

By Charles A. Sprague

The use by one of Oregon's learned editors of the word "apparatus" as plural for "apparatus" gave me an excuse to run to our new office dictionary...

This "New Standard" claims to define 495,000 words, while the "New International" claims 600,000 "entries." What a growth that is from Dr. Samuel Johnson's English dictionary which contained some 40,000 words!

Language does grow, like a tree. Words have roots, back in Saxon or old German, or more often in Latin and Greek, which in turn have earlier roots in the Sanskrit, earliest known language of the Hindu peoples.

"In old time was an usage to nourish great mastiffs and sore (Turn to editorial page)

One Dead, 48 Ill From Lane Food Poison

EGENE, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Dr. C. L. Lindgren, Lane county health officer, reported Thursday night that the number of cases of food poisoning in this area had increased to 48 and the number of persons hospitalized to 25.

The death total remained at one, he said, but the majority of the hospital patients were dangerously ill.

The poisonings were believed the result of cultures which developed in cream-based pies because of inadequate refrigeration, Lindgren said. All the pies were traced to a bakery at Cottage Grove, Ore., he said. Some were baked as early as Sunday, he said, and distributed Monday.

"It is impossible to say where the blame lies," he said. "It is probably in distribution. We found one case due to leaving pies on an open shelf overnight."

Lindgren said all bakeries in the area have suspended their truck deliveries to rural districts pending the outcome of a complete investigation.

Only death reported was that of two-year-old Dale Mitchell of the Lorane district. Seven other members of the Mitchell family were brought to hospitals here.

Most of these were members of family groups but they came from widely scattered districts. By noon, 17 persons were hospitalized. The total increased to 21 by 4 p. m., and overtaxed hospital staffs said others were reported en route.

Search for Kidnaped Baby Intensifies

Questioning of Albany Residents Continues; Woman Sought

ALBANY, Ore., Aug. 5.—(AP)—Despite police assertion of "no progress," intense activity Thursday night marked efforts to solve the mysterious disappearance of Baby Judith Gurney from the Albany General hospital nursery.

Questioning of Albany residents, including hospital employees, continued throughout the day, and in Portland, 75 miles north, detectives disclosed they were making every effort to find a woman who sought advice from a druggist on baby feeding and purchased a nursing bottle the night Judith disappeared.

The two-day-old baby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Gurney of Albany, was missing from her crib, a nurse, Mrs. Theresa McQuaid, told police, when she investigated shortly after midnight Tuesday. A crying baby attracted her attention, she said.

It was thought the baby was taken down a ladder from the second story nursery, but that theory was discarded when it was learned that a door to the sun room, from which the fire escape led, was locked. No other probable means of egress was found.

The Portland druggist said the woman, carrying a baby wrapped in a blue blanket similar to that missing from the nursery, asked advice on formula feeding, and purchased a nursing bottle. Portland detectives said the search for the woman was being pressed.

Near collapse when told that her baby was gone, Mrs. Gurney, a cripple, appeared to be rallying tonight, buoyed by a hope that the child can be found. The father, a plywood plant foreman and head of the employees' union, has been active in the search almost from the moment the baby's absence was discovered.

He was given a spot on the Mutual Broadcasting system's northwest network tonight to appeal to the kidnapers to return the child, and to anyone who might have information that could be developed into a clue.

Declining to discuss obvious activities in Albany, Earl Houston, a state police sergeant, said: "We're simply waiting for something to happen."

Four Soldiers Escape Brig; One Caught

Cleve Williams, one of four soldiers who had escaped from the post stockade at Camp Adair, was arrested in Salem on Thursday night after less than 24 hours of freedom.

Still at large early this morning were Owen V. Brewer, 27; Charles Barnes, 21, and Howard R. Perkey, 20.

Here Soon



JAMES R. YOUNG

James Young, Noted Author, To Talk Here

James R. Young, foreign correspondent, who 23 months before Pearl Harbor was arrested as a spy suspect in Japan and who came back from his 13 months imprisonment to write the best-selling book, "Behind the Rising Sun," will speak at Saturday night's Victory Center program here.

Diverging from his originally planned schedule of public and shipyard appearances in Portland, Young late Thursday promised to address a Salem audience this weekend from the bond-selling platform on the courthouse lawn.

His appearance here will come as a climax to "Molly Pitcher Day," when women of the community follow in the pathway worn by the revolutionary heroine and "fill up the pitchers" with war bond and stamp sales. Results of the day-long canvass by members of women's organizations, if tallied by that time, will be announced as a feature of the program.

The cavalry band stationed in this area has pledged its service in the big 7 o'clock rally, Junior Chamber of Commerce President Pat Crossland was assured Thursday.

Young will speak from 13 years' experience as a correspondent in Tokyo and knowledge gained from 13 months as a Jap prisoner of the methods employed by the enemy in the orient.

Arriving in Salem at mid-afternoon, he will participate in a roundtable discussion over radio station KSLM at 4 p. m. with C. A. Sprague, publisher of The Statesman, and A. H. Wilson, Postal Telegraph manager here, world traveler and news commentator.

Sweden Closes Roads to Nazi Troops, Arms

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Half of Munda Airdrome In Yank Hands

Jap Garrison Being Slowly Destroyed; All Retreat Cut Off

By WILLIAM F. BONI ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Friday, Aug. 6.—(AP)—Half of the Munda airdrome is in control of American infantrymen, fighting with tank support, and the entire Japanese garrison there "is now completely encircled and is being slowly destroyed," Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced Friday.

Latest reports from the New Georgia fighting front in the central Solomons stated the Japanese sustained heavy casualties throughout day-long fighting Thursday as the Americans seized control of the eastern slopes of Kokengolo hill. That is between the airstrip and the revetment areas where planes are kept.

An eyewitness account of the push on the Munda airport, written by J. Norman Lodge, Associated Press correspondent, appears on page 16. The dispatch, dated August 3, was delayed in transit.

These forces sent a strong combat patrol slicing through the jungle to the seacoast northwest of the airdrome while other forces advanced along the south side of the coveted airstrip.

A spokesman for General MacArthur said it appeared that all possible Japanese lines of retreat to the north are covered by our forces. Enemy holdings now have been whittled down to roughly a triangular area of some 1500 yards on each side.

The principal tank support was given to those troops which battled their way on to the slopes of Kokengolo hill which is a continuation of Bibolo hill, now occupied by the Americans, about a mile northeast of the field.

Kokengolo hill is situated roughly half way along the east-west axis of Munda with the dispersal bays ranged about the hill's northern base.

This near climax action in the Solomons was keyed with continued fighting on the approaches of Salamua on northeastern New Guinea in which Japanese counterattacks were decisively repulsed.

Light American surface craft and the 13th airforce maintained pressure on the Japanese in the Solomons. Naval vessels—probably PT-boats—sank two enemy barges northwest of Munda the night of Aug. 3 and in the early morning of Aug. 4. Last night, a coastal ship, possibly 100 feet long, was sunk in the Blackett strait between New Georgia and Kolombangara.

Mitchell medium bombers with a fighter escort on Thursday's strafed barges and shore positions at Gizo island is west of Kolombangara, as well as in Webster Cove on Kolombangara's south coast.

In the New Guinea sector, a series of sharp enemy attacks in the Robubb-Mount Tambu area which is roughly five miles below Salamua, ended with the enemy driven from strategically

Sicily Defenders Demoralized As Catania Is Seized; Only 5000 Italians Now Putting Up Fight

Hamburg Demolished; Berlin Next?



With Hamburg a devastated wreck, Berliners fear that the same punishment is coming to their city. An RAF commentator said Thursday that only slightly longer nights are needed for the bombing of Germany's capital. Photo shows Hamburg's port after a recent raid.

Orel, Belgorod Fall To Reds as Nazis Flee

LONDON, Friday, Aug. 6.—(AP)—The German strongholds of Orel and Belgorod fell Thursday to powerful Russian armies scoring their greatest summer triumph of the war, and Marshal Joseph Stalin spurred his troops on westward today with the cry "death to the German invaders."

Layton Denied Venue Change Judge Postpones Trial for Polk County Murder to Aug. 16

DALLAS, Aug. 5.—Plea for a change of venue in the trial of Richard Harry Layton, who faces first degree murder charges in connection with the drowning of Ruth Hildebrand, was denied by Judge Arlie G. Walker Thursday afternoon, but Roy R. Hewitt, attorney for the defense, was granted a postponement. Trial was set for August 16 at 9:30 a. m.

A Portland attorney is said to have joined in the defense of Layton, necessitating further time for preparation.

Judge Walker, meanwhile, has asked for a special venire of 15 men to be called from which the jury will be drawn.

Hewitt, in the change of venue plea, cited stories from newspapers in surrounding towns as arousing public opinion to the point where the defendant would not receive a fair trial. Little interest has been shown in the preliminary moves, however, judging from the few spectators who have gathered in court so far.

Layton's defense against charges that he attacked and pushed 17-year-old Ruth Hildebrand into the Willamette river near Buena Vista on a night early in June will be insanity, Hewitt has announced.

Heavy Bombing Due for Berlin, RAF Threatens

LONDON, Aug. 5.—(AP)—An RAF commentator hinted Thursday night that Berlin was due for a heavy aerial drubbing shortly, and it was announced that speedy British Mosquito bombers were out over the Ruhr and Rhineland last night, without loss.

It was also announced that British naval planes swooped down on eight German "E-boats" off Calais during the night, sinking three of them and badly damaging a fourth.

The air ministry news service said the naval planes also returned with no loss despite heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The RAF commentator said that Berliners "must be watching the shrinkage of daylight with some concern." The long, 10-hour nights afford a cover to the lightly-armed night bombers on the 1200-mile round trip to the German capital.

He said Berlin was considered an important target as the seat of government and as a large industrial center and added that it was important "from the standpoint of morale."

"Berlin means a lot to Germany," he continued. "There always has been a certain amount of both whenever Berlin was hit. The German people have made a tremendous moan about it. Berliners themselves, however, have not moaned so much when the Ruhr has been raided."

Sheriff Leaves for LA To Bring Back Suspect

Following waiver of extradition in Los Angeles by Donald Engstrom, charged with having rifled the till of a Salem beer parlor, Sheriff A. C. Burk left Thursday for the southern California city to take into his custody the youthful prisoner.

Salem Iron Works Plant Expanded for War Task

Workers poured the last square of cement Thursday for the new unit of the Salem Iron Works which is being remodeled to house lathes and drill presses being sent to Salem for the tooling and assembly of electric generators and hull demagnetizers, Ray Smith, superintendent, announced Thursday.

To facilitate the production of lumber carriers and lift trucks in the Dallas unit, all jigs and other machinery for the standardization of assembly will be moved from Dallas to the new Salem unit which will require the hiring of 20 new employees, Smith said.

Bombar-Deer?



Doris Lotz, 60 South Pacific highway, of the piquant face and thick curls, is one of the contestants for title of Salem's "Miss Bombar-Deer," to be named Tuesday night.

Victory Garden Judging For Contest Near Close

Judging of Victory gardens entered in the contest jointly sponsored by the Salem Men's Garden club and The Oregon Statesman is nearing completion, it was reported Thursday by Charles Cole, chairman of the judging committee.

This committee, in fact, has completed its inspection of gardens in three of the four sections into which the city was divided geographically, and there remains only the final viewing of a few gardens in the remaining section.

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