.Chartres." 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 catedrals and in the crusades for the redemption of the holy land from the infidel.

Mont-Saint-Michel is the abbey church built atop a tiny islet off the southern coast of the Normandy peninsula. Richard II, grandfather of William the Conqueror, began the building of the church in the year 1020. It was not completed until 1135. So abruptly did it rise above the sea that both the west and the east portions of the structure collapsed under their excessive weight and were rebuilt in the 13th and as late as the 15th centuries. The church itself sitting atop the mountain is mid-medieval in architecture, the newer portions are

Dedicated to the archangel St. Michael, this church represents the high point of Norman achievement in the middle ages. The energy which had (Continued on Editorial Page)

No Obstacles To Agreement **Among Big 4**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 - (AP) -The impending political unity con- announcement of the first Soviet ference between Secretary of State crossing into Reich territory in 30 Belfort. Hull and John Foster Dulles on years. . . postwar world security was paral- 80 Localities Fall leled on the international side today by word that there are no se- White Russian army began the rious obstacles to agreement on new drive between Warsaw and peace organization plans among the southern border of East Prusthe United States, Russia and sia, capturing 80 localities, the Britain. The international talks bulletin said. Curving around bebegin Monday. Hull and Dulles will meet Wednesday.

It was indicated also that agreement between the United States, Britain and China in a follow-up next month of the conference with Russia would be speedy and ef-

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 delaration of Mosow to which those three nations and China subscribed last November. (Further details on page 2)

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 have been in the South Pacific. by his wife, the former Martha Getzendaner, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. M. A. Getzendaner. Mrs. Shellhorn received the word Thursday from the war depart-

Lt. Shellhorn has been overseas since October, 1943. The couple Estimated at 400,000 was married in San Diego, Calif., last September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Shellhorn of The London radio said today that

Before enlisting in the marine corps Lt. Shellhorn attended Car- 000." The broadcast was recorded thage college, Illinois. He received by CBS. his officer's training at Quantico,

Marion county welfare commis-

Bomber Hits Jap Freighter

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Sunday, Aug. 20 - (P) - Continuing the steady patrol of southern Philippine waters, a Liberator bomber naged a small Japanese freighter off Davao, headquaters an- about 65 per cent of those from

m, southern guardian of the Phil- and 15 per cent in the marines. oines, and Vogelkop peninsula, a northwestern tip of New Guinea. They also struck at Palau. Fourteen barges were destroyed or damaged off Manok- tion or died of wounds in the Pa-

This patrol activity continued the European theatre, and onethe serial war which Gen. Douglas MacArthur said has reduced the enemy's potential strength in the state officials in fective with taxes payable in 1945.

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Saturday 82 degrees; minimum 48; no rain; river -4 Clear Sunday and Monday

Weather

except fog on coast; slightly armer Sunday except on

Maximum temperature

Surging Allies Engulfing Paris 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 imperilling 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.

Pincers Move On

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. The "main center of fighting" was near the East Prussian - Lithuanian frontier, the Germans said.

Moscow's communique was silent about the western Lithuanian front where Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian army Thursday reached the East Prussian border, but dispatches from the Soviet capital said the Russians there were awaiting an

Gen. G. F. Zakharov's Second low the Wisna marshes one column seized Kolomija, only 13 miles from Lomza, and 38 miles west of Bialystock, the Soviet of-

Edward Ames. Kenneth Kean Die in Action

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

ALBANY, Aug. 19 - Pfc. Kenneth Karl Kean died at sea of wounds received in action, according to information from the war department received by his father, C. H. Kean. While the place where he was wounded is not given in the announcement it is believed to

The message was received within a short time of notification that a younger son, Richard Kean, was missing in action.

German French Losses

NEW YORK, Sunday, Aug. German losses in killed, wounded and prisoners in northern France "are cautiously estimated at 400,-

Germans Scuttle Their Fleet in Southwest France

IRUN, Spain, Aug. 19 -(A)- The German fleet in southwest France, both naval and mercantile, has been scuttled in the Bay of Bis-cay 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. They put out from Bayonne and St. Jean De Luz for a few miles and were scuttled by their crews, who went back ashore in life-

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 sxpected there during the night, according to frontier reports tonight. Belfort is in France about 25 miles west of Basel, Switzerland,

the German border. The reports which could not be confirmed said Laval was establishing administrative offices at

LONDON, Aug. 19 (AP)-Viehy's chief of government, Pierre Laval, Garman Ambassador Otto A. Betz, and Axis ferces are fighting American tank spearheads somewhere south of the French capital, the Women to Leave German Transocean News agency

The pro-Axis Vichy government also is thinking of leaving that capital, the broadcast said, and

The American tank thrust south and the peace to follow secured. of Paris is a "reconnaisance movement," the Berlin radio said. "A direct thrust of these American forces on Faris is not on at this

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 throughout the state. 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. Portland, treasurer, were elected The ceiling price of hops also is expected shortly.

Mrs. Shellhorn resides here with her parents and is employed at the At Least 155 From Salem Area Die in Nation's Drive to Victory

At least 155 men from Salem and its immediate environs already were on the list of herodead of World war II today, as al- Turner, Aurora, Canby, Dayton,

compiled by The Statesman from available sources, showed this sector killed in action were in the army, 20 per cent in the navy, At least three in the merchant marine also have died.

Of the 155 known dead, about one-half have been killed in acwari, northern Dutch New Guinea. cific theatre of war, one-third in takes in an approximate radius of

has reached into every commun-ity of the valley—Salem, West Salem, Silverton, Dellas, Mount Angel, Woodburn, Independence, Monmouth, Jefferson, Hubbard, lied armies pounded down the road to Berlin and Tokyo and victory.

The mounting roll of honor, as Brooks, McCoy, Keizer, Fruitland,

The list of necessity does not include alle eligible names, since inducted or enlisted in other areas, and if their families since have moved the reports of deaths might not reach here except by chance

The Statesman's roll of honor

Frenchman Greets His Mother Invaders



A Frech soldier, member o a unit driving through northern France se, eight miles northwest of Can-with allied units, rushed into his mother's outstretched arms as he was reunited with her at Alendon following liberation of that town northwest of Cannes, thus deepby allied forces. He had been away a number of years. (AP wire-photo via signal corps radiophoto.)

FDR Will Send This Afternoon On China Trip

Salem will say farewell today

to 25 daughters of the mid-Wil WASHINGTON, Aug. 19 -(AP) added "it is possible this transfer lamette valley who have stepped President Roosevelt announced may already be in progress." Fur- forward as free-will volunteers to ther details on the plight of Vichy serve their country state and navy personnel were promised by Mon- in the official uniform of the late today that he was sending Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley and WAVES-until victory is achieved Donald M. Nelson on a mission to China to discuss military sup-Largest group of newly enlisted ply, military and economic prob-WAVES ever to "ship out" et lems with Generalissimo Chiang masse from any part of Oregon, Kai-Shek. the unit comprises the special Sa They will leave shortly and be lem WAVE Volunteer platoon, or in China several months. ganization of which has been it progress for the last several weeks

General Hurley has been a special emissary abroad for the chief Departing from Salem at executive for several years. Nelo'clock this afternoon, the future son's place as chairman of the navy women will go to Portland war production board will be filled and there will board a special during his absence by Vice Chaireast-bound military train. man Charles E. Wilson. (Additional details on page 2) The presidential mission will re-

GOP's Reelect All Officers

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 19-(A) The Oregon State Republican Cen tral committee reelected all offi cers today and decided to organize republican war veterans clubs

The committee also voted to re ommend to the state legislatur that the committee be enlarged to include all county chairmen as

vice-chairmen. Neil R. Allen, Grants Pas chairman; Kenneth Nielsen, Eu gene, secretary, and Howard Wall unanimously without opposition (Additional details on page 2.)

War Prisoner **Escapes Adair**

Antonio Naccare, 27, an Italian prisoner of war escaped from Camp Adair Saturday, according to reports to the Salem police. He was clad in a sun tan shirt and blue pants, both marked with a white PW identifying him as a prisoner of war.

The man is described as being curly black hair and light brown complexion, and was carrying a bundle. He was last seen in the of Suver, now a part of the military reervation.

Cooperation Asked On Fire Prevention

Charles Pray, state police chief,

Toulon 7th Army Races **Towards Rhone** River Valley

Outflank

ROME, Aug. 19-(A)-Hard-driving French tanks today led the American Seventh army into St. Maximim-le-Ste. 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 city's gates. France from those in the north as they moved rapidly ahead for a two longitudinally. Some Opposition

Announcing the latest 10-milesday 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 Canening up to 30 miles their solid

ranean shores on which they land-Withdraw Fast Hurley, Nelson An Allied staff officer said the Germans were withdrawing so rapidly that htey were unable to

> Only on the coast a dozen miles directly east of Toulon was German opposition described as truly

Allied Forces Press Thrust Into Burma

SOUTHEAST ASIA COM-MAND HEADQUARTERS, Kendy, Ceylon, Aug. 19 +(AP)- Allied forces, pressing their thrust southwestward along the Mogaung -Mandalay railway through intense heat and heavy monsoon rains tomove Nelson, stoutest advocate of day maintained their average ad-

vance pace of a mile a day. trial reconversion, from the coun-Two hundred Japanese wer try before his program for limited killed by the British 36th division civilian goods production gets fairin the first 12 days of its push from Mogaung. This unit, first It will place the program under all-British outfit under Gen. Jocommand of Wilson, who report-edly opposed Nelson's plan at the seph W. Stilwell's command, captured Diego Suarez, capital of outset but went along when Nel-Madagascar, in 1942 and was in son insisted on putting it into efthe Arakan campaign early this fect over protests of the army, na-

Waist - deep water and mud prevented the allies from bringing up artillery but British and American aircraft gave close support to this advance and to other allied forces driving down the Tid-R. E. Warick, of the Broadacre dim road and Kabaw valley. district near Hubbard, was taken

Successful Extraction

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19 - (AP) Charles Hugh Crocker, 5, of Great Falls, Mont., had a successful tooth extraction today--from his bronchal tube. The tooth had lodged in the child's throat during ficers Karl Murphy and Bill

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

for 1944 will be reduced 30 per be from income taxes. with a 75 per cent cut on incomes last year, the state tax commisnounced Saturday.

immediate preparedness for indus-

vy and manpower authorities.

By Shotgun Charge

R. E. Warick Wounded

to Salem Deaconess hospital with

James Byran Tapp, 48, of the

same area, was lodged in the

county jail. State police said War-

ick had been wounded by a shot-

gun charge. Tapp was taken into

custody toray by state police of-

fractured arm last night and

ly started.

The reduction in the income tax rate is authorized under the 1943 law providing for the distribution ome tax surpluses during boom years when tax receipts total erably more than is needed

by the state.

The state tax on Oregon incomes 300,000, nearly all of which will

mental units which are dependent No property tax will be levied and for the state's share in ele-

will be distributed to counties to reduce county school taxes, leaving a net surplus of \$6,425,221.
The 1943 law provides that for each \$1,000,000 of net surplus, the tax shall be cut 5 per cent. The radio in a Tokyo dispatch said.

The 30 per cent reduction is ef-

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

union that would split France in 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.

Othe weight of his armor and in-

French Patriot Army Occupies 70 Villages

LONDON, Aug. 19-(AP)-French foothold along more than 50 miles of the curving French Mediterhind the German lines, have lib- and this was speeding on apace intensifying the corralling of Geraccomplish their usual demoli- southwest, it was announced to- away from it under the worst

> 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, Lefayet 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 Karkow in Poland, dispersed about a dozen divisions below the Danube and concentrated the remainder in central and northwestern Yugoslavia.

These troops constitute the minmum 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

Chinese troops have gained high ground west of Hengyang and An estimated \$9,874,778 will be have repulsed Japanese attacks, needed to run the state govern- 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

(The German controlled Oslo

Speedy American reconnaissance patrols stabbed nearly

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

fantry westward. The Swiss radio said American forces already were in the Paris Rumors Thick

British papers all headlined reports that the Americans were in man or neutral rumors without Paris, but all were quoting Ger-

Destruction of the German army, not the immediate liberation forces of the interior, rising be- of Paris, remained the allied goal, erated 70 villages in the area. The Falsise gap, where much southeast of Paris, are taking over of the German Seventh army was whole departments of France, and destroyed in a week of siege, finally was sealed off entirely, and mans seeking to escape from the the fleeing remnants that raced aerial scouring in history found only that they had run into a bigger trap against the meandering

and bridgeless Seine. Still Fighting Ahead There still is fighting ahead for the allies - hard, bitter fighting against an enemy determined to make the American, Canadian and British troops pay as heavy a price as possible for the progress they make, but victory is inevitable, War Correspondent Don Whitehead reported. He added that the Germans have not enough strength left in France to stop this great allied tide that is pouring in upon them. The Germans' only hope of holidng France had been to keep the Americans bottle up in the

Normandy peninsula, and that hope was smashed. Nazis Not Destroyed The German seventh army, bolstered by elements of the 15th army from the Calais coast, "has not been destroyed," wrote Associated Press correspondent William S. White, with the American first army, but he declared the

salvaging much of their armor for That dash, however, was opposed by tremendous allied air power that in three days had destroyed 10,000 tanks and trucks.

Germans had left thousands upon

thousands of casualties behind in

HOW ABOUT A HEAD SHAVE? TRIBUNE, Kas., Aug. 19-(A)-A man can't get a shave on Saturday in the shop of D. S. Thirp, but he can buy a haircut. "Too busy." explains Thorp. "In a pinch most any man can shave himself but only a contortionist can cut his own hair.'

Thumbnail Of War!

Northern France - Explosion 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

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 imp er East Prussian border defenses.

Pacific — American bombers
continue attacks on Japanese