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SPONSOR'S PARTY AT LAUNCHING OF "SILVER CREEK"—Swan Island's 145th U. S. tanker, July 31—Reading left to right, front row: Miss Mary Ellsworth, sponsor Mrs. Harris Ellsworth, and Miss Jane Ellsworth. Top row, left to right: Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Father William Coughlan, St. Joseph Catholic church, flower girl, Miss Susie Jenner, and A. R. Nieman, general manager of the Swan Island yard.

Churchill Spurns Consolation Gift

Knighthood Would Add No Lustre to His Name, High on List of Greats

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And why did Winston Churchill

beg his majesty King George

to excuse him from accepting

England's most honored knight-

hood—the Order of the Garter?

Well, of course that may be a

some what delicate question

which Mr. Churchill himself

would have to answer, but I'll bet

a shiny new sixpence that the

real reason is one he wouldn't

be likely to give. This is that the

unadorned name of Winston

Churchill already is so famous

that no title could add to its lustre.

A knighthood would be gilding

the lily.

Statesman, author, orator, war-

leader—plain Winston Churchill

stands among the great of British

history. This distinguished place

he has won by reason of his ge-

nus and through his own efforts.

That in itself is enough to make

"Sir Winston" seem strangely out

of place as designation for a man

whose name is a household word

throughout the civilized world.

But there's another reason why

a knighthood would be no promo-

tion for him. He is the grandson

of the Duke of Marlborough, and

that's mighty blue blood—none

more so.

To Remain Consistent

Extra suspects too that Churchill

wouldn't feel like accepting any-

thing less than a dukedom—the

highest rank in the peerage. And

the chances are that he wouldn't

want it at this juncture because,

coming on top of the defeat of his

conservative party by the Labor-

ites in the election, it might ap-

pear to be in the nature of a con-

solation prize. Furthermore, while

Churchill hasn't made any official

announcement, he reportedly in-

4 Generations of Ellsworth Family Appear at Launching

Mrs. Helen Ellsworth, wife of Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg, was sponsor of the S. S. Silver Creek, a tanker launched Tuesday at the Kaiser company's Swan Island shipyard in Portland. Representative Ellsworth spoke briefly to the workmen in the yard following the launching.

The ship was the 145th tanker to slide down the ways at the Kaiser yards and was named for a Marion county community.

Four generations of the Ellsworth family participated in the event, as Congressman and Mrs. Ellsworth were accompanied by Mr. Ellsworth's mother, Mrs. Eva C. Ellsworth of Eugene, while Misses Mary Margaret and Jane, daughters of Congressman and Mrs. Ellsworth, were maids of honor. Susie Jenner, a great-granddaughter of Mrs. Eva Ellsworth, was flower girl.

Rev. William Coughlan, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic church, Roseburg, also was a member of the official launching party. Mrs. Ellsworth was guest of honor at a luncheon which followed the ceremony.

Law Cited to Negligent Non-Profit Corporations

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 1.—(AP)—

Before the end of 1945, all non-

profit corporations in Oregon

must name an attorney in fact,

Corporations Commissioner Maurice

Hudson said today.

Many of the 5600 such corpora-

tions in this state, Hudson said,

have not observed a 1941 law

requiring representation by at-

torney in fact. He said no fee is

charged for filing such power of

attorney, and any officer or mem-

ber of the corporation is eligible.

Reedspott Youth Drowns

In Father's Mill Pond

REEDSPORT, Ore., Aug. 1.—

(AP)—A search for Paul Roger

Porter, 17, ended with discovery

of his body in the pond at his

father's sawmill.

The young boom man appar-

ently had fallen in while at work

at the mill of his father, Frank

Lee Porter.

Mrs. Estella Kean, the boy's

mother, lives in Albany.

Erosion Projects in Douglas County Undergo Preliminary Engineering, Court Informed

Preliminary engineering connected with a number of erosion projects in Douglas county is now in progress, the county court was informed today by T. J. Ballen and Harold McShatka, of the Army engineers.

Tentatively outlined in 1937, the projects, for which \$176,000 was appropriated, were halted by the war emergency, but are to be resumed as soon as conditions permit, it was announced. Work at Winston, Melrose, Loom Lake, Reedspott, Gardiner and Smith river is involved.

Work is planned to halt erosion of agricultural land during seasons of flood.

In Winston it is proposed to install dikes to prevent flooding of farm land. In the Melrose area the engineers plan to remove the

island at Conn's ford, thus deepening the river channel, and a rock revetment is planned at the Scott place. At Loom lake it is proposed to construct an overflow channel, in order to maintain uniform water level in the lake. Work in the Smith River, Gardiner and Reedspott districts will involve reconstruction and improvement of dikes.

The engineers report they are also investigating need for other erosion control projects along the Umpqua river and its tributaries.

Tillamook Forest Fire Roars Into Fresh Life

Wilson River, Salmonberry Blazes Unite

Raging Jordan River Fire Routs Fighters, Forced to Abandon All Equipment

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Reports of fighters being routed by flames and of lost equipment and hard-won trails came back from the Tillamook forest fire front today.

The 200,000-plus-acre burn area was roaring into new life as winds blew and humidity dropped. In several sectors conflagrations roared into new timber with such rapidity that fighting crews were helpless.

One part of the Jordan river country fire, which had been under a semblance of control for several days, was nearly trapped during early evening yesterday. It escaped without casualties, but equipment and tools were left behind. The fire spread beyond trails into green trees.

More line was lost in section 35, Western Washington county, in the Scroggins creek sector. Another finger was defying control as it pushed along mountains between the Trask and Tualatin watersheds.

Situation Summarized

Although smoke blankets the area, preventing reconnaissance, the picture is this: The main Wilson river and Salmonberry fires, weeks old, have consolidated. Normal winds and tremendous drafts created by the fires send fingers of flame hop-skipping. Fires are set sometimes several miles away.

These spot fires expand into major blazes. Shifting wind pushed

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Big Three Meet Finished; Report Promised Friday

POTSDAM, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Big Three came to the end early tonight of their historic sessions upon which the future peace of the world may possibly hinge.

President Truman is due to fly to England tomorrow to meet King George after his last meeting with Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin.

It was announced to allied correspondents that no press representatives would be permitted to see the ceremonial conclusion of the parley. A negative reply was given to correspondents' letters to each of the Big Three asking conferences with them or the heads of their foreign ministries.

It was indicated the final communique would be issued on Friday, one day after the last meeting with Prime Minister Attlee and Premier Stalin.

The conference's survival of the defeat of the government of Prime Minister Churchill, one of the original Big Three, apparently demonstrated the solid foundation for decisions which had been reached.

Smashed Plane Found, With Four Occupants Dead

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 1.—(AP)—A party of relatives and friends of three Portland air travelers killed in a crash in desolate country 40 miles south of here will hike in today to hold burial services.

Soldiers from Camp White and foresters who arrived here this morning after an all-night trip to the scene said it was decided not to bring the bodies out.

The dead, found with the wreckage on Butte Fork, nearly four miles south of the California-Oregon border, were: Sylvan L. Gosliner, his wife, Ruby, and her sister Mrs. Alma V. Pratt, all Portland; the pilot, identified only as "Mr. Armstrong."

Word of the tragedy was sent to a forest service station in Applegate Valley last night by walkie-talkie radio. The 25-man searching party of Camp White soldiers and forest service men, started back for Medford last night after finding the bodies.

The searchers started for the spot shortly after noon yesterday after a forest service pilot, winging over the Siskiyou National forest, had seen the plane "standing on its nose."

Manslaughter Guilt in Homicide Admitted

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 1.—

(AP)—Charged with the fatal shooting of Edwy Dutton, 36,

Portland, in a housing project quarrel Jan. 7, Arthur K. Rowe,

32, Vancouver, has pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

Rowe was ordered held in the county jail until Jan. 4, 1946.

Elliott Roosevelt Declares Late President Did Not Aid In Any of His Business Deals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt says anyone who claims the late president "promoted or assisted" his son's business affairs is lying.

And, young Roosevelt in a sharply-worded statement last night, that he is leaving the air force simply because he does not wish to be an arm-chair general.

He made the decision a month before published reports about his business transactions which led to a congressional investigation, Roosevelt said, adding of the reports:

"I conducted my own business affairs. The responsibility was and still is mine and mine alone."

Asserting he had nothing to conceal, the general said he was cooperating with a Treasury investigation of his affairs and had asked the department to "make public all the facts, without reservation, at the earliest possible moment."

"I am entitled to a full public statement of those facts for the sake of my family," Roosevelt said. His statement was made public by his attorney, Randolph Paul, former general counsel of the Treasury.

The treasury began its investigation on orders of the House Ways and Means and Senate Fi-

Size of Army Exceeds Need, Critics Assert

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Army moved in two directions today to avert a transportation crisis but came under renewed fire for its plans to keep 7,000,000 men in uniform for the Pacific war.

To ease the pressure on railroads resulting from troop movements, the War department said:

1. It is turning over to commercial airlines enough army planes and pilots to move 25,000 troops a month across the country by air.

2. It is speeding up the discharge of high-point soldiers with railroad experience "to the maximum extent consistent with military needs and the orderly process of redeployment."

Claim Army Too Big

Meanwhile, senator Johnson (D-Colo.) contended that the Army is keeping too many soldiers in uniform above its real needs. He prepared to tell his colleagues that unless the army speeds demobilization the nation may see a postwar "dumping of manpower" that will mean serious unemployment.

Johnson, a member of the senate military committee, voiced his contention while a top administration official was telling another reporter that 7,000,000 men seem to him "a helluva big army for the one-front war."

This official, who expressed his views on the understanding he

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Flour Subsidy Rate for August Is Reduced

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The Reconstruction Finance corporation today announced a decrease in the flour subsidy rate for August.

The rate on wheat ground outside of the Pacific coast area—except wheat originating on the Pacific coast—will be 23 cents a bushel, a reduction of one and a half cents from July.

The rate for wheat ground in the Pacific coast area and all wheat originating in that area—except wheat ground in the Pacific coast area—will be 26 cents a bushel, a reduction of three and a half cents from the July subsidy.

Civilians to Get More Butter; Points Not Cut

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—More butter than originally anticipated will be available for civilians during August, Secretary of Agriculture Anderson announced today.

At the same time, OPA administrator Bowles announced that no further reduction in the point value of butter is anticipated. Recently this was cut from 24 to 16 points a pound.

Anderson said the amount of creamery butter set aside for government purchase for August has been cut from 30 to 20 per cent.

Senator McKenna Named To Oregon Tax Board



Senator Earl Day McKenna

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 1.—(AP)—Earl Day, Medford, will be succeeded on the state tax commission Aug. 15 by State Senator Earl Day McKenna, Portland, the state board of control announced today.

McKenna, long a proponent of the sales tax, was on the state tax investigating committee in 1922-23 and served as a state representative in 1939. In private life he is a real estate broker.

His appointment was approved unanimously at a special meeting.

Home Terror Of Japs Bared In Propaganda

GUAM, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The terror of life in a land writhing and burning beneath the greatest bombardment of all time is reflected fully in Japanese propaganda broadcasts, becoming daily more tense as B-29 and navy attacks mount in fury.

"We are enduring the impossible, with grinding teeth and clenched fist, when we see enemy planes penetrating our homeland and proudly flying over our heads," cry the Nipponese propagandists.

The horror that there must be today in once-proud Tokyo is apparent in another broadcast which described matters-of-factly how the great majority of remaining Tokyo residents, living underground, "desire to be provided with the minimum amount of goods and services necessary for subsistence."

Thousands Go Underground

A picture of thousands of injured hovering in dark underground shelters doubtless prompted the broadcasters to add: "Other goods of which they are in great need are medicines essential to the maintenance of life in air-raid shelters."

Although Japan's propaganda machine gives a Pollyanna ending to every story of personal injury, tragedy glares through. There is the case of the Japa-

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Marshal Alexander Gets Canada Governor Post

LONDON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Mar-

shal Sir Harold Alexander, who

extricated Britain's overwhelmed

forces from Dunkerque and

Burma and led the epic comeback

from El Alamein, has been ap-

pointed Canada's 17th governor-

general.

The 54-year-old allied com-

mander-in-chief of the Mediter-

anean theater was chosen by

King George to succeed the King's

uncle, Lord Athlone, 71, whose

normal term as governor-general

expired last June.

Army Casualty Reports

List Two Douglas GIs

Army casualty reports released

for publication today contain the

names of two Douglas county

men. Donald G. Van Noy, hus-

band of Mary A. Van Noy, Rose-

burg, previously listed as missing

in action, is reported killed in

action. Henry B. Weatherly, hus-

band of Bernice A. Weatherly,

Elkton, is reported wounded in

action. Official casualty releases

follow by several weeks notifica-

tion of next of kin.

Ration Boards to Issue Farm Gar. Allotments

PORTLAND, Aug. 1.—(AP)—

Local ration boards, not AAA

county transportation committees

will issue truck gasoline allot-

ments for farm work starting to-

day, the OPA announced.

Applications for certificates of

war necessity to operate trucks

will be obtained by farmers from

local boards, instead of the

ODT.

More Than 100 Warships in Toll for July

1,330 Planes Also Listed As Smashed; Superforts Will Increase Bombing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—The largest task force of Superfortresses ever to attack Japan—approximately 800—struck five home island industrial cities today.

They carried a record load of approximately 6,000 tons of incendiary and high explosive bombs.

The army air forces announced the targets as the cities of Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Mito and the petroleum center of Kawasaki.

(By the Associated Press)

Unprecedented American sea and air power knocked out 1,546 Japanese vessels and more than 1,330 planes in the Mikado's front yard during July and promised to reach new heights this month with flights of 1,200 Superforts packing 8,000-ton bomb loads.

The totals included well over 100 warships, ranging from battleships and carriers down to midget submarines and PT boats. They also include many tiny craft such as tugs and coastal vessels. And large numbers of both ships and planes were only damaged and will have to be hit again.

Total Is Increased

However, the figures do not include tolls taken off the China coast, in the Southwest Pacific, in Southeast Asia or China. For example, General MacArthur today listed 11 craft sunk off the Malay coast and Borneo which were not included in the 250 total of the far east air force command.

Latest toll reported for his forces operating in Japanese waters was 24, including two destroyers and two 6,000-ton freighters-transporters.

Even the enemy's imperial headquarters admitted "damages to cities, factories and shipping were considerable." A Tokyo communique countered with a claim that 1,021 allied planes and 25 ships were destroyed or damaged.

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Prisoners Used by Japs as Shields

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—(AP)—Convicted that Japan still sends bomb targets with allied prisoners, the State department today availed confirmation of a Tokyo radio report that Americans died in the bombing of Kawasaki July 26.

The department disclosed last night that it had requested verification by the Swiss government and International Red Cross. In an accompanying statement it denounced "the persistent and heinous" practice of the Japanese government in locating prisoners of war camps in areas subject to bombardment.

The statement noted that the Japanese, while not signatory to the Geneva convention on war prisoner treatment, nevertheless had promised they would honor the prohibition against protecting target areas with prisoners.

Replies to U. S. protests that the promise was not kept "have been evasive," the department said.

Roseburg Rifle Range Transfer Is Approved

The bill introduced by Congress-

man Harris Ellsworth to trans-

fer the Roseburg rifle range from

the War department to the Re-

construction Finance corporation

has been signed by President

Truman following passage in

both houses of Congress. It was

announced today at Washington.

The land is a part of the site of

the Young's Bay Lumber company

plant erected in Roseburg by the

RFC. The corporation is charged

in the act with securing a suitable

site to be used for the range

purposes in exchange for the

property acquired for the mill-

site.