

THE SHEETS TO ME
By Charles F. Sprague

"I covered the waterfront" Monday from Ferry street to Division. Sam Simpson's immortal reference to the "Beautiful Willamette" applies only to the river in a state of nature. Man has touched it only to defile it. Now it is proposed to add to the ugliness by locating a junkyard just south of the Salem end of the inter-county bridge. No matter if a board fence is erected around the place, the interior will be visible from the deck of the bridge. A tour of what originally was Salem's front yard shows that it is unsightly enough now without compounding the disgrace with a junkyard.

The original boat landing was at the foot of Trade street, now the site of the paper mill. Its lumber mill division (the old Spaulding plant) extends down as far as Court street. Between Ferry and State are the piles of new-sawn lumber, with a rail spur and loading dock by the river. Between Court and Chemeketa is a log dump, where logs are rolled from trucks down into the river. Chemeketa street leads to the boat landing, with some activity among small craft at the float. The gas company has about half a block, for its gas holder, warehouse and gas tanks. There are a few houses and some open ground in the space between the gas plant and the highway bridge.

Between the highway and railroad bridges is Water street, which parallels the river. A row of old but comfortable and well-maintained houses front the street and the river, shaded by the great maple trees, a sort of quiet eddy behind the stream of commerce on Front and Commercial streets. From Union to Division street the land is held chiefly in residential ownership. Under the railroad bridge at Union the city sewer was spewing a rich raspberry red (cannery waste) into the unlimpid river. Visible across the river from points above the highway bridge are the used car dumps that fringe the river on the (Continued on Editorial Page).

One Escaped Convict Caught; Two at Large

One escapee of the past week was returned to the state penitentiary here Monday and two other inmates of the institution made good their escapes. Robert Clyde Dwygans, who dropped out of a gun gang working at the prison annex a week ago Monday, captured at the family home in Lane county Sunday, was returned to the penitentiary Monday morning. Trustees Robert Frazier, 27, and George Glen Graves, 29, both committed from Multnomah county on charges of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon, escaped at approximately 2 p.m. from fields of the annex where they were working although their disappearance was not discovered until late in the afternoon, officers said. Graves, sent up October 25, 1930, was serving 15 years, Frazier, committed in November, 1940 was serving two seven-year terms concurrently.

Greeks Again at Thermopylae

JERUSALEM, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Historic Thermopylae pass again was the scene of an important military exploit recently with Greek guerrillas destroying the railway bridge there, causing a German military train with 25 cars to plunge into the pass, Greek reports reaching here Monday disclosed. Germans who survived the plunge were slaughtered by the guerrillas lying in ambush. They salvaged valuable material including machine guns, these reports said. Destruction of the bridge crippled communications between Salonika and Athens. Thermopylae pass is chiefly famous for the stand made there by the Spartan King Leonidas, who was slaughtered in its defense along with most of his soldiers by the Persian army of Xerxes in 480 B.C.

Farm Marketings Increase Noted

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The agriculture department said today the income from farm marketings plus government payments for the first half of 1943 totaled \$6,202,000,000 compared with \$6,215,000,000 for the same period last year.

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Kidnaped Baby Is Recovered Alive

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Nazis Reel Under Allied Blows

Combined Yank, Sea, Land Forces Batter Sicily Defense

British Troops Mopping Up South Slope of Etna

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, August 9.—(AP) German suicide troops recoiled tonight on temporary defenses at Cape Orlando, 43 miles from Messina strait, under combined seaborne and land attacks by Americans which overwhelmed the Nazi mountain defenses on the northern Sicilian coast. The San Agata-Cesaro line was obliterated and disintegration of all the Messina bridgehead was threatened. Trapped front and rear as the result of a brilliant amphibious encirclement by doughboys from the Seventh army of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr., hundreds of Germans were captured in the rocky fortifications in the area of San Agata and San Fratello, five miles to the southwest. The size of this latest bag was not officially estimated, but the Americans a little more than a week ago rounded up 10,000 Germans and Italians by seizing the terminus of the San Stefano-Nicosia road in a similar trap. British eighth army troops were reported in late dispatches from the front to be only seven miles southwest of the Nazi base at Randazzo and Americans, thrusting eastward from Cesaro, were about 10 miles distant.

The Algiers radio reported in a broadcast heard in London by the Associated Press that the British eighth army was about nine miles from Riposto, half-way between Catania and Taormina on Sicily's east coast. The whole German defense system about the north slopes of Mount Etna, centered at the hill-top town of Randazzo, was imperiled. Allied aerial squadrons raked the axis holdings with bombs, shells and bullets on mission after mission, virtually unchallenged. Official announcements and press dispatches presented this picture of weekend operations by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's forces: Men of Maj. Gen. Lucian Truscott's third division coupled a sea-borne flank attack from behind the enemy lines with frontal pressure to capture the enemy fortress of San Fratello and San Agata, which had delayed the push eastward along the north coast from San Stefano. Fifteen miles inland, other Americans slashed eight miles in a straight line—14 miles by the winding, tortuous and heavily mined road—from Troina to drive the Nazis out of Cesaro. Cesaro lies 14 miles west of Randazzo and its wreckage-clogged mountain pass which is the enemy's main avenue of retreat at the center. South of Cesaro were Canadian and British units thrusting around Mount Etna's base from Bronte. The foremost of these was reported only 10 miles from Randazzo. Armor-supported British troops (Turn to Page 2—Story G)

US Recalls Ambassador Armour to Return From Argentina; Hull Won't Say How Long

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(AP) The recall of American Ambassador Norman Armour from his post in Argentina raised the question Monday night whether he would ever return to Buenos Aires, a capital which still maintains relations with the axis. Secretary of State Hull was non-committal when the subject came up at his press conference today. Asked why Armour was leaving his post, Hull said he was coming back to Washington for conference or consultation concerning all phases of the United States' relations with that part of the western hemisphere and with special reference to Argentine developments as they relate to the general international situation. He was pressed for comment on reports that Armour's recall reflects American disappointment with the Ramirez regime, which promised closer cooperation with the other American republics when it ousted President Ramon S. Castillo last June but has continued to have diplomatic relations with the axis. Hull replied only that he thought that phase of the matter was self-explanatory. He added that he would leave it to his questioners to draw their own conclusion.

North African Mission Head Goes to London

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP) The state department announced today the appointment of Fred D. Koehler as chief of the regional office at London for the office of foreign relief and rehabilitation operations. Heretofore Koehler has been chief of the North African mission of the Ofro, supervising relief and rehabilitation operations in Tunisia, Algeria and French Morocco.

Bombar-Deer

Girl with most "zoom" and trimmest "nursult job"—named tonight—Read story page 2.

Officials Point Out Ways To Lessen Polio Spread

As the total of infantile paralysis cases in the Salem area remained stationary at 15 Monday after three days with no additional reports of new outbreaks of the disease, Marion county health authorities pointed out ways in which effects of polio may be lessened in both community and individual lives. At least four persons suffering from the paralysis have been taken to Portland, where the Kenny treatment has been made available through funds from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, Inc., and the crippled children's funds. Persons able to pay secure the same treatment as those receiving direct benefit of the funds, while training was provided doctors and nurses at institutes with fund backing. Kenny-trained Dr. Paul Noall, who is in direct supervision of polio cases receiving that treatment in Portland, spoke Monday night at Salem General hospital to physicians of this area, explaining how access to the crowded hospitals (not filled with polio patients but with others receiving care for other crippling ailments) can be secured. For the community as a whole, Dr. W. J. Stone, county health officer handed out some advice issued by the national foundation: "Keep children away from large groups. Parents should reduce the number of associations between children and other persons. The policy should be one of staying at home. Discourage visiting and avoid parties, gatherings, crowds and travel. It is the opinion of medical authorities that toilet operations should be delayed until an outbreak of the disease is over. "Don't become hysterical if cases occur in your neighborhood. The medical profession and the health department will be using every known safeguard. Poliomyelitis is a disease caused by a filterable virus. During an epidemic (Turn to Page 2—Story A)

Troops Keep Order in Italy After Bombings

Germany Reported To Agree to Return Of Italian Soldiers

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS
BERN, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The Swiss telegraphic agency reported today that troops were used to halt the "desertion of factories" by workers in Genoa following Saturday night's heavy RAF air raids which also blasted other Italian industrial centers at Turin and Milan. The Genoa population "generally followed the orders of the government with discipline," due to the presence of the troops, the agency reported from the Swiss border town of Chiasso. The dispatch added that "rapid and efficient intervention by the troops served to accomplish work on the regular schedule." The Gazzetta Del Popolo was quoted as saying that German troops helped extinguish Genoa fires resulting from the raid. The editorial offices of the Corriere Della Sera at Milan were hit by the British bombers, the dispatch said, and the roof of the famed opera house La Scala was said to have been struck by 10 incendiary bombs, causing slight damage. The disrupted electrical service of Milan was re-established in some sections of the city. An undamaged school there was used to house the homeless. Street car service was partially restored. Two planes were downed, falling in the streets. The renewed air raids on northern Italy, following the failure of the Badoglio government to capitulate to the allies, spurred strikes and underground political opposition to the government. Socialists continued their efforts to bring about a nationwide general strike. Meanwhile axis diplomatic circles reported that Germany had agreed that Italy could return home all her troops which had been in the "fortress of Europe." This includes troops in the Balkans. Those already withdrawing from France are being replaced by German forces. This agreement presumably was effected during the visit of Foreign Minister Ribbentrop to Italy last week and confirmed at the subsequent conferences among Hitler and his war leaders. If time and conditions permit all Italy's troops to return home, on a great difficulty preventing (Turn to Page 2—Story E)

Hop Wage Set At 3-Cent Top

Three cents a pound was established as the maximum price for hop picking, by vote of Marion and Polk county hop growers who met with W. E. Kinsey, state labor commissioner, Monday night at the Salem chamber of commerce. This is an increase over the prevailing 1942 price of 2 1/2 cents, although some growers paid 3 cents in that season. Any producer who intends, because of a poor yield or for other reasons, to offer a price in excess of this established maximum, will be obligated to consult the labor commissioner before doing so, according to a resolution reported to have been adopted unanimously. In setting this maximum price the growers took into consideration the approximate earnings of bean and prune pickers, and settled upon a rate calculated to enable hop pickers to earn about the same amount per day but not more. The hop men pledged cooperation to the bean and prune growers, declaring it their purpose not to entice harvesters away from them by offering higher wages. There have been reports in Salem of wage offers in excess of 3 cents a pound, and some growers at the meeting asked what should be done about such offers. No definite answer was provided. A minimum price, on the other hand, was set for day labor in hop harvest, the figure being \$7.50 per day or 75 cents per hour. Prune growers are scheduled to meet in Dallas tonight and in Salem Wednesday night to discuss the "going wage" problem with the labor commissioner.

Washington Watches Hitler Ousting Rumor

By WADE WERNER
WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP) Made wary by previous tales of friction between Adolf Hitler's political machine and Germany's military leaders, government officials nevertheless showed interest tonight in reports from Spain that Hitler is being shelved in favor of the military. In the absence of official backing for word from Madrid that "powers of enormous magnitude" are being given to Reichsmarshal Herman Goering, there was a disposition among these authorities to await further information before believing Hitler has given way to a military triumvirate headed by Goering. Meantime, OWI Director Elmer Davis called the report "pretty dubious," telling a press conference that no word of any such change had been given to the German people and expressing a belief that it would make little difference, anyhow, except that "we no longer would have the advantage of Hitler's intuition."

Committee To Recommend Timber Wage

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the wage and hour and public contract division of the US department of labor, Monday announced appointment of a 24-man committee to recommend a minimum hourly wage rate for the logging, lumber and timber and related products industries. The committee headed by George E. Osborne, of Stanford university, California, will investigate conditions in the industries and recommend to Administrator Walling the highest minimum wage rate (above 30 cents but not to exceed 40 cents) with due regard to economic and competitive conditions in the industries, Walling said. Included on the committee for the employers was George Metzger, Eugene, Ore.; for the employees, J. E. Fading, Portland, Oregon.

FDR Returns From Vacation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—(AP)—Tanned by a week of northern Ontario sunshine, President Roosevelt plunged immediately Monday into the affairs of state and of war which apparently were also his vacation companions. First announcement that the president had taken "a short vacation in Canada" came from presidential secretary Stephen Early at the White House. Mr. Roosevelt, the statement said, "has returned to Washington from a short vacation on the north shore of Lake Huron near McGregor and Whitefish bays." Then, almost simultaneously, came the announcement that the president had a luncheon engagement with Secretary of State Hull, a conference later with General George C. Marshall, chief of (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Normandie Half Upright

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—(AP)—The USS Lafayette, formerly the French liner Normandie, rose Monday night to an angle of 45 degrees—the position at which engineers said actual salvage operations could begin. The 79,000-ton vessel, lying on her side since fire swept her at her pier a year and a half ago, had risen to an angle of 46.1 degrees Monday afternoon, then had slipped back slightly on an ebb tide, but lifted again as the tide came in. Pumping operations continued as the ship reached the 45 degree angle — exactly halfway between vertical and horizontal. Salvage officials said the work was progressing so smoothly that it might not be necessary to move the vessel out into the Hudson river to finish the righting job.

Returned Infant In Good Health; Married Woman Confesses Guilt

Albany District Attorney Reports Baby Positively Identified by Footprints

ALBANY, Ore., August 9.—(AP)—Police tonight found the missing Judith Gurney, kidnapped from the Albany hospital last Tuesday, and arrested an army sergeant's wife on a child-stealing charge. District Attorney Harlow Weinrick said the woman, Mrs. Catherine Wright, 26, confessed the kidnapping late tonight after hours of steadfastly denying the charge. The baby, in good health and apparently well cared for in the six days since she disappeared from a hospital crib, was returned to the parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Gurney. The mother, resting home, cried with joy, and Gurney, a labor union official, exclaimed: "Oh boy, are we happy." Weinrick told Mrs. Wright had completely fooled her husband, Sgt. Jesse Wright of nearby Camp Adair, into believing the child was hers. Mrs. Wright feigned pregnancy during the infrequent leaves of her husband, and told neighbors ten days ago she expected birth any moment, Weinrick said. One neighbor, Mrs. Robert Wheaton, told a reporter Mrs. Wright said eight days ago she was going to the hospital to have a baby. The next day she explained her labor hadn't started, but she expected to go to the hospital again that night, Mrs. Wheaton said. The following day she was home with the baby, explaining to incredulous neighbors that she had an easy birth and was allowed home because of the shortage of hospital beds, Weinrick said. Meanwhile a widespread search was launched for the baby, two days old when kidnaped, but it was not until late today that a suspicious neighbor reported seeing diapers on Mrs. Wright's clothesline. Investigation and the arrest followed. Weinrick said he was convinced the husband knew nothing of the kidnaping. The husband was held in technical custody for the military police and was lodged in the Linn county jail tonight. Weinrick said he would call on him as a material witness. The district attorney said the baby had been positively identified from footprint and by a hospital bracelet, bearing the name "Gurney," found in the Wright home, six blocks from the hospital. Weinrick said the actual arrest was made by City Police- man E. L. Chandler, who saw Mrs. Wright leave her home tonight shortly after police had knocked at her door without response. Chandler caught the woman within a block just as she was about to enter an automobile where her husband and the baby waited, Weinrick said. At Chandler's insistence they drove to the hospital where nurses failed to verify her story, the district attorney continued. She made no objection to a physical examination, and doctors reported that she had not given birth recently, Weinrick added. The child, daughter of E. W. Gurney, a labor union official here, disappeared in the early (Turn to Page 2—Story C)

Smiles Again



Eight-year-old Marlene Gurney, shown here with her mother in a picture taken months before Baby Sister Judith was abducted from her Albany hospital crib, may not have understood the tragedy which shadowed her family the past week, but she will understand the joy that is theirs today, newsmen of this sector believe. The sweet face and gracious manners of the Gurneys' older daughter won the hearts of men and women sent to the Linn county seat to cover an incident they feared might end only in grief or life-long mystery. Marlene, they said, was precocious but was too young to realize all of the heartbreak connected with the case.

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Vale Area to Have Conservation Project

WASHINGTON, August 9.—(AP) The reclamation service has approved the \$600-acre Bully Creek water conservation project in Oregon's Vale area, the office of Senator Holman (R-Ore.) said Monday, but presidential approval is now needed.

Crib Where Baby Was Stolen



Arrow points to the crib from which two-day-old Judith Gurney was taken shortly after midnight last Tuesday. AP Oregon State Nat. Service.