

# 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

July 23—High 85, Low 50  
Precipitation as of July 17, 1943  
Stream year to date ..... 17.78  
Last year ..... 13.17 Normal ..... 12.10

# ALLIES MOP UP WESTERN SICILY

## In The Day's News

**By FRANK JENKINS**  
PATTON'S American tank troopers still hold the center of the Sicilian spotlight. They seem to have struck swiftly with one mallet fist at Palermo while saving up a Sunday punch with the other fist. They're delivering that punch now.

NEWS of the operation is coming chiefly today from the Germans, who report via the Berlin radio that superior American and Canadian forces attacked the German right flank above Enna, at the western edge of the Catanian plain, and broke through the axis defense lines to capture two towns.

The Germans counter attacked, and report as this is written that a fierce battle is developing.

THE objectives of this battle are obvious from a glance at the map. We're aiming to hem the axis defenders into the narrow northeastern corner of Sicily, as we hemmed them into the Cap Bon peninsula, and finally DISPOSE of them.

**PRIME MINISTER MACKENZIE KING** (who, of course, has inside information) tells the Canadian parliament this morning that the fall of Catania can be expected at any time.

The Swiss rumor factory at Bern says axis forces are already beginning the evacuation of Sicily.

**PATTON'S** American tank troops are accomplishing spectacularly in Sicily what they tried but failed to accomplish in Tunisia. Remember that in Tunisia they were green, untried American boys. Now they are hardened, battle-toughened veterans.

That's the way of war.

**AP'S HAROLD BOYLE** adds an interesting sidelight today.

Palermo, he writes, fell without a shot being fired in its defense. Italian officers, their bags all packed, had been waiting all day to hand over the city. The Germans had ALREADY fled.

**DON'T** be too hard on the quality of Italian courage. The Italians (duped by their own government) are little better than slaves compelled to fight for their German masters. Their hearts aren't in it.

**MEANWHILE—**  
It is "officially disclosed" by our side that a "powerful armada" described as "well over 100" RAF and Greek planes struck furiously yesterday at Crete. It is referred to in our communique as a "large-scale offensive operation." The Germans report that their airfields there were our main target. We lost 17 planes.

**ISTANBUL** (Constantinople) reports at the same time a "growing conviction" that the allies are about to launch a new offensive in the eastern Mediterranean to LINK UP with the soviet drive in Russia. Such an offensive presumably would spring from strong Middle East bases where we have been gathering forces for months.

(We've been generally reported to have an army of about a million there.)



**Victim**  
Chief Boatswain's Mate C. J. Speakman, formerly in charge of the Klamath navy recruiting office, was the victim of a fatal automobile accident at Moffett Field, California, according to word received at the navy recruiting office here. Further details were lacking. CBM Speakman left here a few months ago to go into sea duty. In his recruiting work, he became widely known in Klamath and Lake counties.

## UNITED BIDS FOR AIR ROUTE HERE

**CAB Okay Would Put Klamath on Main Coast Airline**  
Making a bid to furnish Klamath Falls with air service, the United Airlines corporation is in the process of filing an application with the civil aeronautics board to put Klamath Falls on its main line route from San Diego to Vancouver, B. C. Earl Reynolds, secretary of the chamber of commerce, learned today.

## WRA Director Commissioned Army Captain

Harvey Coverley, director of the Tulelake WRA project, has been commissioned a captain in the provost marshal's department and will be inducted into the army on July 30, it was learned Friday.

## Five Blasted to Death by Kill-Crazed Ogden Gunman

**OGDEN, Utah, July 24 (AP)—**A lone gunman killed five persons—one of them a district judge who had granted the assailant's wife a divorce—in bloody attacks at two Ogden homes, then fired a final shotgun blast at the police station where he was captured early today.

# Reds Crowd Ore

## OPA SCOWLS AT BIG MEALS FOR LOCAL LOGGERS

**Board Here Warned, But Protests May Bring Relief**  
A determined local effort to keep logging camps supplied with adequate food to carry on the heavy wartime lumber production program has made Klamath loggers the envy of the coast logging fraternity—but it also has drawn severe frowns from the OPA, it was learned Saturday.

## Yanks Score Touchdown in Palermo Run

**WITH THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY IN SICILY, July 22 (Delayed) (AP)—**An American force commander yesterday sent this message to Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., the American commander:

## JAP TENDER, FOUR DESTROYERS SUNK

**AMERICAN BOMBS CUT ENEMY TRY TO AID SOLOMONS**  
By MURLIN SPENCER  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 24 (AP)—American bombers sank a 9000-ton Japanese seaplane tender off Bougainville island and damaged one of four escorting destroyers Thursday in disrupting another Japanese attempt to reinforce their hard-pressed central Solomon positions.

## Railway Strike Called Off as Conference Set

**LOS ANGELES, July 24 (AP)—**A strike of some 2000 employees of the Pacific Electric railway, set for tomorrow morning, was called off today pending a conference in Washington next Monday.

## Falling Log Injures Worker Near Chemult

**George Kalltoft, an employee of the Big Lakes logging camp near Chemult, was injured late Friday afternoon when he was struck by a falling log.**

## SOVIETS CLOSE PINGERS ON NAZI BASTION

**4500 Germans Killed Friday Defending Key City**  
LONDON, July 24 (AP)—Russian troops in the Ore sector advanced three to five miles today, overcoming enemy resistance and occupying a number of populated places including Zmievka, 14 miles south of Ore, a special soviet communique announced tonight.

## Parents Told Of Plight of Young Desperado

**Parents of the 13-year-old desperado, who Thursday morning robbed the Workingmen's trade and loan store, had been notified Friday that he is in custody of juvenile officers here.**

## Professor Hyslop Dies Suddenly At Local Hotel

**Professor George R. Hyslop, head of the division of plant industries at Oregon State college, was found dead in his bed at the Hall hotel here early Saturday.**

## Weyerhaeuser Box Factory Idle In Wage Dispute

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## Wage Control Favored Over Stabilization

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## 'Beerless Thursday' Latest Wrinkle to Save Klamath's Dwindling Supply of Brew

**Beerless Thursdays in Klamath Falls were decided upon at a meeting of beer dispensers late Friday afternoon. Because of the shortage of brew, all bars will close Thursday of each week and will curtail Sunday open hours to eight hours, from 12 noon until 8 p. m.**

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## Last Jap Outpost in Aleutians



Here's a detailed map of Kiska Island, only remaining Japanese base in the Aleutians. The navy announced American warships have shelled the island for the seventh time in one month. Frequency of naval assaults has led to speculation that a seaborne invasion of Kiska might be impending.

## Bombs, Shells Soften Up Kiska for Invasion Try

**WASHINGTON, July 24 (AP)—**The navy disclosed today that heavy American air raids preceded and followed the American warships' bombardment of Japanese positions on Kiska Island Thursday.

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## U. S. TROOPS FINISH JOB AT MARSALA

**Seventh Army Off to Help British at Catania**

**By DANIEL DE LUCE**  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 24 (AP) American forces have captured the western Sicilian port of Marsala, allied headquarters announced today, and many of Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s seventh army units were believed swinging eastward to join British troops in a knockout blow at axis defenders clinging to the island's northwest corner. "A rapidly diminishing portion

## Klamath Basin Progress Stops Publication

**The Klamath Basin Progress, Klamath Falls weekly newspaper, suspended publication with the Friday edition, and Walter Stronach, publisher, announced his intention of moving to Juneau, Alaska.**

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