

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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GERMANS EVACUATE KHARKOV

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THIS is another of those days when one reads the scanty, obviously censored, developments disclosed in the communiqués and asks: "Why?"

THE day's most definite development is the German evacuation of Kharkov.

The nazis get out through the 13-mile-wide gate they'd kept pried open on the west. The German high command explains that it was a voluntary evacuation, that Kharkov is no longer a valuable center of traffic and supply, that everything of military importance was destroyed before moving out.

ONE guesses the Germans pulled out of Kharkov because they couldn't hold it any longer. The city has been taken and retaken four times in the past two years—twice by the Germans and twice by the Russians.

Places for which so much blood has been spilled are usually given up only because they can't be held.

NOTHING much happened in Europe over the weekend. The reason is that WE AREN'T READY yet. We now choose the time when WE are ready.

AGAIN we hit hard at Italian railroads in the vicinity of Naples. We had already smashed up railroad communications at Foggia, across the Italian peninsula to the east.

Presumably we're hampering retirement of the Germans from the toe and heel of the boot or PREVENTING REINFORCEMENTS from getting in from the north.

Swiss reports today say the Germans are pouring reinforcements into Italy through the Brenner pass.

WHY and HOW the Japs evacuated Kiska is still our most interesting subject for speculation.

Vice-Admiral Kincaid, U. S. navy commander in the North Pacific, discloses today that about the time of the evacuation our surface ships up there shelled "objects" in the fog at night. He thinks they sank some Jap ships, but can't be sure of it.

This suggests that more is known about the abandonment of Kiska than we've yet been told.

BY abandoning the Aleutians (if that is what they have done) the Japs have opened to us the northern route to Tokyo—a fact that is pointed out today by both Vice-Admiral Kincaid and General DeWitt.

Why did they do it? The most plausible guess is that in the enthusiasm of their successful start a year and a half ago they bit off more than they can hope to chew.

NAVY SECRETARY KNOX, Australia's high commissioner in Canada, and T. V. Soong, China's foreign minister, show up in Quebec—all at the same time. This suggests that Churchill and FDR and their military advisers are making medicine against the Jap.

LITVINOFF, Russian ambassador to this country, is RECALLED and replaced by a Russian who is more or less unknown. Malisky, soviet ambassador to London, was similarly recalled a little while back.

Why? This writer doesn't know, and can't think of any good guesses. Few outsiders seem to know much about it.

It is probable that Churchill (Continued on Page Two)

Italian Rail Center in Flames

AXIS CHEMICAL WORKS BASHED BY RAF BOMBS

Night Attack Ends Lull Since Thursday

LONDON, Aug. 23 (AP)—British bombers returned to their crushing attacks on Germany last night after an interval of two nights and the air ministry announced that the chemical works at Leverkusen, six miles north of Cologne, were the special target.

The German radio said that Dueseldorf in the Rhineland also was attacked and that 11 British fighters and a "number" of bombers were shot down in "random" attacks on other objectives in the western reich. The air ministry described these as intruder patrols over railway targets and airfields.

The air ministry said five bombers were lost in the night's activities.

Heavy Clouds Heavy clouds made it difficult to see results, the communiqué said. Leverkusen was bombed twice in 1940, but has not been a specific target since.

Hardly had the night raiders returned than light bombers and fighters sped out by daylight today to resume the assaults.

The night attack ended a lull that had lasted since Thursday night when Mosquitos struck at Berlin.

Spitfires were out in force (Continued on Page Two)

Jap Bombers Swarm in Waves Over Chungking

CHUNGKING, Aug. 23 (AP)—More than 60 Japanese bombers swarmed over Szechwan province in two waves today, one of which attacked targets in the immediate vicinity of Chungking while the other straggled at Wanhsien, important Yangtze river trading center 145 miles north-east of this provisional Chinese capital.

Muffled explosions were audible in Chungking but the city itself, which was last bombed on August 31, 1941, was untouched. Twenty of the enemy bombers wheeled past the capital in the clear sight of watchers in the streets and were challenged at once by Chinese planes.

The alarm was sounded in the (Continued on Page Two)

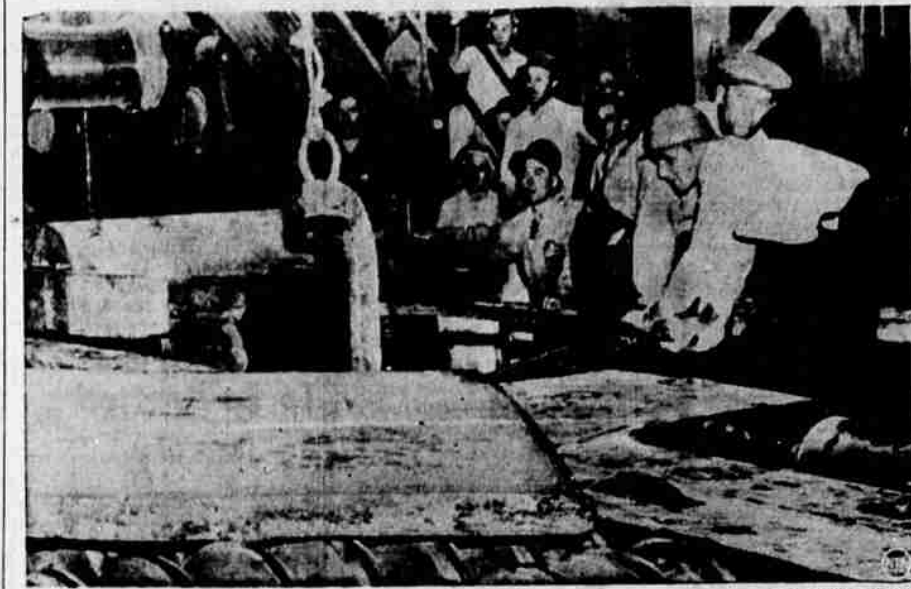
Lack of Storage Space for Klamath Spuds Predicted

With a normal yield of potatoes and an expected light early shipping, Klamath Basin potato storage facilities may be insufficient to hold the crop, County Agent C. A. Henderson warned today.

This year, farmers have planted a record acreage of potatoes and there is a possibility that shipping during September, October and November may be light due to a shortage of cars, Henderson said.

Some growers have prepared for the lack of storage space by constructing cellars, 18 permits for their construction having been approved up to August 10, and a number of others since then. Some growers may have to resort to pitting part of their crop, Henderson said, because even with the additional space being constructed, there is a question as to whether there will be enough.

First Steel Rolls From First West Coast Steel Plant



(NEA Telephoto)

Cherry red at a temperature of 2250 degrees, first steel plate in West Coast history made from western iron ore emerges from the new rolling mill at Henry Kaiser's \$100,000,000 Fontana, Calif., steel plant which will supply 300 tons of plate every eight hours. The steel will be used in construction of Liberty ships on the Pacific coast.

KISKA AMERICANS GRAB SEGULA ISLE

No Japanese Found On Outpost 20 Miles From New Base

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Spreading out from recaptured Kiska, Canadian and American troops have seized the little island of Segula and are consolidating positions on Kiska and in the adjacent Aleutian area. Segula, 20 miles east of Kiska, could have been used by the Japanese as an outpost for their main base, but the only information available, the navy said today, was that the landing had been made "with no Japanese being found."

A communique telling of the landings also reported that three Japanese midget submarines, which the enemy apparently had attempted to destroy with bombs before fleeing from Kiska, had been found on the submarine base there.

Pegler Writings Picketed by NMU

NEW YORK, Aug. 23 (AP)—Two pickets, described by the national maritime union (CIO) as the first shift in a permanent picketing protest against the writings of Columnist Westbrook Pegler, appeared today in front of the New York World-Telegram building. The union said the picketing would continue daily between 8 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Fall of Salamaua Near as Allies Press Over Ridge

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 23 (AP)—Allied ground troops pressing inexorably on enemy holdings in northeastern New Guinea stood today on a ridge overlooking the Salamaua airdrome, and the fall of that important objective seemed almost within sight.

Capture of the airfield probably will not come without a bitter and perhaps costly battle. In the six months since it has been apparent that allied strategy demands its possession, the Japanese have had time to fortify it with the same thorough system of defenses that made the American advance on Munda airdrome in the Solomon islands a bloody, yard-by-yard business.

Press in Italy Admits Nazis Blocking Peace

BERN, Aug. 23 (AP)—An open admission that Italian efforts to withdraw from the war are being blocked by German pressure on the Badoglio government was contained in the Italian press for the first time during the weekend.

A Swiss Telegraph agency dispatch from Chiasso on the Italian frontier said that the Italian press is "clearly stating that the first aim of the Badoglio government is to remove the country from war, but Rome is seeking to prevent the peninsula from becoming the theater of a gigantic battle among the Germans there and the Anglo-Saxons threatening to enter."

This theme, it was said, also was set forth at conferences (Continued on Page Two)

Baseball

Table with columns for American League and National League, listing teams and statistics.

ALLIED AERIAL MIGHT RUINS SALERNO YARDS

British Liberators Hit Switching at Crotona

By RELMAN MORIN ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 23 (AP)—The mighty allied aerial juggernaut rolled over Salerno, another important point in the Italian mainland railroad system, virtually smashing the city in day and night raids and leaving marshalling yards a sea of flame, headquarters announced today.

Salerno is on the coast south of Naples, around which allied heavy and medium bombers left a trail of ruin in railway centers in raids Friday and Saturday.

Fighters in Air The Germans, determined to defend the key points of their lifeline, threw in about 100 fighters to battle the Marauders and their escort.

Although today's allied headquarters communique said 28 of the enemy fighters were shot down at Salerno, later reports placed the number at 33. Altogether 34 enemy planes were shot down yesterday for a total of five allied aircraft lost.

In the heavy air fighting of the past four days 114 enemy planes have been downed, it was stated here. The Marauder squadrons in their Sunday raid destroyed 31 fighters, topping the 22 shot down by these bombers in the Naples area on Saturday.

While the Northwest African (Continued on Page Two)

Elks Announce Committee for War Loan Drive

A general Elks lodge committee for the third war loan drive in September was announced Monday by E. B. Hall, general chairman. The lodge has accepted leadership of the big campaign.

Hall said the committee will meet at the Elks lodge Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Plans will then be made for opening a drive headquarters.

Here is the general set-up: General chairman—E. B. Hall. Vice-chairmen—Jack Linman and Vernon Moore.

Lumber companies—W. E. Lamm, Godfrey Blohm, Mitchell Tillotson.

Railroads—Frank Peyton. Insurance companies—R. C. Dale.

Farmers—Ed Geary, Dick Henzel and W. C. Dalton. Public corporations—John Reber.

Chain and branch stores—C. S. Elliot. General downtown business—Dick Reeder.

Labor organizations—T. B. Watters. Public employees—Lloyd Low. Special events and radio—John Houston.

Oil and rubber companies—Vernon Moore. Indian bond purchases—Malcolm Epley.

General E bond promotion—E. Mullis.

A publicity and advertising chairman, and possibly other department heads, will be named before or at the time of the Tuesday night meeting. Committee chairmen will be asked to name committees at that time.

Mrs. Rose Poole will head up women's activities in connection with the campaign.

Mrs. Claude Davis will be office manager.

Boss At Kiska



Unopposed occupation of Kiska island was carried out by Canadian and American troops under direct command of Vice Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid (above), commander of the North Pacific fleet, pictured at his Aleutian headquarters.

COAL MINES BACK IN PRIVATE HANDS

Ickes Returns Few Despite Lewis' Threat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Certain coal mines having contracts with John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers were restored to private ownership by Interior Secretary Ickes today despite Lewis' statement in June that his men would work until October 31 only if the government kept control of the property.

Lewis, attending a war labor board (WLB) hearing on wages (Continued on Page Two)

State to Prove Layton Sane on Day of Slaying

DALLAS, Ore., Aug. 23 (AP)—The state attempted to prove today that Richard H. Layton was stable mentally the day 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand of Dallas was raped and slain.

District Attorney Bruce Spaulding emphasized during cross-examination of the former Monmouth, Ore., police chief, charged with first-degree murder, that Layton repaired the carburetor of his automobile and a leaky tire June 7 before the girl accepted a ride with him from the Monmouth bus terminal.

Answers Question Spaulding asked Layton if he ever had heard voices when no person was within speaking range. Layton replied that he had about five or six years ago.

Layton repeated his previous testimony that Miss Hildebrand drowned accidentally after falling into the Willamette river as they played tag on the river bank in the Buena Vista "lovers' lane."

In a low voice, he said he and (Continued on Page Two)

Hefty Blows at Japs May Be Planned at War Talks

QUEBEC, Aug. 23 (AP)—Brendan Bracken, British minister of information, asserted today that "military decisions of the utmost importance" had been made at the Quebec war conference and that only today "important matters of strategy in the Pacific" were determined.

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL QUEBEC, Aug. 23 (AP)—The arrival of Secretary of the Navy Knox and an announcement that Sir William Glasgow, Australian high commissioner in Canada, would follow indicated today that the Quebec war conference was aiming hefty new blows at Japan.

There was good reason to believe that the allied high command might have decided to mass sufficient bomber strength in the

NAZIS APPEAR RETREATING IN SOUTH RUSSIA

Garrison Leaves Key City Without Red Pressure

LONDON, Aug. 23 (AP)—Triumphant Russian forces stormed into the vital Ukrainian city of Kharkov today and tonight Moscow announced that the red army had broken through the German lines south of Izyum and southwest of Voroshilovgrad in a smashing assault apparently aimed at wresting the entire Donets basin from the nazis.

Break-Through The drive into the Donets basin—greatest industrial area still in German hands—resulted in a break-through of from 19 to 22 miles in three days of savage fighting and the capture of 30 villages including the railway station of Donetsk-Amvrosievka, the Moscow announcement said.

Donetsk - Amvrosievka is about 50 miles northwest of Rostov. Russian troops on all fronts disabled or destroyed 85 German tanks and brought down (Continued on Page Two)

Danes Blow Up Nazi Factories, Despite Appeal

By JOHN H. COLBURN STOCKHOLM, Aug. 23 (AP)—The newspaper Svernska Dagbladet said today two factories had been blown up in Denmark over the weekend despite a joint appeal from King Christian X and the government for a cessation of attacks on German war activities.

The newspaper said an aluminum factory at Frederiksberg had been wrecked and a Copenhagen camouflage factory blasted. A German patrol boat was reported split by an explosion at Sabotage also continued against railways transporting troops and supplies to Danish ports for movement to Norway. (Continued on Page Two)

Ramsey Applies For Willamette Coaching Post

Frank Ramsey, KUHS football coach, is an applicant for the post of football coach at Willamette university, but he said Monday there is "nothing at all definite" about the possibility of his leaving his job here.

Ramsey has applied for the university job, but he is not sure whether the terms will be found acceptable if he is offered the appointment. Coach Spec Keene of Willamette has taken a leave of absence.

Several high school coaches of the northwest have been mentioned as possibilities for the Salem position.

Knox Arrives

Knox came in from Washington by plane late this morning and was to dine with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill of Britain tonight. The Australian high commissioner was on the way by train from Ottawa.

T. V. Soong, Chinese foreign minister, who flew up from Washington yesterday, went to Quebec's massive old citadel in the forenoon for conferences with the president lasting through lunch.

While Churchill and Prime Minister W. L. MacKenzie King of Canada arranged a mid-day (Continued on Page Two)