

Convict Trio at Large; Guard Is Hostage

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles A. Sprague

IT SEEMS TO ME that this gas rationing offers some compensations. It keeps you home more, for one thing, stopping your gadding around all over the country. And it forces you to ride the stage (or train) if you need to travel. But what possible satisfaction can anyone get in riding a stage these days, the reader may ask. What comfort can there be when stages are so crowded you may not get a seat, and when speed is reduced to a dog trot?

Well, there are the people, the good old USA people, tall and short, well dressed and shabby, the "young and met" who make up the so-called masses. And people are always interesting.

There was the young chap I sat down beside when the stage reached Canby discharging its overload so I could get a seat. While the stage was standing he noticed the trucks loaded with logs crossing the highway. "Pretty small logs," he remarked.

I looked out and agreed. They were small; but I told him we had larger logs as a rule.

"We have much bigger ones back home," he said.

"Where are you from?"

"Astoria," he replied. "That's a fine town. I've lived there all my life. I like the Columbia river. There's just nothing like it. I hope I get back to Astoria."

"Where are you going?" I inquired.

"I've enlisted in the navy and am going to Farragut Naval Station for training."

"How does it come you are traveling this way?"

"I'm going to Mt. Angel to say goodbye to a buddy before I report."

Here was a young man, his first day away from home as an enlistee, facing the uncertainties of navy service in war time. He was suffering (Continued on Editorial Page)

Enemy's Area Is Penetrated In Attu Drive

Fighting Is Above Clouds; More Raids Upon Kiska Reported
By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, May 28—(AP)—Attacking after preparation by deadly artillery and mortar fire, US army troops have penetrated deeply into the center of the area held by Japanese remnants on Attu island, the navy announced tonight.

Advances were reported in the sector between Lake Cories and Lake Canrica on a line roughly marking the base of a peninsula at the northeastern tip of the embattled island. Much of the battle in this wild, mountainous territory was reported to be above the clouds.

In the same general area, a communique said, troops attacked a ridge extending to the east of Fish-hook ridge, "after artillery and mortar preparation." The effect of this advance apparently was to outflank and thereby neutralize a Jap stronghold on Fish-hook ridge itself.

Meanwhile, said the communique, which covered operations of Thursday, army patrols continued to probe Jap positions on what was described as "the lower ridge extending eastward from the Chicago valley floor."

Moreover, it was announced that army bombers and fighters supported ground operations for the second consecutive day, an advance which authorities believe would hasten the end of the mopping-up operations which have been under way for approximately a week.

The communique also announced a new raid Thursday on Kiska island, the main Japanese base in the Aleutians area, but due to poor visibility, results were not observed.

Generally, it appeared that the (Turn to Page 2—Story B)

Essen Knockout Is Hailed; Wave-Bombing New Tactic

Arms Industry Center Ablaze; Pilots Report Pre-Invasion Targets In Italy Are Handed Further Punishment
By GAYLE TALBOT
(Associated Press War Editor)
A new "wave-bombing" pattern of attack, designed to systematically reduce Hitler's factory cities, was employed by the RAF for the first time Thursday night in its 56th assault of the war on Essen, home of the Krupp armament works.

A great force of Britain's heavy bombers winged over the Rhineland for the third time in five nights to sustain the destruction begun with the record 2000-ton raid on Dortmund Sunday night and continued at Duesseldorf two nights later. Twenty-three bombers were lost to Essen's elaborate anti-aircraft defenses.

This could have been the last great blow needed to knock Essen finally and completely from the German industrial scheme. The Krupp works had been reported at a standstill for at least a month.

Waves of British bombers crossed the channel again last night in a continuation of the assault on Hitler's continental fortress.

The RAF's new wave-bombing technique sent the big Lancasters, Stirlings and Halifaxes criss-crossing Essen's factories in 10 separate sweeps over a period of 50 minutes. The bomb loads of the waves varied according to a scientific plan designed to cause the maximum of devastation.

Pilots said the effect was awesome, the fires of Essen appearing to "weild themselves in a solid mass over a wide area," and occasional blasts shooting flames to a height of 2000 feet. The Nazis (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Memorial Day Plans Ready; Monday Event To Draw Huge Crowd
Weekend Buying Heavy as Two-Day Holiday Faced; Cemetery Services in Morning, Parade at 1:30 Among Highlights

Salem Federated Patriotic societies and merchants of the area complete their preparations today for what is anticipated as the largest observance of Memorial Day in Oregon's capital city in many years.

With Monday a legal holiday, when banks, stores and offices will be closed, food merchandising establishments had felt the effect of the double holiday Friday and were expected to do a land-office business today.

Purchases were not of the picnic variety, representative grocers declared. Rationed gasoline and the announced intention of the OPA to continue its check on unnecessary driving among holders of B and C ration books would keep many Marion county folk at home even if an outstanding program of events had not been planned for Monday, general observers believed.

Presence of a number of military units in this area guarantees the city one of the most colorful parades in its history Monday afternoon, Col. Carle Abrams, grand marshal of the day, declared Friday.

The Timber Wolf division at Camp Adair will send one of its bands and reconnaissance troops to participate in the parade, officers there have announced. The band is to be directed by Warrant Officer Joseph N. Robel.

A cavalry band from a unit stationed in this vicinity, widely known for its concert and dance appearances, directed by Warrant Officer Marion Walters, troop units and mechanized military equipment from that cavalry organization are also to participate.

In addition to the military, the parade is to include civilian defense groups, veterans' and other patriotic organizations, school bands, boys' and girls' groups, fraternal and civic bodies, the Oregon Mounted posse and the Salem Riding club.

First on Monday's program is to be the 10 a. m. service at GAR circle in City View cemetery, to be followed immediately by memorial services at American Legion circle in the same grounds.

However, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic will hold a Sunday afternoon service at 3:30 o'clock in Lee Mission cemetery immediately following the Boy Scout centennial program. Glen Wade is to be speaker and Rev. H. C. Stover will lead in prayer. Sons of Union Veterans will decorate the graves. The public is invited.

At 1 p. m. Monday on the Willamette river bridge, memorial services for members of the nation's armed forces who have lost (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Struggle Real US Heritage Grads Advised
Diplomas and Awards Are Given Out at SHS Exercises

Struggle has been the heritage of young Americans in the past and it will be the same for the 425 graduating seniors of Salem high school who will fight this war on the battle and home fronts, President G. Herbert Smith of Willamette university said in his commencement address in the high school auditorium Friday night.

President Smith listed the right to a happy home and a liberal education as another heritage of young Americans and contrasted the education of the young German as outlined in "Mein Kampf" with the free American system of instruction.

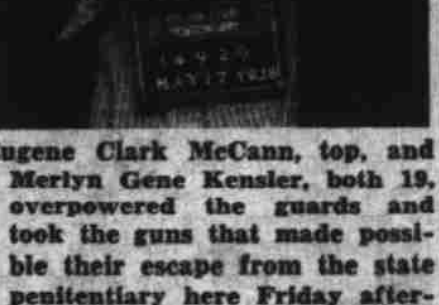
Following the theme set by President Smith, Carmen Campbell in the first valedictory address spoke of the "American Heritage of Freedom," going back to Jefferson to find the first inkling of the four freedoms which she said were the ideals that would establish freedom for the next generation.

In the second valedictory address, Nancy Brown said that today's students fighting on the war and home fronts would have to be the twentieth century pioneers who would back up American leaders for future world cooperation.

The Joseph N. Albert prize was awarded to Janet Lee Rogers who was voted by her class the most distinguished in character and wholesome influence on her fellow students.

Frederick C. Deckebach won the Bausch and Lomb prize which is awarded to the student doing the (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

At Liberty



Fugitives Reported To South

Kensler and McCann Take Freeman Along In Stolen Auto
Not yet tangled in the statewide net set for them by state police and prison guards, two 19-year-old state penitentiary inmates, who took with them as hostage at the point of four guns an overpowered guard, T. M. Freeman, shortly after 2 p.m. Friday, were still free at an early hour this morning.

Free, too, was a third prisoner, who accepted the advice of his fleeing comrades and escaped from the flax field where all had worked as members of two "gun gangs."

Merlyn Gene Kensler and Doyle Clark McCann were last seen in the grey '42 Willys sedan which they took in hold-up fashion from Lloyd E. Francis, Turner service station operator and former penitentiary guard. The car, second secured in that fashion within a matter of minutes, bore Oregon license plate 386-687, and was seen speeding southeast from the penitentiary area.

At 8 o'clock reports had come in that the vehicle, bearing three men, had been seen at Jefferson and also at Aumsville. Not discounting the messages, officers said, however, that identification had not been definite, and they set guards over the state.

George W. Durham, 38, only member of either of the two gangs to follow the two youths, did not join them at the highway, it was said, and was believed to be in the vicinity of the penitentiary last night.

Army units in the vicinity placed extra guards over motorized equipment and food supplies and prison guards beat the brush and inspected ditches near the flax fields from which the escapes were made.

McCann, who made the first move toward the break for freedom, was serving a three year sentence for assault with intent to rob, and on September 17, 1941, from Douglas county. When H. E. Corey (not H. H. "Hy" Corey, longtime guard at the penitentiary) either stepped close to the convict or allowed McCann to work close to him, the five foot six and a half former soldier reached out to grab the guard's gun.

The two grappled and Corey struck McCann on the head, both falling to the ground. There the prisoner grabbed Corey's pistol and tossed it aside, where Kensler picked it up and leveled it at the guard. Threatening to blow the man's brains out, he ordered him to give up his rifle also. Kensler, listed in penitentiary records as a laborer, was completing a two-year term for which he had been sent up in November. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Invasion Fear Rises in Italy

Report Allied Landing Barges Bombed; No Surrender, Vow
LONDON, May 28—(AP)—Rising Italian fears that invasion is near were pictured today in the Italian announcement that allied landing barges were bombed in Bizerte and Sousse and an unconfirmed Morocco report that Mussolini, at a secret meeting with his party chiefs, decided further to reinforce Sicily and Sardinia.

Coming on the heels of Prime Minister Churchill's statement in Washington to the press indirectly inviting Italy to drop out of the war and seek a separate peace, the Morocco radio reported indicated the answer, so far, was "no."

The report, which had no confirmation, said all fortifications on the island approaches would be strengthened immediately, anti-aircraft batteries increased, and Sicily's airports, targets for heavy allied bombings, would be enlarged.

An Italian communique reported the bombing of landing barges and the Rome radio, as recorded in London, said axis planes have been attacking "a large number of enemy armed landing craft seen lying in Moroccan and Algerian ports. In Bizerte harbor particularly a large number of these craft were attacked and a destroyer was also believed hit."

Italian attention to these ports was significant since they are nearest to the recent allied bomb targets in Sardinia, Sicily and Pantelleria.

At the same time the axis broadcasts reviewed their reports of troopship and escort maneuvers from Gibraltar saying an aircraft carrier and four destroyers had just left the British port below which laden troop and supply ships are reported massed.

Reports from neutral countries strengthened the picture of heightened perturbation in Italy. A Russian dispatch from Bern said all law courts in Rome have been transferred to Florence—a move which some observers predicted would be followed by the Italian government. All universities in southern provinces were reported closed and the students sent to northern Italy.

Standley Will Resign, Rumor

NEW YORK, May 28—(AP)—The New York Times says that Admiral William H. Standley, dissatisfied with conditions surrounding his position, has informed President Roosevelt of his desire to resign at once as ambassador to Moscow.

The paper, in a Washington dispatch quoting "well-informed circles," said Admiral Standley had been contemplating resigning in September, but now has advanced the date.

The resignation has not yet been accepted, the dispatch said. The ambassador expressed his desire to resign, according to the report which the Times said was not denied, in a telegram on or about the day Joseph E. Davies arrived in Moscow on May 19 with President Roosevelt's letter to Premier Stalin.

Byrnes Heads Control Setup

Ex-Justice Is Director Of War Mobilization With Broad Powers
WASHINGTON, May 28—(AP)—President Roosevelt today centered under James F. Byrnes the government's vast wartime controls over the nation's economic life, and made him the arbiter where civilian and military needs come into conflict.

By executive order, Mr. Roosevelt created the post of Director of War Mobilization and appointed to it the 84-year-old former South Carolina senator and supreme court justice who left the highest court last October to become director of economic stabilization.

In this position, Byrnes who already had been dubbed "assistant president" while economic stabilization director, will hold greater powers than have ever been wielded by any American outside the office of presidency itself.

Mr. Roosevelt's order empowered him:

"To develop unified programs and to establish policies for the maximum use of the nation's natural and industrial resources for military and civilian needs, for the effective use of the national manpower not in the armed forces, for the maintenance and stabilization of the civilian economy, and for the adjustment of (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Marlin Workers Vote to Return

JAMESTOWN, N.Y., May 28—(AP)—Striking employes of the Marlin Rockwell corporation voted tonight to return to work tomorrow, ending a four-day walkout that has paralyzed production at Jamestown's largest war industry.

At a mass meeting in Jamestown stadium, the strikers, members of the CIO United Automobile Workers, heard pleas from government and union officials that they go back to work at once. They declined to do so on the first vote, but later reversed their decision and voted unanimously to return.

Leedy Missing Navy Reports

WASHINGTON, May 28—(AP)—The navy announced today 12 casualties, including three dead, two wounded and seven missing.

In addition, the status of 12 others was changed from missing to dead.

This brings to 22,145 the total of navy, marine corps and coast guard casualties reported to next of kin since December 7, 1941. The grand total includes 7218 dead, 4784 wounded and 11,123 missing.

The casualties announced today (those listed are navy and non-commissioned personnel unless otherwise specified) included:

Oregon: Leedy, William Clark, lieutenant, missing. Wife, Meredith Anne, Brooks.

Fearson, Dewey Howard, dead. (Reported missing January 22, 1943.) Father, Howard E., Echo.

Poppy Supply All Sold Out On First Day

The combination of aroused patriotism, prosperity and the presence of many persons on downtown streets rewarded the diligent salesmanship of American Legion auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary members on Friday, to the end that their annual "poppy days" opened with such unprecedented success that the two-day event was virtually telecast into one.

The Legion auxiliary had no more poppies Friday night and could not continue the sale today, Mrs. Verne Ostrander, chairman, reported. Volunteer workers were asked not to report at the chamber of commerce, as had been the plan. Mrs. Ostrander expressed appreciation of public patronage and of the volunteers' work.

The "buddy" poppies of the VFW groups were scarce by Friday afternoon, some saleswomen having sold out and a shifting of supplies being found necessary, so it was doubtful that any of these poppies would be purchasable today.

Kuban Battle Is Decisive

Nazis Say No Advance By Reds; 64 German Planes Shot Down
LONDON, Saturday, May 28—(AP)—Thousands of Russian troops, often fighting hand-to-hand, beat indecisively against the main German Kuban lines in the swampy Caucasus yesterday, Berlin announced early today, while Moscow kept silent on the outcome of the struggle to oust the invaders from the narrow bridgehead opposite the Crimea.

A Transocean agency broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said the Russians, estimated to number 150,000, were backed by scores of tanks and planes in the swaying struggle, but thus far had failed to make "any important breaches" in axis lines.

A midnight Russian communique recorded by the Associated Press merely that "fighting continued," although Moscow had reported earlier that 64 German planes were downed in one day over the area at a cost of 13 Soviet (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Pioneer Minto Honored, Ship

While the John Minto, Liberty ship named for his grandfather, famous as a pioneer Oregon sheepman and farmer, was being launched Friday at Oregon Shipbuilding yards, Portland, Salem's John D. Minto labored the farmer's full 12 hours on his Willamette river island and rich bottomland farm here.

Following in the pathway worn by his widely known grandfather, the younger John Minto left newspaper writing and law practice to head one of the mid-valley's larger farming operations.

Other Salem grandchildren of John Minto, sheep breeder and wool grower, are Chief of Police Frank A. Minto, Deputy Penitentiary Ward Eugene C. Halley and Mrs. Floyd Beamish.

Housewives Rally And Save Spinach Crop for Canneries

PORTLAND, May 28—(AP)—Rallying housewives have saved the spinach crop for Hillsboro canneries.

When the ripe crop was threatened with spoilage for lack of cannery workers, an appeal went out to the housewives to register for work. Today they were able to hang out the sign: "No more cannery workers needed today."

Over the Top Against Foe on Attu

In the face of enemy fire from the fringes of low-hanging fog banks, American soldiers advance after making their first landing on Attu island. Fog obscures the mountain in this picture. (Associated Press photo from U.S.N.)

Rivers Reach Record Highs

The Mississippi and Arkansas rivers both reached all-time record heights Friday in their destructive rampages, with the Mississippi circling Cairo, Ill., to form a second junction with the Ohio river.

The flood waters poured through an old creek bed and swept to the new confluence, seven miles above the geographical meeting of the rivers.

Cairo itself was in no danger. Two villages in the inundated area already had been evacuated. The Mississippi at Cape Girardeau, Mo., soared to 42.4 feet, highest there in history.

The Arkansas climbed to 33.7 feet at Pine Bluff, as compared with a previous high of 23 feet in 1935. An additional rise of two-tenths of a foot was expected.

Girl Acquitted In Death Case

MEDFORD, Ore., May 28—(AP)—A circuit court jury acquitted Miss Thelma Michalski, 22, Cleveland, of a first degree murder charge tonight after 7 1/2 hours deliberation.

Miss Michalski was accused of complicity in smothering her 10-week-old son, for which her sweetheart, Sgt. Bernard Lotka, also of Cleveland, has been sentenced to life imprisonment on a second degree murder conviction.

Sign-up for Harvest, Cannery Part-Time Work Heavy; Store Hours Get Bureau's Attention

Sign-up of Salem's regularly-employed workers for additional part-time harvest and food-processing tasks in the labor shortage period just ahead is progressing rapidly, it was reported at the Salem Retail Trade Bureau luncheon Friday after the first list of 376 volunteers had been turned over to the Salem office of the United States employment service by chamber of commerce farm labor committee members.

The number reported Friday is but a fraction of the eventual total, it was explained, for it represented the reports of only 28 out of several hundred employers in Salem. Four others submitted their lists Friday too late for them to be included in the first report.

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Cannery Crew List Is Loaned

"Crops first and rivalry second" was the agreement among heads of canneries this week when the California Packing corporation set the lead with 100 per cent cooperation in saving the spinach crop.

It happened when United Growers at Liberty, swamped with sudden harvesting brought on by the warm weather, sent urgent pleas to the Salem office of the US employment service for experienced cannery workers. Cal-Pack, being consulted, volunteered the list of names of workers off duty that night; the 17 workers were called and every one worked the extra shift for the other company.

Dimons

Sat. sunset 8:51
Sun. sunrise 5:25
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