

## Kaiser Upholds Liberty Ships

### Construction Passes Rigid Tests of 4 Groups

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10—(AP)—Edgar F. Kaiser, manager of the three Kaiser shipyards in this area, declared today that if Portland-built Liberty freighters have gone to sea with construction defects, inspections by four separate agencies failed to reveal them.

The son of shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser made his first reply to charges that Liberties have split up at sea following an accusation by Rep. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) that the Portland-built Chief Washakie was launched with a putty-filled, paint-covered crack in her hull.

"We have been repeatedly requested by the press to make some statements concerning recent releases by Representative Magnuson of Washington regarding cracked Liberty ships," Kaiser said.

"There are four inspection organizations: (1) the shipbuilders, (2) the US maritime commission, (3) the American bureau of shipbuilding, and (4) the US coast guard (formerly the bureau of marine navigation and inspection.) None of these inspections have disclosed at any time cracks in ships being commissioned into service at this yard, nor have we as builders been advised by the other three inspection services of any cracks at the time of commissioning into service.

"This matter is not a new one, and the US maritime commission, Rep. Bland's committee of marine, fisheries and navigation, and the Truman committee have been and are investigating these conditions with the assistance of the American bureau of shipping and the coast guard.

"This is not a local problem. Liberty ships have been built in 17 different yards around the nation and Oregon Ship is only one. The marine and fisheries committee investigation revealed some time ago failures in Liberty vessels built in practically all the yards."

## Son-in-law Of Mussolini Sentenced

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of the chamber of fuses and glands, who led the battle in the council to depose Mussolini. The dictator was ousted July 25 and placed under guard, but later was "rescued" by Nazi troops.

The German dispatch said the trial was held at Verona.

Ciano, whose last job in his father-in-law's government was as ambassador to the Vatican, was placed under arrest by Marshal Badoglio's government but later escaped. The Germans said they then captured him at the Swiss border.

Ciano, 40, was reputed to have become one of the richest men in Italy under the fascist regime. The son of Adm. Costanzo Ciano, Conte di Cortellazzo, a naval hero and early supporter of fascism, Ciano held obscure posts in the diplomatic service until his marriage to Edda Mussolini.

Reports on December 6 from the Swiss-Italian border had said that Ciano had been executed, shot in the back by a firing squad. The Germans denied this and subsequently announced the treason trials would start last Saturday. The account today gave no details of the trial.

The Daily Herald identified Gottardi as Luciano Gottardi, president of the Fascist Confederation of Industrial Workers.

DNB did not carry the names of defendants' sentences in absentia.

## Last Victory Books Sent To Camp Abbott

The last 634 of the books collected in Oregon's victory book campaign of 1943 were sent late last week to Camp Abbott at Bend, Eleanor Stephens, state librarian, said Monday.

Oregonians, in general, showed excellent taste in the books they donated, largely from their own bookshelves, for camp and ship libraries, Miss Stephens declared.

A direct gift to a Salem man and to his buddies "who find that there are arguments at the station in Alaska for which their stock of mystery fiction offers no solution" is possible, she said.

This particular youth is anxious to receive Van Doren's "Liberal Education," Cross's "Yankee Lawyer," and Alexander Woolcott's last book. He may eventually get all of them through the ninth service command library, "but he wants them right now, and who can blame him?" according to Miss Stephens. His suggestion is that any person interested in giving one of the books or some money toward its purchase should get in touch with her.

## Congress Awaits FDR Message

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tration-favored method of holding down the cost of living is to expire. Talk of compromise by which poor families would get government food stamps to help them along, and other people would pay more for presently-subsidized foods, was current over the weekend.

There is no disagreement on the principle of providing financial help to service men and women as they are demobilized, although there are various proposed methods and amounts.

The recurrent problem of rationing is involved in a resolution by Sen. Thomas (R-Idaho), to be presented formally tomorrow, to force a temporary suspension of all meat rationing. Thomas argued that a current surplus, particularly of pork, is clogging trade channels. The office of price administration argues that suspension of rationing would mean unfair distribution and might lead to a shortage later.

## Sofia Bombed; Fifth Army Moves Onward

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it as one of the most important allied successes, bringing the air forces nearer Germany and permitting air cover for operations in northern Italy and the Adriatic.)

No further details were available on the air attacks but on the ground the Fifth army, which burst through the German defenses to a depth of two more miles, threw tanks into action on the plain before Cassino as freezing weather hardened the ground.

The extent to which British and American armor could participate in the final assault on Cassino depended on how strongly German artillery was emplaced on heights on both sides of the Rome road, which runs along the Cassino plain.

The 29th panzer division, which, with units of the Hermann Goering division, was entrusted with the task of defending Cassino against the grinding fifth army offensive, was taking a heavy mauling. Clark's advance units were nearly halfway through the six-mile zone of fortifications between the village of San Vittore and Cassino.

Freezing weather caused great discomfort to the infantry, but the hardened ground was welcomed by allied armored divisions, which had seen but little action since the Italian rainy season began a short time after Naples was captured.

As matters stood today—six days after the start of the new drive on Rome—American infantry fighting from peak to peak northeast of Cassino had reached a point where it could look down into the streets of that key communications center. Both infantry and tanks were driving in on the bastion from the front.

American doughboys battered through strong opposition to seize the 3500-foot peak of Catena Vecchio, north of the highway into Cassino. South of the highway they captured 1500-foot Mount Chiala and 900-foot Mount Porchia. Units which won Mt. Chiala continued their advance northward toward the village of Cervaro, some four miles east of Cassino. They were strongly supported by allied fighter-bombers.

Near the western end of the 10-mile offensive front, British troops clung to a bridgehead they had established across the Fecchia river west of Mt. Maggiore. German artillery gave this force a hard plastering. Field dispatches indicated the British had worked their way around southwest of Cassino, directly opposite American troops slugging their way in from the northeast.

Yesterday the Italy-based fortresses smashed at the German-controlled naval base of Pola, at the tip of the Istrian peninsula, which juts into the top of the Adriatic sea. Two formations of Mitchell medium bombers attacked the port of Ancona on Italy's east coast, doing great damage to harbor installations and warehouses. The allies and Germans each lost one plane in yesterday's operations.

## Sprague to Be Commencement Speaker, Idaho

COLLEGE OF IDAHO, Jan. 8 (Special)—Dr. W. W. Hall, Jr., president of the College of Idaho announced today that Charles A. Sprague, former governor of the State of Oregon, has accepted the invitation to be the speaker at the commencement services, which will be held June 4.

Mr. Sprague is now editor and publisher of the Oregon Statesman, well-known Salem newspaper. In 1933 he was elected to a four-year term as executive officer of the state of Oregon.

## Republicans Claim Change Will Win War

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mind that a republican success next November will result in such an acceleration of our war effort abroad and at home that victory, the thing for which we all yearn, will be brought nearer to us by months if not by years."

Halleck, new chairman of the house republican campaign committee charged with the job of electing republicans to congress, was the principal speaker at a dinner arranged by national committee meeting to select a time and place for the party's national convention.

The convention is expected to be held in Chicago about June 25, approximately the same date as that in 1940 at Philadelphia—June 24. The voting on the convention city will be done in executive session after bids are received in open session. Chicago is the only city ready with a financial offer—\$75,000. This compared with \$200,000 raised by Philadelphia for the 1940 meeting.

The national committee held a closed session late today with state chairmen and vice chairmen to talk over campaign plans and to hear Spangler rip into the Roosevelt administration for what he called its "orgy of economic experiments, wasteful extravagance, and criminal neglect of military preparedness," which he said resulted in the "grim tragedy of Pearl Harbor."

Spangler also ridiculed President Roosevelt's expressed desire to drop the term "new deal," saying it was an indication that "the panic grows" among the advocates of a fourth term.

He challenged what he described as the president's attempt to label the democrats the "win the war" party and said any candidate who seeks to make political capital of the war will earn "the repudiation of the voters."

Wesley S. Hallahan, of Charleston, W. Va., senior vice chairman of the national committee, led in speculation over the chairmanship for the important convention arrangements committee. Committeemen Harry Darby of Kansas, and Harold W. Mason of Vermont, also were mentioned.

This committee, to organize Wednesday morning, will recommend appointments for convention keynote and permanent chairman. Preliminary talk pointed to Rep. Charles A. Eaton, of New Jersey, advocate of a "liberal" foreign policy, and Gov. Raymond Baldwin, of Conn., a similar advocate, for keynote, and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Mass., house minority leader, as permanent chairman. There was no official confirmation of any of these names, however.

Halleck, in his speech tonight, declared the republican party will see to it that this war is fought as a military and not as a political campaign.

"The making of war," he said, "is a matter best left to men who have been trained in the art of war. On the military fronts we have been making war splendidly. We have, with miraculous speed, under the ablest military leadership in all history, brought our army, our navy, our air forces to a point of efficiency where they are the wonder of the world. "The republican party, the republican congress, the republican president, would see to it that this great leadership would neither be hampered nor altered."

## Three Ex-Salem Prisoners Again in Jail

Three ex-Salem "bad boys" are back in the toils of the law, with authorities of the federal government and four different states interested in their cases.

Oregon state and Marion county officials were informed early this week that Warren Eugene Barges, who December 30, 1939, escaped through the north window of the Marion county jail, kidnaped Mrs. Albert Hunter and forced her to take him to Portland in her car, is held in Denver, charged with violation of the Mann act. Mrs. Hunter died shortly after the Portland trip, and Barges was apprehended, later serving a check charge term or two in the state penitentiary here.

Ralph Gust, recently out of Oregon state penitentiary, where he was sent from Marion county in 1942, is in Deer Lodge prison, Mont., on a grand larceny charge. Terry A. Scammon, who in 1926 and again in 1936 was sent to the state penitentiary here and who in 1941 was sentenced to serve a year in the Marion county jail, has recently been sentenced to Walla Walla state prison in Washington on a burglary charge.

**HOLLYWOOD** Last Night Today

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## ON the HOME FRONT

By HANSEL CHILDS

A boy on a bicycle has so many things to think about . . .

It seems almost asking for trouble to remind him of one other.

In truth, the wheel marks on the statehouse grounds indicate that some Salem boys (and perhaps girls) are too engrossed in thought. They may be chasing squirrels when they get off the driveway, or into the new little box hedges, or rainbows, or mermaid butterflies.

No one thinks there has been anything malicious in the rides across the turf. Most of the wheel marks indicate that the pathway was cut unintentionally.

But the men who care for the lawns (and they aren't as many as they used to be) think there should be a wartime speed limit for bicycles as well as cars—to save the rubber in the tires and the shrubbery in the hedges.

Always well cared for, the statehouse parks continue to be the prettiest part of the city visible to travelers. But the lawns are not cut and the hedges not trimmed without a struggle, for manpower is required. So far as I know, most of the men who work around the state capitol and the state building grounds are veterans of an earlier war, anxious to do more than their share to free younger men for military service.

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And I've a feeling that if the fellows (and perhaps the girls) who ride their bikes helter skelter through the statehouse driveways and on the walks (where they shouldn't be in the first place) just had it put up to them squarely by parents or adult friends they, too, would be interested in saving manpower so that the war may be won earlier.

Of course, a boy on a bicycle has much of which to think, and dream, but if he is still too young to wear the bright raiment of a marine he might start being a home front stalwart.

## Pro-Nazi Paper Attacks Hull

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10—(AP)—The Nationalist, pro-Nazi Argentine newspaper Cabildo demanded today that Secretary of State Cordell Hull clarify his statement that available information in Washington "increasingly strengthens the belief that forces outside Bolivia and unfriendly to the defense of the American republics inspired and aided the Bolivian revolution."

It declared that "so tremendous an accusation" should not be based on a fragile foundation, and asked why the unfriendly forces were not identified.

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## Navy Assists Yank Troops At Saidor

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defense outpost on the south, and 44 tons on Madang itself.

Fighters and bombers came to the support of marines on Borgen bay on western New Britain where seven Japanese have been killed for every American lost. MacArthur placed losses at about 300, compared to a Japanese toll of more than 2000.

Bombers from the seventh army air force and fleet air wing two struck at the mid-Pacific Marshall Islands four times Saturday and Sunday. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor. No interception was encountered.

Heaviest blow fell on Wotje Sunday night. Low sweeping navy Liberators sank two small vessels—the first found at Wotje in nearly two months of reconnaissance and raiding—and destroyed two planes on the ground.

Navy Liberators made the first raid of the year on Kwajalein in the central Marshalls. Only damage to American planes in the four raids was caused by anti-aircraft over Emdji island on Jaluit atoll where one medium bomber was damaged and one airman wounded.

Heavy allied bombers made a 2000-mile round trip from Australia to drop 25 tons of bombs on the Japanese supply and repair base at Kendari, in the Dutch Celebes.

Chinese and American pilots sank a small cargo ship off the southeast China coast, strafed six raider steamers on the Yangtze and raided rail and shipping targets in Burma and Indo-China.

Adm. William F. Halsey, south Pacific commander, conferred with President Roosevelt yesterday, recalling recent talk that Halsey would soon be shifted to another command, perhaps assigned to the job of hunting out the Japanese fleet.

## Nazi Prisoner Trio Captured

HAYS, Kas., Jan. 10—(AP)—Sheriff Rupp of Ellis county tonight captured three escaped German prisoners of war 15 miles northwest of here, ending the second bid of the trio in three days for liberty.

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## Bear Twin Cub, Born On Train, Dies

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 10—(AP)—A new-born cub bear deserted by its mother died in a Pullman compartment aboard a west bound limited today, ending with a tragic touch a story which started hilariously in the rail yards of Kansas City union station.

The little cub's birth as the train stood in the Kansas City yards started it all. There were four bears in two crates in Messenger J. E. Pinney's express car and they would be his responsibility to Tucumcari, NM.

But with the new arrival in her cage, Minnie, the mama bear, wanted Bill, her mate, to scam. And the fight started. Trainer Stanley Beebe finally stopped the battle and tied up Bill in the car outside the cage. At this stage Messenger Pinney noted the thin leath and was very doubtful whether he wanted to make his run. But he did. Then Minnie gave birth to another cub, a twin brother, as the crack Rock Island Golden State limited rolled across the Panhandle of Texas.

Because the mama bear would have nothing to do with the first born cub after the family fight in Kansas City, Beebe and Rose Kress, assistant trainer, took the little one into a Pullman compartment and watched it in blankets. But despite their best efforts, Miss Kress said, the baby bear developed pneumonia and died in her arms.

"The little fellow became chilled when Minnie got excited in Kansas City," she explained.

As for Messenger Pinney, he left the train at Tucumcari, NM, the end of his run; and A. T. Dotson, his relief, observed that "I never saw a man more anxious to be relieved."

"Old Jim, he's been an express messenger 35 years but he told me when I relieved him that 'his job is getting too complicated for me.'"

"He told me: 'Did you ever try being a mid-wife to a 300-pound Russian bear in a little thin wire cage and her tearing at the throat of her 400-pound mate and two other big brown bears staging a fight of their own just out of sympathy?'"

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## Soviets Smash Nearer Sarny; Break Defense

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arm of Vatutin's forces in an effort to trap a greater segment of Germany's Dnieper bend troops in the Smolensk sector. The two armies were reported less than 70 miles apart.

The troops under Vatutin cut the Smole-Khristinovka railway at Yarovika, 60 miles southwest of Smole, the bulletin said. Another railway between Khristinovka and Vinnitsa was severed with the capture of Vornovista, 13 miles southeast of Vinnitsa.

In line with the ambitious Russian effort to block the escape of Germany's Dnieper bend forces, Berlin reported that the Soviets had tried unsuccessfully to land on the Black Sea coast between Odessa and the Dnieper river mouth. The Germans said the amphibious attempt failed.

German propagandists, in the usual language employed to stress the numerical superiority of the Russians who were said to be "attacking ruthlessly, throwing masses into the fray without considering the cost."

## 7 Per Cent War Bonds Cashed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—(AP)—Redemptions of war bonds amount to about seven per cent of sales, the treasury said tonight.

The redemption rate of the series E bonds—purchased mostly by small investors—is 0.2 per cent, with sales of \$17,500,000,000 and redemptions, including accrued interest, \$1,400,000,000.

For the three series of war bonds—E, F and G—sales have aggregated \$25,000,000,000 and redemptions \$1,763,000,000. The figures cover the period from May 1, 1941, to Dec. 31, 1943.

The treasury offered this explanation for the higher rate of redemption of series E bonds: persons with limited means who buy bonds generally acquire only the \$25 denomination, and these persons are the first hit by emergencies that make it necessary to redeem them.

## Bulgarian Crisis Mounts; Turkey Uneasy

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to be able to remain neutral until the end of the winter."

"Military patrols searched people on the streets of Sofia last week," the newspaper continued. "The radio station, war ministry and government palace have special guards with machine guns ready for any attack, and in any case, Bulgaria gives the impression of a country preparing itself for war."

Bulgaria, although officially at war with Britain and the United States, has never declared war against Russia and has thus far given only half-hearted military support to Germany, mostly in the form of furnishing occupation troops and putting a few divisions into the field against Yugoslav guerrillas.

An attack on Turkey would indicate that the Nazis have successfully averted attempts by pro-allied elements to overthrow the government and have brought overwhelming pressure to bear for a strong demonstration of German support.

These developments came also as Marshal Josip Broz (Tito) indicated that his Yugoslav partisan guerrilla armies were meeting stiffer opposition in their attempts to repel the German invaders.

A broadcast announcement said the Nazis were employing infantry, tank and motorized units in their newest five-pronged drive to crush the guerrillas, and that heavy fighting was raging in western and central Bosnia.

Another announcement with direct bearing on the Balkan theater was that Gen. Sir Bernard Paget, newly-named allied commander in the middle east, had arrived at Cairo to take up his command. Transferred from command of the British home forces, he replaces Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, newly-named commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean forces.

## Cramp Strike Ends

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10—(AP) Production was resumed today at the vast Cramp Shipbuilding company yard as 17,000 workers returned to their jobs after a four-day strike.

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