It is fun to go to the circus, a world of fun. There is the great parade, preceded by the blare of trumpets and accompanied by the ample brass of the circus band; ladies in tights and spangles, men in coats of gaudy colors, matched white horses, clowns with grotesque faces and baggy polka-dot ostumes. The circus comes but once a year but its memories remain vivid till the next season. The circus, with fun and frolic, with peanuts and popcorn and cokes at painfully doubled prices. Naught of gloom at the circus; rather the most elemental of pleasures of sight and sound, color and action and excitement.

Tragedy at a circus? That is its rarest event. There is risk, there is danger. The human cannonball shot from the cannon might miss the net across the arena. The tiger might claw the venturesome wirl who enters

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Germans Slay Most Residents Of 2 Villages

By the Associated Press Cold-blooded massacres of vir-French village of Oradau-Sur-Glanes were reported in accounts reaching New York Saturday.

The Greek puppet government announced the Distomo slaughter, in which 1000 persons died, saying it occurred on June 10, the second anniversary of the massacre and destruction of Lidice in

The story of the French village, in the Limoges district of central France, came from the British Broadcasting corporation, which said 1100 odt of a population of 1200 were slain.

The Greek puppet communique, a copy of which was received Friday in Izmir (Smyrna) Turkey, said the populace was shot and the town burned in reprisal for the deaths of 30 German soldiers in Moscow. Zhukov's troops are on the first flames in the circus cona fight with guerillas the previous the southern flank of Marshal K.

At Lidice, which the Germans themselves announced was destroyed in reprisal for the assasination of Reinhard Haydrich, "protector" of Bohemia - Moravia, the men were killed and the women and children carried away.

But at Distomo, according to information received among Greeks in Izmir, men, women and wailing babies were slaughtered imper-

This account said that after the guerilla battle on June 9, German SS (elite guard) troops on the afternoon of June 10 surrounded Distomo, herded all inhabitants into the public square, and there chopped them down with machine

Train Death Toll Hits 33

JELLICO, Tenn., July 8-(AP)-The death toll from the plunge of a have subscribed \$4,250,000,000. troop train into a Clear river

The army announced that the podies of 25 soldiers had been found and Police Chief Hubert Hitler Reported Taking Command ies were recovered during the afternoon. The fireman and the ensincer of the train also perished. In France After Urgent Conference As two giant cranes swung their cables into the rocky gorge and tugged at the last demolishe car, workers said they believed at least two more bodies would be found.

Oregon Far Beyond **General Bond Ouota**

PORTLAND, July 8-(A)-The Fifth War Loan campaign closed far beyond the general quota, but only clearing the half way mark on sales of E bonds.

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Total sales in the state, which robably will be boosted later as cided the war against the allies

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NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

20 PAGES

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, July 9, 1944

Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 85: minimum 51: .01 precipitation; river -3 ft. Fair Sunday and Monday except for widely scattered thunder storms east of Cascades, Little change in tem-

Violant Battle Raging for Caen

Russians Capture **Fortress**

Way to Warsaw **Open With Fall** Of Baranowicze

LONDON, Sunday, July 9-(AP) The red army Saturday captured Baranowicze, important fortress on the invasion route to Warsaw, fought into the streets of Wilno, and cut the Wilno-Daugavpils railway, one of the German supply backbones for defense of east Prussia and the Baltic states. Moscow announced tonight.

red army troops destroyed five nazi tanks, eight gua batteries and 40 machineguns. Nazi Infantry Routed

In another sector as German decity cracked, the supplement said, ed as it was being hurled into Omura.

Ukraine army had gone over to the offensive in the southern part of old Poland between Kowel and Lwow, thus extending the fastmoving Russian front to a distance of 500 miles between the Daugavpils (Dvinsk) area of Latvia to the Carpathian mountain approaches east of Lwow.

Not Confirmed Yet While Moscow had firmed this new offensive, Berlin usually announces the unfolding of Russian drives ahead of (Continued on Page 2)

US Smashes Bond Quota

WASHINGTON, July 8-(AP) America smashed over the top in the 16 billion dollar fifth war Treasury Henry Morgenthau, announcing that subscriptions have reached \$16,650,000,000 and will soar much higher when all returns are in.

of the drive in which an army of volunteer workers has done what Morgenthau called "a magnificent job," the reporting period for subscriptions will continue until the end of July - as announced before the campaign was launched.

The secretary said corporations have subscribed \$12,400,000,000, far beyond their ten billion dollar goal, and individual purchasers

laboriously cleared the wreckage. that this will be surpassed.

tation with his top military lead- Rundst

Moscow report said that Hitler of failure," Viktorov added.
had taken over direction of opera-

information considered trust- Germany said the major point of

worthy that likened the serious controversy among German com-discussions among Hitler and his military leaders to the Kaiser's south concerned their varying

ers since early this week, and a

From the German frontier came

worthy that likened the serious discussions among Hitler and his

Jap Inability Of Defense Amazes Yanks

WASHINGTON, July 8-(P) Japanese inability to put up effective defense over some of their most vital homeland areas was emphasized today by airmen studying the latest attack of the United States fleet of Superfortresses on the enemy in Asia. The mission of China-based

B-29s which hit five targets, three of them on the home island of Kyushu in a Friday night raid, returned without loss of aircraft after encountering only "very weak fighter opposition and meager anti-aircraft fire," a communique by the 20th air force headquarters said today.

A spawning bed for the Japanese navy and the supply system Russian infantry, tanks and ar- o fthe enemy's land armies in tillery broke into Wilno and in China were hit in the latest opebitter fighting were inflicting ration. The communique reported "tremendous losses" on the reeling that Sasebo, Japan's third largest nazis, the soviet midnight com- naval base, "received the heaviest munique supplement said. In ear- bomb load" of the mission, which ly stages of the battle for the city also rained destruction on Yawata and Omura, all three targets being located on Kyushu island at the southern end of the Japanese chain. Almost as vital as Sasebo fense lines before the historic key to the fleet-building and repair efforts of the enemy are the steela nazi infantry regiment was rout- producing factories at Yawata and

The mission also pounded two tually the entire populations of the mans trapped east of Minsk and yao, a coal and shipping port on the capture of 15,102 in four days the North China coast, and Hanalso was announced in the daily kow on the Yangtze river, 450 communique. The Russians since miles inland, which has been June 23 have killed or captured bombed often by Maj. Gen. Claire approximately 275,000 Germans Chennault's 14th air force. on the basis of Moscow announce- Through both of these ports funnel supplies and reinforcements Berlin said that Marshal Greg- for the enemy's columns now atory K. Zhukov's long-rested First tempting to split free China and seize American air fields.

Clue Appears In Hartford Circus Blaze

HARTFORD, Conn., July 8 -(AP) A Hartford city detective said tonight that with the appearance of flagration which took more than 150 lives, he heard an unidentified man accuse another of throwing a lighted cigaret.

As a result of that information. given, said Detective Danlel Mc-Auliffe, under oath during a fire troops. marshal's inquiry into Thursday's Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus fire, State Police Commissioner Ed ward J. loan today, said Secretary of the Hickey made a public appeal for the accuser to present himself for questioning.

Detective McAuliffe, among the latest group of witnesses to testify at the inquiry being conduct-Although today is the last day ed by Hickey as state fire marshal, related:

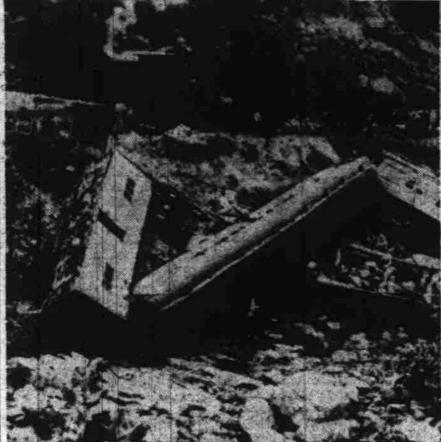
He was among the spectators (Continued on page 2)

US Will Import Steel to England

WASHINGTON, July 8 -(P) Disclosure that this country soon will import 10,000 tons of steel a month from England's lean supply was coupled tonight with of- the vice president, who flew from This figure is only 71 per cent ficial warning that United States China to Great Falls, Mont., via gorge Thursday night mounted at of the individuals' quota of six output must be boosted at once billion, but Morgenthau indicated "if the allied forces in Europe are his way back was not certain toto be adequately supported."

"This is in itself an adr

Railroad Cars Pile Up in Gorge Japanese



Several cars of a troop train lie twisted in gorge near Jellico, Tenn., after they left the rails of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, in an aggident which took the lives of at least 30 persons, all but two of them soldiers, and injured many others. (AP Wirephoto.)

Allied Plane Fleets The slaughter of 28,000 Gertargets in occupied China, Lao-

LONDON, July 8-(P)-Every type of aircraft at the command the allies was hurled at the nazi war machine in the west today in an awesome display of supremacy in the skies, striking heavy twin blows at the robot bomb ramps and storage places, and hitting savagely in support of Gen. Montgomery's troops who crawled over the rubble-strewn approaches to Caen in

The great blows at the robot bombs coincided with the longest respite in southern England from the perie weapons since those attacks began, but after nightfall they came winging over again. But there was no doubt the raids had been effective. RAF out During Night

RAF heavy bombers in some strength streamed southward over the channel well before dusk possibly to deliver another pasting on the rocket-bomb installations. The German radio during the night said no raiders were over the reich itself lending to the belief that the bombers were making counter-attacks against Hitler's long range weapons and giving further strong support to the Normandy ground

The great daylight blows against (Continued on Page 2)

Wallace Slates Speech Today

SEATTLE, July 8 -(AP)- Vice President Wallace will address his first message to the American people since his return from China in a nation-wide broadcast here

The address, from the studio of station KOMO, will be carried at yang itself. 3 p.m. Pacific war time over the network of the National Broadcasting System. He is scheduled to

talk about 20 minutes. The exact hour of arrival of

Even taking into consideration

Yankee Airmen Hit Nip Supply Lines in China

CHUNGKING, July 8-(AP) American airmen continued their pulverizing attacks on the highly vulnerable Japanese lines of supply throughout Hunan province. as the Chinese in a savage counterattack recaptured and occupied the town of Liling, Japanese stronghold along the front north of the Canton-Hankow railway junction of Hengyang, the Chinese high command said tonight.

Rumors in this capital said the Japanese, in the face of Chinese the Hunan fighting, were prepar- ably destroyed. ing to withdraw from their positions at Hengyang, where the Chinese high command yesterday an-nounced the breaking of a bitter, Civilian Production 12-day siege. Heavy Yank Raids

boats and other targets, but con-

Some said the Japanese may have been regrouping for a fresh assault on the vital rail junction. However, military observers here Five Year Term
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WASHINGTON July

Mahoney Will Head **Oregon Democrats**

PORTLAND, Ore., July 8-(AP) Oregon's delegation to the remoman at an organization meeting next Saturday. Mahoney has called a meeting for the conver LONDON, July 8 -(AP)- Adolf | Gen. Guenther von Kluge as the | avoiding the risk of having those tion city on Tuesday, July 18. Hitler has been in urgent consul- front man for the eclipsed von idle occupation troops cut off from

Even the Underworld Saves Waste Paper

had taken over direction of operations in the west after the removal quoted a Tass dispatch as saying coming out of Germany may be used to be that won Rundstedt had been nazi "plants" aimed at creating over-confidence in allied countries over-confidence in allied countries. coming out of Germany may be BEAVERCREEK, July 8 - (AP) -The nation-wide campaign to save salvage paper and cardboard has reached the underworld's ears. Five cases of beer disappeared arently has been made, the Gerbut the cardboard containers rereserves into the Normandy front in France in an effort to inflict the heaviest possible losses on Sgt. Vern E. Molver fully lifted out all 120 bottles,

Attack

Yankees Break **Up Drive After** 2000 Yard Gain

By CHARLES H. McMurtry US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, July 8-(P)-An attack by thousands of desperate Japanese, supported by planes and artillery, pushed the American lines on Saipan island back as much as 2000 yards before it was broken up, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today.

The enemy left an estimated 1500 dead on the battlefield. It was the fiercest counterattack of the central and western Pacific war.

Several thousand Japanese began the attack before dawn Thursday on the western flank. They drove to the outskirts of Tanapag down before they were halted shortly before noon, and the Americans forced them into slow

Fighting Severe "The fighting was very severe and numerous casualties were incurred," Nimitz said, but he made no estimate of American dead and

Simultaneously, small groups of Japanese planes attacked US positions and shipping, while enemy short batteries on nearby Tinian island poured fire on American-held Isely field. Destroyers and American artillery silenced the guns on Tinian.

Nimitz said no ships were damaged by the Japanese planes. He made no report on damage to American positions on the southern end of the island.

Right Flank Advances The American right flank continued its methodical advance throughout the counterattack. It was about a mile from Marpi airfield on the northern tip of the

About 10,500 Japanese, or half the estimated original garrison, have been killed. The rest are penned on the northern tip. The counterattack came a day

before B-29s smashed at the home land of Nippon climaxing a heartbreaking week for Tokyo. The toll of Japanese aircraft during the July 2-3 American strikes at three islands in the

Bonin and Volcano groups stood today at 105 definitely destroyed counterattacks in all sectors of and 136 others damaged or prob-

Military Chiefs Rap

WASHINGTON, July 8 -(AP)-The joint chiefs of staff asserted This report was bolstered by tonight that Donald M. Nelson's the reports of the heavy American program to permit limited manuraids all along the Siang river, facture of civilian goods might so striking at troop craft, supply hamper war production as to necessitate "revision in strategic firmation was lacking from Heng- plans which could prolong the

> Olds Voted Second WASHINGTON, July 8-(AP)-A

special senate subcommittee voted 3 to 2 today in favor of a second five year term for Leland Olds, chairman of the federal power

British Batter On Saipan Into Outskirts Of River Port

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EX-PEDITIONARY FORCE, Sunday, July 9-(AP)-A violent battle unequalled since D-day raged for Caen last night with the British fighting into the northeast outskirts of the big river port barring the road to Paris. Parts of the enemy garrison were fleeing the doomed city before an earth-shaking bombardment of artillery and naval guns.

(The German Transocean news agency was heard broadcasting a report from headquarters of the new Normandy commander, Field Marshal Guenther Von Kluge, saying the high command

Allies Break

German Stand

Below Livorno

ROME, July 8-(AP)-Two moun-

capped by 6000-foot peaks.

Yank Losses

"Very Light"

On Noemfoor

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-

QUARTERS, New Guinea, Sun-

410 Japanese bodies, headquar-

Dutch New Guinea mainland.

vious raids, but they formed the

most concentrated bombing pat-

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ters announced today.

Casualties were high on both

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probably would "shorten its front" by moving back its lines at Caen.

As the British loosed their biggest offensive, aimed at the heart of France, before dawn along a seven-mile front, US troops fought out of the forests and bogs at the base of Cherbourg peninsula and launched three blows southward which jeopardized all German positions on the western end of the

tain towns guarding Livorno Ancher Swept Up (Leghorn) have fallen to viciously The enemy's central front ancharging US troops who pressed chor of St. Jean de Daye had been today to within 10 miles of that swept up in the whirlwind of atgreat port on which the allies hope tack, and the night supreme headto base a massive assault against quarters communique the enemy's formidable Gothic the same fate was near for the line above Florence and Pisa. coastal strongpoint of La Haye
After a three-day battle in du Puits, where patrols fought in which they fired 21,447 artillery the streets and doughboys seized

shells in 24 hours and beat off at all commanding heights. least three stout counter-attacks. Stunned by the terrific bomthe doughboys seized Rosigano, 13 bardment from thousands of guns miles below Livorno (Leghorn) and wave upon wave of bombers, and Castellina, six miles east of out-generaled by an attack from Rosigano, yesterday and plunged the northeast when he looked for north toward mountain ranges a blow from the northwest. Field Marshal Edwin Rommel seemed unable to react with his usual vio-

sides, for the stakes were high. lence at Caen The allies must have the port After the British had swept up quickly to attack the Gothic line nine towns guarding the northern approaches to the city, Rommel began drawing on his stock of 1500 tanks massed in that sector.

20 Nazi Tanks Hit Probably 20 of them were knocked out, front line dispatches said, as Rommel hurled them into the tornado of fire with which Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was ripping a path through pill-(Continued on Page 2)

day, July 9-(R)-Allied troops suffered "very light" losses in their Jap Planes five-day capture of strategic Noemfoor island, off North Dutch On Salween

New Guinea, and have buried CHUNGKING, July 8-(A)-Japanese fighter planes have made their first appearance over the While final mopping up operations were underway on the tiny Salween river front in an attack islet, allied planes struck a series on Chinese troops between Lungof Japanese airdromes around ling, secondary Japanese Yunnan Manokwari, 50 miles west on the province base, and Nangshim, a Chinese communique announces (These attacks duplicated pre- tonight.

Four fighter planes supported an enemy attack in the sector and tern for some time around Man- the Chinese suffered some losses as fighting continued into the okwari, a possible goal for Gen. Douglas MacArthur's advancing night, the communique said.

Chinese troops continued their drive against Tengchung, the main On Noemfoor through Thursday Japanese base, which was raided 24 Japanese prisoners were taken again on Thursday by American B-25 bombers. Villages and pillboxes were taken southeast of the ancient city, placing the Chinese only a half mile from the wall. About 10 miles south of Tengchung, Chinese forces captured a town on the Lungling

WASHINGTON, July 8-(P) The British and French last week finished drafting a master dent Roosevelt concluded their formula. The talks of Mr. Roose-

BELLAIRE, O., July 8 -(A)-Picked workmen from Belmont While harmony thus prevailed county mines, driving themselves in one section of diplomatic Washington, Ambassador Constantine Fotitch of Yugoslavia tossed a Powhatan mine, tonight watched two drills bore toward the menand prayed their calculations were

probably will be boosted later as last minute purchases are computed, reached \$144,309,092. The goal was \$125,000,000.

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Yanks Into Rosignamo

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cratic national convention in Chicago July 19 today elected state Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney chairin Portland. The majority of the delegates will leave for Chicago Friendly Conversations

formed of the conversations as they progressed, it was reported verbal firecracker in to another mate result of the meetings, therefore, may be a three-way accord among the United States, Britain and the French committee of national liberation on specific prob-

talks on French-American rela- velt and Gen. De Gaulle are un- 66 Trapped Miners tions today in a conference under-stood to have been marked by for American action on it, poscordiality and friendly under- sibly with some modification.