

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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KISKA FALLS WITHOUT STRUGGLE

Nips Retreat at Salamaua

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE Japs ABANDON Kiska WITHOUT A FIGHT. That is big news in itself. It may be even bigger because of its implications.

WHEN the Japs occupied Kiska some 14 months ago, they had grandiose illusions. At the same moment, their battle fleet was steaming in the direction of Hawaii. There seems little reason now to doubt that they expected to defeat what was left of our fleet after Pearl Harbor, take the Hawaiian Islands, move on from Kiska through the Aleutians to Alaska and storm the American mainland.

There followed then within a few hours the great battle of Midway, and when it ended Japan's hopes of taking the Pacific Coast of the United States were lying at the bottom of the sea.

IN presenting this bald outline of Jap expectations, one has to guess a little. But not too much. The little yellow men were then supremely contemptuous of "soft America."

THE Japs, knowing we were preparing to land an armada on Kiska, steal away in the fog without a battle. It is the FIRST time they have done so.

Elsewhere — at Guadalcanal, at Attu, on the Buna-Gona beaches, at Munda — they have died to the last man, NEVER admitting defeat.

THEY ACCEPT defeat at Kiska. There was a faint break at Vella Lavella the other day, where we took 350 Jap captives. (The circumstances have never been explained to us, but at least the flat statement was permitted to pass the censor that 350 Japs had surrendered.)

There's another faint break in New Guinea today, where the Japs RETREAT from their outer defenses at Salamaua and take refuge within the inner fortifications of the town itself.

WE mustn't jump to the conclusion that the backbone of Japan has been broken and that victory in the Pacific is in the bag. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

The Japs are shortening their lines, and as they shorten their lines their capacity to RESIST will grow.

ALL this has been accomplished while we were fighting in the Pacific with only (Continued on Page Two)

Constitutionality Of Smith-Connelly Act Questioned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP) The possibility of a court test on the constitutionality of the Smith-Connelly act was seen today in an attack on the labor disputes law by Montgomery Ward and company, Inc., rejected by the war labor board (WLB).

The board, rejecting a company contention that the act went beyond what the constitution permits, ordered union security, voluntary dues check-off and arbitration of grievances at Montgomery Ward's New York, Detroit and Denver retail stores.

MILLION NAZI CASUALTIES ON RUSSIAN FRONT

Reds Stab Heart of Ukraine; Aim At Knotop

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Soviet troops killed and wounded at least 1,000,000 Germans since the Russian front flamed into summer action July 5, a special Russian communique said tonight.

The abortive German offensive and the powerful soviet answer in its own successful summer drives up to Friday cost the Germans 4800 planes, 6400 tanks, 3800 guns and more than 20,000 trucks, said the communique broadcast from Moscow and recorded here by the soviet monitor.

Prisoners numbered 25,600, and the bulletin also said the victorious soviet armies captured 857 tanks, 1274 guns, 3429 machine guns and 4230 trucks.

The regular communique said the Russians drove in the Khar'kov area to capture several populated places and sought to improve their positions in the Bryansk and Spas Demensk fighting. Successful engagements also were waged in the Donets basin south of Voroshilovgrad, 160 miles southeast of Khar'kov.

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Pointing apparently for Knotop, key junction on the Kiev-Bryansk railway, 170 miles northwest of Khar'kov, Russian troops today (Continued on Page Two)

William Lyon Phelps, Yale Professor, Dies

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 21 (AP) — Dr. William Lyon Phelps, 78, professor-emeritus of English at Yale university, author, lecturer and man of letters, died early today at his home after a long illness.

In ill health since June 21, when he suffered a stroke, Phelps had appeared to be on the road to recovery but early in the week suffered a relapse which yesterday caused physicians to despair of hope for his recovery.

Known as Yale's unofficial "ambassador-at-large" — and recognized as perennial "most popular" member of the faculty, Phelps retired in 1933 at the age of 68, but to him it was a new beginning.

"I look at it the way a senior ought to look at commencement," he said, "with regret at leaving a pleasant past, but eager and in high spirits for the future."

"I go out to become a private scholar and a public orator."

Eight Mexicans Still in Hospital

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 21 (AP) Local physicians said today that eight Mexican hop pickers out of the 19 hospitalized from a total of three hundred who were ill after eating prepared lunches in the hop fields general hospital today. According to Dr. W. A. Moser, the eight men will probably be dismissed from the hospital tomorrow.

Russian Envoy to Contact French

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS (LONDON)—(AP)—Allied spokesmen said today that a representative of the Russian government is now en route to Algiers from Moscow via London to contact the French committee of national liberation.

Allied Pressure Cracks Defenses Before Air Base

By WILLIAM F. BONI ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Japanese are in headlong retreat before bomb-battered Salamaua.

Their mountain front line cracked wide open, they have abandoned heavy guns in precipitous flight toward the last defenses barring the allies from that highly-prized air base on New Guinea's northeast coast.

Bombed almost daily for months by allied planes, shelled by accurate mountain artillery and under relentless pressure of American and Australian jungle groups, the enemy at last has been routed from long-held ridge positions as near as two miles from the coveted airfield.

Heretofore, the allies have inched forward, now on the right at Tambu bay, now on the left around Bobdubi in jungle country crossed only by trails. Yesterday they surged forward in a general advance.

The enemy, poorly supplied and in dire need of reinforcement, is "in full retreat to its inner citadel of defenses at Salamaua itself," said today's communique from General Douglas MacArthur.

"Buried Dead" Machine guns and artillery were abandoned along with more than 350 buried dead. Our troops are mopping up.

The town of Salamaua, in Japanese hands since January, 1942, is built out on an isthmus. Its airfield is two miles south. The point where the Fracisco river empties into Bayern bay.

Word Received From D. J. Rees, Jap Prisoner

Mrs. J. D. Rees of Oregon City, and formerly of Klamath Falls, has received a card from her husband, Captain D. J. Rees, who is now a prisoner of the Japanese in the Philippines.

On the card, which was signed in his handwriting, Captain Rees stated that he was well and uninjured. Before his entrance into the army, he was a dentist in Klamath Falls.

Also receiving a card from her son who is a prisoner of the Japanese, was Mrs. Lenora Lloyd of 5329 Miller avenue, Klamath Falls. Her son, Private Ralph A. Lloyd, stated that he was uninjured and in good health. He sent greetings to his friends and relatives.

Tacoma Lumberman Deprived of U. S. Citizenship

TACOMA, Aug. 21 (AP)—In a decree filed in federal court here yesterday Henry Gustave Reinsch, formerly prominent Tacoma lumberman, was formally deprived of American citizenship.

Although several weeks ago Judge Lloyd L. Black of the federal court, who heard a denaturalization case against the lumberman, ruled against Reinsch, the official decree removing Reinsch's citizenship was not filed until yesterday.

Reinsch is now living in Idaho.

Pattern for Victory Cut at Quebec War Conference; Hot News Expected

QUEBEC, Aug. 21 (AP)—Henry L. Stimson, American secretary of war, will arrive at the Quebec military conference tomorrow and it was expected that T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, who is in Washington, also will come to Quebec.

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL QUEBEC, Aug. 21 (AP)—The pattern for victory appeared today to have been cut by the Quebec war conference.

Meanwhile, as the conference neared the stage of public pronouncement by its principals, an air of expectancy pervaded this temporary allied war capital and word spread that news of a new blow against Japan might be forthcoming soon.

Contemporary Developments This expectation was based on an idea that President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill, having finished their most pressing chores in the field of long-range strategy, were ready to focus attention on more contemporary developments.

Odds and ends of military logistics and strategy which allied experts have been fitting together for 11 days now have been cemented into a single mosaic, the best available evidence indicated, leaving the conferees virtually free to concentrate on related problems of international import.

New Evidence This is the evidence: 1. The end of the conference by next Tuesday definitely is in sight. It was announced that President Roosevelt will spend Wednesday in Ottawa, Canada, address an informal meeting of the dominion parliament, then head his scheduled

could not have been worked out so specifically if the major military discussions of the Quebec war sessions still lay ahead. The address will be broadcast by NBC, CBS and Mutual.

2. Presidential Secretary Stephen Early disclosed yesterday that the president and Prime Minister Churchill, by toiling into the early morning hours, had disposed of all immediate matters requiring their attention and had taken time off to go picnicking and fishing at a lake 50 miles north of here.

Hull Arrival 3. Cordell Hull, U. S. secretary of state, arrived yesterday to go over political phases of the war effort with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain. They dined and conferred with the chief executive (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Swept Out of North America



Liberators, Mitchells, Warhawks, Lightnings blast Kiska with 200 raids in dawn-to-dusk schedule during past 2 months; Japs have fighter field, sub base, weather station here



Kiska Harbor larger than Pearl Harbor, could shelter sizable fleet

Japanese troops with the U. S.-Canadian occupation of Kiska August 15, have now been cleaned out of Aleutian territory where they had been on the two islands shown in the top map, Kiska and Attu. Lower map shows the island of Kiska which the Japs had left previous to the allied landing.

What Happened to 10,000 Japanese Troops on Kiska?

SEATTLE, Aug. 21 (AP)—There are several schools of thought about that, Lieut. (j. g.) James Miller, of Los Angeles, a naval air-operations officer back from Adak, told interviewers today when asked "What happened to the Japanese on Kiska?"

"Frankly, I think no one knows, when and where they went," he added, but he's quite certain they didn't just evacuate to some other and uninhabited island.

Australian Election Trend Toward Curtin

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 21 (AP)—A pronounced trend toward the labor party of Prime Minister John Curtin was indicated late today in a partial count of votes cast by their first general election in three years.

The voting was for all 75 seats in the house of representatives and 19 of the 36 senate seats. The other 17 senators are hold-overs.

Preliminary returns from all parts of the commonwealth received at midnight tonight—four hours after the polls closed—indicated a strong possibility the labor party would gain from 8 to 14 seats in the house of representatives. The party previously had 36 of them.

In Australia, as in Britain, the leader of the largest party group in the lower house customarily is asked to form the government.

Seabee Howard Grossen Dies From Wounds

Mrs. Howard Grossen received word from the war department Saturday morning that her husband, Howard Ernest Grossen, ship's cook third class, died on August 17 as the result of gunshot wounds. Grossen was with the Seabees. No other details are known.

Grossen lived at 615 Martin street in Klamath Falls and worked for Louis Eschle at the Quality Meat market for nine years. He went into the service just before Christmas last year. Mrs. Grossen is employed at Craig's store.

Bombing Halts Jap Movement in Burma

NEW DELHI, Aug. 21 (AP)—A recent Japanese seizure of the initiative ground in northern Burma was averted today in a U. S. tenth air force communique which said two days of intense operations by bomb-carrying Warhawks in support of allied troops were believed to have halted all Japanese advances in that area.

No Japs Found As U. S. Cleans Up Aleutians

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Sweeping the Japanese from their last known foothold in the Aleutian islands, American and Canadian troops have occupied—without opposition—the important base of Kiska after a terrific bombardment of invader positions.

The victorious advance came 14 months after Tokyo first reported landings in the Aleutian chain stretching from Alaska westward toward Japan's home islands.

SKY BATTLE FOR SOUTHERN ITALY

Allies Focus Bomber Power to Blast Railways

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 21 (AP) The sky battle for southern Italy has fully begun, with the allies shifting the focus of their overwhelming bomber power to the objective of knocking out the strategic railway connections with the north.

While American warships, moving at will along the Italian toe, poured concentrated fire into the left side of the "hells triangle" of the lower peninsula, allied headquarters announced today that heavy new blows were struck by day and night bombers at already battered railway lifelines of the defenders in the Naples area.

Navy Nails Points The American naval units again hailed fortified points and railway targets at Gioia Tauro on the Gulf Gioia, 20 miles northeast of Messina, in a blasting of the mainland, while British sea forces sank seven landing craft off Scales in a night action.

Aversa, Benevento and Villa Literno—all in the Naples area—were swept by waves of medium bombers and fighters in day (Continued on Page Two)

Props Prepared For Soft Coal Price Structure

By CHARLES MOLONY WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Props are being prepared to bolster the price ceilings over bituminous coal against the withdrawal Monday of the price floor provided for the past two years by Interior Secretary Ickes' bituminous coal division.

The office of price administration (OPA), an official disclosed today, soon will amend its regulations to make sure that the soft coal price structure will not be upset by expiration of the Guffey act, under which the division has functioned. The changes are deemed necessary because:

1. Some OPA ceiling prices are set on the basis of a certain (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for team, R, H, E. Cincinnati 2 5 1, Boston 3 9 1, Walters and Mueller; Andrews and Masi, St. Louis 2 8 0, Philadelphia 3 6 0, Brecheen and W. Cooper; Rowe and Moore, Pittsburgh 4 10 2, New York 3 8 1, Rescigno, Butcher (3), Brandt (8), and Lopez; Feldman, Allen (9), and Mancuso.

Table with columns for team, R, H, E. New York 8 13 1, Cleveland 3 9 2, Borowy and Dickey; Bagby, Heaving (8), Poat (7) and Rosar, Desautels (8), Philadelphia 3 9 0, St. Louis 3 10 2, Harris and Swift; Sandra and Hayes.

Compromise The appeal, similar to a proclamation issued by the king last spring, was viewed here as a triumphant compromise for Danish officials, who apparently resisted successfully a Nazi demand that prosecution of saboteurs be turned over to the Germans. (The Swiss dispatch broadcast a Copenhagen radio today reporting a general strike of transport workers in the Danish capital. It said the men were being threatened with stern reprisals unless they returned to work.)