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## 2d Prison Flax Japs Drive Against Solomons; Building Burns; Loss Is \$60,000

#### Harrisburg **Fire Costs** \$25,000

Second flax fire in five days at the Oregon state penitentiary and fifth for the month in Oregon destroyed the number seven shed at the prison late Tuesday afternoon and left burning as a beacon throughout the night 900 tons of flax straw.

Loss in the Tuesday fire, reported five days to the minute after the \$6500 blaze which destroyed the number four shed at the penitentiary flax plant Friday, was estimated at \$60,000 by L. L. Laws, superintendent.

No avenue of information would be left unscoured in an investigation to learn source of the two fires, now generally accepted by firemen and officials at the institution as of incendiary origin, Warden George Alexander declared.

Possibility that free labor may be substituted for convicts in the unloading of trucks at the flax sheds the rest of this season was suggested with the indication that request for that change in operating plans might be made at today's meeting of the state board

A convict employe of the flax plant is said to have told officials that the fire Tuesday had of the shed. As in the case of Friday's fire a truck stood near the building waiting to discharge its load of the fibre straw, although on Tuesday it was the full building's length away from the point where the blaze was first reported.

The sheds are valued at \$5000 each. Straw of varying grades is deposited in different sheds. Laws estimated that the number seven building contained 900 tons.

The first fire had destroyed but smouldered on in the 25 tons of straw until 10:30. Although ground rapidly in Tuesday's blaze and most of the city fire department equipment had been sent back to the fire hall by 8 o'clock, the light of burning flaz continued to light Salem's eastern sky until

Burned also this season in Oregon were stores of flax in the Eugene area, Silverton and Harrisburg, three sheds having burned

#### HARRISBURG LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$25,000

Harrisburg, Ore., Aug. 25-(AP) Damage to the Harrisburg flax plant from a fire which destroyed two buildings early Tuesday night, was estimated by Manager Harold Edward at \$25,000.

He said much of the damaged machinery would be difficult to repair until parts could be obtained after the war. Cause of the 2d Blackout blaze was undetermined.

#### **United Wants** To Remain

United Air Lines officials are hopeful that joint use of the Salem airport may continue, no matter what lease or ownership arrangements the war department may make with the city, W. R. Thigpen, district traffic manager, said while in Salem on Tuesday. Though lacking direct informa

tion that any change is contem plated, Thigpen was in Salen checking up on reports concern ing the war department's plans.

"United Air Lines service has been carried on, using airports jointly with the army, in a number of cities and we are hopeful that this arrangement may be continued here," Thigpen said. "President W. A. Patterson of United Air Lines has said within the last week he wants to see service to Salem continued."

#### Service Men

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Laws re-ceived a cabled message Tuesday afternoon from their son, figt. Richard Laws, anti-air-craft, reporting his arrival in

### Dies in Boots



England's young Duke of Kent, air commodore, killed in flying boat crash on mission to Iceland Tuesday.

### New Inflation Stopper Sought

President Says Plan About Ready; Wage Limit Proposed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25-(A) After long study of the cost of shed number four in 30 minutes living problems, President Roosevelt indicated Tuesday he was just about ready to unfold a new the building was burned to the anti-inflation plan involving restrictions on wages and farm

The program will be announced soon, he told a press conference, probably through a speech to the country and a simultaneous message to congress. He said he did not believe any new legislation Greece in 1934, and three childwould be necessary, leaving the impression the message to congress would be merely a report in the last-named town Tuesday and an explanation of action he plans to take in his executive

> In a long discussion of the cost of living situation—he prefers that term to inflation-Mr. Roosevelt hinted strongly the forthcoming action would be designed to limit both wage increases and the price of farm products.

The president mentioned tough (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

### Finds Gotham Not on Guard

NEW YORK, Aug. 25-(P)-Air raid sirens sounded without preliminary warning at 9:25 p. m. (eastern wartime) Tuesday night, plunging the metropolis into its second surprise citywide blackout of the war.

Wailing sirens caught the city's 7,500,000 residents completely off guard.

Although it was indicated by officials the alarm was another test, the man in the street had no such comforting knowledge. Excited pedestrians scurried to shelter scanning the skies for

enemy planes as they ran. Others were calm. Despite official warnings restricting the use of telephones during a blackout, police and newspaper offices were flooded with calls from citizens seeking

an explanation of the alarm. The "all clear" was sounded at 10:11 p. m. in Manhattan. The 46-minute blackout was the

longest yet held. All clear signals came a few minutes earlier or later in other sections of the city.

Watchers from Jersey City said only one light was visible

# S Fliers Bomb Nip Warships English

### Prince Killed

#### Popular Young Duke of Kent Plane Victim

LONDON, Aug. 25-(AP)-The Duke of Kent, 39, youngest brother of King George VI, was killed Tuesday in the crash of a Sunderland flying boat in northern Scotland while en route to Iceland on active service as an air commodore.

The entire crew of the wartime mission died with him.

The duke died on an official RAF business trip in his capacity as a staff member of the inspector-general of the air force. A brief announcement from the air ministry gave no details of the crash, and official circles maintained a strict silence.

The most air-minded of the royal family, the duke was closely associated with the RAF and was seen frequently at fighter and bomber stations conversing with the men. He always wore his uniform of an RAF officer.

His was the first death of a member of the British royal famly-in an airplane accident.

King George and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Mary, and other members of the royal family were notified immediately of his death. The news also was cabled to the Duke of Windsor in the Bahamas.

No announcement had been made yet tonight concerning court

mourning. The funeral is expected to be a cessity of war-time secrecy concerning movements of the royal

Nine or ten crewmen were believed to have perished along with Stalin. the duke aboard the four-engined 20-ton flying boat.

The duke was fifth in the line of succession to the throne. Prince George Edward Alexander Edmund Windser, born December 20, 1908, would have been 40 years old next December. He married Princess Marina of

ren were born to them. The children are Prince Edward, 6; Princess Alexandria, 5, and Prince George, who was born on July 4, the last. The youngest son also bears the name Frank-

lin, for President Roosevelt. The duke visited Canada and the United States exactly a year ago, stopping in Washington as the guest of President Roosevelt, and making an extensive tour of warplants in both countries.

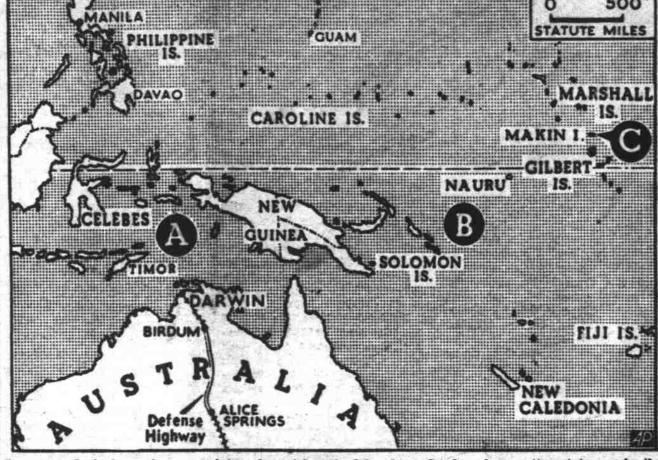
#### Dairy Co-op's Innocent Plea **Made to Court**

PORTLAND, Aug. 25-(AP)-The Oregon Dairy Cooperative association Tuesday entered in federal court a plea of innocence to charges of violating anti-trust laws. Judge Leon R. Yankwich denied a defense demurrer to the federal grand jury indictment, returned a short time ago, but con-

a bill of particulars. The court, indicating the trial would open late in September or early in October, said the date would be set within a few days.

sidered the defendants' request for

### Another Big South Sea Engagement Raging



Jap sea and air forces have run into a hornets' nest of bombs and salves in an attempt to regain the important Solomon island bases (B) recently wrested from them by Yankee marines, sailors and soldiers. Tuesday night the battle for the islands continued. The Jap armada had the advantage of being closer to major bases, theirs around Truk in the Caroline islands, but Gen. MacArthur was sending his fliers out to attack Nip convoys effectively, and diverting attention from the Solemons with raids on Timor and Jap-held New Guinea stations (A). American forces had to depend for support from distant bases, possibly as far away as New Guinea and the Fiji islands.

#### Swift Coup by Allies Is Predicted in London

#### Gen. Marshall Again Senate Favors Talked as Second Front Commander

allied coup to relieve Russia with a hard, weighty smash at the axis private service in view of the ne- was predicted by competent allied circles Tuesday night as Prime Minister Churchill disclosed to his war cabinet associates details of his epochal talks with Joseph

> Reports persisted a united commander for a British, US and Canadian continental invasion already had been appointed, but there was no such announcement.

Unofficial British and American commentators, who declined to be quoted by name said Gen. George C. Marshal, US chief of staff, was one of the most likely choices, particularly in view of the growing number of US troops and fliers fighting under British commanders in the Mediterranean

If Marshall were the man to lead the invaders, his selection might be one of the reasons for the imminent return to the US of W. Averell Harriman, President Roosevelt's personal representative at the Churchill-Stalin conversations.

Harriman, in announcing his return home a day after flying in from Egypt with Mr. Churchill,

"I found the same determination and confidence in the outcome of the war among the Russians as I did on my trip with Lord Beaverbrook last year."

Our Senators





#### **Helping Yank** LONDON, Aug. 25-(AP)-A swift Soldiers Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25,-(P) -The senate voted 47 to 5 today to permit men and women in the US armed forces throughout the world to vote by mail for senators, representatives and presidential electors without registration and without payment of poll taxes required in

eight southern states.

The voters, however, would have to meet any other requirements of state laws such as those respecting length of residence within the state, minimum voting ages or property qualifications.

An amendment exempting active members of the services from payment of poll taxes required by Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, Virginia, South Carolina and Arkansas carried 33 to 20 over the opposition of a group of southerners.

#### Labor Asks War Board Tie

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.-(A) Labor unions climaxed their drive for greater participation in guiding the war effort by demanding Late Sports Tuesday a labor representative on the war production board.

Board Chairman Donald M. Nelson, addressing a meeting of 20 high union officials on the mawas the chief. Nelson assured the AFL and

CIO leaders it was his policy to Spokane give fair hearing to any ideas, whether from labor, management or other sources.

#### Red Dispatch Notes 40-Mile Zone

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Wednesday, Aug. 26 (AP)-The Russian high command said today the red army had made seven counterattacks at one point northwest of Stalingrad, but it mentioned that industrial city for the first time in a communique, indicating the 1,000,000 Germans who were smashing at the defense walls had made some progress.

The communique, however, did not mention any Russian withdrawals, either northwest or southwest of Stalingrad where the Germans were threatening the city with ponderous masses of tanks, parachutists, air-borne motorcyclists and endless masses of infantry. But it did say the situation northwest of Stalingrad, where the Germans were pouring reinforcements across the River Don,

had "become complicated." This apparently referred to the giveand-take nature of the fighting caused by the numerous Russian counter-attacks. "Our troops are repulsing ene-

my attacks and inflicting huge losses," the communique said. The high command said heavy fighting also was continuing in the Caucasus south of Krasnodar, where the Germans were driving (Turn to Page 2, Col 6)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 25.-(CP)-Three runs in the seventh inning tonight gave Vancouver Capilanos a 5-2 win over Spokane Interials shortage, was confronted dians in a Western International four specific demands, of which Bob Henricksen allowed the In-

Vancouver \_\_\_\_\_

#### Several Gripsholm Passengers Detained "Yes, Ma'am," he replied. "We patriates lined the railings sing-

Government authorities announced were exchanged for Japanese Tuesday night several persons disembarked during the day from the The coolness of dawn sprend diplomatic exchange liner. Gripsover the white painted liner as it holm which brought more than paused in the lower New York 1400 repatriates from the orient harbor several hours before dockhad been sent to Ellis island where ing to take aboard 13 US coast

cases' concerning enemy aliens are guardsmen. From a companionway a sleep-Officials would give no figures volved in the investigations. It was said about 300 had been cleared through various civil and military investigators 11 sturdy guardsman with an Ameri- Pearl Harbor have been difficult to tell reporters of the "inexp high in the darkened towers of Manhattan's famous skyline in the end of a voyage from Lourine financial district.

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| And in many cases painful. | Sible anticipation" with which the passengers had awaited their reperature data delayed. | Sible anticipation" with which the passengers had awaited their reperature data delayed. | Col. 4)

JERSEY CITY, Aug. 25-(A') Africa, where the Americans on in."

In this and in hundreds of other little heart-tugging dramas did more than 1400 American repatriates from the orient express their pentup emotions at the end of an 18,000-mile voyage from tyranny of Japan.

They were the Americans who eyed woman, Mrs. Herman
Scholtz, Louisville, Ky., awakened first tasted the bitter fruits of war, by the stopping of the ships, the hardy missionaries, newsemerged and paused with tears papermen, business men and dipwelling in her eyes as she saw a lomats for whom the months since

came to take care of you from here ing "The Star-Spangled Banner" they sighted the statue of Liberty.

A devout Presbyterian minister touched the arm of Max Hill. former chief of bureau of the Associated Press in Tokyo, and said of the coast guards:

"Don't forget to say how damn good those boys in uniform looked to us."

First to leave the ship was Amassador Joseph Clark Grew, 62year-old veteran of diplomacy, who strode down the gangplank Monday's Weather Monday's max, temp. 75, mi

# Air, Sea Forces Wage Gigantic Battle for Isles

#### **MacArthur Airmen Attack** Jap Convoy; Half Dozen **Enemy Vessels Damaged**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25-(AP)-A violent Japanese attempt to break the American hold on the Solomon islands apparently was developing into a gigantic sea and air battle Tuesday night with allied planes seeking to destroy enemy attempts to reinforce its huge armada. While the navy reported inflicting damaging blows on

Japan's counter-attacking fleet, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced an air attack on an eastbound Japanese convoy approximately 600 miles to the west of the Solomons. The attack off southeastern New Guinea resulted, the

MacArthur communique said, in straffing of two Japanese transports and destruction of a gunboat. First reports made public from the fighting zone did not indicate extent of American losses but showed more than

a half dozen enemy ships had been effectively bombed or torpedoed with these results: One large carrier, otherwise not identified, hit four

times by army bombers. One smaller carrier, the Ryuzyo, severely damaged by navy carrier-based aircraft.

One battleship hit by carrier-based planes. Several cruisers hit by carrier-based planes.

One other cruiser and one enemy transport hit by US Enemy's Progress; in aircraft Monday in what appears to have been preliminary phases of the battle. Both ships were left burning fiercely,

The Solomons campaign burst

into violent fighting after a peri-

od of desultory activity marked

Aug. 23 by an enemy air attack

on Guadalcanal island in which

21 Jap planes were shot down

while American forces suffered

only minor damage. On the same

night enemy destroyers bombard-

Naval forces under Vice-Ad-

miral Robert Lee Ghormley,

commander in the New Zea-

land area, and army air forces

of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in

Australia had been prepared

for strong Japanese counterat-

tacks, and presumably were in

position to deal the enemy pow-

A naval communique announc-

ing the battle was under way said

"It was expected our occupation

of the important enemy base of

Tulagi would be countered by a

violent attempt on the part of the

enemy to recapture their shore

veloped and is now being met."

"This counter-attack has de-

Indications were the first ac-

tions were of the plane versus

warship variety which have be-

come so familiar in the amphib-

ious warfare of the Pacific. Whe-

ther there has been any fighting

directly between warships was

The enemy armada, when en-

gaged, was bearing down upon

the American-held southeastern

Solomons from the northeast,

There was some speculation in

Washington that the enemy ar-

mada had been concentrated

for the attack at Japan's Truk

island naval base and moved

against the Solomons in a

sweeping maneuver designed to

gain the advantage of surprise

But the concentration might

have been made at any of a num-

erful blows.

bases in this area.

not known.

if possible.

ed marine shore positions.

#### Large Naval Plane Lost

Big Ship Disappears In Alaskan Area With 14 Aboard

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25-(AP) The navy announced Tuesday that a large navy plane with 14 officers and enlisted men aboard was missing on a flight from Alaska to Seattle. Next of kin of the 14 have been

The plane disappeared between Kodiak and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory. Three planes started on the trip and were forced by the weather to fly by instrument shortly after taking off.

Navy aircraft have been searching for the plane and other agencies have been asked to cooperate.

SEATTLE, Aug. 25-(A)-A navy plane's disappearance on a flight from Alaska to Seattle with 14 aboard dashed a St. Louis woman's hopes for a happy rendez-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

#### Moon Eclipse Draws Gazers

Eclipsed on the pages of daily newspapers by war dimouts, Friwith a resolution setting forth baseball league game here. Hurler day night's total eclipse of the moon attracted stargazers in the membership on the board itself dians only six hits, striking out Salem area by the rich orange-red four of the visitors and walking shadow cast by the earth across the face of its satellite.

Most colorful view of the new moon during the eight and a half Bushman and Myers; Henrick- hour performance came between 10 and 10:30 o'clock when a pora portion red and the rest black

as it moved out of the shadow. At 6:02 p.m., Pacific war time. the earth began casting the sun's shadow on the moon, and at 8:48 p.m. the moon was completely blacked out. This meant the rays of the sun were cut off by the earth from reflecting against the

moon's surface. The eclipse ended at 11:34 p.m.

Pacific coast residents mis the first stage of the pheno as the eclipse began before the moon had risen. In the early stage the moon appeared only slightly

ber of other bases in the enemy's mandated island zone and sent against the Solomons with equal facility. One thing that was clear from the communique was that this represented Japan's major effort to break up the American offensive and recapture the Tulagi area of the Solomons where construction of a big enemy base was well advanced when the marines began their invasion two and a half weeks ago. It was on Aug. 7 the navy executed a surprise attack and the marines, possibly led by their se-cretly-trained, heavily-armed

raider battalions, creation of which Washington disclosed only today, landed on the beaches and swiftly drove inland against vigorous opposition to win and hold dominant points of the terrain. Prior to the present battle the