

4th War Loan Final to Be Held in Salem

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plete with lamps and radio. The dining room set is modern and attractive and the bedroom set includes table lamps, rugs, mattress and linen. Furniture dealers contributing the suites for the bond drive planned the ensemble carefully so the owner will have harmonious furnishings. Arthur Smith, Salem chairman, viewed the set Wednesday and complimented the furniture dealers on their selections. In addition to this grand prize, other awards will be made.

In reporting steady progress on the part of the Salem retail division of the bond campaign, Chairman Douglas Yeater congratulated Paul Wilson, chairman for the block bounded by Liberty, Commercial, Court and Chemeketa streets, and his committee on selling more than \$50,000 in bonds. Others on this committee are Cyril Nadin, Gordon Black and Elmo Linholm. Chairman Yeater also commented on the sales of John Stark, who has the block bounded by High, State, Church and Ferry streets.

The Elsinore theatre was packed to capacity for the war bond premiere of "The Desert Song" Wednesday night and war finance committee members said the event had been extremely helpful in promoting bond sales. The stage show featured Bob Henry's versatile band from Camp Adair. Show-goers interviewed by Bill Talbot, master of ceremonies, for the broadcast over KSLM were State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Secretary of State Bob Farrell, Mayor I. M. Doughton, Salem Chairman Arthur Smith of the war finance committee, County Commissioner Roy Rice who is agricultural chairman, Supt. Frank B. Bennett of the Salem schools, Secretary Fred Paulus of the state bond commission, Mrs. Winnie Pettyjohn who is chairman of a women's solicitation group, Bill Dashney of the war finance publicity committee and Secretary George Riches of the war finance committee.

Yanks Launch Fierce Fight For Cassino

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of German artillery, mortar and machine gun fire, at one time reached a point only 75 yards from the ancient Benedictine monastery which crowns the crest of that key height, dispatches from the front disclosed.

Inside Cassino itself the sweat-stained doughboys fought into several more fortified buildings, but after a week of fierce house-to-house combat the nazis still held about three-fourths of the stronghold and their line of supply was unbroken.

The long-delayed breakthrough at Cassino can come none too soon to serve allied strategy. From the shell-pocked beachhead below Rome, Daniel De Luce of the Associated Press wrote that "no one in the beachhead is under illusions as to the grimness of the struggle now unfolding. Anywhere in the area you are liable to be shelled, bombed or strafed."

"It is a very small beachhead. German power, still seems to be mounting."

Seeking to relieve some enemy pressure against the landing forces, American planes heavily bombed and strafed German positions around the Apennian way town of Cisterna, 14 miles northeast of Anzio, which the nazis are said to have converted into a powerful fortress. Not a German plane appeared over the beachhead yesterday, the enemy apparently not having relished the loss of 19 fighter-bombers over the area the previous day.

The famous monastery which overlooks Cassino and hundreds of square miles of surrounding countryside has been spared by the American artillery. The army newspaper Stars and Stripes said Italian prisoners reported that 2000 Italian civilians had taken refuge in the monastery buildings.

Burns Wipes Jap Convoy Of 4 Ships

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He radioed other members of his squadron and they carried back word of his location to this carrier task force.

Rear Adm. Frederick S. Sherman immediately delegated the destroyer Burns for the rescue mission. While the Burns was on the way, Lt. Paul E. Dickson, of Springfield, Ohio, member of Brown's torpedo squadron, saw a plane hit the water and three men emerge, one of whom appeared injured.

The Burns picked up the stranded aviators before nightfall, transferred the injured radio man, Nugent, to a battleship in the vicinity and headed back for this task force.

Brown was welcomed aboard the Burns by the destroyer's short, wiry skipper, Cmdr. Donald Temple Eller, a native of Washington, DC.

"You fellows have all the fun," the skipper complained.

"I'd give anything in the world to have some of it. All we do is patrol and screen the big bastards."

Less than six hours later, skipper Eller had his chance. His destroyer encountered four surface objects which proved to be a Jap medium tanker of 6000 to 8000 tons, a medium sized transport of 4000 to 6000 tons and two smaller craft armed with machine guns.

Eller was on the bridge, rubbing his hands in anticipation.

Then he shouted: "I've been looking for this moment for 20 years — close range to 10,000 yards and open fire."

The second salvo caught the tanker in a vital spot and it blew up. Burning oil covered the water and deck of the doomed ship and illuminated all the others.

"The skipper rubbed his hands some more and gave the order to close the range to 1000 yards," Brown said.

"We steamed in and cut loose, with every gun on that one little destroyer blazing."

"At one time, we passed within 100 yards of those Jap ships and let go with all the fire power we possessed," Brown continued.

"The Japs threw some sort of bullets at us. I could see tracers but they were shooting every which way. They didn't know where we were coming from next, we were moving so fast."

"One of our task forces was only a short distance away by now. A battleship saw the fire and sent word to stand by, as it was coming."

"When Cmdr Eller heard that he told the communicator to send a message to the battleship: "Keep out. This is our party."

"It was all over in half an hour."

Toward the end, Brown saw three Japanese clinging to a line over the blazing bow of the tanker. There were flames above them and flames below them, covering the water.

The skipper looked them over for a moment and said, "Well, there isn't much future for those boys now. Let them alone."

After the last enemy vessel sank the destroyer resumed her course and rejoined this task force. The Burns sent a brief resume of the night's activity to the flagship with the terse comment, "Enjoyed picnic."

Adm. Sherman sent congratulations on a job well done.

Brown and Gunner Sandberg returned to the carrier today. When the little Burns came alongside, the big flat top crew gave the destroyer a lusty cheer.

Finns Consider Quitting War

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surrender even if Helsinki were razed by bombs.

The foreign office said its Washington legation had advised that no such comment was made on the warning of Secretary of State Hull that Finland must drop out of the war, or take the consequences.

(The Finnish legation official in Washington who on Tuesday had said that Finland would not surrender even if Helsinki were razed by bombs, declared today when informed of the Helsinki disclaimer that he had "no comment" to make.)

The Finnish radio said the evacuation of Helsinki was continuing, with mainly old persons and children being removed to safer areas.

(Moscow warned that the Sunday night air attacks on the Finnish capital were only a forerunner of what is to come. The Soviet newspaper Pravda said "the Finns declare with insolence that they intend to protect Finland east of Petrozavodsk. The Finns will soon realize that the red army will protect the borders of the Soviet union in the district of Helsinki. The red army will give the Finns what is due them."

(A Swiss newspaper, quoting German diplomats, said the Finnish government had held a secret session last night to discuss Hull's warning, and that Moscow had informed Finland that the Soviets were ready to discuss peace immediately.)

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Firemen Get 2 Calls

City firemen responded to two calls Wednesday night. Some clothing caught fire at 344 North Front street at 9 p.m. and a chimney at 1179 Chemeketa street burned at 9 p.m.

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Savage! Tojo's Killers!

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Three hundred jars of home-canned fruit were destroyed in the fire which razed a Coos river residence early this week. The Coos Bay Times fails to say so, but we assume that the owners, too, were "burned up."

US to Broaden French Relations In Algiers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9-(AP)—The United States is expected soon to broaden its relations with the French national committee in Algiers so that the committee may serve in effect as the temporary government of those areas of France to be liberated when allied forces invade Europe.

A statement revising the American policy probably will be issued by President Roosevelt.

Whatever action Washington takes undoubtedly will be paralleled in London. Ever since Prime Minister Churchill visited Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the French committee leader, in Algiers several weeks ago, reports from London have pointed in that direction.

Spain Reports On Italian Ships

MADRID, Spain, Feb. 9-(AP)—Six Italian merchant ships set sail for Spanish ports under the flag of Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio early in January and the Spanish government now is holding only eight other Italian vessels, a Madrid source said tonight.

Departure of the lone Italian ship now being held in the waters of metropolitan Spain and the seven others interned in the Canaries and Spanish West Africa was said to rest upon the outcome of negotiations now in progress between Generalissimo Francisco Franco and the Badoglio government.

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State Avenges 'Bataan Day'

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PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 9-(AP)—Oregon more than kept its pledge for "Avenge Bataan" day yesterday with war bond purchases totaling \$17,962,500, E. C. Sammons, state war finance chairman, announced.

The day's goal was \$17,000,000—a million dollars for each of 17 Oregon men whose deaths in Japanese prison camps have been reported.

The state's quota for the fourth war loan drive was boosted to \$73,101,380 or 73.8 per cent of the quota, Sammons said. Baker county went over the top today with sales of \$1,009,150 compared to a quota of \$951,300.

Three giant sales spurred the state on toward its \$99,000,000 goal. One was a \$4,000,000 purchase by the state of Oregon.

1943 Strike Total Counts 3750

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9-(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins reported today there were 3750 strikes in 1943 involving 1,900,000 workers which resulted in 12,500,000 idle man-days—the second largest number of work stoppages since the European war began.

The record for preceding years was 2988 strikes in 1942, 4228 in 1941, 2508 in 1940, and 2613 in 1939. In 1942 a total of 639,861 workers struck.

Miss Perkins said the four coal strikes, each of brief duration but involving 400,000 men, accounted for 8,500,000 of the man-days idle last year or 63 per cent of the total days lost.

Johnston Buys Bligh Billiards

Charles "Chuck" Johnston, for 3 years operator of Chuck's tavern on the Pacific highway north of Salem, this week completed purchase and took over management of Bligh Billiards.

Jess Tryon, operator of the State street establishment for the past 14 years, has announced that he will devote considerable time to his farm near Lashish.

Red Troops Nearing Krivoi Rog

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Lenigrad - Warsaw railway, there was bitter fighting as Soviet forces overcame the heavily-defended district center of Oredzch, 18 miles northeast of Luga.

Also captured in this area was Boyshoye - Zamochoye, 13 miles northeast of Luga.

The Russians moving from Novogorod were nearing Batetskaya on the Leningrad - Vitebsk railway. In the far south around the captured manganese mine town of Nikopol eight towns, including Chertomlik, eight miles northwest, were captured and 800 Germans killed. In the Nikopol area considerable equipment was taken and two companies of Germans made prisoner as the Russians pursued beaten Nazi forces through the mud flats and swamps.

The Germans for several months have been able to keep the Russians at least five miles from their last railway supplying Krivoi Rog, a line running to the northwest through the junction of Dollnovka, but with the new breakthrough of the past week in the Nikopol area and with the general deterioration of the German southern position, that thin thread of supply seemed doomed.

Ranger Planes Hit Shipping Off Norway

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blow against the axis, the Ranger's part in the north African invasion. There her planes made two principal strikes. Their 1000-pound bombs crippled the French battleship Jean Bart and silenced her guns which had been a threat to invading forces. Again the Ranger's planes dumped 1000-pound bombs on coast defense guns and anti-aircraft batteries, clearing the way for invasion forces at Casablanca.

Churchmen Criticize Bombings

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attempt to beat competitors at that market.

Challenging what he termed the allied program of blotting out German cities area by area, the Bishop of Chichester asserted:

"The policy is obliteration, openly acknowledged. That is not a justifiable act of war."

London's press was critical of the attacks by the churchmen.

Suggests Earhart Landed in Marshalls

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9-(AP)—Rep. Hefferman (D-NY) proposed today the army and navy search for possible evidence that Amelia Earhart landed in the Marshall islands on her round-the-world flight in 1937 and that her fate had been concealed by the Japanese.

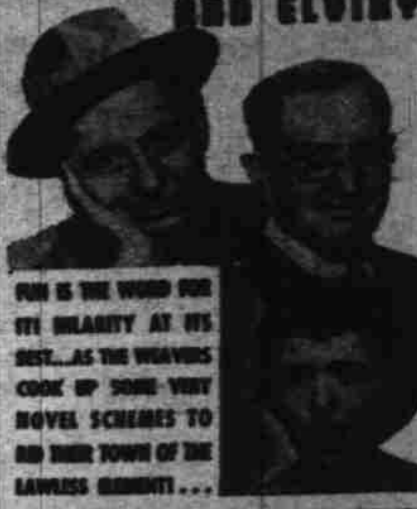
The famed American aviatrix was lost on a flight from Lae, New Guinea, to Howland island, 2556 miles distant and on an air-line route south of the Marshalls.

Concerned Over Oil Line

By ROGER GREENE

LONDON, Feb. 9-(AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden indicated in the house of commons today that Great Britain has not yet approved a proposal to construct an American pipe line from the Persian gulf to the Mediterranean and agreed with inquiring members of parliament that the government would be profoundly concerned about any such project so deeply affecting British interests.

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6 Gen. MacArthur reports on "Blood Front"



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