

IT SEEMS TO ME that retailers have succeeded fairly well in adjusting their operations to war conditions. Despite curtailment in manufacturing in many lines of merchandise, despite annoying regulations and handicaps of lack of help, stores do manage to stay in business. Each fresh impediment is a challenge which somehow seems to be met.

This is observed: stores come to look more and more like variety stores. As old lines no longer are available, merchants turn to those which are—chiefly items in glass, china, fabric, or wood. Metal products are out, and "heavy" goods, like refrigerators; also electric goods. So if you see a hardware store with stocks of dishes, or an electric store with a counter of gift novelties, don't think it has turned into a variety store. It is doing its best to meet the situation and survive. See what the tire and automotive supply stores have done to stay in business.

One of the ladies attending the press meeting in Eugene last week hunted all over town for a paper of pins—no luck. She hadn't been able to find any in her home city, one of the best small cities in Oregon. A friend helped her out from her home stock, sending her a paper of pins that was "surplus." So it goes—small items, that have been indispensable, that have been available from the time that peddlars traveled the roads with packs, are "out," at least temporarily. Let's hope there is no curtailment of the output of safety pins for babies!

In following statistics of retail trade, one is surprised how dollar volume holds up. Big chains generally show plus marks in their comparisons with a year ago. This is in part due to price increases, but they must have had goods to sell to maintain dollar volume. Stores entered the manufacturing dimout with huge inventories. They have been eating into reserve stocks at furious rates, but still they manage to have (continued on editorial page)

Pvt. Whealdon Dies in Action

Boy With Thousand Mothers Killed in North Africa

Personal bereavement may be felt by hundreds of women who attended Oregon State college in the '20s, over the news that Pvt. Rowan Robert Whealdon, 21, was killed in action April 30 in Africa, even though the young man had lived most of his life in New York and New Jersey.

For Pvt. Whealdon, who was born in Corvallis in 1922, was for two years cared for at Practice House on the state college campus and became widely known as "the boy with a thousand mothers." His father was a mathematics teacher in the Corvallis high school; his mother was an invalid and passed away while Robert was being cared for by the home-making students.

Robert's father subsequently was married to Miss Margery Mulheron, sister of Miss Ann Mulheron who was for many years city librarian of Portland, and the family moved to the east. Robert enlisted in the signal corps soon after Pearl Harbor. Word of his death has just been received by his grandmother, Mrs. Emma Whealdon of Salem Heights.

Glaring Sun Causes Wreck

Cars driven by Murel O. Hickman, Royal Court apartments, and Roy A. Jones, route six, Salem, collided shortly after 5 p. m. Friday at the intersection of Liberty and Market streets. Jones, driving west on Market, was blinded by the sun, he said. Hickman told investigating police that as he drove north on Liberty he failed to see the other car approaching. The front of his automobile and the entire left side and the right rear wheel of the Jones car were damaged.

How Oregon's Congressmen Voted

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—Oregon Senators voted as follows Friday when the senate overrode President Roosevelt's veto of the Connally-Smith-Harness anti-strike bill: For overruling—Republicans—Holman and McNary. Congressmen voted as follows where the vote was overridden in the house: Republicans for—Ellsworth, Oregon; Mott, Oregon; Stockman, Oregon. Republicans against—Angell, Oregon.

Coal Mine Walkouts Spread

Four More Furnaces Shut Down as FR Seans New Move

PITTSBURGH, June 25—(AP)—At least 20,000 additional miners quit work Friday, making about one half of the nation's 521,000 coal workers idle, as four more steel blast furnaces were closed, increasing to 14 the number down in the Pittsburgh area due to fuel shortage.

The rank and file of the United Mine Workers, already in heated debate over their policy committee's instructions to return to work without a contract or their demand for extra pay for underground travel were further excited by the president's statement that he did not accept the Oct. 31 work deadline set by the committee.

The United States Steel corporation announced it had been forced to shut down four more furnaces and slow down operation of its huge by-product coke plant at Clairton, Pa., near Pittsburgh, from 70 per cent of capacity to 50 per cent. Fourteen of its 37 furnaces in the district are closed.

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—President Roosevelt, saying he would not recognize the United Mine Workers' Oct. 31 deadline for continued coal production, declared Friday that many people seem to forget we are at war and the life of the nation is at stake.

The president's grim reminder at a press conference that a prolonged stoppage of coal production could threaten the nation's war effort, came against the background of these other developments:

A spread of absenteeism in the Pennsylvania coal fields had some 165,000 of the state's 200,000 miners idle, Picketts were attempting, too, to shut down other mines. A survey of all major coal mining states indicated about half of the 521,000 miners were still out of the pits. Union leaders said they had sent out organizers to try to get the men back to work on Monday, and it appeared the opening of the mines then would furnish the crucial test of whether the miners will accept the back-to-work order adopted Tuesday by the union's policy committee.

An apparent sharp controversy boiled within the administration over whether disciplinary action should be attempted against the United Mine Workers. The War Labor board took to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes a request that the government (Turn to Page 2—Story J)

Oregon-PGE Contract To Be Signed

Members of the state board of control and officials of the Portland General Electric company will sign next Wednesday a new contract whereby the state of Oregon will purchase electrical energy for its group of buildings and institutions in and near Salem on a basis of 8.5 cents per kilowatt hour, as compared to the 11.5 cents rate under the old contract.

State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, who conducted negotiations for the new contract, said his various provisions had been agreed upon by power company officials and the board of control members. The old contract expired on September 1, 1941.

Under the new contract, the cost of electrical energy will total approximately \$48,000 a year with an annual saving to the state of \$17,000. In addition to this saving the state will receive a rebate retroactive as of April 1, 1942. This rebate will amount to approximately \$21,300.

Scott estimated that under the new contract the state would save a total of \$90,000, including the reduced rate and rebate. The new contract runs for the duration of the war, plus one year, but not in excess of four years.

New Medals Slated

LONDON, Saturday, June 26—(AP)—In a message to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, commander in chief of the allied North African forces, King George VI announced today his decision to issue two new decorations—the Africa star to "the victors of North Africa," and the 1939-43 star "to all services who have fought in other theaters."

Hey, Jupe Pluvius! Lay Off

"Victory center — program — or bust!" words Don Black, of ceremonies for the programs, is muttering scheduled six con outdoor programs and a ding washed out by Oregon's "unusual" weather all but once, when the navy-WAVE representatives were able to brave it. But even liquid sunshine can't dampen Black's enthusiasm, for he's prepared another program for presentation tonight at 7:30 o'clock, this one designed to make up for all the others which never came off.

New Battle Rages Near Kalinin

LONDON, Saturday, June 26—(AP)—A resumption of local but bitter fighting on the Kalinin front northwest of Moscow, in which the Germans were hurled from a settlement and three times beaten off as they counterattacked, was reported early today by the soviet command, along with sharp air activity in several areas.

In one sector of the Kalinin front, said the midnight soviet communique recorded here by the soviet monitor, 600 naz troops were killed and six enemy mortars and two wireless stations were captured, along with other material.

Soviet scouting was reported on the front west of Moscow, where Russian infantry and artillery fire destroyed about a company of Germans and silenced several naz mortar and artillery batteries.

Aloft, announcements both by the soviet command and the Moscow radio told of the destruction of six German planes in the south—in the Lischansk sector and west of Rostov—and of heavy Russian raids on naz airbases and railway junctions at Orsha and Karachev, in which a "large number" of German planes were destroyed.

Orsha is about 250 miles northwest of Orel, and Karachev is behind the Orel front, where for weeks there has been intermittent activity suggesting the preparation of major action by one side or another.

Woman's Body Tentatively Identified

Comparison of the teeth of the body of a young woman fished from the Willamette river near Independence early this week with the records of Dallas dentists led to a tentative identification of her as Ruth Hildebrand, missing from Dallas since June 7, reliable authorities revealed Friday.

Relatives of Miss Hildebrand viewed the body at the Smith-Baum mortuary in Independence and at least two Dallas dentists who had performed extractions for Miss Hildebrand checked the teeth of the victim.

Other comparisons made were the hair texture, size and characteristics of the body. State police indicated that the identification was only partial and that they are still following up clues, all as substantial as this one. However the partial identification is a very strong one, being based upon a physical characteristic as different in each individual as fingerprints, authorities stated.

Oregon Judge At Meeting

DENVER, June 25—(AP)—A committee of United States district judges meeting in Estes park this week recommended reduction of the number of US commissioners and an increase in their earnings.

The conference report will be submitted to congress.

The committee, appointed by Chief Justice Harlan Stone of the United States includes Judge A. Fee of Oregon.

Ship Sinks In Pacific

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, June 25—(AP)—A message from Puerto Manta said Friday night that the motor ship Santa Maria, en route from Panama with 120 passengers, had sunk last night in the shark-infested Pacific waters off Cape Pasado, 45 miles north of Manta.

Training Sub Is Lost at Sea

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—Loss of the submarine R-12 while engaged in training exercises off the east coast was announced Friday night by the navy.

The R-12 had a normal complement of 28 men, but the navy indicated some of these were saved after the sinking. The navy said the loss was probably due to accident and not enemy action.

The sinking, the time of which was placed as "recently," raised to nine the number of United States submarines lost since Pearl Harbor, either through enemy action or accident.

The navy's announcement said: "A number of officers and men were unable to escape from the vessel before it sank. The depth of water makes it impossible to salvage the submarine, and hope has been abandoned for recovery of the bodies of the missing personnel. The next of kin have been informed.

"Announcement of this incident was withheld until attempts to locate and raise the R-12 were discontinued, in order that enemy submarines might not be given information that would enable them to attack the salvage vessel."

The R-12, commissioned in 1919, had a displacement of 530 tons afloat and 680 tons submerged. She was 179 feet long with a beam of 17 feet six inches. Her armament included one three-inch 50-caliber gun and four torpedo tubes.

The previous submarines lost since the war began include six overdue and presumably lost due to enemy action. These were the Amberjack, Argonaut, Grampus, Grunion, Perch and Shark.

In addition to these the submarine Sea Lion was destroyed to prevent capture in the Philippines, and the submarine S-26 was sunk in January, 1942, in a collision off Panama.

The names of the R-12's officers and men were not disclosed.

Congress Scuttles FR's Veto to Pass Anti-Strike Law

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—Congress overrode President Roosevelt's veto today and slapped on the statute books legislation providing fines and imprisonment for persons instigating or aiding wartime strikes in government-operated mines or war plants.

The measure, hammered out by the legislators during the strikes by John L. Lewis' coal miners, was rejected by Mr. Roosevelt on the ground that some of its provisions would foment rather than deter strikes. Some union leaders had protested it would "crucify" labor.

Mr. Roosevelt asked that congress give him instead the authority to induce persons up to the age of 65 for non-combat military service—an authority which would allow strikers to be put into the army uniform and sent back to work.

The legislators bowed over the veto with breath-taking speed, completing action on the measure scarcely two hours after the chief executive's message reached the capitol. It became law immediately.

First the senate voted 56 to 25 to override, acting five minutes after it heard the message read.

House action was delayed an hour and a half by the fact that the veto arrived when that body was in a parliamentary situation where immediate consideration could not be given it.

Once the question was put, (Turn to Page 2—Story H)

Ercel Kay 'Fair'

Condition of Ercel W. Kay, at Salem general hospital where he was taken following a heart attack Thursday morning, was reported as "fair" early today. Kay was resting "fairly well," hospital attendants said in a report more favorable than that given 24 hours earlier.

Ambassador Grew Says Japs Attacked Too Late Because of China Fight

BUFFALO, N.Y., June 25—(AP)—Japan attacked the United States and Britain too late, former Ambassador Joseph C. Grew said Friday night, and the reason for this fatal error in timing was the unexpectedly stiff resistance of China.

In an address for delivery under the auspices of the office of civilian defense, Grew recalled Americans for a while were so impressed by this Chinese resistance to Japanese aggression they over-estimated its effectiveness and imagined Japan bogged down and bled white in a futile struggle to conquer 400,000,000 people.

After Pearl Harbor and Singapore, opinion swung to the opposite extreme and there was a tendency to assume "China's efforts had been in vain, and that Japan was stronger than ever." Actually, Grew asserted, what happened was that China's stubborn defense weakened the momentum of Japan's military ma-

Nazis Massing Ten Divisions At Il Duce's Brenner Pass; RAF Bombs Continent Again

Yank Airmen Hit German Bases During Day

LONDON, Saturday, June 26—(AP)—The Royal air force bombed Germany again Friday night, rounding out a week of allied heavy air attacks on Germany, Italy and German-occupied Europe.

The RAF's Friday night objectives were not immediately identified.

The bombers continued their around-the-clock forays after fleets of US heavy bombers pounded northwestern Germany in daylight attacks Friday.

It was the seventh night of the current aerial offensive which began last Saturday night with the RAF smash at the Schneider armament works at Le Creusot, 170 miles southeast of Paris.

The RAF delivered another town-crusher attack Thursday night upon the bomb-shedder Ruhr industrial valley, where upwards of 5,000,000 people were reported evacuated to escape the air offensive.

The big American bombers hammered undisclosed targets in adverse weather against strong fighter opposition, and lost 18 ships for a total of 173 allied bombers as the cost of more than six days and nights of tremendous attacks. Thirty-eight were American and 135 British.

Flying Fortresses made up at least part of the raiding force, and Fortresses from one station alone destroyed 24 enemy fighters and probably 14 more. This group lost six bombers.

Crewmen said Friday's attack was made in the worst weather and against the fiercest fighter opposition they had encountered in six raids. The Germans, they said, sent 200 fighters against them.

The daylight assault followed the RAF's renewed attack with perhaps 1,500 tons of bombs on Wuppertal in the Ruhr. Bombs were concentrated upon Elberfeld in the western section of the area. (Turn to Page 2—Story I)

Hope Given For Safety Of General

LONDON, June 25—(AP)—Hope for the safety of Brig. Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, missing since the bomber on which he was an observer was shot down in the June 13 raid on Kiel, Germany, was advanced Friday night by the US 8th air force which announced that at least eight persons of the 12 aboard were seen to parachute from the crippled plane.

The 35-year-old great grandson of the famous confederate leader of the same name was in the leading Flying Fortress, which was hit before it reached the target but made its bombing run with the no. 4 engine smoking.

Four German fighters then pounced on the bomber, pumped explosive shells into it and sent it down. The Fortress still was under control, however, on the way down, 8th army air force headquarters said.

No one saw the plane hit the ground but Capt. Harry M. Tomlin of San Francisco, pilot of another Fortress, said he was positive he saw eight parachutes from Forrest's plane open after it left formation.

House Kills Subsidy Plan

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—The house voted to end the administration's food subsidy program Friday only a few hours after two labor leaders declared the rollback must be fully effective by July 15 or workers will insist on higher pay to meet increases in the cost of living.

The house action came while the senate was debating a similar curb, and shortly after President Roosevelt commented that congress will have to shoulder the responsibility if it takes the path toward inflation.

Waters Home Safely

Frank W. Waters, 78, former mayor of Salem, who had earlier in the day been reported missing from his home, returned there Friday night, members of the family reported. The elderly man had been in failing health for several months.

Sardinia Gets Air Blasting

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, June 25—(AP)—More than 300 American bombers and fighters sweeping out from bases of the Northwest African air force sprayed the big Italian island of Sardinia Thursday from its air fields to its harbors and cut deeply again into the axis fighter strength in this theatre.

General Eisenhower's headquarters announced Friday that in these widespread attacks, a heavy assault upon the important port of Catania in Sicily the night before by British Wellington bombers and other operations 21 enemy planes had been shot from the skies at the loss of nine allied craft.

The British squadrons based on Malta were active, too, a Valletta communique announcing during the day that fighter-bombers had smashed at war plants in Pozzallo, Sicily, while British naval airmen had made a similar attack at Augusta, Sicily. A challenging German Messerschmitt was destroyed by RAF Spitfires.

The heavy assault upon Sardinia was led by B-25 Mitchells, which bombed two enemy supply ships at Golfo Aranci, a port in the northeast of the island, and smashed the docks.

New Homes To Be Built At Lebanon

SEATTLE, June 25—(AP)—The national housing agency in Washington, DC, has approved housing accommodations for 310 families of loggers in three Oregon logging centers, George H. Coplen, NHA regional representative, said Friday.

Fifty new homes will be built and existing quarters altered at Lebanon, Ore., through private concerns. Also the federal public housing authority has assigned 50 furnished trailers there. At Sweet Home, Ore., 25 homes and 50 trailers were approved, and 100 trailers and 28 new homes at Grand Ronde, Ore.

Bootlegging Again Active, Attorney Says

PORTLAND, Ore., June 25—(AP)—Liquor rationing has brought a return of bootlegging to Oregon, Ernest M. Jachetta, Oregon liquor control commission attorney, asserted Friday night.

He told the western probation and parole conference that liquor commission agents have been instructed to crack down on the bootleggers.

At least 25 are operating in one five-block area of Portland, Jachetta declared.

Stamp Dates Announced

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—Validity dates of four new series of red stamps, used in the purchase of rationed meats, fats, oils and cheese, were announced Friday night by the Office of Price Administration. The stamps are good through July 31.

The dates the stamps will become valid: O, June 27; Q, July 4; R, July 11, and S, July 18. Dates for stamp T will be announced soon. Each series of red stamps is worth 16 points.

Eire Parliament To Meet Soon

DUBLIN, Saturday, June 26—(AP)—Eamon De Valera, whose party lost its working parliamentary majority in Eire's first wartime election, said Friday the Dail would be convened at the first practical time to nominate a prime minister—his job for the past 11 years.

New York-born De Valera would not comment on the setback suffered by his Fianna Fail party in Tuesday's balloting. He said he thought no statement was called for.

Berlin Says 8th Army in Syria For Invasion

LONDON, June 25—(AP)—The Germans were reported unofficially Friday night to be massing about 10 divisions of up to 150,000 men in northern Italy to guard the Brenner pass, southern portal to Germany, against invasion, while the Berlin radio itself said the famous British Eighth army had been sent to Syria to spearhead an allied attack from there.

The German troops movement was reported by an unofficial source with close continental connections, and it was suggested that the nazis were concerned over the possibility that Italy might collapse in event of an allied landing.

This source, who cannot be identified, said about five divisions were taking up new positions, below the pass, and the remainder would form a mobile troop reservoir that could be sped to the Riviera or southeast into the Balkans in case of emergency.

Except for the German air force and special service forces, virtually all the other naz troop strength was reported already pulled back from the crisis zones—Sicily, the toe of Italy, and Sardinia.

Transfer of the Eighth army, flushed by its victories in Libya and Tunisia, to Syria, was reported by a German military commentator in a broadcast recorded by Reuters.

Some London observers attached particular significance to the surprise raid of US Liberators Thursday upon the naz air base at Selenia, six miles southeast of Salomika. The most likely reason for raids in the area would be to knock out bases from which German planes might operate against any allied amphibious operations aimed at the Dodecanese and other stepping stones to Greece, it was said.

On the opposite flank, the 300-plane US bombing showered upon Sardinia reminded Italians sharply of the allied forces gathered on the north African coast.

Further indicating Italian nervousness, the Rome radio broadcast an order from Mussolini to fascist party followers that party membership would be withdrawn from "all those fascists who do not serve the country and the fascist regime with a religious fervor according to the directives given by the Duce."

The Rome radio said that allied planes in recent raids over Naples had dropped leaflets calling upon the Italian population to surrender, but the broadcast did not indicate what reaction they received.

East Coast May Receive A-Card Ban

WASHINGTON, June 25—(AP)—Suspension of A-card coupons in the east is one of the steps being considered by the office of price administration in view of increasingly tight supplies of gasoline for civilians, officials revealed Friday night.

They emphasized, however, that this would be done only as a last resort because they consider that many A-card holders use their gasoline for essential purposes.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes, in his role as petroleum administrator, set aside for civilians a daily allotment of 328,000 barrels for July, August and September.

Meat Supply Sufficient

PORTLAND, June 25—(AP)—Portland meat markets still have sufficient supplies to redeem all outstanding June rationing stamps, a survey made by the Portland, Oregon, Journal showed Friday.

Meat packers were quoted as saying, however, a "clear cut decision on subsidy payments" is needed to bring more meat to markets.

Tembler Recorded

HELENA, Mont., June 25—(AP)—Helena residents experienced two sharp earth shocks Friday, one at 4:20 p.m., the other at 6:56. Both were of between one and two seconds duration. No damage was reported.