

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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ALLIES POISE INVASION THREAT

Nippos Repulsed



By FRANK JENKINS
AGAIN today there is a definite, complete-in-itself accomplishment in the South Pacific.
Forty-eight hours after our forces landed on Vella Lavella in the Solomons, the Japs try to take it back, rushing the beach with 20 to 30 barges, each containing 75 or more men, covered by four Jap destroyers.
The landing attempt was intercepted by a light U. S. naval task force (number and type of ships not announced.) One Jap destroyer was sunk, another severely damaged and a third was hit. The fourth destroyer ran for cover.
Most of the barges were sunk, but a few, containing maybe 300 Japs, got ashore and are now being hunted down in the jungles.



Score One More
There's one more ex-Jap base in the Solomons. It's Vella Lavella island, taken by U. S. troops on August 15 as they bypassed enemy-held Kolombangara to capture the new point and 350 unarmed Japanese army and navy personnel. The Japs attempted to retake the island Thursday, but were thrown off by a U. S. surface force with bloody losses.

U. S. MEN CUT TRY TO RETAKE VELLA LAVELLA

Surface Units Kill and Capture Enemy On Barges

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 19 (AP)—The Japanese have been bloodily repulsed by a U. S. surface force in their first attempt to retake Vella Lavella island in the Central Solomons, occupied only last Sunday by American invasion forces.

A spokesman at headquarters of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr.'s South Pacific command said that hundreds of barge-borne Japanese troops were killed or captured during a frustrated landing attempt in the early morning hours Wednesday. The thrust thus came a bare 48 hours after the first American amphibious units landed unopposed on this northerly island of the New Georgia group.

Of an estimated 1800 to 2200 troops in the enemy counter-invasion force, not more than 300 succeeded in reaching the island. And while there has been no ground action as yet, the spokesman said "unquestionably there are small groups" of the (Continued on Page Two)

Dates Set for CIO Retroactive Pay Increases

Dates for retroactive pay increases were set by a west coast lumber commission decision for operations affiliated with the International Woodworkers of America, CIO, it was learned here today.
The decision affirmed Referee Richard Steiner's recommendation, except in the case of five operations. The date for the latter operation was left for further investigation. Dates for the Maxwell Logging company, the Hitchcock sawmill, the Crawford Lumber company, and the Hitchcock and Crawford Lumber company had been left open by the referee for action by the commission. It set December 5 as the date.
The effective date of the directive was set at August 28, and (Continued on Page Two)

MARAUDERS BOMB NAZI AIR FIELDS

Amiens - Glissy, Poix Plane Bases Socked

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—American two-engine Marauder bombers attacked enemy air fields at Poix and Amiens-Glissy in France today and RAF Mitchells struck Poix later, a joint British-American communique announced tonight.

"Bombing results were good at both targets," said the bulletin, which added that RAF, Dominion and allied Spitfires escorted the medium bombers on (Continued on Page Two)

Gay Crowd Packs Theatre for Army Premiere

A gay crowd which planked down premium prices to help the army emergency relief fund filled the Pelican theatre for the premiere showing of Irving Berlin's "This is the Army." Entire proceeds went to the army fund, with similar premieres held in leading theatres towns throughout the United States Wednesday night.
The Klamath audience not only saw the opening showing of the army picture, but was entertained for an hour with a snappy prologue provided by (Continued on Page Two)

Police Hunt Man as Evidence Points To Robbery of Slain Red-Haired Girl

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP)—The discovery today that a red-headed woman shipyard worker had been robbed after she was slain intensified a search for Harry E. Lewis, 31, Phoenix, Ariz. Detective B. H. Yoemans disclosed. The search turned south to California.
The almost-nude body of 24-year-old Mrs. Virginia Gillen of Cheyenne, Wyo., divorcee and swing shift worker, was found in Lewis' room in a northwest Portland rooming house last night. The discovery resulted from a round-about tip that came from Cheyenne. Mrs. Gillen was the mother of a five-year-old son who was awarded to the father when they were divorced.
Missing Money
Yoemans learned this morning that almost \$300 in currency, one or more \$50 war bonds, a diamond ring and a suitcase belonging to Mrs. Gillen were missing. He also learned from a source he would not disclose that Lewis remarked recently that he was going to California.
Before discovery of the mis-

sing property, Portland officers—including Yoemans and Detective Capt. T. T. Schulpius—believed they were looking for a dead man.

Suicide Note
Detective Capt. Schulpius said a suicide note from Lewis reached relatives yesterday in Cheyenne. Authorities there wired Portland police who went to Lewis' room and found Mrs. Gillen's body on a bed, covered with a blanket. Deputy Coroner Gideon Snook said she had been shot in the chest once with a .25 caliber bullet. On the floor was a crumpled note dated 3 p. m., August 16, and signed by Lewis. It read:
"To Whom it May Concern: I want to be cremated and my ashes dumped into the Willamette river at Portland. The joy of living ended here in Portland." Schulpius said a nearly-empty bottle of brandy was on a chair.
Worked at Shipyard
Mrs. Gillen had been employed on the swing shift at the Willamette Iron and Steel ship-

"Get Tough"



Condemning a "weak, uncertain and vacillating policy in Washington, national American Legion Commander Roane Waring, above, juts his chin to make his point during a speech before the opening session of the California state-Legion meet in San Francisco.

REDS AIM BLOWS AT ESCAPE LINES

Russians Move Within Nine Miles South Of Kharkov

MOSCOW, Aug. 19 (AP)—Red army troops, slogging their way ahead through dogged German resistance south of Kharkov, today were approaching the two remaining railway escape lines supplying the beleaguered Nazi garrison inside the key Ukraine bastion.
A soviet communique last night announced the capture of Zmyev, 20 miles south of Kharkov.

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—Russian troops advancing toward Bryansk captured more than 20 villages, and also gained as much as seven miles and captured more than 30 points in the Kharkov sector, a Moscow communique recorded by the soviet monitor said tonight.

kov, in a "decisive assault" which smashed that enemy stronghold and killed 1200 Hitler shock troops. Zmyev is less than 10 miles from the Kharkov - Lozovaya railway, main enemy supply line.
Railway Spur
A few miles beyond lies the Kharkov - Krasnograd spur, which also must be severed before the Russians can close the (Continued on Page Two)

Story, Indian All Wet

Jerry Chocktoot was all wet. So was his story. It's police agree Thursday. The Indian told police that he had dived into the canal near the high school bridge and had saved a child from drowning.
Mrs. Edith Yancy, employed at Klamath Union high school, said she had seen Chocktoot at the edge of the canal about 11:30 this morning, apparently coming out of the water and that she had seen a boy, about 11-years-old, and his dog at the top of the bank watching. Later she saw the boy leave, and walk up the bank to Crescent street.
When Charles and Mary Cox,

Warships Shell Italy

SICILY-BASED AIR FLEETS POUND AXIS

Power Installations, Bridges Targets Of Navy

By RELMAN MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 19 (AP)—American warships shelled the Italian mainland yesterday for the first time, developing violent explosions at Gioia Tauro and Palmi, and allied air fleets deprived beaten axis troops of respite by pounding communications throughout southern Italy, it was announced today.

"United States naval forces which had been supporting the advance of the (U. S.) seventh army in Sicily have taken up shelling military objectives on the Italian mainland now that the island has fallen," a communique said.

Bridges Cut
Specific targets of the first thrust were bridges and power installations at Gioia Tauro and Palmi, on the Gulf of Gioia 20 miles north of captured Messina.

Light bombers and fighter bombers carried out attacks on roads and railways which escaped from Sicily, pitting the tracks and destroying enemy vehicles.

"Medium bombers attacked bridges at Angitola and roads and rail communications at Ponte di Staletti," it was announced.
Ground activity was "limited to occasional exchanges of ar-

Judge Admits "Confessions" In Rape Trial

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP)—Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker today admitted into evidence two statements made by Richard H. Layton in which—according to State Police Capt. Vayne Gurdane—he confessed the rape-slaying of 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand, Dallas.

Judge Walker announced his decision when the jury returned to the box after a lengthy recess during which the defense contended the statements were not legally admissible because they had not been voluntary and because the defendant was not mentally stable.

The judge held that the defense had produced no evidence of Layton's mental instability and commented that he (Layton) had appeared normal on the stand.

After the decision, Capt. Gurdane was recalled to the witness stand to identify the first statement, a 28-page document taken the afternoon of July 7 at state police headquarters at Milwaukie, Ore. District Attorney (Continued on Page Two)

Italians Say This Rome Damage



This picture, radioed from Stockholm to New York, was obtained from Pressens Bild, Swedish picture agency, which said it was received by airmail from an Italian agency, described as showing damage in Rome after the August 13 air raid.

Master Highway Program Outlined for Klamath Area

An outline of Klamath's major highway needs both in city and county was agreed upon Wednesday by the county court, the city planning commission, and the roads and highways committee of the Klamath county chamber of commerce. This program will be submitted to state highway commissioners when they visit Klamath Falls August 27.

The city's phase of the master program strongly emphasizes South Sixth street development and definite location and establishment of permanent highway routes through the city. It was

agreed at the meeting to place the city's proposals in the program along with proposals for primary and secondary state highway work already approved by the county court and the chamber of commerce roads and highway committee.

Divide Expenditures
In a letter from highway officials, it was pointed out that (Continued on Page Two)

Major Sult Writes Home From Jap Camp

A former Lakeview man is now in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, according to word received by Mrs. M. C. Sult, now in Eugene. Her husband, Major Michael Sult, formerly a dentist in Lakeview, sent her a card bearing the imprint of the imperial Japanese army, saying that he was well and uninjured.

This is the first direct word from Major Sult, who has been imprisoned since the fall of Corregidor in April, 1942. He was reported a prisoner of war by the war department in February, 1943.

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh	R. H. E.	8 12 1
New York	R. H. E.	1 8 1
Herbert and Lopez; Fisher, Mungo (5), Adams (9) and Mancuso.		
Cincinnati	R. H. E.	7 12 0
Boston	R. H. E.	5 8 2
Starr, Shoun (3) and Mueller; Barrett, MacFaden (7), Odum (9) and Poland, Masi (7).		
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Boston	R. H. E.	4 6 1
Detroit	R. H. E.	3 12 2
H. Newsome, Brown (7) and Partee; Newhouse, Trout (9) and Richards, Unser (9).		
Washington	R. H. E.	4 6 1
Chicago	R. H. E.	3 4 0
Leonard and Early; Grove and Castino.		

Parents Receive Purple Heart for Tommy Pritchard

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pritchard have received the Purple Heart and a Citation of Honor from General H. H. Arnold in behalf of their son Charles, better known as Tommy, who was killed in action on January 29, 1942.

A bombardier, Tommy Pritchard was one of the first Klamath casualties in the war.
Mrs. Pritchard said she has been informed Tommy was killed over Java. For a long time the family did not know where the fatal action occurred.

Some time ago, a sailor visited Mrs. Pritchard and told her he had seen the grave of Tommy Pritchard in Hawaii.

Speed-Up in Allied War Plans Likely Result From British-American Meeting

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
QUEBEC, Aug. 19 (AP)—A speed-up in allied plans for the invasion of Europe to take full advantage of the Russian offensive on Germany's eastern flank appeared today to be a likely result of the current British-American strategy conferences here.
As President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and their command staffs went into the second full day of meetings, the sustained Russian campaign, winning a success equal to the most optimistic hopes of allied observers, shaped up as the greatest single war development before them.
Invasion Probable
The general picture of war strategy aimed at the eventual smashing of Germany it over-

JERRIES MOVE INTO ITALY FOR 'REAL FIGHT'

Several Divisions Are Reported in North

By LEWIS HAWKINS
LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The Germans are moving troops into Italy in considerable strength apparently intending to make a real fight for at least the northern end of that country, a competent British military informant said today.

"Several divisions" have been on the move to Italy from France and Germany in the last week or two, but an exact estimate of Nazi strength in Italy is not possible now, said this commentator who cannot be identified further.

French Coast
From other sources came indications that the Germans are not only moving into Italy, but that their troops from western and northern France have taken over the French coastal stretch from the Italian border to Toulon—previously garrisoned by Italian troops.

A radio broadcast in the name of the allied high command told patriots in occupied Europe last night to prepare for invasion of the continent which already "might be near."

Southern Defense
The best information in London before the fall of Sicily indicated the Germans had two or three divisions south of Naples on the Italian mainland and these plus perhaps 25,000 troops evacuated from the island would give the Germans a force of 50,000 to 75,000 for defense of southern Italy—if they still are there.

With the Italian army fairly well written off as ineffective without German support, the question of Nazi strength in southern Italy is regarded as a key factor affecting the next allied step.

Won't Risk Forces
The majority of guesses here seemed to be that the German army is unlikely to risk large forces for long in southern Italy where they face the danger of being cut off by landings to the north, but is quite likely to employ forces large enough to establish widespread positions to the north.

It was still unclear just (Continued on Page Two)

Government Has Left Berlin, Says Hitler's Paper

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The United Nations radio at Algiers today broadcast a Bern dispatch quoting Adolf Hitler's newspaper Voelksche Beobachter as saying that "the whole German government has left Berlin." The broadcast was recorded by The Associated Press.

There was no immediate ex-

shadowed even the swift allied triumph in Sicily as well as the indications that an invasion of the Italian mainland is in progress of preparation.
For, as military observers here evaluate the situation, Germany is so heavily occupied with advancing Russian armies at present and even her vital rear positions in the east are so gravely threatened that a European invasion in the near future would tax her defensive resources to the utmost.
Estimate
How fully these considerations have entered into the discussions here could only be estimated. Since the president's arrival Monday there has been no word from the Chateau Frontenac or the historic citadel. (Continued on Page Two)