Food Administrator Chester Davis exercises controls over production he has only veto power over price ceilings and little or nothing to say about the wages that can be paid by processors.

Some suggestions were reported to have been made that Davis be given the over-all authority, but others were said to have urged that it be exercised by War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

W. R. Roberts of Bonanza Held By Japanese

Another Klamath county boy was reported today as being held a prisoner in a Japanese prison camp. He is Private William R. Roberts, listed as the son of Colen Roberts of Bonanza.

Roberts was employed by Lamm Lumber company at Yamsay, Ore., prior to his enlistment on July 28, 1941. He was born at Alberts, La., and is now 24 years of age.

Tulelake's "Missing" Tokyo Flier Believed To Be Prisoner

TULELAKE—Mr. and Mrs. Jess Dieter this week learned through a story of the Tokyo raid, published in the June 19 issue of Collier's, that their son, Sergeant William Dieter, reported for many months by the war department as missing, was among crew members of two bombers captured by the Japanese.

The story, written by Captain Ted W. Lawson, pilot of one of the crashed bombers, placed Sergeant Dieter and a second crew member, Bill Farrow, in a cell adjoining one occupied by J. B. Powell, newspaper man and Wendell Furness, who both returned on the Gripsholm. Capt. Lawson stated that following his recovery he had talked with Furness, who told him of seeing both men.

The Japanese government has made no announcement of the capture of Sergeant Dieter, al-

Honored



Captain Ehle Reber, Mallin airman missing in action over Europe, will be honored at Flag Day exercises tonight when his mother, Mrs. John Reber, will be presented with the Air Medal the Mallin pilot won.

MUSHY ROADS ADD TO FIRE HAZARDS

Woods Dry but Glades Wet; Small Blazes Reported

An unusual condition resulting from rapidly drying woods and still swollen streams and wet glades was responsible for five forest fires within the last few days. Heavy rainfall this spring has increased the flow of water in the woods and has made transportation to fires extremely difficult, according to local forestry officials.

Fires were located on the south side of Hamaker mountain, near Keno, near the Weyerhaeuser camp at Bly, in the Long Bell tract at the north end of the Indian reservation, and at the Klamath river near Keno, and near the Greensprings highway. The fire on Hamaker mountain covered 20 acres, burning brush (Continued on Page Four)

Ralph Wood Dies In Sawdust Bin Mishap at Mill

Another industrial accident occurred on Sunday at the Ewauna Box company when Ralph Wood, formerly of 253 Broad street, fell into a sawdust bin at the mill and smothered.

An inhalator was used, but Wood had been buried in the sawdust for too long. Wood was a fuel feeder for the main boiler at the Ewauna Box company. William Big, a fireman, noticed that the fuel had stopped coming into the boiler and when he investigated, he found Wood covered up. The accident occurred at about 10 a. m., and the body was later removed to the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

Wood was 34 at the time of his death and is survived by three daughters and two sons, none of whom live in the city.

BIG AMERICAN BOMBERS BASH ISLAND BASES

Aerial Offensive On Europe Continues; U. S. Loss Heavy

LONDON, June 14 (AP)—A Reuters dispatch from North Africa said tonight that the Italian Mediterranean island of Pamphos, near Linoza, had been captured.

By CARL C. CRANMER
Associated Press War Editor

While Sicilians watched from their headlands for the coming of the massed air fleets of the northwest African forces which already had smashed into submission all the lesser islands of Italy's guardian ring, American Liberators dumped tons of bombs on airbases of the threatened axis stronghold, allied dispatches said today.

Escorted by Spitfire fighters from Malta, a strong force of the four-engined bombers raided Gerbini and Catania airbases at the eastern end of Sicily yesterday, blanketing the Gerbini base where about 25 planes were seen in the target area, and leaving smoke clouds mushrooming from the hangars at Catania from the explosions of about 250,000 pounds of bombs.

Germany Hit

The RAF, continuing the offensive on Germany, again struck at the Rhineland last night but the British air ministry did not name the specific targets. The German radio asserted no bombs were dropped.

The foray served to keep going the new western aerial offensive begun last Friday night and continued yesterday when two large raiding forces of American bombers smashed effectively at two prime German targets, the naval centers of Bremen and Kiel, and suffered their greatest loss of the war—26 four-engined bombers.

Elsewhere around the globe: China—American planes carried out furious bombing and strafing raids against Japanese strongholds in northern Kiangsi province, a feeder area for the (Continued on Page Four)

Davis Asserts Capital News Poorly Covered

BOSTON, June 14 (AP)—Suggesting that Washington news was "less adequately covered than any other news in the world," Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information, declared today that, despite inevitable bickerings, Washington had provided leadership for war production and organization unparalleled in history.

Davis said that some Washington correspondents had been covering the capital for years. "But," he continued, "the war has suddenly compelled them to cover an immensely complicated story quite outside their familiar field."

"It is not surprising if some of them have found some difficulty retooling for conversion to war production, and still seem to feel that a battle between a couple of administrators is bigger than a battle between the American and Japanese navies. A row between two administrators would have been big news in 1938, but is conceivably of somewhat smaller relative importance in 1943."

Ration Board Move Changed to June 26

The war price and rationing board, formerly scheduled to move into office of price administration quarters in the Baisiger building on Wednesday of this week, has postponed the move until later.

The move will take place June 26. The office will be closed all day Saturday, June 26, and will open again Monday morning in the new quarters.