and Letters at its annual ceremonial last week awarded to Willa Cather, American novelist, its gold medal for fiction. To Theodore Dreiser went the American Academy's award for merit for fiction. But these seem like echoes from the past. For Miss Cather's most famous work, "Death Comes for the Archbishop", was published in 1927, and none of her subsequent work rates near it in quality. As for Dreiser his greatest work, "An American Tragedy," was done in 1925, and now he is down to literary hackwork.

The significant thing however is that no other authors of fiction has been a drouth or killing frost in the garden of novels, so while high as literature. This situation is reviewed quite well by Dana Trilling in an article in the May Harpers on "What has happened to our novels?" and she finds that "this moment has no Dreisers or Cathers." That explains why the Institute and Academy reached into the past to find worthy recipients of their honors.

Miss Trilling says: "These best of our current novels are simply not alive. The one quality which all first-rate novelists or novelists who aspire to the first-rate have ir common-an energy of creation which touches everything and en- Britain and Italy. livens everything it touches-is not to be found in the novelists of the present day for whom the most is being claimed." Of the authors has continued to sustain and mature his talent."

Thomas Wolfe burned out with his native Asheville; John Steinmore like a political tract than a work of fiction; and the religious novels like "The Robe" and "The Apostle" are temporary shelters in the present tumult. Miss Trilling finds that books of journalism - of graphic reporting - are crowding the novels in (continued on Editorial page)

PGE Users Will Receive Cash Refunds

Customers of the Portland General Electric company and the cific planes at Truk in the Caro-Northwestern Electric company lines during which two of 40 enwill receive a refund in excess of emy interceptors were shot down \$1,100,000 under an order issued and 84 tons of bombs were dropped by Public Utilities Commissioner by attacking Liberators. George H. Flagg here yesterday.

The announcement followed an agreement reached Tuesday between officials of the two companies and the independent trustees of the Portland Electric Pow-

Cash refunds of \$310,000 will be made to customers of the Northwestern Electric company within the next 30 days and reductions of \$807,000 in bills of the Portland General Electric company for the current month. The cash refund and reduction means an put up a bitter defense until blast-86 per cent discount in one month's ed out of their positions by artil-

The reduction applies to all bills stroyers. with the exception of a few customers of the Portland General Electric company under special post 30 miles below Aitape, Brit-

attack by bypassed Japanese. "It is clearly understood," Flagg declared, "that this is a temporary (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Loyang Still **Holds Off Japs**

CHUNGKING, Thursday, May sieging Loyang in northwestern Honan province attacked the ancient city fiercely from all sides Tuesday, but were repulsed with more than 1000 of their troops the fist of nine Oregon men killed, the Chinese command announced today.

Another 500 Japanese were killed in fighting near Sunghsien, 40

A communique said the Chinese made further progress in a counter-attack "in the Loyang sector" and that fighting continued unshated on the outskirts of the city.

However, the bulletin contained nothing to suggest that the big Chinese province-wide counteryesterday by the high command was making further headway.

Chinese planes bombed Japanese trains at Kuanyintang, a Lunghai railway town about 70 miles east of Tungkwan—a significant admisssion as it indicated the Japanese-occupied stretch of this important east-west railway already was in operation.

Allies Score 3 Victories in Italy

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

Jap Airfields

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-

QUARTERS, New Guinea, Thurs-

river, headquarters reported to-

The Yanks are advancing on

Maffin bay, a region which em-

Today's communique also re-

ported a strike by southwest Pa-

engaged the interceptors in a 30

ceptors and damaged others.

north of Geelvink bay.

Sgt. Duane Beck

Wounded in Action

The name of St. Sgt. Duane H.

world at war before the house of

minute running fight.

braces one of the two airfields.

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Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, May 25, 1944

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth army commander, who narrowly es-

caped death when a booby trap exploded near the jeep in which

he was riding, strides along a battered street of a town between

Formia and Itri, Italy, during a tour of scenes of his troops' vic-tories. The street is a link to the Appian way to Rome. (AP Wire-

Army Orders Many

More Heavy Guns

By WILLIAM FRYE

heavy artillery program has been ordered by the army on the

For weapons of 155 millimeter size and greater, ammunition re-

Shriners Lay

Plans of New

Organization of a Salem Shrine

club, successor to the club which

flourished here approximately 15

years ago, was begun and largely

completed around the banquet ta-

bles at the Marion hotel Wednes-

day night, with Potentate Tommy

Luke of Al Kader temple presid-

Herman Johnson was elected

president; Loren Spaulding, vice-

emonial master of the temple.

Luke presented a resume of

Shrine activities for the year and

consisting of Gilbert Madison,

Grant Murphy and George Alex-

Among the 91 men attending

the dinner were Frank McGuire.

Portland, Al Kader temple mar-

shall; Capt, of the Guards Ed

Swink and Recorder Luther Duck-

worth, also of Portland; Don Hus-

band, president of the Eugene

Shrine club; Fred Flock, vice-

president, Rajah Ed Pape, Clar-

ence Lombard and Clarence Hyde,

the potentate.

Salem Club

eve of the invasion of Europe, officials disclosed tonight.

WASHINGTON, May 24-(P)-A tremendous increase in the

photo via signal corps radio)

cent, with the increase for some

sizes running as high as 1000 per

The production schedules for

the weapons themselves have

been advanced correspondingly.

with emphasis on the 155 how-

itzer, the 155 gun or "Long

Tom," the 8-inch gun and the

Instituted within the past few

weeks, the ammunition program

alone represents a dollar-volume

increase of approximately \$750,-

000,000 for the balance of 1944

Some phases of the program al-

ready are underway, and by mid-

summer it will require the reop-

the bag-loading plants previously

The program will place a new

strain on the Nylon industry to

Already the revised program

240-millimeter weapon.

cent above present schedules.

7000 Allied Planes Blast Nazi Europe

RAF's Ni At Raiders Clark Inspects Wrecked Town Lumber are appearing with much better claim to recognition. In fact there has been a drouth or killing frost there are still "best sellers" the current production does not rate bigh as literature. This situation

LONDON, May 25 -(AP)- The Luxembourg radio gave the air raid warning signal and left the air just after 8 a.m. today, indicating that the allies were carrying their aerial offensive into its seventh straight day.

By W. W. HERCHER

LONDON, Thursday, May 25.—(AP)—Berlin was bombed just after midnight—its second blasting within about 12 hours—as RAF night raiders followed history's greatest aerial assault by 7,000 bombers and fighters upon Hitler's Europe yesterday from bases in

The tremendous daylight offensive spread all the way from the English channel to the Balkans and early of the 1920's "only Hemingway today, after fresh waves of RAF bombers had been heard roaring toward the continent, the German radio

Oreported that Berlin was attacked anew, along with the Rhineland beck's "Grapes of Wrath" was more like a political tract than a 6th Army Units industrial city of Aachen, 35 miles west of Cologne. The reich capital, raided Tues-**Battle Toward**

day night by RAF Mosquitos, was subjected to its 11th American assault of the war by nearly 1000 Flying Fortress and as many escorting fighters in the climax of Wednesday's daylight

From the Atlantic wall to points day, May 25-(P)-US sixth army 5500 tons of explosives were dropped by British-based and Italybased squadrons in the daylight New Guinea, have crossed the Tor

Seventy-seven German fighters were shot down in flerce sky battles along the route to Berlin, which was attacked by a strong force of Flying Fortresses from above a cloud cover, while from all British - based operations by Americans 32 bombers and 16 fighters were missing, a US air force communique said tonight.

A Liberator wing pounced on The big bombers, one of which the Paris area, undefended by the was lost in the midday assault, overmatched nazi air force, and hammered enemy airfields at Melun and Orly to the south and The raiders, which flew to Truk Creil to the northeast, making its from the Admiralty islands, prob- bomb runs against light to moderably shot down three more inter- ate flak.

In a gigantic coordinated as-

Harold Bell Wright, who left the miles southeast, an American out- pulpit to become one of America's



placed by Churchill beyond all hope of negotiation short of utter his memory as a monument to his

"The Atlantic charter," the prime minister said with measured emphasis, "in no way binds us Albany Officer Dies about the future of Germany. It has no quality of bargain or con-Spain and Turkey that an allied vasion across the channel was victory was coming with or without the support of new recruits, no hint as to when or where the

Increase **Wood Suffers** Big Cut in Northwest SEATTLE, May 24-(AP)-Pa-

Strikes

cific northwest lumber production has been cut an estimated 5,500,000 board feet a day, a spokesman for the industry reported tonight as the general shutdown of lumbering activ- In Big Strike ities spread in Washington and Oregon.

Some 32,000 workers were idle in 85 plants, logging camps and boom operations in 30 cities and

Daily manufacture of 50,000 mmunition, powder and ration boxes was stopped in Spokane when 1500 more workers in 15 plants joined the mass walkout.

A spokesman for the logging industry in the Puget Sound area said it could be generally expected that more boom men would be joining the exodus shortly, automatically forcing the closure of still more mills. The last of the mills in the important Grays Harbor area of Washington shut down with the closing of the West Star Lum-

Also joining in the closure was the Western Cooperage company quirements have been stepped up an average of 400 to 500 per in Seattle, manufacturing barrels and tubs. Every plant and mili in Seattle was closed.

The walkout, termed wildest by union leaders, was in protest of the war labor board's action in refusing to grant a requested wage increase of 15 cents an hour to \$1.05 as requested by the AFL. Both AFL and CIO union are in-

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24 (A) (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

Russians Hint New Offense

president; Claire P. Davis, treas-LONDON, Thursday, May 25 (AP) urer. Walter Lansing was appointed by Luke to serve as rajah, representative of the temple and Needs of the Shrine hospital for will be called on to accomplish nounced today. crippled children, principal prothe liberation of soviet territory ject of Shrine clubs in Al Kader temple area, were discussed at last night's dinner meeting by fascist oppressor." Carl Donaugh, Portland, first cer-

today announced that four Ger- anese base in the Mogoung valley sought to mold Europe's restless man attacks northwest on Tiras- at Kamaing to the west. pol, on the lower Dnestr river. named the nominating committee were repelled yesterday by soviet and Japanese forces in the Zigartillery, mortar and machine gun fire.

> 400 dead, 20 tanks and four self- troops. propelled guns, said the communique recorded by the soviet moni-

major fighting continued but the from the Allied-held air strip). Germans said a renewal of powerful assaults by the red army pressure south of Mogaung, killing nations from the German fascist could be expected momentarily.

ers concise spy instructions were

Gov. Earl Warren asked Cali-The dam will be "dedicated to still subject to "draft" for second

the vice presidency he would be would be accepting a demotion."

Dewey's delegate strength for first place on the ticket today However, Rep. Gearhart (R-Calif.) classified Warren as of stood at 384 — including 90 pledg-"presidential caliber" and added ed and 294 who are claimed for ALBANY, May 24 -(P)- Lt. ship "he'll be running for presivictory was coming with or without the support of new recruits, and, declaring that the war has been growing "less ideological in character," he said "there seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested "world or seems to be a great desire among cussing his suggested to the Germany and seems to the Germany and seems to the Germany and seems to the governor.

ALBANY, May 24 — Mr. and seems to the governor to the given to the continues in the governor to the continues in the governor to the continues in the governor to the continues in th

Terracina Falls, Appian Way, Hitler Line Cut

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Canadians Break Nazi Line With Tank Assaults; Yanks Recapture Strategic Town

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, May 24.-(AP)-Canadian tanks broke through the heart of the Hitler line today and swept up the Liri valley to the Melfa river, 13 miles from Vassino; American troops recaptured Terracina on the coast, and a Yank armored avalanche burst from the Anzio beachhead and cut the Appian Way barely 25 miles from Rome.

(A dispatch from Daniel De Luce, Associated Press war correspondent with the Fifth army at Anzio, indicated that allied troops had cut the Appian Way both north and south of Cis-

on five miles beyond Pontecorvo,

threatening to trap German gar-

risons there and at Aquino, two

of the most powerful fortress-

towns in the enemy defense belt.

troops fought their way back

into Terracina after an hour and

a half battle early today, in

which they crushed German de-

fenses in a hillside cemetery

before the coastal town, Amer-

ican patrols first entered Terra-

eina last Sunday, only to retire

when nazi reserves were rushed

Reoccupation of the town

brought the Americans in the

coastal sector to the southern tip

of the Pontine plain, less than 30

miles down the Appian way from

where bitter fighting raged for

Cisterna, enemy bastion at the

Tonight doughboys swarmed

in upon Cisterna after having

cut a mile stretch of the Applan

lifeline southeast of the town

and severed its railway connec-

tion with Rome to the north-

west. The Yanks literaly were

blasting their way through the

Germans' intricate defenses

within a half-mile of Cisterna's

In a late dispatch from the

beachhead Daniel de Luce of the

Associated Press said the armored

charge still was going forward

unchecked at 8 p.m. and that hun-

dreds of German prisoners still

were streaming to the rear at

Field Marshal Albert Kessel-

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Berlin, Reds

Predict War

Developments

LONDON, May 25-(A)-Broad-

casts hinting at imminent war de-

millions into a vast espionage

German editors were ordered in

DNB statement recorded by the

Sunday for "a possible special an-

Red army troops, after a five-

From Eisenhower's headquart-

In the third such broadcast via

force to support the invasion.

north of the Anzio beachhead.

against them.

town square.

Supported by tanks, American

Local Lumber The Candians, thrown into the Italian fighting as a separate Workers Join army corps for the first time, smashed through the Hitler line at its strongest point and raced

More than 150 employes of the sawmill division of Oregon Pulp & Paper company here walked out at noon Wednesday, and a few hours later men of the Silverton AFL sawmill union principally employed by the Silver Falls Timber Company defied officers and voted to "go fish-

ing" Friday morning. Three hundred twenty-five men are involved in the Silver Falls employes' action. Another 35 at the Winlock broom handle factory in Silverton will follow suit unless the surging tide of Pacific northwest lumber workers turns back to the mills before 8 a.m., May 26.

The Silverton vote was taken last night at a second meeting of local No. 2527. At the first, a session called by President E. J. Boesch, officers recommended that workers remain on the job. The membership at large called another special meeting at the close of the first and cast their votes for the "fishing trip."

The sash and door factory of the Salem mill will continue to operate but planing mill operations ceased with the big saws.

Planes Help **Allied Drive** On Myitkyina

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEAD-QUARTERS, Kandy, Celyon, May 24 - (AP) - Allied fighters and weight of their attacks to direct Possibly signaling a big new of- support of ground troops which fensive on the eastern front, the have bottled up the eighteenth Moscow radio said in a broadcast Japanese division around its big to the red army today: "Soon you bases in north Burma, it was an-

Their blows fell on Myitkyina, and also to liberate other Euro- where besieged Japanese still had pean nations from the German a foothold, on Katkyo, on the velopments were transmitted from Irrawaddy river bend four miles both Moscow and Berlin tonight A Russian communique early southward, and on the main Jap- as Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower The trapped Mkitkyina garrison

yunkaykyo area counter-attacked but were repulsed by Brig. Gen. Daily Herald to stand by at 1:30 The assaults cost the Germans Frank Merrill's Chinese combat p.m. (7:30 a.m. eastern wart ime)

nouncement." (The Chinese high command in Chungking said troops in the western outskirts of Myitkyina had week rest, were advised by the Elsewhere along the eastern captured the unceion of a railway battle front the five-week lull in and a road leading into the town be called on to accomplish the liberation of soviet territory and The airborne Chindits continued also to liberate other European

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Warren Asks Delegates broadcast to the European under-WASHINGTON, May 24 -(AP) Not to Present His Name the allied radio, a spokesman for the memory of the late Senator Not to Present His Name the supreme commander called

By D. HAROLD OLIVER ciated Press Staff Writer

place on the ticket.

fornia's 50 republican national nominally pledge to Warren, but ments when convention delegates yesterday not supporters of Gov. Thomas E. under way. to present his name to the con- Dewey have been looking hopefulvention "for any position" — a ly to them to support the New but warned a vention "for any position" — a ly to them to support the New but warned to "do nothing active now."

Meanwhile, he (Eisenhower)

upon peoples of the occupied countries of western Europe to supply complete and accurate in-California's 50 delegates are formation on the enemy's movements when the invasion gets The broadcast stressed accuracy

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Oral Fitts Wounded In Naval Action

Fair Thursday. Friday cloudy with rain late Friday in morth-west portion. Little temperature change.

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(Turn to Page 2-Story F) The crossed Tor river flows into Maffin bay about 10 miles west ening of some of the TNT produc-Harold Wright tion lines, the powder plants and New Guinea, invaded May 17-18. The Japanese along the river had Dies at 72 closed by the army or placed on a lery and shells of off-shore de-SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 24-(AP) In another invasion sector 250

narold Bell Wrightchial pneumonia.

Only last month he sold his Reck, route 3, Scio, was among \$70,000 ranch home, known as "Quiet Hills Farm," near Esconwounded in action in the Medi- didio, 30 miles northeast of here,

provide the bags for powder charges for the big guns, and famed fiction alcohol required for the stepwriters, died toped-up powder presages a conday in a LaJolla, tinuance of the whisky drought, Calif., hospital. He was 72 years weeks ago and entered the hos-

pital last week. Death was 'attributed to bron-

His wife was at the bedside when

has sent army production officials scouring the country for addition-

al forging, machine and heatill about two treating capacity in industry to make the shells and the various component parts, such as fuses. The production changes re-

fleet a significant shift from lighter to heavy artillery in the combat areas, particularly Italy, where the rate of fire has greatly exceeded expectations and battle tests have concentrated the attention of commanders on the larger guns.

Few units now are using signifi-(Turn to Page 2-Story C)

miles south of Loyang, field dispatches said. Churchill Says Germany Might Have Dam Will Be Named After Charles McNary Home Frontiers Reduced After War

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE | ill spoke for an hour and 25 min-, tish commonwealth behind him, LONDON, May 24-(A)-Prime utes, running the gamut of Bri- a conference of dominion prime war if that should seem necessary had now discussed and solved all for future peace, and he advocated their major immediate problems a postwar "world organization" and were ranged in complete armed with "overwhelming mili- unity with the allies "to beat the enemy as soon as possible. tary power" to keep this peace. In an exhaustive review of the

He mentioned only once the "western front" as it is commonly ommons, Churchill specifically defined, and then to observe jocthough diplomatically advised ularly that "all this talk" of in-

Charles L .McNary of Oregon was honored today by the senate commerce committee. An amendment Minister Churchill declared today tain's foreign relations. He said ministers having only a few days to the omnibus rivers and harthat Germany might have her gravely and simply that the Bri-home frontiers reduced after the tish commonwealth and empire tion. bors bill changes the name of the proposed Umatilla dam on the Coproposed Umatilla dam on the Co-Japan as well as Germany was lumbia river to "McNary dam."

distinguished public service," the