ican humorous literature has lost one of its rare spirits. Like Mark Twain, George Ade, Eugene Field, and a host of others Cobb got his start on newspapers and then graduated into authorship. Like them too his source of material lay among the people of his town

thur Train's Mr. Tutt.

escape from the grim reaper. Fri-

day the old man with the scythe

returned and cut him down; but

Cobb had seen him coming and in

a number of letters made his

a day with Cobb nearly four years

country. Oklahoma had been

the opera house for the speech-

making. After the program I went

backstage and was met by Frank

Phillips of the Phillips Petroleum

company. He said that Irvin Cobb

was coming to be his guest at

his car take me over to Tulsa for

Cobb came in by air from Okla-

the speaking next night.

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Ramirez Tells

Why He Quit

By ROMAN JIMENEZ

11-(AP)-Gen. Pedro Pablo Ramir-

own story of why he stepped down.

as president of Argentina - de-

clared in his formals resignation

that a majority of high national-

1stic Argentine army officers

to Gen. Edelmiro J. Farrell, it

A copy of Ramirez' resignation

was brought to Montevideo by

travelers from Buenos Aires to-

night. In it Ramirez said the op-

position of the officers was pro-

voked by a false rumor that he was

against him started when the of-

ficers thought Argentina's rup-

ture of relations with the axis was

not provoked by the discovery of

an espionage ring in the country

but on account of "fear of pressure

and purported measures of the

government of the United States."

Ramirez declared that his with-

drawal from the political scene

on February 25 was not induced

by his being too tired to exercise

about to declare war on Germany

and Japan, establish martial law

and order a general mobilization.

more powerful than reason," Ra-

Too, Gets Help

WASHINGTON, March 11

(P)-Secretary of the Treasury

Morgenthau, like Scientist Al-bert Einstein and a host of oth-

er people, had help in preparing his income tax return.

But, an associate said today,

the treasury head always has had his personal bookkeeper at-tend to his annual returns; this

year's additional complexity about which Einstein mouned had nothing to do with the mat-

President Roosevelt was dis-

closed yesterday to be tackling his return by himself, making

day-by-day progress. Senator Danaher (R-Conn)

ommittee made this on Einstein's observa-Princeton, NJ, that the

On Tax Form

Morgenthau,

"The die was cast: intrigue was

was learned tonight.

two weeks ago.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Mar.

The Oregon Statesman

portion Sunday followed by tion Sunday, Cloudy Sunday, night and Monday,

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Bombings Close Week of Blitz

and neighborhood. Irvin Cobb used the human stuff of Paducah, Toulon Kentucky, for the characters on which to hang his narratives and dialogues. His "Judge Priest," drawn from real life in Paducah, Bombed became a familiar figure in the Saturday Evening Post, like Aria Italy A few months ago Cobb was desperately ill but rallied enough to write a letter to Kent Cooper of the AP and crack jokes about his

Florence Struck For First Time; Padua Blasted

"exit, laughing," though with quite a lot of Mark Twain's cyni-By EDWARD KENNEDY ALLIED HEADQUARTEDS, I had a very interesting part of Naples, March 11-(AP)- Ameriago. I had gone for the republican can Liberators reached out from national committee on a speaking Italy today to batter the great tour in behalf of the Willkie-Mc-Nary ticket. I jumped from Kannazi naval base of Toulon on sas City to Bartlesville, Oklaho-France's southern coast for the ma, in the heart of the old oil second time this week while Marauder medium bombers strong Roosevelt territory but it was evident that the tide was smashed at the railway faciliturning against the new deal. Barties of ancient Florence for the tlesville had its first political parfirst time in the war. ade in years, which wound up at

At the same time Flying Fortresses also blasted Padua, important railway center in northeastern Italy, 50 miles from Venice.

Padua, like Toulon's submarine pens, which were attacked as reluncheon next day and invited me cently as last Tuesday, had been to join them. He arranged to have raided frequently, but until today allied airmen had spared historic Florence, even though pounding enemy communications lines on homa City, accompanied (Continall sides of the city.

The heavy bombers plastered submarines and submarine pens at Toulon and covered factories and port installations with a pattern of heavy bombs.

Twin-tailed Lightning fighters escorted the big bombers and provided a strong cover which met but little enemy fighter oposition. Flak was moderate over the target, in contrast to the raid earlier this week when anti-aircraft fire was strong and accurate. ez - telling for the first time his

Early reports indicated that the Germans lost heavily in attempting to deflect the attack on Padua. over which there developed one of the biggest aerial battles yet encountered by airmen from this forced him to delegate his powers

> Thunderbolt fighters escorted the Padua raiders, and they had to fight their way through clouds of German fighters before they (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

voked by a false rumor that he was about to declare war on the axis Stilwell Sees Valley Capture Ramirez said the opposition

By PRESTON GROVER NEW DELHI, March 11-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, bubbling with enthusiasm, declared today "the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours" as columns of tanks manned by Chinese and American soldiers cut a wide swath through Japanese ranks in that northern Burma sector, killing 500 to 700

of the enemy. government powers, as stated by the Farrell regime in its official "The fight for Manigkwan and Wallawbrum is won and only isolated mopping up operations re-In his resignation he further stated that the army officers remain," Stilwell said in a statefused to believe him when he exment relayed here. "I believe we plained to them in "two mass have killed 2000 Japanese in this meetings" that they were mistakoperation alone, which should be en in their belief that he was good news in any language except

> "I wish to stress the fact that Chinese and Americans fought and died side by side. They fraternized, shared their food, their comforts and their hardships.

"Militarily, elements of two Chinese divisions, a unit of tanks operated by Chinese and commanded by an American, and American combat troops worked smoothly together in the happy job of exterminating the common

"Although I have often been wrong, I am willing to hazard a guess that the entire Hukawng valley will soon be ours."

In Northern Italy

BERN, Switzerland, March 11 (P)- Street fights in Bologna, a ence and the threat of a new strike ceilings," Richard G. Montgomery n Milan marked the outbreak of district OPA director, said

loday fascist militia were killed or

started a search of the city, killing any persons found with fire- plain to their local price control

Returning arine Gets Help



A battle-blackened marine hops over the rail onto the deck of an assault transport aided by two coast guardsmen after two days of intensive fighting on Enlwetok atoll in the Marshalls. His face is black from burrowing in coral dirt to keep covered from enemy snipers. (AP Wirephoto from coast guard)

Yank Naval Craft, Planes Hit Japs Stinging Blows

By ROBERT EUNSON ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday,

March 12-(AP)-Allied ground troops on newly-won positions around the rim of the Bismarck sea had a breathing spell, headquarters reported today, while American light naval craft and planes hit the Japanese with stinging new blows.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said four troop-laden barges, either bringing in reinforcements, or evacuating Japanese from positions near Talasea airdrome on the north New Britain coast, were sunk the night of March 8-9 by PT boats. Japanese barges carry approximately 40 to 50 combat

Men to Fight

Fire in Dayton

DAYTON, Ore., March 11-(A)

lamette valley towns turned out

McMinnville, Newberg, Yam-

hill and Dayton firemen held the

blaze to two buildings on the main

street of this town of 2500, but

Fire Chief Ivan Pearson of Mc-

Minnville estimated damage would

He said the fire apparently

started from an overheated flue

at the rear of the Odd Fellows

building. It swept through the sec-

ond floor of that building and

damaged the chamber of com-

Water damage was heavy in the

nearby Dayton bank, the Dayton

Tribune and a grocery store, but

fire was kept out. All bank rec-

ords were safe. The flames reached

into a drug store, and smoke and

water also damaged a dentist's

Volunteers aided store owners

in carrying goods from the path

of the flames and at the height

of the blaze thousands of dollars

in old Greenwich today while en-

and including his 21st birthday,

Historian. Dies

office and apartments.

water damage was extensive.

be at least \$50,000.

merce building.

One Japanese barge sunk off 4 Towns Send Talasea went down under the guns of an American tank being moved in on a landing craft.

A spokesman for Gen. MacArthur said the airstrip at Camp Gloucester, on the western tip of New Britain, had been in use by the allies for some time. The marines captured the site in Decem-

Fighter planes from Cape Gloucester can easily span the distance to Talasea, slightly more than 100 town. miles away.

Newly-captured Talasea, seized by the US marines Wednesday after a three-day battle, is only 170 miles from Rabaul. The airstrip can easily be put into operation by American Seabees.

There was no ground action reported near Talasea, nor from the Admiralty islands in the Bismarck sea where American cavalrymen have been cleaning up Japanes on strategic Los Negros island.

Along the coast of New Guinea PT boats shelled the big Japanese base at Madang. An enemy coastal vessel was sunk off Gasmata, on (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

OPA to Check Salem Stores

Salem war price and rationing board, like others throughout the worth of merchandise clogged the this week to make sure that merchants understand and are com-Uprisings Reported plying with price ceilings, it was Hendrick V. Loon, indicated here Saturday.

"It has been estimated that th cost, of food would be reduced about two per cent if every store series of partisan attacks in Flor- complied with established price gaged in writing a new book, "A Report to St. Peter," an autobi-ography covering his life up to another wave of violence in north- Portland as he declared that "price violations, intentional and other-The Swiss telegraph agency said wise, have forced food prices up.

> Paid clerks will check approx committees. Only willful or re- that when he died he would take

New Red Dnieper Crossing

Bridgehead Forced Near **Red Sea Mouth**

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Sunday, March 12

(AP)- Red army troops forced a spectacular new bridgehead across the wide Dnieper river in the last 60-mile stretch held by the Germans near the Black sea yesterday and captured the district center of Berislav, only of Kherson, Moscow announced American minister to Dublin.

Berislav is a highway hub for at least four major roads branching out into the Ukraine.

"Units of X formation forced the Dnieper during the night (Friday-Saturday) and after a vigorous attack captured Berislav, district center of the Nikolaev region," the midnight Moscow comnunique announced

Other Russian forces at the northwestern end of the flaming 500-mile Ukraine front were reported still fighting in the streets of Tarnopol at the end of the third day of battle for the strategic rall town.

The Moscow communique and

from Kakhovka which they reached early last November after racing in swift strides across the Nogaisk steppes. By yesterday's short cut they won an advance of about 20 miles eastward from their last reported position on the west bank of the Dnieper in this area.

The troops on the east bank in this region had previously been part of the fourth Ukrainian front under Gen. Feodor I. Tolbukhin, and announcement of the crossing may indicate that the fourth Ukrainian front forces have either begun or are preparing to join the three other Russian army groups man salient in the southern

These three captured 280 localities yesterday and killed about 3600 Germans in continued gains today to save the Dayton business along the winding front. In one district from a fire that threatened area, the late bulletin said, red to engulf the entire center of the army guardsmen, "following their town. (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

Peter Seeks **Pact With Tito**

By WES GALLAGHER LONDON, March 11-(P)-Youthful King Peter of Yugoslavia, ab-

sorbed in romance as well as politics, launched an effort today to save his throne against heavy odds by seeking an agreement with his country's leading guerrilla leader. Marshal Tito (Josip Broz).

He faced a difficult task. Peter. coming from Cairo, had scarcely epped off a plane at a London airport before a dispatch from loscow disclosed that his minister to Russia, Stanojf Simic, had re-signed and placed himself at the posal of Tito, Similar action by Lt. Col. Meodrag Lozic, military attache at the Moscow embas

Peter presumably came with his premier. Dr. Bozhidar Purie, to seek British help in working out a compromise with Tito, who has established his own government in the liberated sectors of Yugo-

to his fiancee, Princess Alexandra of Greece, and a short time later

Arthur Roy Sidebottom Writes From Jap Prison

BROOKS - Mr. and Mrs. A. idebottom, through the Geneva Workers at Milan, resentful of a fine of 2,000,000 lire (\$20,000) to the district OPA enforcement to St. Peter and avoid filling out imposed for previous strikes, were declared ready to strike again.

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US Merchant Ship Sale RAF Out Refused Ireland Because By Night, Of Sinkings by Axis Subs US by Day

WASHINGTON, March 11 -(AP)- The state department an nounced tonight that it had refused sale of a merchant ship to Ireland because axis submarines had wantonly sunk other American ships operating under the Irish flag despite Ireland's policy of neutrality towards the axis.

Although the refusal was made more than a month before the United States asked Ireland to abandon neutrality, the fact that it was announced tonight on the heels of disclosure that Prime Minister de Valera had rejected the abandonment request strongly indicated that a firmer American policy on economic cooperation with Ireland is in operation.

The fact that Ireland had asked to purchase the SS Wolverine,

Dublin to Close

Listening Posts

By ALEX H. SINGLETON

tening posts in Ireland, and in an-

swer Eire's Prime Minister Eamon

de Valera merely gave the British

government a copy of the rejec-

tion he sent Washington, it was

De Valera's refusal of the re-

In a note dated February 22, Sir

John Maffey, United Kingdom

representative to Eire, informed

de Valera that the British "ful-

ly support the request for the re-

moval from Eire of German and

Japanese diplomatic and consular

representatives," and stated the

British desire "to emphasize the

The prospect that border re-

(Turn to Page 2-Story F)

Ready in India

WASHINGTON, March 11 -(AP)

The United States has a huge

stockpile of weapons in India -

\$40.381,000 of artillery and other

guns, \$77,871,000 of ammunition

and \$42,197,000 of tanks-awaiting

the time they can be moved into

China for use against the Japan-

This information was given con

of Leo T. Crowley, foreign econo-

mic administrator, on operations

of lend-lease which he said aggre-

gated \$19,986,000,000 through De-

It was the first of such reports

to give so much detail of efforts

Australia without making clear

what percentage has gone to the

pile now in China, lend-lease in

three years has succeeded in get-

ting into China only \$15,585,000 of

ordnance and \$22,203,000 of am-

munition although aircraft, ma-chinery and other supplies run the

total of lend-lease aid to China

untry and of Chinese troops in

Cobb to Get Funeral

Of Sort He Asked for

PADUCAH, Ky., March 11-(#

Chunking government.

US Weapons

quest, which was aimed at pre-

disclosed today.

LONDON, March 11-(A)-Bri-

an 8000-ton vessel, in this country and the government's reason for **British Press** declining to approve the sale, were set forth in a note delivered to Prime Minister de Valera in Dub-37 miles above the big sea port lin on January 6 by David Gray, Simultaneously, the department released the text of a message

from President Roosevelt to De Valera on February 26, 1942, reassuring the prime minister that the arrival of American troops in Britain during the first weeks of war did not constitute a threat tish pressure was applied on Dubto Irish security. The president lin to accept the United States redeclared this government had not quest for the closing of axis lis-"the slightest thought or intention of invading Irish territory."

None - the - less, Mr. Roosevelt took occasion to tell De Valera bluntly that when the time comes for the peace tables he thought that Ireland "in its own best interest should not stand alone but should be associated with its tra- venting the leakage of important ditional friends, and, among them, military information, may bring

tails of the Russian crossing but multaneously with the state de- and the United Kingdom. Re- transmitter announced that it was for the first time spoke of fight-ing "southwest and south of Apos-the Minister Robert Brennen on little chance that force — such as proach of enemy aircraft." The the proposed ship deal in which Brennen contended there was no convincing evidence that axis submarines actually had been responsible for the loss of the two American ships operating under Irish charter on which the state department based its case for disapprov-

2 New Names **Loom in Race** For US Senate

found support in Home Secretary PORTLAND, March 11 -(AP) Herbert Morrison's statement of Two more possible candidates for last July that "we are watching already pounding the sagging Ger- the senatorial race emerged today, the border position, and when while one oft-mentioned name further improvements in control withdrew from the field. are wanted we will make them."

Ray Gill, former master of the Oregon state grange, said he had been urged to become a republican candidate for the seat left vacant by the death of Senator Charles L. McNary, but added that "I haven't yielded."

So far only former Governor Charles A. Sprague, Salem republican, has announced candidacy to succeed McNary. Party leaders. however, predict that Guy Cordon, Roseburg, will file in the GOP primary when he returns to Oregon after being sworn in as interim senator.

Edgar W. Smith, member of the tate board of higher education, was expected to come out as a democratic candidate for the seat of Sen. Rufus C. Holman. Former Governor Oswald West, who had said he was considering entering the democratic primary, ended speculation by announcing he yould not be a candidate.

to aid China. Heretofore, the re-To date, Holman's only opposiports have lumped with India and tion is Wayne L. Morse, who resigned as dean of the University of Oregon law school and member of the national war labor board to enter the GOP primaries.

Breslau Reported New Reich Capital By JOSEPH MORTON

NAPLES, March 11-(R)-Adolf through last December to \$200,-Hitler has moved his capital from 995,000. This total includes \$25;-Berlin to Breslau, trustworthy in-formants said today, but the Gerstill is within range of allied

Breslau, one of the largest cities in Germany, is 175 miles south east of Berlin and only 50 mile from the old Polish border.

Most of the functions of th

bomb-ravaged Berlin began sev-eral weeks ago.

Presiau is about 680 miles from til after his death in New York Britain's coast, 670 miles from the yesterday.

Allied air base at Foggia in Italy, and about 425 miles from the Russians' front in old Poland.

Definite plans, however, are believed in abeyance until word is received from the widow.

Spaced the ravages of war.

Forts Meet No Enemy Fighters, Suffer No Loss

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR LONDON, Sunday, March 12 P)- RAF planes closed out an historic week of heavy aerial attacks last night with a trip across the channel under a 'bomber's moon" following a big daylight smash by US heavy bombers at military targets

in Muenster, Germany and the Pas - de - Calais area of France. There was no immediate indication what targets the British planes were after or whether the operation was by heavy night bombers or Mosquitos. They were heard in one southeast English coastal district flying towards the continent some time after nightfall and later they roared back

across the channel. The "bomber's moon" under which they flew was like that which the RAF used earlier in the week to accomplish night precision bombing. Axis - controlled radio stations gave the first indication that British planes were out to wind up perhaps the most significant week of the air war.

The Paris radio failed to come The Irish legation issued, si- strictions on travel between Eire bulletin and the Luxembourg economic sanctions - would be Frankfurt radio then broadcast a brought to bear against the Irish warning that airplanes were reported in the alert area.

The operation of the American bombers was the 14th this month for the allied heavyweights based in Britain.

Meeting no opposition from enemy fighters, Fortresses bombed Muenster through an overcast, us-(Turn to Page 2-Story A)

importance which they attach to this request." Suspects Held For Shooting strictions would be tightened, Of Don Zander

Suspects in the shooting last August 11 of Don Zander, 24year-old logging truck operator. near the Mary & Doc's tavern on North Front street have been picked up in Arizona according to information received by Salem police from Kingman, Arizona, authorities.

Held are Bill Evans, 60, and Vernon Lee Margerum, 13, originally detained when Evans was accused of child-stealing, the elder charged with having induced young Margerum to travel with him from his Sacramento home. Connecting the pair with the Salem shooting is story told by the Margerum boy who stated that he and his companion were involved in a fight here with another man and that Evans shot his antagonist with a .38 revolver and the man tried to choke me and Bill tried to beat him to death with the butt of his gun." According to the boy's statement the pair had been camped on the outskirts of Salem while engaging in berry picking. After the shooting they drove to Eugene where they lived at an auto camp for four weeks.

Zander interrupted two men in the act of siphoning gasoline from his truck when he emerged from the Doc and Mary Tavern about 10:15 p.m. on the night of August 11, he told police. An argument (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

Pope to Speak To World Today explained but probably include training of Chinese pilots in this

FRONTIER, March 11-(A) Pope Plus XII, worn by the war, will observe the fifth anniversary of his coronation by speak-ing to the world tomorrow from the Loggia of St. Peter's, The pageantry that usually marks the anniversary will be miss-

atches from Italy Indicat that the boly father will make