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Thus, the Alaskan dimout was to an end at the same time the similarly prescribed dimout for the Atlantic Gulf and Pacific states.

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"We headed at full speed for the position. My mind was filled with plans galore. The sub I had promised my district captain was in the bag. The ship rolled and pitched, general quaggers was sounded, lifeboats made ready, all hands assigned to battle stations throughout the night. We hoped that would be the time we had a sub to our credit. We felt sure it would. The McLane had been notified and she joined us from the southward.

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"The fifth day at 0900 the Mack sent us the emergency signal and I gave the report, 'Have a sub contact!' She dropped depth charge, but nothing happened. We watched and waited. At 0915 we felt a terrific explosion, quite close, tier water. The Mack also felt it. My conclusion was that depth charge had probably landed on the deck of the sub and rolled off the deck just before the explosion depth was reached. We saw no evidence of a hit. We decided to let there and return to the me of the first contact. We were discouraged. I felt that had botched the job, but we did not give up now.

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Alaska herring catches this year were 47 million pounds over the catch last year of 36,802,250.

## Britain Cheered By Moscow Pact

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With the Russians driving toward the Crimea over a broad front, it was impossible any longer for the Germans to evacuate large forces by the only railway which runs up the Perehopy isthmus. This neck of land is only four miles wide at its narrowest point. It runs to Kherson on the lower Dnieper but the Russians brought it within easy artillery range yesterday with the capture of Chaplinka.

Thus the railroad has become virtually useless to the Germans as a line of communication by day and in another 24 hours should be severed by the Reds. German troop concentrations and transport columns attempting to flee from the death trap

## Nazi Collapse Is Possible Halifax Says

British Ambassador Back from England Radiates Optimism

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Prospects of a breaching enemy resistance were sketched with the possibility of Germany being besieged by enemies, growing unrest in the east countries and on the front. Battered by Axis bombings, the Germanization at home, the opinion of the British government was being discussed with the British government. He said the British government was being discussed with the British government.

Morgenthau Is Back. WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr., has returned to his post after a three-day absence. He said he had heard nothing of the peace overtures. Britain still stands conditional surrender.

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## Foremost, McLane Sink Sub

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and directed the Mack to come up astern. The Mack's skipper went into the eyes of his vessel and I went to the fantail of the Foremost. By now the two ships were in column formation, not 30 feet apart. Suddenly I realized we were too close, and I signaled the skipper to drop astern at once. Seeing the danger, he ordered his engines to be reversed.

### TORPEDO MISSES

"It was this fortunate move on the part of the Mack's skipper that prevented a disaster. Just at that moment, a cry came up from the crew, 'torpedo.' The skipper of the Mack pointed at it, following it across her bow, not more than a foot away, and just in the wake of his ship, caused by the reversing of her engines. It was easily spotted as an air driven torpedo, and with wide open eyes, I followed it with pointing finger as it passed on its futile mission. It was seen clearly by many of the crew.

"What a silly thing for me to do, stop and drift and make such an easy target for the Japs. Live and learn, I hope.

"The OD on the Mack and the quartermaster on watch of the Foremost spotted the periscope simultaneously. Their skipper reported that he had made contact again, and that the signals were so loud it sounded as though his men were chipping paint. The Foremost made a dash for the periscope while the Mack followed. Left full rudder and full speed ahead was given.

"My impatience must have bothered the chief for I heard him say 'God love this sailor and have mercy on this engine.' I was making forty more turns than he had ever run it.

### OIL, AIR BUBBLES

"We got to the spot and I gave the signal to let go. 'Chow down,' yelled the cook. (This he had yelled whenever he let go the depth charges.)

Mack let go with two charges. There was now a large amount of air and oil bubbles over the surface, but we were not satisfied.

"Orders for another attack were given, and we left a buoy there to mark the spot. Just then another contact was made by the Mack. The sound was so loud, according to them, it sounded as though they were having engine or propeller trouble. It was not long before the periscope was again seen by the two ships, and the Foremost made a dash for it.

"We cracked the submarine hard, knocking our false keel about eight inches out of center. The impact was terrific. We felt as though we were running over a rock pile. The Foremost dropped two more depth charges and then the Mack came up behind us with two charges, and did she finish him off! The soundman heard no more. Large gushing bubbles of oil and air came to the surface constantly from the spot and covered the area for miles. The buoy remained to mark the spot, where oil was still coming to the surface as we left the next morning.

"That morning we were again sent on another sub search 30 miles north of the area involved, but none were detected. We hated to give up if there was another one there. We definitely would like to get another. We wonder if the Japs are as anxious as we are to pay our respects.

### "WELL DONE"

"At 2300 we received a dispatch, 'Well done' from our district captain, and orders were given to stand by for relief on the following day. That was not hard to take. I passed the word to the crew. You can bet your bottom dollar we won't relax our vigil, for maybe the last big fellow we searched for today may hunt us to night."

THE term baker's dozen dates back to early days in England when tradesmen

## Mr. McKinney Personal Succumbs At 72

### Veteran Sawmill Employee Lost Arm in Accident At Plant 28 Years Ago

C. W. McKinney, 72, old-time resident of Ketchikan, died at the Ketchikan General hospital yesterday morning, after becoming seriously ill a few days ago. He was taken to the hospital at noon Saturday.

Mr. McKinney, better known as Mac, had been in ill health for some time and only last month made a brief trip to the states in an effort to improve his condition.

He had been an employee of the Ketchikan Spruce Mills for more than 30 years, first joining it as a saw filer in 1912. About three years later he lost an arm in an accident at the mill. He was employed by the mill until 1941. Several years ago he operated a gun shop on Mission street.

Mr. McKinney was born at Portsmouth, Ohio. Survivors include a sister in Spokane, another sister in Los Angeles, a brother in Pennsylvania and a niece in Luckasville, Ohio.

He was a member of the Elks lodge. Funeral arrangements had not been completed by early this afternoon.

## UMW Committee Ponders Moves

WASHINGTON, D. C. (AP) — The United Mine Workers union policy committee this afternoon deferred conclusive action on the question of ending the current coal mine strike which has made most of the nation's 374,000 soft coal miners idle. Instead of acting on acceptance of the war labor board's proffered \$1.12½ increase per day or continuance of the walkout.

Funeral services for G. Barnard, 53, who died at Ketchikan General hospital last night, are to be held at the Episcopal church Friday, it was learned today. Mr. Barnard's sister and daughter are to arrive here from Seattle early in the week to attend the ices.

City officials today expressed their appreciation of the cooperation of local youngsters in their observance of Halloween. Except for heavy soap windows in business houses a few instances of garbage being kicked over or the annual observance quiet.

Lieutenant (j.g.) J. C. J. and Ensign L. E. Schindler returned to Ketchikan following a tour of duty during the past month.

Mrs. Evan Williams has returned to Ketchikan fromATTLE where she visited her daughter, Evelyn, who recently became the mother of a daughter.

Funeral services for J. Collins, 23, who died at the Ketchikan General hospital Friday, were held Saturday at the Home Union taking parlors with Major F. A. Dorin of the Salvation Army officiating. Pallbearers were Peter Kyan, John Reece, Peter John Collins was a grandson of the well known Tessa Collins who until his death was leader of the Salvation Army at Klawock. Survivors include his mother at Hemlock and several relatives at Klawock.

Edward R. Cox and Ernest Olofgren were married Saturday by U. S. Commissioner P. Gilmore.

Ray Reagan, formerly of Ketchikan and now with the army transport service, was a visitor in town over the weekend. He is stationed at Port

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