



ON THE INSIDE— in Washington!

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Escape from Brest of a trio of fast and powerful German warcraft under the noses of the royal navy and royal air force and the very muzzles of British shore batteries is a stunning new blow to anti-axis war leaders.

It changes vital war factors in both oceans. It represents, aside from any other construction placed upon it, closely integrated German-Japanese strategy.

With such big and dangerous vessels as the light battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the heavy cruiser Prinz Eugen loose in the Atlantic, that ocean becomes again the greatest danger zone for Britain, Russia and this country. Those sea routes must be kept open if the axis war design is to be frustrated.

And to the extent that the daring German sea success forces increased Anglo-American naval conventions in the Atlantic at the expense of the Pacific defenses it will certainly help Japan enlarge her victories. It could seal the fate of the Dutch Indies, next in line for Japanese assault.

London commentators make no bones about the seriousness for the allied cause of British failure to destroy those German war craft. The ways of that fresh disaster, as of the ineffective defense of Singapore, are British business. It is a business, however, that piled on top of the Singapore debacle could bring Prime Minister Winston Churchill's head to the political block in London.

Hitler gambled mightily—and unquestionably won—in ordering the bold dash through Dover strait. The skill and daring with which that coup was executed must command admiration; yet it speaks also of desperation. What the purpose was is not yet fully revealed, but the risk was so great, the chance of success so small that some critical aspect of nazi or axis strategy must be involved.

It is true that the three ships were useless to Germany holed up at Brest and subject to repeated British air bombing. The nothing-ventured-nothing-gained axiom alone dictated a run for it.

Nevertheless, had the ships been destroyed, it would have bolstered British and allied morale immeasurably at an otherwise dark moment. It would also have influenced both Atlantic and Pacific war factors almost as favorably for the United Nations as their escape has imperiously altered them in German-Japanese favor.

The stark fact that confronts London and Washington is that Hitler at this moment, may have the most powerful surface fleet now in the Atlantic.

Defense Unit Plans Survey In Camp Area

The federal division of defense housing coordination will start surveys with a view to recommending the Albany-Corvallis cantonment district for a place on the critical areas list as soon as the division receives notice from the war department that the big army base project is to be carried out, Gov. Charles A. Sprague was advised Friday in a letter from Winters Haycock, regional coordinator.

The governor was asked in another message, from the Ninth corps area command, to forward a statement of conditions deemed to justify similar action in the Medford cantonment district.

Army and defense housing officials were asked by the governor several days ago to declare the two areas open to residential construction to house defense workers. Albany, Corvallis, Independence, Monmouth and Salem were named specifically, as to the local cantonment area.

Local Groups Planned for Camp Problems

Organization of local committees to handle hundreds of problems that will develop because of the construction of the Medford and Albany-Corvallis army cantonments, is progressing satisfactorily, W. H. Crawford, director of the Oregon Economic Council, reported upon his return here Friday.

Crawford met with these committees at Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and other cities.

Crawford said the policing of the army cantonments would be handled through cooperation of the state police, county sheriffs and city officers.

While at Eugene Crawford assisted in organizing the Lane County War Industries, Inc., which will aid in the distribution of defense contracts in that section of the state.

Celebes Port Is Set Afire

Crack Chinese Army Arrives in Burma as Japs Near Rangoon

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hundred miles to the border, there were rushed by truck into Burma.

"They have been greeted by enthusiastic crowds cheering for 'Chiang, King George and Roosevelt.'"

Mud-stained and tattered, the first Chinese reinforcements arrived several weeks ago after trudging 1000 miles to take up positions defending Burma in the steep gorges of the eastern frontier.

These troops were led by General Liu Kwan-Lung, who brought them from South Kwangsi province. They brought new rifles and themselves dragged machineguns and heavier pieces, for they were without trucks or even mules.

The troops pouring into Burma Friday gave added point to the current trip of Chiang Kai-Shek to India, where he is conferring with government and military leaders on throwing the vast manpower of the two countries against Japan.

RANGOON, Feb. 13-(AP)—A second Japanese attempt to smash through the British-held Salween river line at Paan was under way Friday night with fierce fighting reported in a communique which said results of the battle still were obscure.

The Japanese, fighting to widen a footing on the west bank of the broad stream, massed their forces and struck out in their second push barely 24 hours after their first attempt collapsed before a British and Indian bayonet counter attack.

"Further south," the British war report said, "the situation is quiet at the moment."

That is the sector where the Japanese were stopped at least temporarily after crossing the estuary of the Salween from Moulemin to Martaban, 30 miles south of Paan.

In the Paan sector the Japanese were following their usual tactics of filtering through the jungle around forward defense positions. Their drive apparently was pointed toward the key town of Thaton, 20 miles east of Paan. Thaton is astride the only road from Martaban around the head of Sittang bay to Rangoon.

Observers here said if Thaton should fall the mouth of the Sittang river, half way back to Rangoon, probably would be the next anchor of the defense line.

Wartime Bus Schedule Is Announced

Inauguration of a daylight saving bus schedule between Salem and Portland for the benefit of commuters to go into effect Monday morning was announced Friday by Pacific Greyhound lines through the Public Utilities office here.

The schedule calls for a bus to leave Salem at 6 a.m., arriving in Portland at 7:35 a.m., one to leave Portland at 6:20, arriving in Salem at 7:40.

The southbound bus will enable state and other employees to reach the capital city in time to be on duty on or before 8 a.m. The northbound service is planned to take workers from the mid-valley region into Portland and Vancouver in time to make connections to get them to their jobs in shipyards on time, according to Wesley Egger, Oregon superintendent of the lines.

"Many persons who have obtained employment in the shipyards for the emergency from the Salem area will not have to seek new living quarters in either Portland or Vancouver, because of the new schedule, which provides means for quick transportation that could be solved only in this manner through the time-rationing period," Egger said.

Salem Autos Collide

Autos driven by Everett Haley, Salem route three, and Mrs. Sam Dawson, 248 D street, collided Friday night at South Commercial and McGilchrist streets. Damage to vehicles was slight, and no one was injured.

Editors Flay British Chief

Churchill Gets Hiding From Press on Many Humiliating Defeats

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means or another to a clearer recognition of some essential truths. Does he take too much upon himself? . . . should he not limit the numbers of his war cabinet and improve its quality?"

Lord Beaverbrook's Daily Express came to Churchill's defense, declaring that "the horse Churchill is pulling a heavy load up hill. What do we do to that horse? Beat him with sticks? Or get behind the wagon and give him a hand?"

The Daily Express also put in a word of caution against "rolling heads in the sand before knowing all the facts."

LONDON, Feb. 13-(AP)—The allies faced a bitter fight for control of the North Atlantic Friday night after two German battleships and a heavy cruiser, battered but menacingly afloat, had gained the safety of Helgoland after a dash through the English channel and the North Sea that flouted more than a century of British naval history.

Fears were expressed openly in London that the 26,000-ton Scharnhorst and Gneisenau and the 10,000-ton cruiser Prinz Eugen, now at safe anchor for repair and supply at the end of a 700-mile fighting race from their bomb trap at Brest, would rendezvous with a Nazi Atlantic fleet strong enough "to go wherever it likes—from the Orkneys to Long Island."

Coming as it did on top of the battle of Singapore and the British reverse in Africa, the humbling of British navy and air force in their own waters measurably swelled the roar of criticism of the present cabinet. Some persons thought that Prime Minister Churchill himself might have heavy going to stay in office. But against this was the brief that there was no one of his stature to take his place.

The battle, involving hundreds of planes and warships of varied sizes, was broken off after an almost suicidal attack by British destroyers off the mouth of the Netherlands' Scheldt. These destroyers pierced the strong screen of the big Nazi warships and launched their torpedoes at less than 5000 yards; then escaped without the loss of a ship.

The details of this assault provided almost the sole comfort to night for the man on the street who realized that a second-rate German navy has turned the English channel into a highway for Nazi ships.

Funeral for Dallas Woman Set Sunday

DALLAS—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary J. Arnold, 89, who died Thursday, are to be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the Henkle and Bollman mortuary.

As Mary J. Carille she was born in Quebec, Canada, on June 21, 1852. At an early age, she moved with her parents to Wisconsin, where they lived until the close of the Civil war, when they moved to Martin county, Minn. There she married Numa Arnold on November 20, 1870. To this union eight children were born, seven of whom survive her, Mrs. Mel Barker, and Mrs. A. C. Ferris, Salem; Mrs. L. Zentz, Dallas; Mrs. Frankie Ellis, Burbank, Calif.; Frank Arnold, Dallas; Albert Arnold, Elkton, and James Arnold, Salem.

She is also survived by 29 grandchildren and 49 great-grandchildren.

In 1909 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold moved to Oregon and settled in Dallas. Mr. Arnold died in 1921, after which she maintained her own home for a number of years. In recent years she has resided with her children.

Power May Be Rationed Here Next Winter

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13-(AP)—Limited rationing of power may be invoked in the Pacific northwest next winter to meet peak demands of new war industries, Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver said Friday.

All existing power facilities in the region will have to be pressed into service on a coordinated basis if serious shortages are to be averted, Raver said.

Seven new industries anticipated in this area will require an additional 100,000 kilowatts of power by next December, the administrator predicted.

Peak demands by certain civilian industries probably will have to be curtailed on a voluntary and individual basis, he said, in order that the industries, producing ferro-silicon, phosphorus, magnesium, TNT and chlorine may be served.

75,000 Oregonians Will Sign This Blank

REGISTRATION CARD—(Fill here on or after February 17, 1942 and on or before December 31, 1942)	
SERIAL NUMBER 1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
T. _____ (First) (Middle) (Last)	
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)	
(Home and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)	
3. MAILING ADDRESS	
(Mailing address if other than above indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)	
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS
(Home) (Office)	(Date of birth)
(Home) (Office)	(Form or contract)
7. NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS	
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS	
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS	
(Home and street or U. S. P. O. number) (Town) (County) (State)	
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.	
D. S. E. Form 1 (Revised 1-2-42)	Classification's signature

Here is a reproduction of the selective service blank all US males must fill out Saturday, Sunday or Monday, February 14, 15, 16, if born on or after February 17, 1897, or on or before December 31, 1921. Volunteers will handle the enrollment. Machinery for the nationwide registration of men aged 20 to 44, inclusive, under the amended selective service act, has been set up throughout the country. About 9,000,000 men are expected to register in the nation and some 75,000 in Oregon. The registration is expected to provide the armed forces with an additional 1,500,000 men available for immediate service.

Dairy Starts Six-Day Week

Milk Deliveries on Sundays Cancelled, Doubled Saturdays

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milk and cream for empty bottles.

Because priority regulations do not permit the purchase of tires for retail milk delivery, it will probably be necessary to make additional curtailments in the near future, Hofsletter said.

Curly's dairy, which handles distribution for seven different establishments as a result of consolidations during the past three years, is reported to handle 50 per cent of the deliveries in Salem. Other Salem establishments have not announced what measures they will take to conserve tires and other equipment.

Yanks Angry At British

Malaya Evacuees Hit Methods in Malaya and Plan Protest to US

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Another passenger, Mrs. J. G. Hanna, wife of a former Seattle, Wash., dentist, said she saw the British fleeing before the Japanese attack in Malaya and that "I don't blame them for fleeing, they had no planes to protect them."

Even up to the day she left Singapore, she said, "I had no more idea that Singapore would be taken than I would that New York could be taken," because "the British would say 'Don't worry, they can't reach here. This thing can't last.'"

WU Students Climax Fete With Dance

WILLAMETTE university students tonight climax their portion of the school's 100th birthday anniversary with a Centennial ball at the Salem armory, featuring Freshman Nancy Austin, century girl.

The dance will begin at 8:45 and will include introduction of the century girl at 9:15 and a grand march led by Miss Austin and Col. Elmer V. Woolton. Part of the program will be broadcast. Women at sororities and the dormitory have been granted late leave.

Former State Senator Dies

OREGON CITY, Feb. 13-(AP)—Joseph Eugene Hedges, 77, former state senator, died here Friday.

A lawyer here for 50 years, Hedges was a school board director for 17 years and a member of the state board of higher curricula for 20 years.

The widow and three children survive. Funeral services will be held Monday.

Third Draft Starts Today

Registration of Men 20-21 and 36-44 to Sign Up at Armory

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as to avoid disrupting industrial and other production.

In several states, however, including Rhode Island, Utah, and Michigan, some men were permitted to enroll Friday.

Monday is the specific date named in President Roosevelt's proclamation, however, and all draft boards will be in full operation then.

Governors and state selective service directors ordered the advance registration, on authority of national readjusters.

Men, not already enrolled, who had reached 20 by last December 31 and will not have attained the age of 45 by Monday, are required to register.

Registration necessitates answering only a few questions relating to name, birthdate, and place of residence. Later, draft boards will send registrants questionnaires covering other needed information.

State Board Delay Flayed

Judd Sees 'Bottleneck' For Defense in Birth Certificate System

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thereby to be of some assistance to persons born in Oregon. The state board of health, apparently, is still of the opinion that such certificates are of little value, even though the same chapter recites that they "shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated."

"However, we are still dependent upon the state board to furnish the necessary forms for this court procedure (said forms will show on their face that the evidence was not abstracted by the state board of health) and have experienced a great amount of trouble in securing them and answers to other requests for supplies," Judd's statement concludes.

Men seeking positions in defense industries where birth certificates are required have declared in his office within the past 24 hours, Judd said, that they have for three months tried unsuccessfully to obtain either a birth certificate from the state board of health or assurance that such a certificate is not on file in the board's Portland office.

Welders Plan New Pickets After Fight

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 13-(AP)—Welders seeking an independent union from the AFL voted Friday night to re-establish picket lines at the big Seattle-Tacoma shipyards Saturday morning.

In the face of the bodily violence 25 to 40 of their number suffered early Friday in trying the same thing.

Bandaged as a result of the first fray, in which shipyard workers beat, knocked to the ground, kicked and generally "worked over" his pickets, Charles L. Brinkerhoff, spokesman for the welders, emerged from the meeting tonight and announced:

Rural Residents Invited to Fire Reserves Parley

Rural residents who are interested in organizing fire districts for emergency defense will be welcomed at Monday night's fire reserves meeting at the Salem chamber of commerce, County Defense Coordinator Bryan H. Conley said Friday night.

"We'll be more than glad to share with them any of the material, information or training services we may have for fire-fighting defense reserves," Conley declared. The meeting is called for 7:30 Monday night.

Execution Postponed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13-(AP)—Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson Friday postponed the execution of

MacArthur Set For Offensive

Two Jap Bombers Fall Under US Fire; Right Flank Feels Pressure

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erang bombing inflicted severe losses.

The Japanese have been obliged to take few precautions against attacks by the defenders' little guerrilla air force, whereas the Americans and Filipinos must be continuously on the alert against enemy bombers, and quick to take cover in foxholes and camouflaged shelters. Consequently, the mistaken bombs likely caused much heavier casualties than those aimed at American-Filipino positions.

The air attack was accompanied by aggressive enemy patrol action which resulted in sporadic small-scale fighting.

Not since February 2 have the invaders undertaken a general offensive all along the battle line, which extends about midway across the 25-mile-long peninsula. Repeated local attacks, including attempted landings from barges on the rugged South China sea coast, have been handled roughly.

For two days there have been no reports from the duel between the big guns of the Corregidor fortifications and Japanese siege guns on the south shore of Manila bay.

Observers still viewed the lull, however, as a calm before a storm, recalling MacArthur's advice of two days ago that "movements of hostile reinforcements indicate early resumption of an attack in force against our positions."

Marion's Tax Bills Mailed

Statements Call for Million and a Quarter From Property Owners

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to be sent out this fall will cover the fiscal year of July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943, for all taxing units in keeping with provisions of law changes by the 1941 legislature.

Anxiety to pay "all we owe" caused some persons to attempt to pay a full year's taxes Friday, Brabec said, explaining that his office could accept no more than the statements cover if payments are otherwise up-to-date.

"Some even wanted to give double the amount for which they were billed, believing they would thus be paying for the entire year of 1942. But that simply can't be done, and it is hard to realize that this is a shiftover levy. There will be another levy and another as-

Water Board Talks Sick Leave Plan

Outlined plans for a definite sick-leave policy in dealing with commission employees were presented to Salem water board members at their regular meeting Friday night. Little comment was made at the session by board members who agreed to study the outlines and to prepare for their discussion at the next meeting.

A delegation from the Salem Trades and Labor council, meeting with the board, discussed its dealing with employees and declared in favor of an established sick-leave policy.

Water Board Talks Sick Leave Plan

Three salary increases approved by the board at Friday's meeting bring employee salaries almost to the "leveling off" point from which increases or decreases may be made on a percentage arrangement rather than by individual cases, Manager C. E. Guenther said. Commissioners said they would plan no immediate reduction in number of guards hired to protect reservoir and other water system properties.

assessment before a new roll is issued," Brabec emphasized.

Payment of the entire current tax on or before March 15 entitles the taxpayer to a discount of one per cent. However, payment of one half the sum may be made on or before March 15 and the other half on or before June 15 without accumulation of interest and without benefit of discount, Brabec pointed out.

The tax roll turned over by Assessor Tad Shelton is based on an assessed valuation of \$41,287,920, of which \$18,734,300 is for acreage and \$13,263,780 town lots. Tax on the rural land totals \$437,061.83, on the town properties \$522,708.13. Personal property assessment is for \$3,684,750 on which the tax is \$123,396.59, while a tax of \$159,008.97 has been levied on \$5,605,110 corporation assessments.

Singapore Is Still Holding

City Calm as Battle Continues; British In Counter-Attacks

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said, opened early and did a brisk business; many large commercial houses opened their doors as usual.

Great demonstrations of enthusiasm were declared touched off by reports of heavy punishment dealt the invader by the British.

The Singapore Free Press, the city's only newspaper still publishing, carried a banner headline on its single sheet with this message from Governor Sir Shenton Thomas: "Singapore must stand; it shall stand!"

But, irresistably advancing though he was, the invader was suffering terrible casualties from massed British batteries which were throwing shells into the Japanese concentrations at a rate as high as 400 an hour.

Quelle Picket Line Explained

Explanation of the picket line at the Quelle restaurant was made Friday by Dan Hay, executive secretary of the Associated Employers of Oregon, to a combined meeting of the Salem Retail Trade bureau and the Salem Realty board.

Hay declared there was no strike at the firm and that Proprietor Frank Chatas had no objection to his employees joining the Culinary Alliance if they so desired.

Current issue of Sunset magazine, devoting two pages to pictures of Salem residences, the capitol and forestry building, was shown the group. The display was arranged by the realtors.

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