

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

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AMERICANS THREATEN NAPLES

Reds Crack Smolensk Gates

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WITH the battle of Salerno won, we're moving now on Naples.

WE'VE taken the high ground along the entire backbone of the cape of Sorrento, which thrusts a long, thin finger out from the Italian mainland into the Tyrrhenian sea between the Gulf of Salerno and the bay of Naples, with the song-famous Isle of Capri just off the finger's end.

From this high ground on the Sorrento cape, our long-range artillery can bombard Naples itself. We can also reach Naples with our long-range guns from the island of Procida, 12 miles away to the northwest.

The Sorrento cape is about 12 miles away to the south.

THE Germans are retreating FULL SCALE from the Salerno battlefield, under terrible pounding from our planes which now are operating from nearby fields.

NOTE that as soon as we take Salerno, we GO AFTER Naples. When we take Naples we'll go after the Germans somewhere else. And soon.

Don't make the mistake of thinking after every big battle that we've won the war.

The battle we're leading up to now is the LAST BATTLE.

It's the last battle that wins wars.

BADOGGIO broadcasts today to Italians from the new Radio Italiana (located, presumably, in Sicily). He says:

"It's the absolute DUTY of Italians to fight ON THE SIDE OF the British and Americans and AGAINST the Germans and few senseless Italians who have put themselves under the German command."

HES referring to Mussolini, who broadcasts today to Italians urging them to take up arms on the side of Germany and Japan.

BADOGGIO's words are HEED-ED by Italian troops occupying the island of Sardinia.

They DRIVE OFF the Germans remaining on Sardinia, chasing them across the narrow strait to the adjacent island of Corsica.

There can be little doubt that as soon as we have time to GET SET on Sardinia we can chase the Germans off Corsica.

GET out your map at this point. It will show you that with both Sardinia and Corsica in our possession we'll be within 300 miles (easy fighter range) of Toulon, Marseille and the whole mouth of the Rhone valley in southern France.

THE Russians' crowding the fighting hard to beat the fall rains, are today within 30 miles of Smolensk and 42 miles of Kiev. Smolensk is at the far northern end of the Dnieper line. Kiev is about halfway down the Dnieper from Smolensk.

TODAY'S most exciting RUMOR:

London hears (from Italian refugees reaching Ankara) that an ALLIED FLEET is steaming up the Aegean sea off the west coast of Turkey.

Your map will tell you the Aegean is the sea gateway to the Balkans.

CHURCHILL is back in London, having made the return trip on a British battleship. He's busy on a review of recent war developments for the house of Commons.

Steak Brings \$200,000 in Bonds



Lt. Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the U. S. Coast Guard, held up a five-pound steak for which he got a \$200,000 war bond purchase from Pat Greenwood of Dallas, Tex., where the former heavyweight champion raised a total of \$2,150,000 in war bond pledges in auctioning the steak and other articles at a luncheon.

Sisters Pit Steers for Honors in Livestock Show

Two sisters, Jo Ann and Lois Lee Kandra, yesterday pitted their steers for top honors in the champion Hereford steer class at the junior livestock show at the Fairgrounds, Clifford Jenkins, county club leader, revealed today.

The steer belonging to Jo Ann was judged the winner at the final judging.

The steers won first places in the lightweight Hereford division and the heavyweight Hereford division respectively before being judged against each other for the champion of the breed.

Purebred Stock Father of the two girls, Lewis Kandra of Merrill, had given the steers to the girls to raise from his herd of purebred Hereford stock.

The bond selling booth at the Fairgrounds will be open again this evening for the convenience of visitors at the show, it was announced, and buyers will still have a chance to compete for the grand prize of a 1000 pound steer. Besides the street, there

War Fleet in Aegean Stirs Balkan Talk

By ERNEST AGNEW LONDON, Sept. 20 (P)—An allied war fleet was reported steaming up the Aegean sea off the west coast of Turkey today, stirring new talk of an imminent lunge into the Balkans.

Italian refugees reaching Turkey reported the presence of the large concentration of war vessels and London morning newspapers quoted them as saying that allied forces had occupied the island of Castellorosso, most southerly of the Dodecanese group four miles from the Dnieper from Smolensk.

U. S. Ambassador Leaves Moscow

MOSCOW, Sept. 20 (P)—U. S. Ambassador William H. Standley departed suddenly from Moscow by plane yesterday and an official announcement said he was en route to Washington for consultations.

There was little belief here, however, that he would return. The admiral, who is 71, had not planned to spend another winter in Russia unless his presence was considered absolutely necessary.

SOVIETS SHIFT IN HIGH GEAR; NEARING KIEV

Victory Guns Boom; 700-Mile Front Active

LONDON, Sept. 20 (P)—The red army has captured Velish, 65 miles northwest of Smolensk in a push that carried the Russians to a point only 18 miles from the White Russian border, while in the south a town only eight miles from Mstislavl was taken, Moscow announced tonight.

Bolshaya Tokmak, 20 miles east of Zaporozhe on the Dnieper bend, also fell as the Russians closed in fast in an effort to cut the railway entering the Crimea.

Hundreds of villages were seized as the Russian offensive, now broadened to a 750-mile front, rolled on westward, said the broadcast bulletin recorded by the soviet monitor.

MOSCOW, Sept. 20 (P)—Red army troops under Gen. Andrei Yeremenko, hero of the battle of Stalingrad, cracked through the gateway to Smolensk on the central Russian front over the weekend as the Soviet advance shifted into high gear all along the active 700-mile battle line, a Russian communique announced last night.

Victory guns boomed out in Moscow again as Russian troops drew nearer to Smolensk and Kiev, two great German bastions on the Dnieper river. In the north the red army moved to within 30 miles of Smolensk, (Continued on Page Two)

Shakeup in Army High Command Speculated

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (P)—Speculation over a possible shakeup in the army high command was revived today in the wake of an editorial in the authoritative but unofficial Army and Navy Journal which declared that "powerful interests" would like to eliminate Gen. George C. Marshall from the Washington scene.

Questioned by reporters while at the capital testifying on draft legislation, Marshall declined to comment in any way.

There have been recurring re-

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Marshall, King Warn Congress Not to Dim Offensive By Forbidding Father Draft; Heavy Fighting Seen

By JACK BELL WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (P) Admiral Ernest J. King, commander of the United States fleet, said today that any interruption in draft inductions might "adversely affect the conduct of the war."

Failure to get quotas for which requests have been made of the selective service system, King said, would mean "defeat of ships and aircraft coming into the service."

Admiral King testified before the senate and house military committees after General George C. Marshall had warned against "dimming the power" of allied offensives by interference with draft quotas.

"We are on the offensive now," the chief of staff said. "It would be unfortunate to do anything that would dim the power of that offensive."

"We have, undoubtedly, very heavy fighting in front of us."

Apologizes Testifying before the senate and house military committees on the Wheeler bill to postpone

induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until January 1, Marshall apologized "for expressing myself rather vigorously."

The general said that whether army quotas could be met without drafting fathers heretofore deferred was a question "for the manpower people," but he told Senator Austin (R-Vt.) that failure to obtain the quotas "probably would force us to emasculate some of our units."

"It would emasculate the tail end of our army and put us in a serious position," Marshall added.

Seriously Interfere Even a postponement of such a draft by three months, the chief of staff said, would seriously interfere with the army's program.

"While you've got the other fellow on the run, the more you do to cut him down before he regains his balance, the better it is," Marshall testified.

Asserting that the American armed forces have reached their

Naval Air Station Blast Casualties Almost 300



Following a devastating explosion and fire, which witnesses said came from ammunition in transit, rescue workers at the Norfolk, Va., Naval Air Station run into one of the blazing and wrecked buildings to bring out more victims, which were approximately 17 dead and 37 injured. Official U. S. Navy photo.

Navy Strikes at Japs in Gilberts; Airmen Slash at Bougainville Island

By The Associated Press PEARL HARBOR, T. H., Sept. 20 — America's growing naval strength has lashed again and in force against the outer fringe of Japan's zone of conquest in the Pacific, striking the enemy-held Tarawa and Nauru islands in prolonged attack.

The simultaneous assaults, made along the line of the equator some 2000 statute miles southwest of Hawaii, began Saturday night (east longitude time) and carried well into the following day.

Torpedo Bombers Their exact nature was not disclosed immediately, but the

Bus-Passenger Train Crash Kills Seven

JOHNSTON CITY, Ill., Sept. 20 (P)—Collision of a crowded Greyhound bus and a two-car Missouri Pacific railroad passenger train killed seven persons and injured at least 53 yesterday.

In the accident at a crossing two miles south of here the cab and one side of the bus were smashed and the engine-baggage car of the Diesel-powered train was overturned.

All but five of the casualties were passengers on the bus bound from Memphis, Tenn., for Chicago. Among the slightly injured were Dr. Luciano Mila Cisneros, 53, Honduran minister to Guatemala, and his daughter, Sofia Mila, 22. They were en route to Rochester, Minn.

assumption was that they were spearheaded by carrier-borne torpedo and dive bombers such as raided Marcus Island to the northwest on September 1.

"Strong Pacific ocean area forces today conducted a heavy raid on the Japanese bases on Tarawa Island in the northern Gilbert group and on Nauru island to the west of the Gilbert group," said a communique issued by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

According to Plan "These operations were carried out according to plan during the night preceding and for a good portion of the day of September 19, east longitude time."

Then the two task forces

"Back to Land" Move for Life Raft Sitters

A "back to the land" movement was advocated from here today for the seven shipyard workers on a life raft in the Willamette river at Portland.

Local men interested in the war bond campaign suggested to Dave Eccles, state bond administrator, that the seven able-bodied members of the raft crew be "activated" as potential pickers and brought here to help in the harvest until Oregon's war bond quota is raised.

As a Third War Loan stunt, the men went on the raft to stay there until Oregon's bond drive had reached its goal.

sailed from the scene of their devastation, maintaining radio silence to handicap possible pursuit.

By WILLIAM F. BOWI ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sept. 20 (P)—What appeared a sustained and determined effort to reduce the defenses of Bougainville Island by American aerial attack advanced into its second week today, with the enemy's air bases there further shattered and his air reserves further diminished.

Three surprise night raids by Mitchell medium bombers against Kahali and Ballale airdromes at the southern tip of the big Solomon Island followed, by a daylight assault in force on Ballale by fighter-escorted Dauntless dive bombers and Avenger torpedo planes, marked the latest stage in this campaign of destruction.

The enemy, who has answered the challenge by bring-

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Italians Blow Up Alp Tunnel On Nazi Train

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 20 (P)—A Chambery, France, dispatch to the Tribune de Geneve said today that Italian forces had blown up the Italian end of an 800-meter (1/4 mile) tunnel in the Alps while a German troop train was passing through.

The dispatch said 30 persons were killed and 150 wounded and a second smaller Nazi troop train was caught by sliding rock, caused by the explosion, and 10 were killed.

The tunnel was blocked, the newspaper said, and at least seven or eight months will be required to repair the damage.

The dispatch added that a German armored train was derailed near Chignin, six miles from Chambery, halting traffic in that district. At St. Amour, in the Jura mountains north of Lyon, an explosion derailed a train, blocking the Lyon-Bescon and the Dijon-Geneva lines.

Churchill Back in England; Prepares Review for House

LONDON, Sept. 20 (P)—Prime Minister Churchill, back in Britain after a momentous six-week visit to Canada and the United States, plunged today into the task of preparing a war review to be presented shortly to the house of commons.

The review, which will be Churchill's first since his brief statement to commons July 27 and which is expected to be one of his longest, will open a two-day debate when parliament reconvenes after a brief summer recess.

FIFTH ARMY HOLDS HILLS ON SORRENTO

Allied Guns In Range Of Castellammare Navy Base

By WES GALLAGHER ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20 (P)—The American fifth army has seized control of the south side of the Bay of Naples by capturing

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20 (P)—The French high command announced tonight that French commandos had landed on Corsica to aid French partisans fighting the Germans and save the action was progressing favorably.

ing all the commanding heights of Sorrento peninsula, allied headquarters announced today.

Already padlocked on the seaward side by the occupation of the islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida on either side of the bay, Italy's second largest port thereby came under the gaze of allied soldiers across 12 miles of water and within range of "long tom" artillery.

Within Range Easily within artillery range also were the Italian naval base of Castellammare, recently bombarded by the British navy, and the key railway town of Torvaianica, both in the lower (Continued From Page One)

Badoglio Tells Italians to Fight Germans

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. 20 (P)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio told Italians in a broadcast that it was their "absolute duty" to fight on the side of the British and Americans against the Germans and against the few senseless Italians—no longer of such name—who pit themselves against their command.

The text of Badoglio's plea which was made from the new "Radio Italiana" Sept. 16, was released for publication after it had been flown here from the Italian mainland.

(The speech thus ranged Badoglio's leadership squarely against that of the former dictator, Benito Mussolini, who on Saturday was quoted by the German radio as having made a broadcast urging Italians to take up arms again at the side of Germany and Japan.)

Radio Italiana was described as the side of Germany and Japan.)

Radio Italiana was described as the "new official radio of the Italian government" in the last released through official allied military channels.

Klamath's War Loan Drive on Second Million

Active bond-buying was reported Monday from financial houses and the Elks bond headquarters as the Third War Loan got off on its second million.

An appeal went out from bond headquarters for Klamath people to convert every idle dollar into bonds in order to promote savings and swell the \$3 billion purchases in this county.

Larger purchases were coming in, but it was the buying of smaller bonds that particularly pleased campaign workers. They warmly praised 180 Klamath youngsters, who bought bonds with stamp book money on Saturday.

Sears, Roebuck and Company reported to bond headquarters the purchase of a \$20,000 bond credited to Klamath County.

A. M. Collier, county judge and chairman of the Klamath County War Loan Committee, announced that the county had just received \$200,000 in bonds purchased by the county.



Gen. George Marshall

peak of training and are poised for aggressive deployment all over the world, the chief of staff said he was puzzled "by the reaction at this time."