

Fire Erases Block Of Dwellings at Astoria

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of the Finnish district, and the Lopakka rooming house. Also burned were three apartments over the Keranen garage and Werner's bakery, owned by Mrs. Lydia Wouri.

Saved was \$10,000 in cash which tenants of the rooming house had entrusted to John Lopakka. He wrapped the money in a sheet, and dashed from the doomed building.

It was the worst fire here since the conflagration of Dec. 8, 1922, when virtually the entire business district was burned. The loss was more than \$11,000,000.

Afterwards the district was rebuilt into a modern, fire-proof city center.

The long-established western end of town, however, remains largely of wooden construction.

\$150,000 FIRE DESTROYS RIDGEFIELD SAWMILL

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., July 21 (AP)—Fire destroyed completely the Bratlie Brothers lumber mill here late last night and slightly damaged the shingle plant.

J. L. Bratlie, president, estimated loss at \$150,000.

The fire broke out of the dry kilns and got a roaring start. The Ridgefield volunteer fire department was unable to reach the mill at once because the road was blocked for 20 minutes by two logging trains.

Bratlie said only two cars of lumber were saved. Other piles, stored on docks, were consumed by flames. The mill was working on war orders.

He added, however, that the mill, normally employings between 150 and 175 men, could be in production on green lumber within a week if he could obtain priorities on necessary equipment. The loss of the kilns would prevent production of dry lumber for some time.

Fire equipment was called from Vancouver and Woodland. Two

firemen, Clarence Smith, who was overcome by smoke, and George Coley, fire chief, who injured a leg in a fall from scaffolding, were hospitalized at Vancouver.

SILVERTON, Ore., July 21 (AP)—The old Fischer flouring mill structure had its fifth fire last night within 11 months. The blaze was spectacular, but little damage was caused. Most of the damage occurred in the first fire last August.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21 (AP)—The U. S. Forestry service responded quickly to a call for fire fighters to combat a series of fires in remote Siskiyou county.

Forestry officials arranged with United Air lines to send a transport plane to Reno, Nev., yesterday, pick up a waiting crew of 18 men and fly them to the fire area in California.

The plane landed at Montague, east of Yreka. The fires were believed caused by lightning. Extent of the damage was not known.

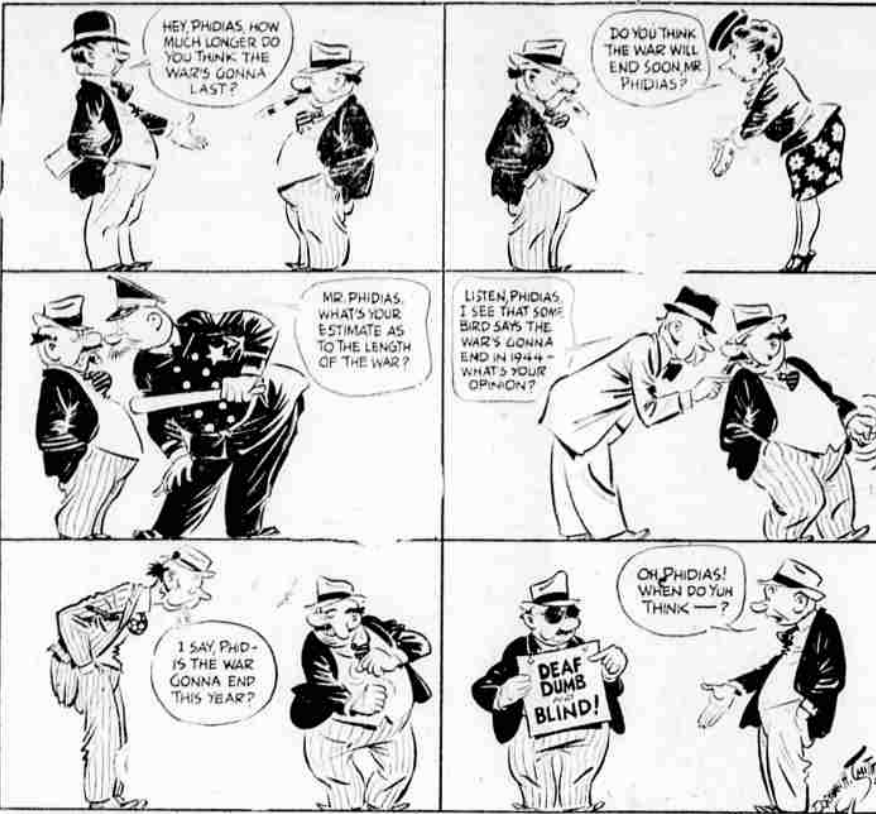
Burning Permits Put Under Official Taboo

A proclamation by Governor Snell, cancelling all burning permits, was received today by Fred Southwick, supervising warden of the Douglas Forest Protective association. The proclamation, issued at the request of the state forester, prohibits all burning outside of municipalities. Each municipality is in control of burning permits within its own limits. The proclamation is immediately effective Southwick said.

Mrs. A. H. Marsh Funeral Will Be Held Friday

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Friday at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel for Mrs. A. H. Marsh, who died Tuesday morning at her home in Garden Valley. The service will be conducted by the Rev. R. A. Feemstra. Interment will follow in the Masonic cemetery.

Yeah, Sherman Was Right!



Four of Family Drown in Lake While Fishing

POND'S LODGE, Idaho, July 21 (AP)—Recovery of the bodies of two Idaho Falls women and a five-year old child from the bottom of Island park reservoir was reported last night.

The body of Mrs. Mary Madison, 67, the other member of a party of four drowned in the huge artificial lake while fishing Monday, was found floating on the surface Monday night.

The three found today were Mrs. George Standen, 46; Mrs. William Standen, 25; and Sandre Standen, 5.

George Standen and his son, Lt. William Standen, Idaho Falls, were rescued.

New U. S. Warship to Bear Negro Hero's Name

BOSTON, July 21 (AP)—The first United States warship named in honor of a Negro, the destroyer escort Harmon, will be launched next Sunday, July 25, at

the Fore river yard of the Bethlehem Steel company, Quincy.

Secretary of the Navy Knox assigned the name to honor the late Roy Harmon, mess attendant, first class, U. S. N., who was awarded the navy cross posthumously for "extraordinary heroism" while serving aboard the U. S. S. San Francisco.

Harmon was 26 years old and the son of Mrs. Naunita Harmon Carroll of Cuero, Texas, who will sponsor the new vessel. He was killed in action against Japanese forces in the battle of Guadalcanal, November 12 and 13, 1942.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES—MEILCKE-LEUENBERGER—Albert H. Meilcke, Oregon City, and Marie L. Leuenberger, Milwaukie, Ore.

DIVORCE COMPLAINTS—CHAMBERS—Maudie versus Lloyd R. Chambers; married Oct. 1, 1915; cruelty.

Funeral Services Held For Harvey A. Roser

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today at the Roseburg Undertaking company chapel for Harvey Arthur Roser, 40, who died Tuesday morning at his home at 140 Parrott St., Roseburg.

Born at Argentine, Kansas, Nov. 20, 1902, he had spent the greater part of his life as a resident of Douglas county.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Kendall Roser; two sons, Jerry Roser; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Roser, Roseburg; and five brothers and sisters: Avery Roser, Plenty Wood, Mont.; Mrs. Lawrence (Carol) Herscher, Dillard; Mrs. Merl (Bernice) Austin, Roseburg; Walter Roser, Morgantown, W. Va., now in military service; and Mrs. Roy (Helena) Peterson, Roseburg.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Soonce and was concluded at Civil Bend cemetery.

"Free Germany" Move Launched by Prisoners

MOSCOW, July 21 (AP)—Formation of a committee composed of German prisoners of war and refugees to work for a "free Germany" was announced in a manifesto published here today.

The manifesto was signed by 33 persons, including five described as former members of the reichstag, and was addressed to the German army and the German people.

President of the group is the German poet, Erich Weinert.

Truce on Farm Issue Urged on Congress

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sure for or against congressional action on farm measures.

The congressional refusal of funds for informational work followed complaints that AAA employees and committeemen had sought to influence legislative attitude on a proposed crop incentive payment program.

Ceilings on Fish Prices. These armistice moves coincided with a variety of developments on the ever-pressing food question.

They included a War Food administration decision to require slaughterers to trim more fat for lard off pork cuts, a senate committee's plans to investigate charges that chain stores have bought small meat packing plants and cut off supplies from small retailers, and the setting of new retail price ceilings on fresh fish—possibly to combat a reported "strike" of fishermen.

OPA ordered retail fish sellers to limit their prices—starting tomorrow—to a formula based on the number of cents mark-up customarily placed on fish between July 5 and July 10. Ceilings recently were imposed on wholesale transactions, which officials said brought complaints from fishermen that dealers were able to make extra profits.

From the office of the coordinator of fisheries came estimates that the workstoppage of these fishermen already is costing the country more than 5,000,000 pounds of fish a week.

Enna Captured by Americans, Canadians

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at Catania and Italian forces in the west.

Enna lies almost midway across Sicily, some 35 miles from allied invasion beachheads on the southern coast, and was the enemy's control point for lateral communications and supply routes.

The fascist communique also reported new allied bombing assaults on Naples, Italy's largest port, and Reggio Calabria on the toe of the Italian boot, as well as points in Sardinia.

Catania Still Resists

A bulletin from allied headquarters in north Africa said Gen. Montgomery's British 8th army was making "steady progress" in its climactic attack on Catania, key to the island's east coast defense system, and had inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy.

Crack German armored divisions, fighting a desperate delaying action, were previously reported to have checked the 8th army's advance at the gates of Catania.

Today's announcement of steady progress indicated that Gen. Montgomery had opened another of his famed crusher assaults by massed artillery, tanks and troops preliminary to a final drive up the coast.

Catania is only 50 miles from the axis "escape port" of Messina, which itself lies across a two-mile wide strait from the tip of the Italian mainland.

With the fall of Enna, Ameri-

Commodore's Kin



Wearing a Navy uniform is almost a birthright of WAVE Apprentice Seaman Phyllis Jean Perry, great-granddaughter of Com. Oliver Hazard Perry. Miss Perry is taking her boot training at Bronx Naval Training School.

best bet would be to abandon Italy and prepare to defend the Austrian side of the Brenner pass behind the natural fortifications of the Alps.

The drawback to that solution—aside from the tremendous blow to morale on the Nazi home front and in Hitler's satellite nations—would be that it would leave the allies free to march across Italy into Yugoslavia and establish a Balkan front.

Various reports stressed increasing uneasiness in the Balkans as the situation moved toward a showdown.

Istanbul reports said Premier Antonescu had bluntly refused German demands that Rumania join in the fighting this summer against Russia, declaring that henceforth Rumania would defend only her own borders.

American Bombers Sink 3 Jap Warships

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and started large fires among supply dumps and installations at Madang, New Guinea.

NEW DELHI, July 21 (AP)—Bombers of the U. S. 10th air force yesterday heavily attacked the Myitnge railways bridge on the important Japanese-held Mandalay-Rangoon rail line in South Central Burma, a U. S. headquarter's communique said today.

Almost 30 tons of bombs were dropped on the bridge during the concentrated attack. One formation reported that bombs were seen to straddle the 150-foot span for its entire length, but resulting smoke made accurate assessment of damage impossible. Other formations reported hits on the north approach and in the center, and additional possible hits.

The Mu river railroad bridge was also attacked, with both direct and near hits reported.

The attacks were made without loss, the announcement said.

Transport Crash Near Portland Kills 4 Men

PORTLAND, Ore., July 21 (AP)—Portland army air base officials investigated today the unexplained crash of a transport that plummeted in a sharp dive onto a Columbia river island near here, killing the four men aboard.

Witnesses said black smoke was seen to pour from the plane shortly before it crashed from a height of 700 feet yesterday. The wreckage burned.

The air base said two officers and two enlisted men were aboard, but names were not disclosed at once.

Nazis Slay Frenchman For Aiding U. S. Flier

NEW YORK, July 21 (AP)—The Nazi-controlled Paris radio said today that an innkeeper in the French town of Cormelles had been put to death by order of a German military court for giving shelter to an American airman.

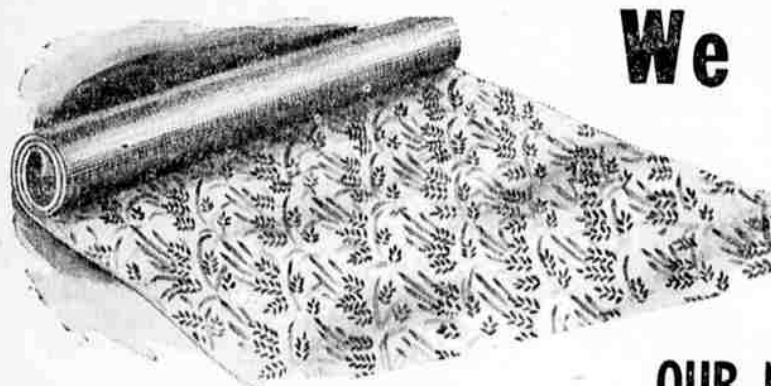
The broadcast, which was recorded by the OWI, did not disclose the fate of the American, who was said to have bailed out near the town.

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