

By Charles A. Squire

All those who know a little of art and of history breathed sighs of relief when word came that those monuments of medieval architecture, Mont-Saint-Michel and Chartres cathedral had escaped any serious damage in the fighting in France.

In Mont-Saint-Michel Adams found the purest expression of the religious aspiration of the middle ages, when the energy of the human mind found its outlet in the rearing of great cathedrals and in the crusades for the redemption of the holy land from the infidel.

Dedicated to the archangel St. Michael, this church represents the high point of Norman achievement in the middle ages. The energy which had

No Obstacles To Agreement Among Big 4

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 (AP)—The impending political unity conference between Secretary of State Hull and John Foster Dulles on postwar world security was paralleled on the international side today by word that there are no serious obstacles to agreement on peace organization plans among the United States, Russia and Britain.

Secretary Hull will open the Soviet-American-British phase of the four power talks. He is official host to the conference, which was called by him in accordance with the declaration of Moscow to which those three nations and China subscribed last November.

Lt. Shellhorn Dies in South Pacific Action

Lt. William Shellhorn, United States marine corps, has been killed in action in the South Pacific, according to word received by his wife, the former Martha Getzenander, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Getzenander.

Lt. Shellhorn has been overseas since October, 1943. The couple was married in San Diego, Calif., last September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shellhorn of Marinette, Wis.

Mrs. Shellhorn resides here with her parents and is employed at the Marion county welfare commission.

Bomber Hits Jap Freighter

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Aug. 20 (AP)—Continuing the steady patrol of southern Philippine waters, a Liberator bomber damaged a small Japanese freighter off Davao, headquarters announced today.

Patrol planes bombed Halmahera, southern guardian of the Philippines, and Vogelkop peninsula, the northwestern tip of New Guinea. They also struck at Palau. Fourteen barges were destroyed or damaged off Manokwar, northern Dutch New Guinea.

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Weather

Maximum temperature Saturday 82 degrees; minimum 48; no rain; river 4 ft. Clear Sunday and Monday except fog on coast; slightly warmer Sunday except on coast.

Surging Allies Engulfing Paris

Red Army Advances 10 Miles

Russians Launch New Big Pincers Move on Nazis

LONDON, Sunday, Aug. 20 (AP)—Red army troops yesterday advanced up to 10 miles in thrusts imperiling Lomza and Ostrow-Mazowiecki, German bastions guarding the lower East Prussian border northeast of Warsaw, while Berlin said that another powerful Soviet army had punched out a "breach in major depth" in Nazi lines on the eastern rim of East Prussia.

The Russian pincers movement on Germany's exposed eastern province was launched by two Red armies totalling 300,000 men, supported by strong tank and warplane formations, Berlin said.

Edward Ames, Kenneth Kean Die in Action

Cpl. Edward E. Ames, US marine corps, who has been missing since June 23, was listed as dead in an announcement from the US navy Saturday. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ames, route 6, Salem.

German French Losses Estimated at 400,000

NEW YORK, Sunday, Aug. 20. The London radio said today that German losses in killed, wounded and prisoners in northern France "are cautiously estimated at 400,000." The broadcast was recorded by CBS.

At Least 155 From Salem Area Die in Nation's Drive to Victory

By Wendell Webb, Managing Editor, The Statesman. At least 155 men from Salem and its immediate environs already were on the list of heroes of World War II today, as allied armies pounded down the road to Berlin and Tokyo and victory.

The mounting roll of honor, as compiled by The Statesman from all available sources, showed about 65 per cent of those from this sector killed in action were in the army, 20 per cent in the navy, and 15 per cent in the marines.

War Prisoner Escapes Adair

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Germans Scuttle Their Fleet in Southwest France

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 19 (AP)—The German fleet in southwest France, both naval and mercantile, has been scuttled in the Bay of Biscay and in the Gironde river channel near Bordeaux, it was learned here tonight.

The fleet consisted of a number of torpedo boats, submarine auxiliary ships, light submarines, armed trawlers and many coastal freighters. The freighters could be seen from the Spanish shore today.

Vichy Officers Flee Towards Swiss Border

ON THE FRENCH-SWISS FRONTIER, Aug. 19 (AP)—Pierre Laval arrived at Belfort at noon today and Marshal Petain was expected there during the night, according to frontier reports tonight. Belfort is in France about 25 miles west of Basel, Switzerland, and about the same distance from the German border.

The reports which could not be confirmed said Laval was establishing administrative offices at Belfort.

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—Vichy's chief of government, Pierre Laval, and Nazi troops have fled Paris, and Axis forces are fighting American tank spearheads somewhere south of the French capital, the German Transocean News agency said today.

Hop Pact Will Be Continued Next Season

The hop agreement will be continued for the coming year on a basis similar to that for the past season, according to information from the department of agriculture received by Paul Rowell, manager of the hop control board. The marketing agreement, in effect, is an understanding between industry and the secretary of agriculture permitting industry to make regulations for its own benefit, including annual acreage and crop determination, gathering and operation as the clearing house for dissemination of statistics, and branches of the industry.

The new board, for which nominations were made last spring, is expected to be announced soon. The ceiling price of hops also is expected shortly.

Frenchman Greet His Mother



A French soldier, member of a unit driving through northern France with allied units, rushed into his mother's outstretched arms as he was reunited with her at Alencon following liberation of that town by allied forces. He had been away a number of years. (AP wirephoto via signal corps radiophone.)

Platoon of Navy Women to Leave This Afternoon

Salem will say farewell today to 25 daughters of the mid-Willamette valley who have stepped forward as free-will volunteers to serve their country state and navy in the official uniform of the WAVES—until victory is achieved and the peace to follow secured.

Largest group of newly enlisted WAVES ever to "ship out" en masse from any part of Oregon, the unit comprises the special Salem WAVE Volunteer platoon, organization of which has been in progress for the last several weeks.

GOP's Reelect All Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19 (AP)—The Oregon State Republican Central committee reelected all officers today and decided to organize republican war veterans clubs throughout the state. The committee also voted to recommend to the state legislature that the committee be enlarged to include all county chairmen and vice-chairmen.

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Invaders Outflank Toulon

7th Army Races Towards Rhone River Valley

ROME, Aug. 19 (AP)—Hard-driving French tanks today led the American Seventh army into St. Maximin-le-St. Baume, only 25 miles northeast of Marseille and 22 miles below the vital road hub of Aix-en-Provence, as the Allies outflanked the great Toulon naval base in a broad enveloping movement headed swiftly towards the Rhone river valley.

Less than 350 airline miles separated the forces in southern France from those in the north as they moved rapidly ahead for a union that would split France in two longitudinally. Some Opposition. Announcing the latest 10-mile-a-day gain against German opposition that was "considerable" at some places but feeble at others, Allied headquarters said the bag of captured Germans now had passed 10,000 and identified the second German general captured as Gen. Ferdinand Neuling, commander of the 62nd reserve corps.

Other American forces shot out northward to the vicinity of Grasse, eight miles northwest of Cannes, and La Bastide, 23 miles northwest of Cannes, thus deepening up to 30 miles their solid foothold along more than 50 miles of the curving French Mediterranean shores on which they landed Tuesday.

Allied Forces Press Thrust Into Burma

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 19 (AP)—Allied forces, pressing their thrust southwest along the Mogaung-Mandalay railway through intense heat and heavy monsoon rains today maintained their average advance pace of a mile a day.

Two hundred Japanese were killed by the British 36th division in the first 12 days of its push from Mogaung. This unit, first all-British outfit under Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's command, captured Diego Suarez, capital of Madagascar, in 1942 and was in the Arakan campaign early this year.

R. E. Warick Wounded By Shotgun Charge

R. E. Warick, of the Broadacre district near Hubbard, was taken to Salem Deaconess hospital with a fractured arm last night and James Byron Tapp, 48, of the same area, was lodged in the county jail. State police said Warick had been wounded by a shotgun charge. Tapp was taken into custody today by state police officers Karl Murphy and Bill Stephens.

State Income Tax for 1944 Will Be 70 Per Cent of Pre-war Rate

The state tax on Oregon incomes for 1944 will be reduced 30 per cent from the base, as compared with a 75 per cent cut on incomes last year, the state tax commission announced Saturday. No property tax will be levied for state purposes. The reduction in the income tax rate is authorized under the 1943 law providing for the distribution of income tax surpluses during boom years when tax receipts total considerably more than is needed by the state.

Yanks Reach Seine River; Trap Sealed

Germany Definitely Loser in Battle of France; Capital Is Seared by Fires, Explosions

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Aug. 20 (Sunday)—(AP)—Fires and explosions seared Paris today as the beaten German army apparently hastened ruthless demolitions in the face of the great allied tide at the capital city's gates.

Speedy American reconnaissance patrols stabbed nearly into the Paris suburbs and columns of the American Third army reached the Seine river 25 miles west as the allies fashioned a tremendous knockout blow.

On this 75th day of invasion, Germany stands defeated in the battle of France, and American troops can advance on Paris any time Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley chooses to throw the weight of his armor and infantry westward.

French Patriot Army Occupies 70 Villages

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)—French forces of the interior, rising behind the German lines, have liberated 70 villages in the area southeast of Paris, are taking over whole departments of France, and intensifying the corralling of Germans seeking to escape from the southwest, it was announced today.

The once-hunted men of the Maquis—men of the underbrush—organized in cellars and forest glades and armed by parachute, have become hunters on a gigantic scale, it was disclosed in a communique from headquarters of Maj. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, commander of all resistance forces in the interior.

All police in the Saone and Loire departments have joined the Maquis, he announced, and German garrisons at Thonon, Evian, Leyfay and Ighamonix are negotiating to surrender. (Swiss dispatches said the Maquis already had occupied Thonon and Evian.)

Small Force Holds Balkans

BARI, Italy, Aug. 19 (AP)—A German force of fewer than 60 divisions, most of them far under strength, is holding the entire Balkans including the front facing Russia, an examination of the most recent reports reaching this listening post indicated today.

The Germans have strung out two-thirds of this number across 600 mountainous miles between the Black sea and Karkov in Poland, dispersed about a dozen divisions below the Danube and concentrated the remainder in central and northwestern Yugoslavia.

These troops constitute the minimum with which Germany can hope to retain the Balkans, it is believed here, and withdrawals to help meet the new Allied invasion are unlikely.

Chinese Gain At Hengyang

CHUNGKING, Aug. 19 (AP)—Chinese troops have gained high ground west of Hengyang and have repulsed Japanese attacks, the Chinese high command announced tonight. At the same time a Japanese column moving southwest from Siang-Siang, about 60 miles north of Hengyang, was contacted by Chinese forces and suffered many casualties, the communique said. (The German controlled Oso radio in a Tokyo dispatch said 46,000 allied troops including Americans, British and Canadian troops were fighting with the Chinese in an attempt to retake Hengyang from the Japanese.)

Thumbnail Of War!

Northern France—Explosions shake Paris as Germans carry out demolitions in apparent plan to abandon city to Yanks knocking at door; Falaise gap finally closed; Americans approach Seine in encircling drive; Germans announce flight of Petain government.

Southern France—Allies flank Toulon base in wide run; French tanks pace American 7th army into Marseille area; French patriots occupy 70 villages, win allegiance French police.

Italy—Allied patrols find Germans sitting tight on Gothic line. Poland—Reds drive forward on six fronts, advance up to 10 miles in thrusts imperiling lower East Prussian border defenses.

Pacific—American bombers continue attacks on Japanese island defenses.