

## 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

September 6—High 88, Low 58  
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Stream year to date ..... 17.86  
Last year ..... 13.30 Normal ..... 13.89

# 117 DIE IN TRAIN CRASHES, FIRE NEW GUINEA JAPS CUT OFF

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Pacific gets into the news again, thanks to a spectacular maneuver by our side that surrounds the 20,000 Japs at Lae and Salamaua, cutting off their escape into the interior of New Guinea by way of the valley of the Markham river.

Our command of air and sea had already cut off their escape by water.

It was a new type of "pincer" movement, carefully timed.

Australian veteran troops were landed by air at an advanced base, from which they marched through swampy jungles to a rendezvous in the Japs' rear. Five days after the Australians started, American paratroops were landed at the rendezvous point.

The movement was so accurately timed and so well carried out that the Australians arrived only a few hours after the American paratroops had been landed. Between them, they closed the Jap escape route to the rear, thus making of Lae and Salamaua another Buna-Gona.

THE rendezvous point was an abandoned Jap airfield overgrown with high grass whose removal was immediately available for our planes. MacArthur, circling overhead in a Flying Fortress, watched the carrying out of the whole operation.

THE shooting in Italy is still tinged with mystery.

Montgomery's 8th army is fighting (but apparently not very hard) at the toe of the boot. The dispatches mention repeatedly only token opposition from the Italian troops.

Patton's American 7th army is still unheard from, and the Berlin radio today says "all indications point to a second landing by British and American troops soon."

The neutral-nations rumor factory says the Germans are strengthening their defenses all along the French Mediterranean coast and tells of new allied strength being poured into the Mediterranean by way of Gibraltar.

A SWEDISH "observer," who has just returned from a long stay in Germany, spins a yarn in Stockholm today about a quarrel between Hitler and his generals over the fight in the Po valley.

Hitler, the tale says, is insisting on the stand in the Po. His generals have advised against it from the first on the ground that if the Po line is broken, by the allies the Germans will face a disaster getting back over the Brenner pass under the pounding of our warplanes.

(Take it or leave it. It sounds a trifle phony.)

OUR Swede friend adds that the high German military clique shares with the German people a desire for peace, but their Prussian tradition prevents them from entertaining any idea of a cessation of hostilities "without honor." So, he adds, they'll fight on to the inevitable debacle and then let Hitler and his nazi party leaders bear the responsibility.

Maybe.

But it SOUNDS like German propaganda for an easy peace.

CHURCHILL and FDR (both in this country still) appear to be stalling for time—"amid," the dispatches say, "multiplying signs that they are awaiting some"

## Montgomery's Men Push On in Italy



The British eighth army drove inexorably up the Italian toe today, extended their invasion arc around the tip about 60 miles and smashed 10 miles inland. The wedge driven into Italy now extends from Calabria east-northeast, thence to the coast at Palmi.

## British Eighth Smashes Further on Italian Toe

By EDWARD KENNEDY  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 7 (AP)—The British eighth army drove steadily on the Calabrian coastal road today, extending the invasion arc around Italy's southernmost tip to about 60 miles, and smashed another 10 miles inland in the Santa Stefano sector to Delianuova.

On the west coast British and Canadian columns had pushed ahead at least as far as Palmi.

## FDR, Churchill May Be Waiting Italy Peace Bid

By DOUGLAS B. CORNELL  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill renewed their war discussion today amid multiplying signs they are awaiting some momentous development—perhaps a definite peace bid from Italy.

Indirect peace pleas have been emanating from radio Rome for some time, and Enrico Galazzi, an official of the Vatican, which might be an agency through which formal overtures would be made, is on the way to Washington.

Mr. Churchill has been on this side of the Atlantic since August 10, and while his current mission appears to have been fulfilled he as yet has exhibited no disposition to return to England.

Hence speculation developed that the two United Nations statesmen virtually are marking time.

## Football to Help Klamath Make Its War Loan Quota

War bonds will buy reserved seats at the Grant-Klamath high football game on Modoc field September 24.

The seats will go on sale Friday, September 10, at 8 a. m., at the Klamath county chamber of commerce, along with season tickets and reserved seats for all home games for the Pelicans this year.

Here is the set-up on the Grant game:

1. This game will not be included in the season tickets.
2. General adult admission to the Grant game will be \$1, with net proceeds going to buy a war bond for the high school football fund.
3. ALL reserved seats will be sold ONLY to war bond purchasers, who will buy their bonds at the chamber of commerce at the time they make their reservations. Bonds from \$18.75 up will qualify the purchaser for a reserved seat at the big Grant game.

Season tickets for the five other Pelican games will go on sale at the chamber also on Friday morning, at \$3 for a season ticket and 25 cents for each game seat reservation.

## 20,000 NIPS ISOLATED BY PARATROOPERS

Americans Seize Air Field at Markham Valley

By VERN HAUGLAND  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 7 (AP)—American paratroops cut off all possible land supply lines of some 20,000 Japanese troops in the Lae and Salamaua area of New Guinea with the capture of an enemy airfield in the Markham valley, allied headquarters announced today.

The airstrip was seized Sunday when hundreds of airborne American soldiers and a few Australians, complete with machine guns, mortars, ammunition, rubber assault boats and radio landed near the field.

March In  
An Australian force, flown into an allied advance base, marched overland five days to rendezvous near the occupied airfield with the American paratroops who had landed Sunday morning while General Douglas MacArthur looked on from a Flying Fortress.

A headquarters statement disclosed that the enemy airfield had not been used by the Japanese for months and was overgrown with Kunai grass four to

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## Two Klamath Men Meet on Sicilian Road

It was like old times, well almost, for two Klamath boys, friends here, when they had a surprise meeting in Sicily not long ago.

Jack Dunn, son of Bill Dunn of this city, was riding along as gunner on a tank, casually looking over the infantrymen on the road when, suddenly, he noticed a familiar face.

"Bud Fairclough" yelled Jack. (Bud is the son of Mrs. George Lewis of Dairy and for several years operated the Sunset Riding stables.)

The two boys stopped together long enough for a chat while they ate goat milk ice cream.

Jack, a former employee of the Great Northern, wrote home that life has been fairly comfortable on the Italian island, with bunks for sleeping, hot water and ice cream, even if it's made of goat's milk.

## U. S. Airmen Throw Power at Naples Airfields

By NOLAN NORGARD  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 7 (AP)—For the second successive day United States Flying Fortresses and large formations of American medium bombers threw the weight of their striking power against enemy airfields in the Naples area yesterday.

The Fortresses struck at airfields at Pomigliano and Capodichino, as well as at the Littorio and Minturno railway yards, the harbor at Gaeta and the railroad between Caserta and Maddaloni.

Simultaneously a strong force of United States army air force B-25 Mitchells, escorted by P-38 Lightnings, raided the Capua airfield, devastating hangars and parked aircraft. American B-26 Marauders turned their power against two landing fields at Grazzanise.

## Changes Mind



Robert Royal Freeman, above, 23-year-old former shipyard worker, says a man's ideas change when he lives alone in the hills for 15 months so now he's willing to enter the army after being arrested for shooting his dog dead. He told Portland, Ore., officers he came to the hills when his draft number came up on June 6, 1942.

## AIR RAIDERS SOCK BELGIUM, FRANCE

RAF Batters Munich In Night Attack

LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—American Marauder medium bombers of the eighth airforce hit St. Pol, France, today for the second time in four days in a continuation of the hammerings of enemy rail centers in northwestern France. U. S. army headquarters announced.

Returning crews reported good results and all of the Marauders returned safely after encountering only slight opposition, which was parried by an effective Spitfire cover, the announcement added.

A joint communique from the air ministry and U. S. army headquarters said the eighth airforce attacked an aircraft factory and airfield near Brussels, and

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## Hungarians Take Steps to Declare Budapest Open City

NEW YORK, Sept. 7 (AP)—The Rome radio said in a broadcast recorded here by NBC today that the Hungarian government "has taken steps" to declare Budapest an open city.

The broadcast, quoting reports from Budapest, did not elaborate beyond a statement that the Hungarian capital "was being demilitarized."

## Two Escape Mid-Air Plane Flames by Riding on Wing

LAKEVIEW, Sept. 7 (AP)—Three persons were in the Lakeview hospital today with burns suffered in a mid-air plane fire during the Lakeview roundup celebration.

The condition of George Collins, Lakeview, was reported grave. Others injured were Donald Cogburn, Crane Creek, and Elaine Ellison, Willow Ranch, Calif.

Pilot Cliff Hogue, Klamath Falls, said the flames broke out in the fuselage when the plane was a mile away from the airport yesterday. Cause of the

## 65 KILLED IN PENNSYLVANIA RAIL CRACK UP

More Bodies Found in Wreckage of Limited

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 7 (AP)—Twisted wreckage of the Pennsylvania Railroad's Congressional Limited gave up seven more bodies to rescue workers at noon-time today, bringing to 65 the number known to have perished when the train piled up heading into a curve in northeast Philadelphia last night.

At least 123 among the Labor day crowd of 541 passengers were injured as the 16-car, Washington to New York express developed a "hot box" and crashed with a roar. Many in overcrowded hospitals were reported near death.

Taken to Morgue  
The newly-discovered bodies and remnants of bodies were taken to the city morgue, where crowds of sorrowing relatives, some hysterical, filed past long rows in an attempt to make identifications.

The first body discovered as rescue workers broke into the No. 8 coach and raised it with a crane was that of a marine lieutenant. Two other marine lieutenants and a sailor immediately ordered workers away and took the body, and a marine detail which had stood guard through the night was ordered closer to the wreckage.

Crane Used  
As the crane resumed lifting, the decapitated body of a woman (Continued on Page Two)

## Crew Dies in Locomotive Boiler Blast

By ROBERT C. WILSON  
CANASTOTA, N. Y., Sept. 7 (AP)—The eastbound 20th Century Limited, New York extra fare Chicago-New York train was wrecked today when the locomotive's boiler exploded, killing the three crewmen in the cab.

At least seven others were injured when the flyer left the track at 4:34 a. m., two miles east of Canastota and 20 miles east of Syracuse.

Causes Wreck  
Joseph Endres, Syracuse district claim agent for the railroad, who said the boiler explosion caused the wreck, reported 173 passengers were on the train.

He identified the dead as George Pierce of Syracuse, engineer; J. Christian Larsen of Syracuse, fireman, and Clarence Wriker of Albany, traveling fireman.

Wriker's body was found in a field, about 60 feet from the four-track right of way. Parts of the engine were scattered over the field.

Trains Derailed  
The locomotive, coal car, mail car and nine of the 15 passenger cars were derailed. The first four cars plunged down an embankment. Others were strewn on the tracks, all of which were ripped up and twisted into weird shapes.

Endres said an investigation would be made to determine the cause of the boiler explosion.

E. O. Hirsch, Chicago, a passenger in one of the cars that went down the embankment, said there was no panic and the passengers had no difficulty getting out.

P. D. Weis, Batavia, a railway mail clerk, said the boiler (Continued on Page Two)

## 49 BURN AS FLAMES RAZE TEXAS HOTEL

Blocked Escapes Up Toll in Houston Blaze

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 7 (AP)—Forty-nine men, war workers, transients and old-age pensioners, died today in a fast-spreading fire that ravaged the Gulf hotel at Preston and Louisiana streets, an ancient brick and frame structure.

Others of the 133 men listed on the hotel's register last night were in critical condition. Thirty-two were taken to hospitals, but 25 were soon released.

Remove Bodies  
Police and fire officials said they believed all bodies had been removed from the ruins.

Eye-witnesses said many men jumped from the windows and a fire escape. Men fought and crawled through one unblocked exit.

Block Escape  
The blaze, discovered after midnight, quickly blocked off one of the two fire escapes to the three-story brick structure. An inside stairway likewise was made impassable for those caught on the two upper floors.

Flames poured from every opening and crevice in the building, one of the oldest in Houston. Firemen could not lay ladders against it.

W. A. Wheeler, occupant of a second-floor room, said he ran to one fire escape and found it cut off.

"Then I and three other men (Continued on Page Two)

## Donets Mining Area Toppling to Red Drive; Konotop Falls; Stalino Periled

LONDON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Red army troops continued to develop their Donets basin offensive today with advances of six to 12 miles and captured more than 90 inhabited localities, a Moscow communique recorded by the soviet monitor said tonight.

The recaptured settlements included 12 large populated areas and the railway stations of Ovcherikino and Scheglovka, the bulletin said.

Simultaneously a special soviet announcement said that 400,000 Germans had been killed during the Russians' summer offensive, in which Red army divisions are now battering the invaders in five key sectors along a 600-mile front.

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