

In Indiana a few weeks ago legionnaire attended a memorial service for a youth of his town, the first local boy killed in action in this world war. The veteran's mind was working as he sat through the service, and later he set down his thoughts in a letter to the "Redbook" magazine. He wrote-

"As I sat in the church with the faithful few who would miss Edward in the morning, a challenge came to me: Here was a boy whom I never knew, yet he went to his death that I might enjoy this land of ours and all its wonderful opportunities. Am I worth dying for? Are you worth dying for?

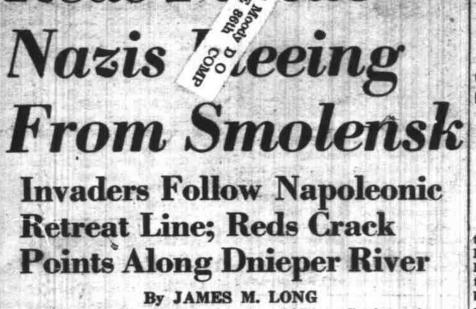
"I cannot truthfully say 'Yes' to this question. I can only hope that as the burdens and sorrows of this war bear down on us, I may never fail to hear that challenge, and that I may try to do my part honestly and unselfishly."

That indeed was a rare confession, which deserves the reflection of all stay-at-homes: "Am I worth dying for?" Our indivadual "No;" and most older folk would genuinely prefer to do the dying if their sons might be spared. The consciousness that youth are making the supreme sacrifice for us ought to quicken our own patriotism and rebuke our own greed which is manifest in many ways.

There is no doubt that the soldier personalizes his labor and his risk. He feels he is fighting for in on Japs at dren, if he has them, his sweetheart, his mother — for the old Finschhafen of loved ones, innate in the breast

of almost every man, inspires him ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN to feats of daring and sustains him THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC when bullets fly thick about him. Sunday, Sept. 26-(AP)-Gen Douglas And the reflex of that, it may MacArthur announced today that be added, is why our women-folk Australian troops have fought their. are intensely patriotic, why they way against Japanese opposition toll long hours at Red Cross, at across the Bumi river within three USO or at other war projects. The quarters of a mile of the enemy affection they cannot directly ex- air and supply depot base of press to their absent soldier rela- Finschhafen, New Guinea. tives or lovers they channel into The south shore beachhead was

work that will help win the war firmly established and the Aussies drove steadily toward the town, and bring them back. Some have doubted if the men which is on the Huon peninsula Some have doubted if the men only 75 miles from Japan's stra-in the service were really aware only 75 miles from Japan's stra-sokolovsky's troops dislodged the To Farmers'



Reds Pussue

30 PAGES

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 26 - (AP) - Soviet columns pounded on past captured Smolensk, the red army's greatest 1943 victory, in pursuit of the fleeing Germans, Moscow dispatches said today, as some reports said Russian spearanswers would undoubtedly be heads had cracked the great Dnieper river line at a half cret that at least four scoring plays dozen points from Smolensk to tottering Kiev.

An Associated Press dispatch from Moscow said Gen. Vassily Sokolovsky's troops which battered down the last German defenses of Smolensk and Roslavl, 66 miles to the



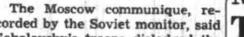
INETY THIRD YEAR

south, pressed on immediately along the Moscow-Minsk highway which Napoleon traveled in and out of Russia.

They were aiming now at Orsha, 65 miles beyond the fallen central front bastion, and also at Vitebsk on the highway to Latvia. At Vitebsk, 75 miles northwest of Smolensk, the Germans have erected powerful de-

Moscow shook with the thunder of 224 guns saluting the victory and crowds cheered the broadcast of Premier Marshal Joseph Stalins order of the day calling Smolensk "the most important strategic center of German defenses in the western direction."

A brilliant display of fireworks lit up the chilly streets of the capital as crowds shouted "Smolensk is Soviet."



Campaign In Final Stretch **Marion County** Has \$1,528,000 **To Go in Bonds**

It's the last quarter, folks, and the ball is on the 1,528,000-yard line. Each yard represents a dollar's worth of invasion bonds, maturity value, that will have to be bought if Marion county is to score a touchdown in the third war loan campaign before the timekeeper's. gun is fired next Saturday. The situation calls for something spectacular, and it's no sewill be called. Possibly the biggest of these will be the windup rally Friday night in Salem but since

its details have not been revealed. the spotlight currently falls upon the two events Tuesday night. at the Salem armory, at which live, flesh-and-blood wrestlers will be auctioned off in a manner rem-

iniscent of the slave market in the old south; is more fully described on the sports page. Silverton's big auction, likewise fuesday night, may turn into an

over the top" celebration, for lack Spencer, chairman for the Silverton district, announced Saturday that the total to date was in excess of \$180,000 with \$60,000 yet to go. Largest single purchase

of the week, \$10,000 was made by the city. Silverton merchants have been generous in their donations for the auction, and the articles in-

(Turn to Page 2-Story E) **Meet Looks**



Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, September 26, 1943

Appointed

The Oregon Statesman



EDWARD R. STETTINIUS, Jr.

To Join Allied Commission

LONDON, Sunday, Sept. 26-(AP) The soviet foreign affairs information bureau today announced it had appointed Andrei G. Vish-insky, soviet vice commissar of foreign affairs, as its representative to the new inter-allied Mediterranean commission and rerealed that the commission will have its headquarters in Algiers. The announcement, broadcast by Moscow radio and recorded by

ence with our allies both before and after Pearl Harbor as lendthe soviet monitor, said Harold MacMillan, resident minister for allied headquarters in north Africa, would be the British represenfor his new post." tative. The United States dele-

The transfer of Stettinius to gate, it added, is expected to be

British Eighth Army 30 Miles From Foggia Clark's Forces Drive Against Nazi Mountain Defenses; More WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 -(AP) **President Roosevelt announced Than 2000 Prisoners Taken** tonight the resignation of Sum-

Dimo

Sun. sunset 7:03 Mon. sunrise 7:03 (Weather on Page 5)

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By NOLAND NORGAARD

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Sept. ____ 25-(AP)-A field dispatch tonight reported that forces of the British Eighth army had advanced up the east coast of Italy to the Ofanto river, only 30 miles short of the network of nazi airfields centered around Foggia.

The dispatch, written by Associated Press War Correpondent Daniel De Luce Friday, said that the town of Canosa, a dozen miles inland from the Adriatic, was even then in the hands of an advance guard.

ize all foreign economic functions in one operating agency" combin-ing activities formerly engaged in by the offices of lend-lease admin-This represented a further drive of 23 miles from Molfetta, coastal town 15 miles above Bari, where the troops of istration, foreign relief and re-habilitation operations and econ-Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery last were reported.

welles' resignation, which had been forecast for some time, was accepted by Mr. Roosevelt, he said, "with deep and sincere regret." The president said the career diplomint had advised him "of his desire to be relieved of his heavy governmental duties in view of his wife's death" and that he "could understand and sympathize with that desire."

sympathize with that desire," Of Stettinius' appointment, Mr. LONDON, Sept. 25-(AP)-Yugo-slav patriot armies have hurled Roosevelt said "his broad experiback several more German attacks on the strategic Adriatic experience as an executive in have killed hundreds of the ene-

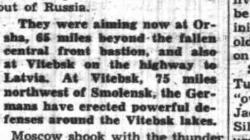
De Luce added that the Foggia train, tanks and other equipment, a communique said tonight. aircraft, has not been

"To Canoss, back from the Ofanto's mouth in the Adriatic, the river now is firmly con-trolled by the eighth army ad-vance guard," De Luce report-Two bridges across the river

were found blown up by the withdrawing Germans, but this hindered the advancing eighth troops only slightly. "Only light German forces have

been holding the Adriatic coast in the vicinity of Bari," the dispatch continued, "the renewed eighth army advance has swer port of Split, still hold the greater the enemy back upon Foggia lease administrator and his long part of Susak in the north, and with extremely few British casbusiness, splendidly equipped him my and destroyed an armored ualties."

airbase, often bombed by allied



of the war's longer issues. Drew Middleton, New York Times cor- Enemy resistance was bitter. respondent in North Africa, has reported that to many of the men lost more than 40 planes last Wedfighting there the war was a dis-agreeable chore, and that they tralians in their amphibious landwere most eager to "get the mess ings six miles north of Finschover with and get back home." hafen, tried to hamper the drive They fought because it was their but outnumbered Lightnings duty, or had become their trade. turned back a strong enemy for-Victory to them meant discharge- mation. (Continued on editorial page)

Nazis Inspire Propaganda **Peace Rumors**

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE jettison their bombs harmlessly LONDON, Sept. 25-(AP)-While before reaching the target. One the breath of military disaster enemy fighter was shot down and blew cold upon their necks in another probably destroyed. We Russia today, the Germans went lost two fighters."

to work on another propaganda This air action occurred Friday campaign featuring peace rumors after the Bumi had been crossed. Progress south of the river has from many quarters.

determined.

violence.

assassination.

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 25-(AP)

in succession to the slain Rein-

Highlighting the nazi-inspired been slowed up by difficult counweb of rumor was the report from try as well as the enemy opposineutral Spain that the satellite tion. Rumanians had sent representatives to Turkey to negotiate an

armistice with the allies. The main purpose of the weekground for enemy vessels near and campaign appeared to be to Kavieng, New Ireland, four-enfrighten the allies into the belief gined reconnaissance planes sank that some sort of nazi peace with a 2000-ton cargo ship. Soviet Russia was possible.

A report that Germany itself vas throwing out peace feelers "in every direction" was brought to London by a traveler from the

fediterranean area. The London Daily Express, under the heading "Goebbels starts new peace lie," reported that the Germans had begun to whisper in the Balkans that they were with- ed the air field and capture of drawing from Russia by agreement with the soviet government, of New Guinea coast in MacAr-Having withdrawn to a short thur's hands an additional 60 ler would be in favorable position to talk peace with Premier Stalin and draw 2,000,000 men out of the east to confront the allies in the west and south.

This was described here as "sheer fantasy." There was not a single bit of information suggest- iron-fisted nazi trouble shooter. ing the existence of any genuine German peace proposal to any-

French Consider **Civilian War Head**

ALGIERS, Sept. 25 -(R)- The French national committee discussed at length today the appointment of a civilian war minister and a reliable informant said that action on the appointmentwhich involved a controversy within the committee over the Corsican campaign - was defer-red until the next session on Mon-

Germans from the fortifications. The Japanese airforce, which covering the approaches to Smolensk and then broke into the northern outskirts of the once vital nazi stronghold on Friday. "Fierce street fighting ensued By the end of the day the whole

northern part of the city had been cleared of the enemy. This morning (Saturday) the city was

carried by assault. "Our ground forces in the face of enemy opposition effected a "In this way Smolensk, crossing of the Bumi river and most important enemy center of

resistance, has been liberated are driving south toward the from the Germans." town," today's communique said. The capture of Smolensk "Our fighters intercepted a turned the northern flank of force of nine enemy bombers cov-

the Dnieper river line the Gerered by 30 fighters approaching mans once expected to hold as to attack our ground troops. The an east wall deep in Russia. enemy planes were forced to No natural obstacles bar a Rus-

(Turn to Page 2-Story B) City, County **Schools Open**

Tomorrow

More than 5000 boys and girls The communique reported air force action against Japanese parochial schools Monday as the shipping. In a favorite hunting fall term opens. Another 8000 to 9000 are expected to attend rural schools of Marion county.

chards, with memories of straw-Off the same island near Cape St. George, an enemy cruiser was berry patches and beanfields, they will answer the call to classes. attacked and three medium cargo Some youngsters may return to vessels were bombed in the north finish the crop harvest, but all, Solomons area but these were with the exception of those worknight actions and results were not ing in the canneries, have been asked to appear for enrollment The Australians bidding for

day. Finschhafen already have captur-Not just the canneries but other more permanent defense tasks the town would run the solid line and the armed services will have cut high school attendance here, Supt. Frank B. Bennett believes, - from Lae to Finschhafen.

although grade and junior high schools may show an increase ov- Billion-Dollar Subsidy **Heydrich Heir** er the past year's registration. Every vacancy on the teaching **To Rule Danes** staff of public schools had been

filled by Saturday, with emplayment of Mrs. Bernard J. (Caroline) Butler to succeed Mrs. Lois Col. Gen. of Police Kurt Daleuge, Beck, resigned, at Parrish junior high school, Mrs. Butler taught in Kelso, Wash., last year. hard Heydrich, is expected to take

over authority in Denmark as School buses will operate over regular routes Monday, and all reich's governor soon after the birthday of King Christian X to- elementary schools will open at morrow,, it was reported here to- 9 a.m.

Danes here said that Daleuge Hannover Raid had been in Copenhagen since Thursday. His appointment would History's Biggest mean the introduction of the nazi

SS elite guard regime in Denmark NEW YORK, Sept. 25 -(AP)-The which still is torn by sabotage and British information service said

tonight that the RAF's raid Wed-Daleuge had served as acting Czechoslovakia since Heydrich's attack in the history of air warfare.

Danish leaders of the major po-In a devastating 33 minutes, the litical parties and the Eric Scaannouncement said, a total of

Market Here

Persons and representatives of er territories liberated by the alorganizations interested in estab-lishment of a farmers' market in tative of the French committee of or hear the downtown area of Sa- national liberation. lem have been called to meet at the chamber of commerce Friday

night with a special council com-**Bombers Blast** mittee to discuss type and location desired, Alderman Albert H. Gille, chairman of the committee, announced Saturday.

The hour for the session has been tentatively set as 8 p.m. and may be shifted in an attempt not to compete with the bond sales rally. The committee, in session Friday night, decided that interest in establishment of such a market seemed general and considerable and that details could best be worked out after open and public expression of opinions, desires and suggestions had been

made. While the committee has one location under consideration, it does not plan to act until other possibilities have been determinwill trudge to Salem public and ed, Gille said, pointing out that even then its action would be in the nature of a report and recommendation to the council.

From hopyards and prune or- Germans Again **Occupying Bulgaria**

> ISTANBUL, Sept. 25-(Delayed) in the offensive patrols over Bel-P)- The Germans are reoccupy- gium and northern France carried ing Bulgaria in force and their out by Mustangs, Typhoons and minister to Sofia has become vir- Spitfires. Fighter command Mostual gauleiter, according to the guitoes destroyed two Junkers 88s. first authentic account of condi- this afternoon. Two coastal comtions to reach here since the death mand and three fighter command of King Boris smoothed the way planes are missing from these opto a new nazi-dictated govern- erations, the air ministry com-

munique said.

Nazi Targets By the Associated Press LONDON, Sept. 25-(AP)-Ame-

named soon.

rican Marauder bombers blasted the Longuenesse airfield at St.

Omer in northern France today and British planes attacked rail and water transport targets in northern France and Belgium and sank a medium sized supply vessel off Den Helder in north Holland, it was announced tonight. Allied Spitfires escorted the US eighth air force bombers on

the St. Omer raid which was accomplished without the loss of a plane by the attacking force, a

my communique said. Helder was hit by a torpede from an RAF Beaufighter of the coastal command escorted by Spitfires. More than a dozen locomotives and several barges were damaged

the state department as second in command was something of a surprise. His name had not been prominently mentioned in spo-The commission, which will examine questions arising from the armistice with Italy and from othculation about Welles' su 507.

Stettinius

Succeeds

Crowley to Fill

Economic Post

ner Welles as under secretary of

state and the appointment of

Edward R. Stettinius, jr., lend-

lease administrator to succeed him.

Mr. Roosevelt also announced

the establishment of a new office.

of foreign economic administra-tion, with Leo T. Crowley, who has been in charge of the office of

the new agency would "central-

economic warfare, as its direc

The president said in a state

omic warfare.

New Foreign

Welles

Commending Welles' lengthy service in the state department, Mr. Roosevelt said he had served the government "with unfailing

With reference to Crowley's designation as director of the office of foreign economic administration, the chief executive said he was one of the best administrators in or out of government and "I find great satisfaction in

promoting him to a position which will centralize all foreign functions in one operating agency."

Former Governor Herbert Lehman of New York, who has headed the office of foreign relief and rehabilitation, has been named a special assistant to the president to perfect plans for a United Nations meeting on November 9 to consider the problem of long-range world relief.

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joint British air ministry-US ar- Moscow Trip The supply vessel sunk off Den For Hull Seen As Probable

By RICHARD MASSOCK WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 -(AP) High importance of the Moscow

conference on American-British-Soviet war and post-war collaboration appeared increasingly likely tonight to bring attendance of Secretary of State Cordell Hull. While Hull informed reporter after a meeting with Ambas William H. Standley and President Roosevelt that neither he nor

the government had reached the question of whether he would go to Moscow, some of the secretary's asociates termed his presence "im-perative." It also appeared possible that

Looms in Food Program ador would accompany the American delegation.

| were indications that administration leaders in congress hoped to since Standley intends to resign head off an open fight over sub- his post without returning. De-

firm on-and fight for, if neces- few days ago. sary-the administration's present W. Averill Harriman, lend-lease

anti-inflation program designed to expediter at London, is expected stabilize prices, insofar as pos-sible, at the September, 1942, to succeed Standley. He attended

that Administrator Marvin Jones level. plans to go before the senate and Further evidence to this effect house banking committees next is provided by a WFA annouce week with a request that the war ment today of an emergency \$65,food administration be given au-000,000 milk subsidy program deputy reich's protector in the nesday night on Hannover, Ger-Bohemia-Moravia area of old many was the greatest bombing gram which would use subsidies three month period. Milk producto avert increases in consumer ers will be paid subsidies ranging from 25 to 50 cents per hu

food prices. The request will be made in the pounds of milk marketed. These face of the fact that members of payments are intended to com-

enemy suffered "heavy some time by the German air in the effort to regain force and that there was not a The . osses" aid a Yugoslav liberation sign of any enemy plane in the

devotion for many years."

said street fighting was continu-

At Gorizia, north of Italian Trieste, Slovenian troops were said to have yielded the airfield there under heavy German pressure,

riny bulletin issued here. The sky over the eastern coast. for an allied invasion of the Bal- la at the Salerno springboar kans, and amid reports of sprend- American and British grou ing unrest in that shakily-h e d forces have smashed their way "back door" to Germany there the mountain tops guarding-the were increasing indications that smoke-filled plain of Naples. The American fifth army

the Yugoslav fighting had grown out of the guerrilla stage to a pressed its onslaught day and major operation, possibly directed night against the strong German by the allied high command. Susak, a port city adjoining Fiume, was seized 16 days ago by the patriots, and tonight's bulletin

mountain defense line. The total of nazi prisoners taken since Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's forces landed at Salerno rose to well over 2000.

The going was slow for the allied attackers, who sweated up steep hillsides with mules carrying guns and ammunition where neither trucks nor tanks cou travel.

but before withdrawing they But the soldiers who toiled on knocked out one enemy armored train and several tanks. The fight still swirls outside the city. rooting out German strongh as they went, had the satisfaction of looking down from the moun-Pouncing on the Zagreb-Bel-

tain tops today on low country trade railroad other units derailed (Turn to Page 2-Story A)

one axis train and blew up more than a mile of trackage between Brod and Vinkovci, killing 20 MARION Germans, capturing seven, and destroying an engine, 25 freight cars and other vehicles. A German .tank column was

routed near Idria by Slovene partisans, the communique said, and in the province of Lika in Dalmatia 200 Germans were killed and booty captured in a suc-cessful fight along the Bihac-Knin

An Istanbul dispatch said Greek guerrilla chieftains had conferred recently with allied middle east military officials at an undisclosed place, and as a result will meet shortly with Gen. Draja Mihailovic or his representatives somewhere in Yugoslavia to plan joint tactics against axis occupation

(A BBC report from Cairo said the Germans had "burned down one village and are busy collecting hostages" in Messenia prov-ince in southern Greece after Greek mountaineers there had attacked German troops. The broad-



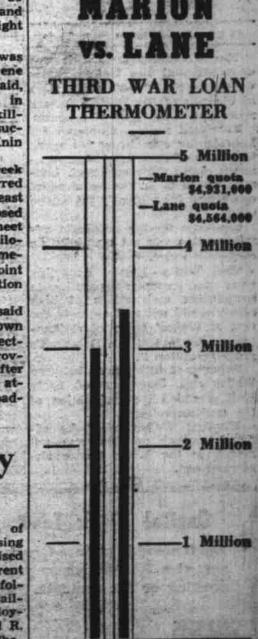




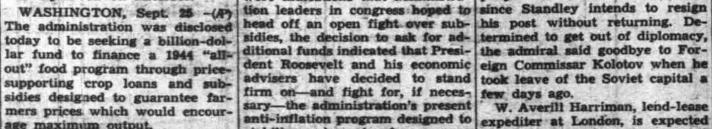
the conference with Hull and Standley which the secretary in- problems in Salem" was promit terrupted to go to the White by the Salem Realty board's rent committee Saturday afternoon fol-

Harriman and others have been mentioned for the leadership of the American conference delega-tion. Britain will be represented R. Boardman, director of the Chetion. Britain will be represented meketa street USO.

The investigation An apparent Soviet desire to ducted "in an effort, furnish collaborate with the United States the OPA with imp dant facts and Great Britain has been report- that they may assist OPA in deed to the state department and termining whether or not rent con-



LANE MARION TO DATE



By OVID A. MARTIN

A highly-placed official said

