

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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BRITISH SOVEREIGN IN AFRICA

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THERE'S nothing much in the news today but rumor and speculation—at least up to the time this is written.

THE Turk-Syrian border closing is still a mystery, but axis sources are muttering about "intrigues" designed to bring Turkey into the war soon, giving the impression that whatever is back of the incident has been engineered by our side.

London sources, who refuse to permit their names to be used, think the closing of Turkey's southern frontier might be a precaution to cover the secrecy of allied military movements.

THESE same London sources "conjecture" that our side may attempt simultaneous capture of Sicily from North Africa and Crete from the Middle East. They point out that both will be difficult to take and offer the guess that a successful campaign against Sicily might require two or three months.

ONE of the interesting mysteries is why the Germans don't attack in Russia—or, if one chooses to look at it from the other side, why the Russians don't attack. The long-accepted favorite season for fighting in Russia is at hand.

TOJO sounds off today to the diet—which is Japan's puppet parliament. (It has no power whatever, but on propaganda occasions such as this is useful to the militarists who run Japan.)

HE speaks of the war situation as "increasingly tense," with signs of a British-American offensive on a big scale—which, he says, Japan is fully prepared with the aid of her huge new Asiatic empire to meet and upset.

ALL this is double-barreled eyewash, one barrel for us and intended to make us nervous and the other for the people at home and intended to reassure them that their invincible leaders have the situation well in hand.

THEN he gets down to business. He speaks of Japan's purpose to HELP INDIA "expel and eliminate Anglo-Saxon influences, which are the ENEMY of India in every true sense of the word."

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Flier Identified In Portland Crash

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—The Portland army air base today identified as Second Lieutenant Jim Ed Duncan of Pocatello, Ida., the pilot who lost his life late yesterday in the crash of a pursuit plane. The wreckage of the Airacobra (P-39) which plummeted into a truck garden south of the base was being examined today by a board of investigators. The crash occurred during a training flight.

VOLCANO ACTIVE HEADQUARTERS, ALASKA DEFENSE COMMAND, June 14 (Delayed) (AP)—Added to the perils of bombing to the Japanese on Kiska is the renewed activity of the volcano on the island, returning bomber pilots have reported.

War Tension Increases, Says Tojo

JAPS PREPARED, PREMIER SAYS IN DIET TALK

Extravagant Claims Of Allied Losses Announced

By The Associated Press Premier General Hideki Tojo, addressing an extraordinary session of the Japanese diet today, declared that the war situation is becoming "increasingly tense" and that there are increasing signs of impending British-American offensive on a large scale, the Tokyo radio reported.

The premier assured the diet, however, that new blows being developed by the allies "are things which Japan naturally has foreseen," said the broadcast, which was transmitted by Domei for foreign consumption and recorded by U. S. government monitors.

"Seizing the opportunity of such counter-offensives of our enemies," Tojo said, "the imperial forces are meeting them wherever they come. Our forces are not only inflicting terrible blows on them but also are developing new methods to defeat them."

Admiral Shigetaro Shimada, Japanese naval minister, reported to the diet that total Japanese losses since the war began were 878 planes, one battleship, three aircraft carriers, three cruisers, 19 destroyers, 11 submarines and 13 other warships.

Reconstruction of Crime Gets Results

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—It was easy for George G. Root of Portland to reconstruct the tragedy that occurred during his absence in his summer cottage near Rhododendron.

A window had been shattered. The object that shattered it had traveled in a downward trajectory toward the kitchen door, knocking over a lamp. Root took some sights and decided the object must have struck the kitchen wall about where the dishpan had been hanging. The dishpan was lying top down on the floor.

Root lifted it. Underneath was a pheasant, its neck broken.

Dog Wakens Owners When Fire Begins

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 16 (AP)—"Baby" is a hero today. The little black and white dog is credited with waking his owners, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Avenell, after fire broke out in their kitchen yesterday. The alarm was given in time so that Patrolman Dewey Crowley was able to carry to safety an invalid woman who lived on the second floor of the apartment house.

The fire, believed to have started in the electric wiring system, caused considerable damage.

Candidate



Barbara Adams, chosen as the Elks' club candidate for rodeo queen.

CANDIDATE NAMED FOR QUEEN CONTEST

Barbara Adams to Be Elk Aspirant; Others to Enter

First candidate to be chosen for the rodeo queen contest is Barbara Adams, sponsored by the Elks club, it was announced today by Webb Kennett, Elk queen candidate chairman.

Miss Adams graduated from Klamath Union high school in 1941, and is now employed in the Kesterson office at the Medical Dental building. She is 5 feet 2 inches in height, and has brown hair and eyes.

The Lions, Rotary, Soroptimists and Kiwanis clubs are each expected to sponsor queen contestants. The queen will be chosen at the Queen's ball on (Continued on Page Two)

Condemnation Cases Heard in Medford

MEDFORD, June 16 (AP)—Federal Judge Claude McColloch Portland, opened a session of the U. S. district court here yesterday to hear several condemnation cases involving Camp White land.

In the first case, a jury awarded Elmo Stallings \$2150 for 65 acres in the Beagle district. The government offered the \$1350 and Stallings contended the land was worth \$2775.

Another jury today heard the case of F. L. Tou Velle, who asked \$32,300 for 550 acres against a government offer of \$16,900.

Epic Story of Home Front Progress Told As Congress Gets \$2,921,441,504 Request

By The Associated Press WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP) A \$2,921,441,504 omnibus appropriations bill, omnibus for the fiscal needs of 18 government war agencies, was turned over to congress today as the nation's economic war chiefs told an epic story of American progress in the battle of the home front.

CIVILIAN MEAT SHORTAGE DUE, TAFT ASSERTS

Brown Denies Charge Rollback Confusion To Blame

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP) Criticizing attempts of Price Administrator Prentiss Brown to roll back retail prices, Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told Brown at a congressional hearing today that because of "demoralization" of markets "you are not going to have any meat for civilians in the next month."

The Ohioan contended that efforts of the office of price administration (OPA) to cut back prices charged by packers with the promise of subsidies had virtually halted packer purchases on all of the major meat markets in the country.

Brown, defending plans for subsidy payments to hold prices down in testimony before the senate banking committee, replied that unusually large meat purchases for the army are to blame for any threatened civilian shortage, rather than confusion over the roll back proposal. He said the army and navy now are (Continued on Page Two)

Rioting in South Result of Rape

BEAUMONT, Tex., June 16 (AP)—One man was fatally injured and 11 others were in hospitals after 15 hours of sporadic rioting today, precipitated by the rape of a young white woman, mother of three children.

The situation quieted down this afternoon under the watch of patrols who sought to prevent further clashes between whites and negroes.

Ellis Cleveland Brown, a white carpenter on a war project, died in his hotel room from a fractured skull.

Sheriff W. W. Richardson dispersed a crowd of white men at the courthouse, accusing them of delaying law enforcement officers in their search for the negro suspect hunted for the assault.

Richardson took a committee through the county jail to show them the suspect was not under arrest.

Texas Rangers arrested 75 white men during the morning and defense guards, state police, rangers and local officials patrolled the city after ordering all negroes to remain at home. Some stores closed to keep crowds off the streets.

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charge of directing the country's economic life, from war production to consumer prices. There was praise and criticism from the house appropriations committee which approved their 1944 allocations with these words: "Great credit is due the war agencies for what has been accomplished. Mistakes have been made and will be made. They are to be expected. There has been lost motion. The speed of action would not have been attained without it.

Betzer Furniture Stays Here on Second Try

Roy Betzer, state highway employee from Salem, finally got his furniture moved here. He is trading jobs with N. H. Jones, veteran employee, who is moving to Salem.

After packing up his goods in his apartment, he decided to hire a drive-it-yourself truck and move his furniture to Klamath Falls. Heading south, he pulled into Klamath Falls exhausted and went to bed in a hotel, after phoning instructions to men on how to unload the truck.

When he woke up, he found that the men hadn't quite understood, but had turned around and driven the truck back to Salem to unload.

However, things were unscrambled and Betzer now has his furniture here. He left for Salem this morning to get his wife and his car, and if nothing happens this time, Mr. and Mrs. Betzer will be at home in Klamath Falls tomorrow.

RUMANIAN PEACE FEELER REPORTED

Axis Satellite Held Ready to Bargain With Allies

ANKARA, Turkey, June 15 (Delayed) (AP)—Semi-diplomatic sources here said today that Rumania, an axis satellite, had extended peace feelers to learn how her withdrawal from the war would be received by the allies.

Allied authorities in Turkey were said to have been approached through the medium of a neutral diplomat.

The purported peace feeler was said to have been accompanied by an intimation that the Rumanians would leave the nazis flat at the start of the 1943 campaign in soviet Russia if they were permitted to retain at least parts of Bessarabia and Bukovina, claimed by Russia.

The war-weary Rumanians were believed hopeful also of retaining Transylvania if they should capitulate before the Hungarians do so, it was said. These sources said it was believed here that the Rumanian offer is under serious consideration in London, Washington and Moscow. There was no confirmation of the report from allied sources.

PROBE ORDERED

NEW YORK, June 16 (AP)—In a hectic post-midnight session, the New York city council today approved a resolution calling for a sweeping investigation of departments under the La Guardia administration.

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create public distrust is not helpful to the war effort." Part of that criticism was reflected in the accompanying appropriations bill. Few of the agencies escaped reductions as the committee inquired into such details as the need for expanding staffs, why the OPA's renting division should have used 80 tons of carbon paper.

War Production Chief Donald Nelson testified that "we are rapidly approaching the limit in our productive capacity in this country." He said the total output in 1943 would reach approximately \$180,000,000,000 and said about half of it would be for direct war production.

JAP BASES IN SOUTH PACIFIC SUFFER BLOWS

19 Liberators Make It Home From Raid; Nip Losses Told

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, June 16 (AP)—Fires which could be seen 60 miles away and a series of violent explosions were started among Japanese planes on Lakunia air-drome, Rabaul, New Britain, yesterday by 23 tons of allied bombs.

Increasing to 135 tons the bomb weight to fall on Rabaul's airfields during four raids made within six days, 19 Liberators joined in the latest attack and all got home safely after weathering intense anti-aircraft fire and the weak opposition of seven enemy nightfighters.

(Rabaul, on the extreme northern tip of New Britain, is second only to Truk as both an air and shipping base of the enemy. Recently Charles H. McCurtidy, Associated Press war correspondent at Honolulu, wrote concerning possible military strategy in the southwest Pacific that Rabaul might well become the next allied major objective, pointing out that its seizure would bypass Japanese holdings between it and allied-held Guadalcanal in the Solomons.)

Damage Done

For two hours, beginning shortly before midnight June 14, the Liberators kept their bomb bays open over Lakunia. Later, allied fliers on reconnaissance over the field in daylight hours reported all planes crowded into one area with workmen busy on the runways. This was taken as an indication that the latest raid dealt extensive damage.

WASHINGTON, June 16 (AP) United States planes attacked Japanese positions in the central and northwestern Solomon islands Sunday and Monday, the navy reported today, and enemy fliers countered with an attack on Guadalcanal early Tuesday.

No estimates of damage inflicted by the American attacks was given, but a communique said that no personnel or material damage had been reported here as a result of the Japanese assault.

ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC BASE, June 16 (P)—South Pacific force headquarters officially announced today that 1337 Japanese planes have been destroyed in this war theatre since last July 31.

The headquarters announcement did not disclose United States plane losses in the same period but said they were far less than the attrition toll exacted on enemy air power since the week before the U. S. marines landed on Guadalcanal last August 7.

The 1337 total covers only enemy aircraft definitely reported destroyed and does not include planes probably destroyed or damaged.

Nipponese plane losses passed the 1300 mark during the first two weeks of June, during which 69 enemy aircraft were brought down.

Board Punishes Logging Operator

PORTLAND, June 16 (AP)—The state highway commission today suspended for 10 days the license of Leo Howard, logging operator, charged with overloading his trucks by 7000 pounds.

Howard asked that the suspension cover only the one truck which violated the load limit but the commission ordered all four of his trucks off the road.

Chaplin's Bride



Oona O'Neill, (above), daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, and comedian Charles Chaplin, obtained a marriage license today. She is 18, he 54.

DONA O'NEILL AND CHAPLIN WILL WED

Comedian and Daughter of Playwright, 18, Get License

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., June 16 (AP)—Charles Chaplin, motion picture comedian-producer, and Oona O'Neill, daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill, obtained a marriage license here today.

Deputy County Clerk Ira Altshuler said he issued the license at 8:40 a. m., and that Chaplin and Miss O'Neill left the courthouse a few minutes later without announcing their marriage plans.

Chaplin gave his age as 54. Miss O'Neill said she was 18. Miss O'Neill, prominent New York debutante of 1942, recently was given a screen role, and friends of the couple said Chaplin had been coaching her in dramatics.

Their appearance at the marriage license bureau here followed by less than a week the stipulation of a suit brought against Chaplin in which Mrs. Gertrude E. Berry of New York charges he is the father of the (Continued on Page Two)

Allied Planes Scare Berlin on Long Flights

LONDON, June 16 (AP)—The British announced that RAF bombers ranged the continent from Denmark to France last night as the renewed allied aerial offensive continued through its fifth successive night, and the Germans indicated some of the raiders were near Berlin.

A DNB broadcast recorded by The Associated Press said the reich capital had an alert lasting more than half an hour, but declared "there were no particular events, no damage and no casualties reported." The report was not immediately confirmed here.

RAF bombers ripped at enemy airfields, railway communications and water transport. British sources said Berlin's alert probably was the result of British reconnaissance flights in which some bombs may have been dropped.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE R. H. E. Philadelphia 2 7 0 Boston 3 11 0 Arntzen and Wagner; Terry and Partee. (1st game) R. H. E. St. Louis 5 10 1 Chicago 2 9 1 Galehouse, Caster (8) and Ferrill; Wade, Swift (8) and Tresh.

VISIT VIEWED AS PRELUDE TO EARLY ACTION

Eisenhower Decorated; Enemy Invasion Alarms Rise

By ROGER GREENE Associated Press War Editor King George VI has arrived secretly in North Africa on what may be a final "pre-zero hour" visit to the British and American armies girding for an invasion of southern Europe.

While axis invasion alarms rang with peak intensity up and down the Mediterranean, ranging from Gibraltar to the Turkish-Syrian frontier, allied headquarters announced that the king had already inspected his victorious armed forces in the field and bestowed on Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower the insignia of Knight of the Grand Cross, Order of the Bath.

It was the monarch's first trip to an active war theatre since he visited the British army in France early in 1940, a few months before Adolf Hitler's armies swept into France and the low countries on the march that led to Dunkerque.

Today the situation was reversed, with the axis nervously awaiting the next allied blow. Enemy broadcasts variously reported that a great allied invasion fleet was massing in the western half of the Mediterranean, that the United Nations had built up an "invasion army" in Syria, and that Britain was "trying to bring Turkey in on her side but the Turk will not be pressed."

Dispatches from La Linea, Spain, said another big allied convoy had entered Gibraltar harbor, and an Italian communique reported that axis planes were attacking allied ships off the Algerian coast and landing boats at Pantelleria.

In the Mediterranean, the pulverizing assault on Italy's anti-invasion stronghold of Sicily continued in force yesterday as waves of U. S. Flying Fortresses, Mitchells and Marauders, escorted by fighters, battered the axis airbases at Bocca di Falco, Castelvetrano, Siacca and Borzicchio. Allied fighter planes shot up targets at Marsala.

Sicily Pounded Italian headquarters reported that the raiders also attacked localities near Palermo and Trapani and in Arigento province, Sicily.

London military commentators said the almost continuous pounding of Sicily strongly pointed to that island as one of the first objectives on the allied invasion schedule, and declared that a synchronized attack on Grecian Crete might be expected as a prelude to actual invasion of the European mainland.

Observers saw the reported sealing of the frontier between allied-occupied Syria and Turkey as screening important military movements at the far end of the Mediterranean.

Dispatches from allied headquarters revealed that King George arrived in North Africa last Saturday and immediately began visiting scenes of the allies' greatest victory and talking with the soldiers and sailors who won it.

In London, Buckingham palace (Continued on Page Two)

Red Army Claims Local Success

MOSCOW, June 16 (AP)—The red army has cut off a chunk of strongly fortified German defenses northwest of Mtsensk to the north of Orel in some of the most violent local fighting in recent weeks, front line dispatches said today.

The Russian communique early today said the Germans counterattacked strongly yesterday in an effort to retake four populated places captured by the Russians in the local offensive, but were forced to withdraw at sundown when the Russians beat off their attempts for the second day.