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BEFORE the present era of buy-
ing on the installment plan
everything from stockings to sea-
wearing was the buying of homes,
the only installment buying of any-
thing was the buying of homes.
The slogan was "pay like rent"—
and it still is, although some of the
lenders now claim the payments to
be less than rent. That may ac-
count for the rather startling fact
fewer people own homes now (the
figure is in percentage) than owned
homes in 1900.

Not only is the percentage of
home owners in our population
lower than it was in 1900, but re-
liable estimates reveal that it will
be necessary for us to build a mil-
lion homes a year for 10 years to
bring us up to the level of 1900.
The rate the past five years has
been less than half of that. In 1939,
however, due to the pressure of
FHA and other home loaning agen-
cies, the home building rate went
up. It is heading up even higher
for 1940.

The official home building record
for the city of Roseburg is inter-
esting for it proves that we follow
the national average pretty closely.
In 1937, 10 homes were built;
in 1938, 8; in 1939 the total for
Roseburg was 12.

But here is the interesting fig-
ure: Thus far in 1940 (the first
three months) nine building per-
mits for new homes have been is-
sued. That represents a greater
building volume than the entire
year 1938 and is almost equal to
the entire year 1937. On a per
capita basis the 12 homes built
here last year represented exactly
the national average rate of home
building. This year we shall sur-
ely build twice as many as the 1939
national average.

These are interesting and in-
spiring facts. Home ownership is
one of the grandest attributes of
the American people and of our
form of government. To buy or
build a home should be the great-
est ambition of the American fam-
ily.

Competition for the income dol-
lar has been mighty keen these
last ten years. The refrigerator
people have done a wonderful
selling job. Autos have constantly put
out ever more attractive new mod-
els. New radios and improvements
therein have come in for their
share of the family income. The
idea of buying a home has taken
a back seat for some little time
now. But that is changing. Easter
financing, attractive plans and im-
proved service for building all are
making their impression against
the previously more aggressive
competition of the other luxurious
items.

Editorials on News

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to succeed him. That has been
done rather often, and is a nice
gesture.

But it tends to set up precedent
for the idea of hereditary interest
in office. That idea isn't sound
in this country.

HOWARD PHILBRICK resigns
as director of motor vehicles
in California (salary \$6,000 a year),
giving as one of his reasons the
planting of a dictatorship, for spy-
ing purposes, in the office of
Speaker Gordon Garland of the as-
sembly.

Philbrick, obviously thinking of
the dictatorship incident as one of
the handiworks of public service in
these hectic days, says he has been
offered private employment which

In justice to his family he can't
afford to refuse.
Private employment, you see,
LOOKS ATTRACTIVE to him.
That is worth thinking about at
this time when government is rap-
idly becoming our biggest em-
ployer.

Naval Clash Won't Put End to War

Even If Allies Win They Face
Gigantic Task in Trying
To Oust Nazis From Norway.

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

Just by way of showing the
orange light of caution one is im-
pelled to say that until the smoke
of the naval engagement off the
Norwegian coast lifts to give us
details of what is now a mystery-
battle we shall do well to sit tight
and not rock our own boat with
excited speculation.

All we know of a certainty is that
allied and German naval and air
units are, or have been, in conflict
on an angry sea, would appear
that for the first time in history
warships have been supported by
squadrons of bombing and fighting
planes.

If we could say that the entire
British grand fleet and the whole
German navy were engaged on one
colossal conflict, then we should
be able to suggest that disaster
might lurk in the storm clouds for
one side or the other.

It is improbable, however, that
forces of such magnitude have been
involved. This naval engage-
ment isn't going to end the war.
What we can see is that upon
the outcome of this battle, or series
of battles, depends to large degree
whether the allies will be able to
give Norway immediate assistance
in the way of landing expeditionary
troops.

Coup Weighed Lightly
And it must be added that even
if the allied naval contingents are
completely successful, the Anglo-
French brotherhood face a formid-
able task in that the Germans al-
ready are in occupation of Norway
in considerable numbers. It would
be a heroic job for a landing force
to fight its way ashore in the face
of such opposition.

Germany's coup in occupying
Norway and Denmark is likely to
have a far-reaching moral effect,
and it might even mean another
change in Europe's kaleidoscopic
map, but from the present military
standpoint there actually hasn't
been much shifting of weights.

It we assume for the sake of ar-
gument that the Nazis will be able
to maintain their positions for the
time being (and that is a reason-
able assumption), then they have
made a considerable gain at the
expense of the English and French.
There is, however, certainly nothing
catastrophic about the affair or
even approaching the decisive—
excepting from the standpoint of
unhappy Norway and Denmark.

That is today, the relative status
of the belligerents remains about
the same. This statement naturally
is subject to qualifications if the
naval battles produce a tremendous
upset.

Sonja Henie Has Operation at Sea

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—
(AP)—Sonja Henie, film actress
and skating star, arrived here
weak and wan today as a result
of a throat infection which neces-
sitated an emergency operation at
sea.

She remained in the care of a
nurse in her stateroom and Ma-
son line officials said she would
remain in bed until the ship
reaches Los Angeles Friday morn-
ing. It arrived here from Hon-
olulu today.

The operation for a peritoni-
al abscess was performed by Dr.
M. W. Brachvogel of Aberdeen,
Wash., a passenger and acquain-
tance of Miss Henie, two days ago.
He was aided by the ship's physi-
cian, Dr. J. G. Terry, who said to-
day the actress was well on the
road to recovery.

Arriving on the same ship was
Don Topping, New York sportsman
with whom Miss Henie's name has
been linked romantically for some
time. Topping also was on the
boat on which the actress went to
Honolulu several weeks ago.

Tom Burnett Featured in Magazine Article

Tom Burnett of Dillard, pioneer
roughneck driver of Oregon and
northern California, was the sub-
ject of a feature article published
in the March 28 issue of the Chris-
tian Science Monitor, an international
newspaper published at Boston,
Mass.

The article, written by
Paul Lay of Medford, tells of Bur-
nett's experiences in early Dou-
glas county days.

Every time we get used to pro-
nouncing a French pronoun's name,
a new one taken over and we've
got to learn all over again.

OUT OUR WAY



End of Steelhead Netting is Sought

Harris Ellsworth, president of
the Roseburg Rod and Gun club,
left last night for Portland, where
he is representing southern Oregon
sportsmen at a meeting called by
the Oregon Wildlife council. The
meeting is scheduled as a confer-
ence between selected representa-
tives of sportsmen's groups, com-
mercial fishermen and state fish
and game officials. The announced
purpose is an effort to reach an
agreement with regard to fishing
regulations and particularly to halt
netting and sale of steelheads.
Oregon, it is pointed out in notices
concerning the conference, is the
only state in the coastal area which
now permits steelheads to be taken
commercially and it is hoped that
the conference will result in an
agreement leading to legisla-
tion placing steelheads in the
game fish category.

KRRR Mutual Broadcasting System 1500 Kilocycles

REMAINING HOURS TODAY
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
4:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
4:30—Tea Time Dance, MBS.
4:45—Lazy Rhapody, MBS.
5:00—Shaffer Parker, MBS.
5:15—Varieties, MBS.
5:30—Little Orphan Annie, Oval-
tine, MBS.
5:45—Tonight's Tune, MBS.
6:00—News, Calif. Pacific Utili-
ties Co., MBS.
6:10—News-Review News Flashes,
MBS.
6:15—Dinner Dance, MBS.
6:30—John B. Hughes, Avalon Ci-
garettes, MBS.
6:45—Paging the Post, MBS.
7:00—Raymond Gram Swing,
MBS.
7:15—Mutual Maestros, MBS.
7:30—Lone Ranger, MBS.
7:45—Dance Orch., MBS.
8:00—AAU Boxing Finals, MBS.
8:15—Music by Faith, MBS.
8:30—Alka Seltzer News, MBS.
8:45—AAU Boxing Finals, MBS.
9:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
9:15—European Golden Gloves
Boxing, MBS.
10:00—SIGN OFF.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
7:00—Stunt and Nononsense,
MBS.
7:30—News-Review of the Air,
MBS.
7:45—News, State and Local,
MBS.
8:00—Breakfast Club, MBS.
8:15—This and That in Melody,
MBS.
8:45—Bachyve Four, MBS.
9:00—Symphony, MBS.
9:15—U. S. Navy Band, MBS.
9:30—Ma Perkins, Proctor &
Gamble, MBS.
9:45—Broadcast of Elm Street, Oval-
tine, MBS.
10:00—Adventures of Uncle Jim-
my, Coppo, MBS.
10:15—The Happy Gang, MBS.
10:30—Fleming's Crime Orch., MBS.
10:40—Bachelor's Children, Old
Dutch Cleaner, MBS.
11:00—Our Friendly Neighbors,
MBS.
11:15—John D. Butler, MBS.
11:30—School of the Air, MBS.
11:45—Salon Interlude, MBS.
12:00—Lunchon Dance, MBS.
12:15—Henry Chinco's Orch.,
MBS.
12:30—Rhythm at Ratonch,
MBS.
12:45—News, Safeway Stores,
MBS.
1:00—News-Review of the Air,
MBS.
1:15—Henninger's Man On the
Street, MBS.
1:30—Don Lee School of the Air,
MBS.
1:45—The Quiet Hour, MBS.
2:00—At Your Command, MBS.
2:30—Johnson Family, MBS.
2:45—American Legion News Da-
rge, MBS.
3:00—Ted Flo Rite's Orch., MBS.
3:30—Vagabond's Traffic, MBS.
4:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
4:15—Haven of Rest, MBS.
4:30—Tea Time Dance, MBS.
4:45—American Family Robinson,
MBS.
5:00—Lazy Rhapody, MBS.
5:15—Shaffer Parker, MBS.
5:30—Concho Sketches, MBS.
5:45—Little Orphan Annie, Oval-
tine, MBS.
6:00—Tonight's Tune, MBS.
6:05—News, Calif. Pacific Utili-
ties Co., MBS.
6:10—News-Review News Flashes,
MBS.
6:15—Dinner Dance, MBS.
6:30—John B. Hughes, MBS.
6:45—Paging the Post, MBS.

By Williams

SERIAL STORY

K. O. CAVALIER

BY JERRY BRONDFIELD

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
VAL DOUGLAS—girl sports
writer, shipped on a freighter to
find excitement.
EDDIE CAVALIER—a prize
fighter headed for the title, has a
score to settle with Val.
CAPTAIN STEVE HANSEN—
skipper of the Northern Belle.
DUFFY KELSO—Cavalier's
manager.

YESTERDAY: Eddie apologizes
to Kelly for letting his temper
get away from him but Val is
not convinced. She sees the fight
in her story. Captain Hansen
hints that the future of the entire
line depends on getting this ship-
ment to port safely and on time.
Duffy complains about the food,
gets himself assigned to galley
duty.

CHAPTER IX

The Pacific wasn't so gentle the
next day as they headed north-
ward. There was a more pro-
nounced roll under the "Northern
Belle," and every once in awhile
she dipped deep into a heavy sea
that sent spray hissing over her
forward deck.

Val picked her way along the
after deck and tied a knot in a
rope holding together some life
preservers. It had slipped a little.
When she looked up Eddie Caval-
ier was waiting for her. He
reached down, tucked at the rope
experimentally and grunted with
satisfaction.

"Since when are you checking
up on me?" she flared.
"All in the interests of public
welfare," he murmured. "Some-
one's life may depend on just
such a little thing as a knot. Any-
way, I was a Boy Scout once and
I know all about knots."

"Y'know," she said slowly, "I've
often wondered why you ever be-
came a fighter?"
He gave her a long look.

"Why?" never mind. Just a
sudden thought. "They're more
brusquely. 'By the way, what's
on the program for today?'"
"A little rope-skipping."
"Little jogging. Pop says nothing heavy."

"Fine story that'll make for
me," she commented.
He showed her a can of meat
tins he had in his hand. "First
I'm going to work out on some of
these deck-fittings. You might get
something out of that."

For almost an hour she watched
him polish brass until the metal
glinted in the sun.
"When you're all washed up in
the ring I can get you a job pol-
ishing mail boxes and door
handles in a New York apartment
house."

"Thanks. I might need it at
that," he said evenly.
He shook his polishing cloth in
the wind. "Hey, what is this? A
change of heart. I thought you
hated my internal workings—
otherwise known as guts."

She felt a faint flush gathering
in her face. She strove for an
answer and found herself all tied
up. If only she could say some-
thing. She wasn't angry, though.
Of that she was certain.

He turned to his task again but
when he looked up a minute later
she was gone.

Eddie Cavalier watched the
slender figure climb the com-
panionway to the upper deck. His
eyes followed her until she dis-
appeared into the chart room.

Eddie was very thoughtful for
a long minute. Funny, the way
they had been at each other's
throats since they'd known each
other.

Eddie Cavalier hadn't had much
time for women. He always had
to work too hard. So he knew he
oughtn't make comparisons. Still,
he bet himself, she probably had
a lot more than the usual run of
females. She merely had to be
slapped down once. That's all.
Just once. And maybe, he figured,
he'd be the one to do it yet.

"Hello, Matey," Captain Han-
sen boomed as she entered.
"What's stirring?"
"Nothing. That's the trouble,"
she said morosely.

"Hold on," he said quickly.
"Here comes Joe Barnes and he's
coming awful fast. He's a real
scoundrel. The scoundrel came up the
companionway two steps at a time."
This Kelso, Mr. He says Wong
Lee has poisoned him. He sent
word he was awful sick."

"What's that?" Hansen bel-
lowed. "Poisoned? Edible?"
"Whatever it is, it's a story," Val
bawled and went on to show in a
flash, Captain Hansen followed
her.

Together they dashed into Wong
Lee's galley. "Wong—what's this
about you poisoning Mister Kel-
so?" Hansen asked.

Wong smiled broadly and in-
vited his most clever. "No no-
poison. Mister Kelso," he said
blandly. "But he like ta."
"No doubt," Val muttered, "and
with just cause."
"Then why does he insist you
poisoned him? Where is he, any-
way?"

Wong smiled. "No poison," he
repeated. "Too much rock today."
He made rolling motions with his
hand and suddenly it dawned on
them.

There isn't a doctor within 100
miles of us but don't worry. You'll
pull through . . . and you haven't
been poisoned.
"You can't tell me that," he
moaned. "That Chinese don't like
me now."

"Kell's o," Hansen chuckled.
"You're just plain seasick and
don't know it."
Val nodded. "That's right.
Duffy. Plain old mal de mer."
"Can you die from it?" he whis-
pered.

Val shook her head in the nega-
tive.
"Someone's a liar," he croaked.
"Cause I'm dyin'!"

Val hurried down to her cabin
and got out her portable. She
sat immobile for two or three
minutes before she had her head
lugged out. She buttered away
at the keys for a half hour, then
scrampered up to the radio room
with her story.

"Get this off, will you Sparks?
We can just about make the after-
noon editions with this."
She hadn't been gone five min-
utes when Eddie Cavalier strolled
in.

"Hi, Sparks."
"Howdy, champ," the radio
operator greeted him. "Have a
good workout?"

"Pretty fair. What'd you got there
Shakespeare?" another story from Miss
Shakespeare nodded. "Yup . . . and
it's a whopper, too. Here, you can
read over my shoulder."

Eddie peered down and a wide
grin broke over his face as he
read.
"Duffy Kelso lies dying in his
bunk even as I am writing this."
At least so he thinks. The pop-
ular manager of "Pretty Pants" Caval-
ier, pretender to the middle-
weight throne, lies a victim of mal
de mer in the advanced stages.
And for the first time in his life,
Duffy Kelso is a thoroughly beat-
en and subdued individual.

Eddie Cavalier's grin blended
into a burst of laughter as he
read on. "Wait! The boys get a
load of this," he chuckled.
"They'll never let Duffy live it
down."

"Say, that dame can write, can't
she?" he said to Sparks.
"You said it, Pretty Pants," said
Sparks, and Eddie grinned even
wider.

(To be continued)

Oregon's Desert Turned Into Bog

BURNS, April 10.—(AP)—Drip-
ping springtime turned the arid
dry high desert country into a
bog today.

Water forecasters reach-
ed Harney county in a rainstorm
yesterday to find the sagebrush
standing in water and fair size
streams gushing from the hill-
sides.

The Harney branch experiment
station reported rainfall from De-
cember 1 was twice as great as
any corresponding period in 26
years of record. February precipi-
tation of 3.01 inches and 2.11
inches in March were the highest
for those months in more than a
quarter of a century. More rain
has fallen already in the crop year
since September 1 than the 26-year
average for 12 months.

Springs forever dry in the mem-
ory of most residents have sud-
denly bubbled into life. Every wa-
terhole is full and almost forest
snow lakes along the Harney
Lakeview highway are covered
with water.

R. A. Work, leader of the water
forecast team, picked up a man who
had mired down 20 miles from
here trying to drive across a
muddy sagebrush road a mile off
the main highway.

Stockmen predicted the best
grazing year since the beginning of
the recent dry cycle and other
farmers see an excellent season
ahead in surveys gathered by
County Agent W. A. Sawyer.

No one has ventured an explana-
tion for the change in central Ore-
gon's arid climate but it has taken
on characteristics heretofore re-
served for moist Willamette valley.

Business Upturn Talk is Cautious

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—
Prospects for an upturn in busi-
ness found guarded support today
from the federal reserve board.

Taking issue with the theory
that improvement must await the
exhaustion of present large in-
ventories, the board estimated in
its monthly bulletin that con-
sumption of American factory pro-
ducts was "at least as large" as
production.

In a pecked like the present,
the bulletin said it might appear
advantageous to keep larger inven-
tories than usual in some commodi-
ties to a point below consump-
tion.

The board noted that its season-
ally adjusted index of industrial
production had dropped from 125
last December to 105 in March.
The March figure, however, was
7 points higher than last year's,
and 2 to 4 points above the levels
of last summer.

Club to Entertain Husbands—
The members of the Methodist
Keynote club will entertain their
husbands Thursday night at a 6:30
o'clock potluck dinner at the
church parlors. Mrs. Earl Wiley,
will be in charge of the dinner
with Mrs. C. K. Rand in charge of
the entertainment.

Research Work of Students Offered

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—
Accounts of research work carried
on by graduate students at Oregon
State college which have value to
the public will no longer need to
repose on the shelves of the col-
lege library in manuscript form,
more or less inaccessible for use,
as a result of a theses publication
project which has been carried out
by the Oregon state system of
higher education for the benefit of
the state college and university.

These considered of public value
are being mimeographed through a
Mimeo project by which they are
being made available for sale at
nominal prices ranging from 15c
to 50c each, depending upon the
size. Included in a list of avail-
able theses published recently are
14 from Oregon State college.
These include reports of work done
in the field of agriculture, biology,
chemistry, forestry and home econ-
omies.

The published list of available
theses which shows the price of
each may be obtained from the
state college or from the mailing
department of the state system of
higher education in Eugene.

Lamoreaux Infant Son Passes at Edenbow

Edward Lewis Lamoreaux, Jr.,
infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L.
Lamoreaux, died this morning at
his home in Edenbow. He was
born in Roseburg April 4. Grave-
side services will be held in the
L. O. O. F. cemetery at Oakland at
2:30 p. m. Thursday. Arrange-
ments are in charge of the Rose-
burg Undertaking company.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE
PACIFIC NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA, IN THE
CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1939.**

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock	\$1,000,000.00
Reserve fund	2,000,000.00
Surplus	1,000,000.00
Total	\$4,000,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$1,000,000.00
Interest on investments	100,000.00
Dividends on investments	50,000.00
Other income	10,000.00
Total income	\$1,160,000.00
EXPENDITURES	
Net claims paid during the year	\$1,000,000.00
Interest on investments	100,000.00
Dividends on investments	50,000.00
Other expenses	10,000.00
Total expenditures	\$1,160,000.00
ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned	\$1,000,000.00
Value of bonds owned	1,000,000.00
Value of stocks owned	1,000,000.00
Value of other assets	100,000.00
Total admitted assets	\$4,000,000.00
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses un- paid	\$1,000,000.00
Amount of claims paid during the year	\$1,000,000.00
Net claims paid during the year	\$1,000,000.00
Interest on investments	100,000.00
Dividends on investments	50,000.00
Other liabilities	10,000.00
Total liabilities	\$4,000,000.00

Walter R. Feltz,
Secretary

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