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ville, a worker at the ferry terminal on the Oregon shore. He went out in a rowboat after noticing that the tug's running lights were no longer moving.

The tug went out of control late Wednesday night in the choppy river and began slipping water when it was about 400 yards out. It sank in about 15 feet of water.

Granville told how William H. Ellis, 32, one of the worker-survivors, helped save the lives of several persons aboard.

Several men and women were clinging to the sides of the tug in a losing battle to keep from being pulled away by the swift current.

"Some of the men," Granville said, "were holding up the women, and one—whose name I later learned was Ellis—showed me all the nerve in the world. He let go twice to pull others to the boat and once dived after a man who was going down."

Capt. Arthur Joachims, merchant marine inspector, opened an investigation of the sinking and James R. Bain, Multnomah county district attorney, said his office was studying all reports from the sheriff's office.

Officials of the Russell Tugboat and Moorage company, operator of the tug, also opened their own investigation, but President Lew Russell said the cause of the tug's sinking had not been determined. He denied that the tug was used to carry passengers instead of a large barge because of lack of patronage.

Four Puzzles Faced, Taxes

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2. Elimination of the "split bracket," meaning return to the rates in existence before 1939. It is estimated that this would reduce receipts 11.6 per cent. On the first \$500 of net income there would be no reduction but the maximum tax would be \$10. On the next \$500 there would be a 50 per cent reduction, but from there on up the saving would diminish.

3. Reduction of each bracket rate by 1 per cent, leaving the split bracket in. The over-all reduction would be 20.8 per cent. Lowest bracket payers would enjoy 50 per cent relief but it would diminish in the higher brackets. This is the formula proposed by Sen. or William M. McAllister.

Meanwhile one highly persuasive reason why income taxes should be reduced, whether there is clamor for it or not, was illustrated in the senate where ways and means committee members felt called upon to explain that the state is in danger of contracting a general fund deficit. They complained that persons and groups requesting appropriations seemed to think the state was rolling in wealth—all because of so much talk about a "surplus."

The surplus, they went on to explain, cannot be spent—it must be used for offsetting property taxes. The explanation grew out of discussion while the bill creating a commission to tackle post-war problems was on final passage, after some senators had objected to reduction of the commission's appropriation from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

(Additional legislative news today on page 16.)

YM Directors Name Sprague

Charles A. Sprague, editor and publisher of The Statesman, was elected vice president of the Salem YMCA, to succeed the late R. J. Hendricks, when directors of that organization met Thursday noon.

G. F. Chambers and Loyd Warner were elected to serve as Salem representatives on the northwest area council, next meeting of which is to be March 12 and 13 at Longview, Wash.

The program of the Salem Men's Garden club particularly as it is related to victory gardening, was explained by Russell Pratt, the club's president.

Harold J. Rounds, Pacific region secretary for world service in the YMCA, a guest at the luncheon meeting, presented a brief report on the YMCA around the world.

Casualties Foreseen as Allies Resolve to Make Nazis Bleed

Churchill Puts Stress on Subs

Hitler First, Then Japan Pledged in 'Blow Soon'

LONDON, Feb. 11—(P)—Winston Churchill, disclosed that nearly half a million allied troops now stand in Africa at the great breadbasket to Europe and that Casablanca had produced an immense and detailed allied offensive pattern for the next nine months, solemnly proclaimed Thursday the allied resolve to make the Nazis "burn and bleed" on other fronts as already they were over nearly the length of Russia.

In an exuberant appearance before the house of commons the prime minister made these disclosures:

First—"We have now a complete plan of action which comprises appointment of forces as well as their direction and this plan we are going to carry out according to our policy during the next nine months, before the end of which we (Churchill and President Roosevelt) will make efforts to meet again. . . . Everything in human power is being done and will be done to bring British and American forces into action against the enemy with the utmost speed and energy and on the largest scale."

Second—"That the allies were drawing steadily ahead toward winning the greatest of all battles of this war, and the battle that stood at the forefront of every other discussion at Casablanca—the battle against the submarine."

Third—"That the supreme commander of the allied armies of north Africa was Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, USA—"one of the finest men I ever knew," Churchill observed—and that Britain would gladly and loyally go forward as subordinates to this essentially American enterprise.

"Great Britain and the United States" the prime minister told the house proudly, "are now warrior nations, walking in fear of their salvation."

Again, he made clear that Casablanca had reaffirmed the view of the western allies that it was Hitler who must first be beaten down; but again he pledged to use all the might of Britain for the struggle against Japan once the victory had been won in Europe.

As to the fight against the submarine, which he described as holding priority only over aid to Russia and as holding even that priority only because a victory at sea was essential to put the full aggressive allied weight at Stalin's side, the prime minister gave out these highly encouraging facts, the most cheering yet issued on either side of the Atlantic:

That in the last six months—which included some "heavy operations" for the allies such as north Africa—"Anglo-American and important Canadian new (ship) building taken together exceed all of the losses of the united nations by 1,250,000 tons. That is to say, our joint fleet is 1,250,000 tons bigger today than it was six months ago."

That of 3,000,000 soldiers moved under the protection of the British navy, only 1348 have been lost—killed, drowned or missing.

That "we have decided"—Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt—"to throw emphasis rather more on production of escort vessels" even at the cost of some "impingement on new (merchant ship) building."

That "the rate of killing of U-boats has steadily improved. From January to October, 1942, inclusive, the rate of sinking . . . probably was the best we had seen so far in this war. But from November to the present date, the three months rate has improved more than half as much again."

While the prime minister agreed that the submarine menace had by no means been destroyed, the whole tone of his speech was that great strides were being made in meeting it and that there was no reason for excessive alarm.

It was true, he said, that submarine production was rising, but so was the rate of submarine destruction; and there was, moreover, what he called a vast flood of ships pouring from the United States.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"Some there were who smiled at the long-legged lad, whose knobby ankles were emphasized by the shortness of the blue jeans he wore."

Above the open collar of the faded but clean blue shirt his Adam's apple rose and fell with the regularity of breakers on the beach.

The cheekbones of his brown face were high, and the thinness of that visage made the eyes seem over-size. In spite of his youth, for he was apparently still in the "growing" stage, the boy's thin-lipped mouth was firm. But the corner toward me seemed to turn up a bit, and had the cheek been a bit more full I think I might have seen a dimple at play there.

Disappointment was apparent in the dark eyes, but there was a twinkle, too, as the youth they served watched the nervous girl behind the counter arrange and rearrange the few red candy boxes. She was sorry that nothing less expensive than \$2.50 remained in the valentine line, but she was also anxious to wait on the young fellow in the handsome leather jacket who stood beside the honey boy.

Some were there who smiled at the rough, red hands clutching the old leather pocketbook, snapping and unsnapping it. For all of us knew by the way the boy questioned in his thin voice that was just beginning to change, croaking like a bullfrog and now and then striking a rich, vibrant note, that the purse held just \$2.

But no one really laughed. Perhaps the others noticed, as I did, the callouses on the big hands, callouses that might well have resulted from much splitting of rails.

Civil Defense Training to Be Central

A "normal school" for civilian defense instructors opens in Salem next Wednesday night as the only feasible system of sending civilian defense training into all sections of the county, E. L. Crawford, commander of the citizens' defense corps of the county, announced Wednesday night.

"It has been found to be impractical to attempt to send instructors from Salem to various parts of the county and it will consequently be necessary, at least until further arrangements are made, for each community to carry on its own civilian defense instruction," Crawford declared in announcing the opening of the class for instructors.

Miss Rowena Jones, county training director, is to be primarily responsible for the instruction and the "professors" at the school are to be selected from among graduates of the US army civilian defense school at Seattle, Crawford said.

One person or more from each community should be selected to attend this master course, defense corps commander urged.

Argentina Sends Onion Seeds

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 11—(AP)—Twenty eight tons of Argentine onion seed Thursday began to move by airplane to the United States to replace the loss occasioned by the failure of the US onion crop.

The entire shipment, largest export of onion seed in Argentine history, will take six to eight weeks to reach the US. Each departing ship of Pan-American Grace and Pan-American Air Lines will carry 600 pounds of seed.

RAF Hits Germany

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 12—(P)—Royal Air Force bombers smashed at targets in Germany Thursday night, it was stated authoritatively Friday. The last previous night attacks in force by the RAF occurred last Sunday night when Lorient, submarine base on the French coast, and the industrial Ruhr were bombed.

Army Call Slated

BOSTON, Feb. 11—(AP)—College students in the army enlisted reserve excepting certain technical students, will be called to active duty as soon as possible after the closing date of the current semester or corresponding academic period which ends after December 31, 1942, the war department announced Thursday.

Obituary

Lax In this city, Thursday, February 11, Emma Lax, late of route six Salem, (Fruitland), at the age of 78 years. Funeral announcement later from the W. T. Rignold company.

Guadalcanal To Be Useful

Island-to-Island Not Plan; Allies Confer With Chinese Head

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—(AP)—New allied blows at the axis partners were strongly hinted Thursday in a series of developments capped by a grim admonition from Secretary of War Stimson that the nation must steel itself for heavy American casualties, "perhaps in the near future."

All pointing toward early unfolding of the strategy mapped by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca to bring about "unconditional surrender" of the enemy were these actions in addition Stimson's warning:

1. Nomination of Lt. Gen. Dwight Eisenhower to be a full general and disclosure that he has been given command of all allied sea, air and land forces engaging the axis in the Tunisian area.

2. An announcement that an Anglo-American military mission has completed lengthy conferences with Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and Field Marshal Sir Alexander Wavell, British commander in India, and reached an accord on "coordination of offensive plans."

3. Secretary of the Navy Knox said that Guadalcanal Island would be highly useful as a forward base in the Pacific now that the Japanese have been cleared out. However, he told a press conference that the navy does not contemplate an island-to-island campaign toward Tokyo—a course of strategy that has been criticized by some as too long and costly. Just what the plans are he would not disclose, saying "we won't speculate about our future strategy."

The senate confirmed Eisenhower's nomination as a full general promptly and unanimously. Stimson also related further details of the defeat of the Japanese at Guadalcanal.

Reports from Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of army forces there, advised, Stimson said that in the last two weeks of January the Americans killed 4000 Japanese and captured 195 while losing only 129 killed, 300 wounded and five missing.

The final penning up of the Jap remnant was accomplished through movement of army forces by boat under naval escort around the island. Going ashore again, they flanked the enemy with an overland march.

The navy disclosed that American surface units of unspecified type are in the Aleutians by saying they were attacked Wednesday by a lone enemy float-type plane but suffered no damage.

Elfstrom Awarded Painting Contract

A war contract for all painting of the Mountain Home air base in Idaho has been awarded to the R. L. Elfstrom company of Salem, which will start work within a month. The government employment service is securing labor for this job, the eighth government contract secured by Elfstrom.

The only statement which was made in regard to size of the contract was the assertion by Elfstrom that more than five carloads of paint will be used. Ralph Eyre and Elfstrom are associated together in the Elfstrom Paint company. Most recent tasks performed by the company were the painting of the subport of embarkation at Portland and painting of Camp Adair.

Speaks to Reactors

Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, Marion county school superintendent, is to be speaker at this noon's meeting of the Salem Sealy board, Mrs. Booth, scheduled to appear before the organization in January, was unable to attend the luncheon meeting at that time because she was snowbound at her home in Turner.

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"dangerous inflationary period"; and there is "some fear" that the 48-hour week would tend to aggravate the danger. Labor, management and other groups must do every thing in their power to curb increases in wages and prices, he added.

Johnson is a member of the management-labor advisory committee of the war manpower commission. The chairman of that commission, Paul V. McNutt, has charge of putting the 48-hour week into operation, and is expected to issue detailed regulations soon for its application to 32 "critical labor shortage areas."

However, it notified government contractors—issuing a circular to place on new contracts in 192 areas where controls will probably be extended in six months, if alternative production facilities are available elsewhere and to renew current contracts in these areas only if no additional workers would be required.

Also listed by the WPC were 78 cities, including New York, which have a surplus of labor and should be given preference in re-opening production facilities available elsewhere and to renew current contracts in these areas only if no additional workers would be required.

Lincoln Plan Lauded Here

Were Abraham Lincoln alive and serving as president today, he would follow the same policies he did in Civil War days, Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the Oregon state system of higher education, told a Lincoln day banquet audience at the Marion hotel Thursday night.

Then as now, said the speaker, Lincoln would insist that first planning be for a military victory, even if it meant putting one man in every 11 into uniform. Second and concurrently, he would be planning the peace, which Dr. Hunter declared to be half the victory.

That writing of the peace would call for "capacity operation of America's machine system of production by private enterprise," government regulation to thwart usurpation of undue powers by industry or labor, extensive public education, leadership of world affairs and support of patriotic motives as opposed to self-interest.

Dr. Hunter extolled what he said was Lincoln's "surprisingly fine" qualities as a practical politician, because, he said, "politics is public business and Lincoln so regarded his relationship to the public movements of the day."

More than 275 persons, including high state officials and legislators, attended the banquet, arranged by the Marion county democratic central committee. Honor guests included Gov. Earl Snell, State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott and Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel, jr., who served as toastmaster. Music was provided by the Salem American Legion auxiliary quartet.

Japs Claim Huge Tolls in China

By The Associated Press

The Japanese claimed Thursday that fighting in China in 1942 cost the Chinese 260,000 dead and 124,407 prisoners, with only 8400 Japanese soldiers killed.

The report, broadcast by the Japanese radio and recorded by the Associated Press, said Japanese forces last year engaged 3,967,000 Chinese troops. About 50 important Japanese military operations occurred, involving about 1500 separate combats, it added.

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Eisenhower to Command North African Fighting

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chief" of all Mediterranean air forces and air adviser to Eisenhower who will issue orders for execution by Maj. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, his deputy chief of staff for air. All aircraft, whether from the middle-east or not, "based" on this theatre still will be under General Spaatz.

The other air commanders in this centralized control are Air Vice Marshal Arthur Coningham, in support of the British First and Eighth armies and other troops in Tunisia, Air Vice Marshal R. K. Park, Malta, and Air Marshal Sir William Shelton Douglas, middle west.

"I considered," said Eisenhower, "that I have been given the stars, so far as I know them, of Britain's military strength."

"Of course I am intensely satisfied. It is all one battle now in Tunisia, and we are fighting together in it. On our side, we are going to throw every American soldier we can get into the fight."

For all practical purposes, Eisenhower now heads all operations in a theatre from Casablanca to the Tripolitanian border, and even Libya as well because the Eighth army's resources and supply line reach across that vast land.

Because operations in Eisenhower's new theatre will affect RAF operations in the eastern Mediterranean, it will be necessary that air work be coordinated and Tredder, as air marshal, will be commander in his own right of air forces in the Mediterranean outside the North African theatre. Cunningham will hold a similar position as commander-in-chief of naval forces in the Mediterranean.

In addition to operating naval forces under Eisenhower's direction as they concern the North African theatre, Cunningham will be commander of all naval forces in the Mediterranean operation on standing patrols such as do not directly come under this theatre. In the near future an American vice admiral will join the North African theatre as Cunningham's deputy commander of naval forces.

Science Progress During War Told

Miss Gertrude Dieken, representative of the duPont company, used America's progress in production of dyes, medicines and chemicals to illustrate her statement at the Salem Lions club meeting Thursday that science makes huge gains during wartime. She chided the US as a second rate nation in scientific achievement before the first World war.

Miss Dieken described the improvements produced during the present conflict. She stated that 10,000 articles are now products of plastic. Synthetic cloth, paint, and camphor were other examples which she used.

"If I have the power to come back, I will not come," she said.

Paulson Talks At Launching In Portland

PORTLAND, Feb. 11—(P)—Oregon Shipbuilding corporation sent its 12th Liberty ship, the Owen Summers, down the ways Thursday and Kaiser's Vancouver yards launched another Liberty, the Russell A. Alger.

Guests at the launching of the Owen Summers, named after the Spanish-American war general who commanded Oregon troops in the Philippines, included officials of the war production training schools of the state.

The Rev. Atwood Foster, Salem, district superintendent of the Assembly of God, read the invocation at the launching of the Alger.

O. I. Paulson, Salem acting director of the state board for vocational education and head of the war production training program in Oregon, delivered the principal address at the launching of the Owen Summers. He pointed out that through cooperation of the state board, the state advisory committee and 10 or 11 school districts and their committees more than 120,000 persons had been trained in the state for war industry jobs.

Rev. Paulson, state superintendent of public instruction, said state and local staff members of the war production training program were guests at the launching and at a luncheon that followed.

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