Soviet Forces Push Through Nazi Defenses

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 14.-(A)-Red army armored columns, smashing through strong nazi defenses northeast of Budapest yesterday, captured Kisalag, seven miles from the Hungarian capital. Moscow announced.

In addition they seized the railway town of Isaszeg, 10 miles directly east of Budapest, as the Russians increased their pressure from that direction and hammered the northeast and southeast entrances to the city with artillery and aerial blows.

Isaszeg was captured in a five mile push south from Godollo, which fell Tuesday.

The broadcast Moscow communique also announced the capture of seven other towns farther northeast of Budapest, including Szurdokpuspoki, 12 miles north of the Russian-occupied rail juncthe Russian-occupied rail junction of Hatvan and on the rail line \$45,000,000 leading north from Hatvan to Losong in Slovakia.

Artillery Fire **Gives Safety** To Infantry

NEAR LORIENT, France, Dec. 8 (Delayed)-(P)- American artillery demonstrated today how perfect integration of firepower can create a "cylinder of security" through which infantry can get right up to enemy positions without being harmed

Doughboys cleaning out German pockets south of the Etel river in France's coastal region advanced at dawn with bazookas and flame throwers across half a mile of open ground and overwhelmed 28 nazi bunkers and pillboxes without losing a man. Solid Curtain

artillery and direct fire weapons | 000 state funds. laid down a solid curtain of fire around the enemy's positions along a 1500-yard front.

As the direct fire weapons drove enemy gunners away from the embrasures in the bunkers and rushed toward their objec- ress for several months. tives. When the wave reached a point where it was in danger of coming under the Americans' own fire, the direct fire weapons lift-

Bazookas Used

Then the bazookamen, two of whom flanked each flame thrower, fired rocket after rocket into the embrasures, immobilizing the enemy guns.

Finally the flame throwers cut loose and across the entire front of the attack the scene was one of incineration and utter devastation. The Germans came out of cover with their hands raised and crying surrender.

So sharp and decisive was the fighting, and so complete the sur- clemency and a request for a reprise, that within an hour and a hearing by the U. S. supreme half after the opening gun there was not a single live German south of the river except the pris-

Senators on Search for Lost Report

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13-(AP)-Senators turned from cotton and stated. poetry to a search for a mysterlously "missing" diplomatic document tonight as they delayed final committee action on six state department appointments.

The foreign relations committee, meeting behind closed doors, decided to hold an executive session tomorrow morning to delve into a question raised at public hearings today by Senator Guffey uary, 1943.

Train Stalled .. By Snowstorm

GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 13-(AP) A shipment of wieners and a box of bread kept the marooned passengers of a "lost" railroad train from hunger while they waited out West Virginia's worst blizzard.

it developed tonight.
Conductor Charles W. Cogar of a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train which left Charleston at 7:30 a.m., yesterday, reported upon his arrival at the northern terminal that no one had suffered during the enforced wait along a snowcovered section of track.

The train-which became today's train rather than yesterday's under railroad rules about delays of more than 12 hours came into Grafton at 6:32 p.m. without any of the original two dozen passen-

Boy Drinks Kerosene But Will Be Alright

Clayton Taylor, year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bussell Taylor of aconness hospital Wednesday ming after treatment there. The was taken to the hospital after

Thumbnail of War!

Western Europe - Yanks launch new attack on German defenders of Duren, while nazis withdraw to new fortifications between Roer and Rhine.

Russia - Reds capture nine towns at outskirts of Budapest, Italy-Canadians drive 3-mile wedge into nazi defenses across Lamone river.

Greece-Leftist ELAS reported ready to accept British armistice after vain attack on British positions in Athens.

Nip pockets around Ormoc on Leyte; Superforts bomb aircraft factories in Japan's third biggest

China - Japanese retreat toward border town of Wanting. where Burma road enters China.

State to Have For Highways

The Oregon state highway commission, under a post-war federal highway aid bill approved by the house Tuesday, will have approximately \$45,000,000 available for highway construction operations during the first three years following the close of the current world war, R. H. Baldock, state WITH AMERICAN TROOPS highway engineer, announced here Wednesday. Senate approval of house modifications is still re-

Oregon's share of the federal appropriation is approximately \$12,000,000 a year with an additional \$3,400,000 of forest funds. Amounts for expenditure each

year include: Federal aid funds, includingrural and urban, \$3,745,000 in federal funds and \$2,580,000 in state

Secondary highways, \$2,545,000 of federal funds and \$1,750,000 of state funds.

Urban districts on federal high-When the attack began heavy ways, \$815,000 federal and \$565,-Forest roads, \$3,400,000 federal

Baldock said that passage of the federal aid highway bill would make it possible for the Oregon highway commission to speed up and pillboxes, Yanks sprang from the formulation of its post-war positions taken before daylight program which has been in prog-

Drive Starts To Prevent Folkes' Death

PORTLAND, Dec. 13-(AP) - A drive to enlist public support to prevent the execution of Robert E. Lee Folkes, 23, negro convicted in the "lower 13" murder case, reportedly was gaining momentum here today.

president of the United States if an appeal to the governor for court fail, Nicholas Granoff, attorney, declared. He said a committee of California negro women headed by Mrs. Clara Folkes, the youth's mother, had employed him to direct the move.

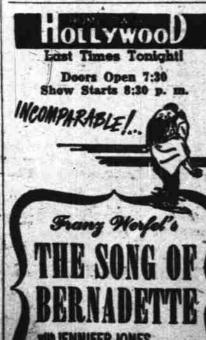
A pamphlet reviewing the case will be sent to every attorney and clergyman in Oregon and to prominent business men, Granoff said. The American civil liberties union and the national association for the advancement of colored people are supporting the move he

Folkes was resentenced to die next January 5 after the Oregon state supreme court and the U.S. supreme court refused to disturb the verdict. A former dining car cook, he was convicted of slashing the throat of Martha Virginia James, 21, of Norfolk, Va., as she lay in a lower berth on a train speeding through Oregon in Jan-

Ensign Richard F. James, Nassawadox, Va., the slain woman's husband, met death last September 29 in a plane crash near Pascoon, Wash.

Blotting paper was known as early as 1465.

Too Late to Classify WANTED: Low mileage '41 car from private party. Will pay cash. Liberal reward. Phone 6685.



Adults 1.10-Children .55 Men in Uniform .76

Salem Chamber of Commerce Appoints Planning Commission On Trial for

Meeting Wednesday night at the Golden Phessant, the board of directors of the Salem Chamber of Commerce wound up its year with brief review of the past and a long look forward. Principal feature of the latter was announcement of the appointment of a planning com-mission for Salem, headed by C. B. McCullough as chairman, and the employment as assistant manager of the chamber, Paul Corr, to help care for the growing volume of business which the chamber han-

Britain, Reds Present beside the board mem-Cause Fight

every day."

the allies."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 -(AP)

Congress rang with loud and an-

gry debate over criticism of Brit-

ain and Russia today, with ad-

ministration supporters accusing

On the house side a razor-

edged exchange was touched of

by a Pennsylvania congressman's

attack on Prime Minister Church-

Churchill, declared Rep. Gavin

(R-Pa), "seems content to let us

thrown thousands of our boys

into action to carry on the fight,

hundreds of whom are liquidated

Up leaped Rep. Luther A.

Johnson, Texas democrat, shout-

a disservice to his country and

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 -(AP)

Production of rockets to blast the

way onto enemy beaches will be

stepped up "nearly 300 per cent"

within the next few months," the

Rear Adm. George F. Hussey,

1. "The stepped-up tempo of

2. "The success of the navy's

3. "The fact that the navy is

now producing navy-type rock-

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 13-

(P)-An earth tremor which lasted

approximately six seconds at 11:16

o'clock tonight was felt through-

out Connecticut. The tremor was

felt in such widely divergent

points as Willimantic and Hart-

ford. Norwich, New Milford, Mid-

dletown, Bridgeport, Torrington

and Meriden were among the first

Through Connecticut

the Pacific war, where every of-

jr., chief of the bureau of ord-

More Rockets

To Be Made

navy reported today.

ill and British draft policies.

the critics of "careless talk'

which might prolong the war.

bers were the staff of the chamber and the members of the new planning commission. All were planning commission. All were guests of Joe Randall, proprietor In Congress of the Golden Pheasant, at dinner Pacific - Americans mop up Christmas decorations of big red candles, holly, poinsetta and red carnations gave a festive air to the occasion; and the bountiful turkey dinner that was served brought many expressions of gratitude to the host for his hospital-

> Program Discussed The routine business of the directors was quickly disposed of, and the meeting was resolved into an informal discussion of the program which the planning commission should undertake. Members of the new civic agency, which is intended to function as an arm of the chamber in close cooperation with municipal bodies, are besides Chairman Mc-Cullough: C. C. Cochran, manager of the chamber, vice chairman; Mayor I. M. Doughton, W. W. Chadwick, George Putnam, W. M. Hamilton, J. N. Chambers, Paul B. Wallace and Charles A. Sprague.

President Carl Hogg stated that the commission is to serve not just as a postwar planning group, but to outline long range plans for Salem's development. He called on commission members and chamber directors to present their views on the program.

To Start at Once Chairman McCullough announ ced that the commission would begin its work immediately, that it would seek to assemble full in- nance, cited three reasons: formation and then project plans for the city's future.

fensive must of necessity be an Other speakers pointed out the amphibious operation calling for need to look ahead for a city of thousands of rockets." greatly increased population and emphasized the importance of latest airplane rocket." making proper provision for highways, industries and various community services.

Directors of the chamber for ets for all the armed forces." 1944 have been Carl Hogg, preside Loyal Warner, first vice Earthquake Felt president; Frank Doerfler, second vice president; Lester Barr, secretary; Lynn C. Smith, treasurer, and Winnie Pettyjohn, Lowell Kern. Robert Elfstrom. Johnson, Fred Anunsen, Ralph Campbell, Elmer Scellars, W. L. Phillips, Grover Hillman, Albert Ramseyer, Frank Chatas, Ed Schreder and Wendell Ewing.

A new directorate is to be chosen Monday. Two places on the new board already are assured-Sidney McNeil who succeeds Frank Chatas as head of the Cherrians, and Burr Miller, who succeeded Ed Schreder as head of the retail trade bureau.

The case will be carried to the Japs Retreat Toward **Burma Border Town**

CHUNGKING, Dec. 13-(AP)-The retreat of Japanese units toward the border town of Wanting, where the Burma road cuts into China, was reported tonight by the Chinese high command.

An enemy withdrawal began after an artillery duel in the Manpang region northwest of Wanting three days ago. Chinese forces have captured a high position about 12 miles north of Wanting, west of the Lungchwan river, the high command said.

Buy That Extra Bond NOW!



Coat Salesman

John Martin Gorman, who al-Alaskan trapper and a stock of car as Alaskan squirrel, went to Salem justice court Wednesday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. The case continues at 10 o'clock this morning before Justice of the Peace Chris Kowitz.

By Wednesday night, the officers had reports of more than half dozen of the coats, sold from door to door, in city and country communities. Three were said to have been sold in a pool-room, and they went for \$100 down and "\$300 tomorrow" for which the return call was never made.

The coats, which furriers desaid to have brought prices ranging from about \$35 to \$165 here.

Eighth Drives Wedge Into Faenza Lines ing "the gentleman has rendered

ROME, Dec. 13-(AP)-Canadian units of the British Eighth army quickly took advantage of newly won Lamone river bridgeheads northeast of the northern Italian highway town of Faenza today to drive a wedge nearly three miles deep into German defenses.

Establishing their bridgeheads across the rain-swollen stream about nine miles from Faenza the Canadians straightened their lines along a continuous front of 6000

Following a heavy artillery barrage and 24 hours of fierce fighting, they caught the enemy by surprise and stormed across the 50-foot river at two points simultaneously on Sunday night, it was

Basque whalemen are believed to have fished in Newfoundland waters in the 14th century.



By ISABEL CHILDS

The British Information Services (something like our OWI) has sent its 1945 calendar, and rabbitskin coats he carried in his no one will think me unpatriotie ages if I hang it above my desk, close to the window through which I can see the Stars and Stripes almost any fair day.

The picture which accompanies chase question. December, 1944, too, turns my thoughts not to England but to a small green valley in Oregon. For the picture is the sinking of the Graf Spee, and I have it direct from a mutual friend in Cardiff that a certain British sea captain was a prisoner aboard the formidable German battleship during that crucial battle (she scuttled clared could be purchased for as herself, you will remember, but little as \$18.75 wholesale, were only after three cruisers under the Union Jack had pretty well gummed her works).

> When I think of the Graf Spee now I think of the white-haired young-faced captain who in 1936 thought of retiring in Oregon, the green country which reminded him of England. He told us about his family, wanted them to live here, where, said he, "you will never know the dark clouds of war threat which even now blow over the channel to us."

United Government Due In Yugoslavia, Report

LONDON, Dec. 13 -(P)- Agreement on the formation of a united provisional Yugoslav government and for elections to a constituent assembly was announced Tuesday by the Yugoslav radio.

BUY WAR BONDS TODAY



March of Time



Salem's special election call for February 9 trembles on the brink today with the discovery that so annexation election and so different from those for any other type of city balloting that the question of extending the city's suburbs cannot be presented in conjunc-tion with the Bush pasture pur-

Kinks Appear

But this is not the only-repor which will be placed before the city council Monday night concerning its plans for the election. The special committee on park surveys, Aldermen R. A. Forkner, R. O. Lewis and David O'Hara and City Park Board Members Elizabeth Lord, M. L. Meyers and George Riches, will present a request for a survey of present park properties. In this request, Alderman A. H. Gille, head of the committee which negotiated the Bush pasture sale specifications, allegedly sees an underlying move to sabotage the purchase.

The park survey committe claims the promise of the Pioneer tension of the option period in the No damage was reported.

Never Too Late to Buy That Extra War Bond

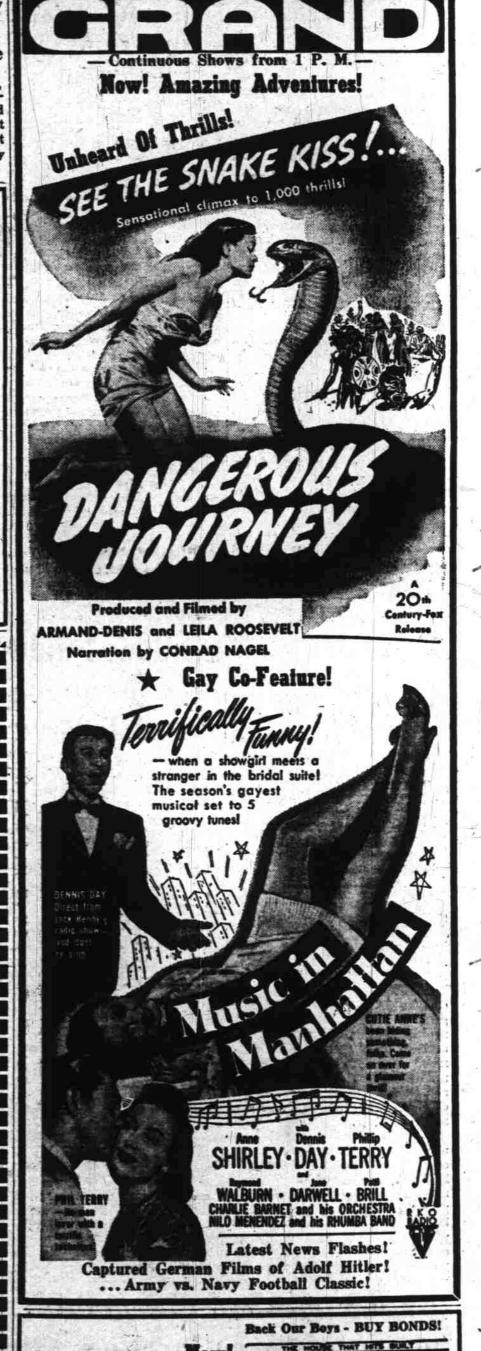
proffer of the 43-acre tract of the Bush property still held by mem-bers of the Bush family. The committee report will show that Salem as a municipality now holds approximately 25 acres possibly suitable for park purposes in addition to the 57 acres of Bush's pasture to which it has held the deed for 27 years. It will ask that it be permitted to employe a landscape expert to make rigid are the requirements for an a survey at a cost of not more

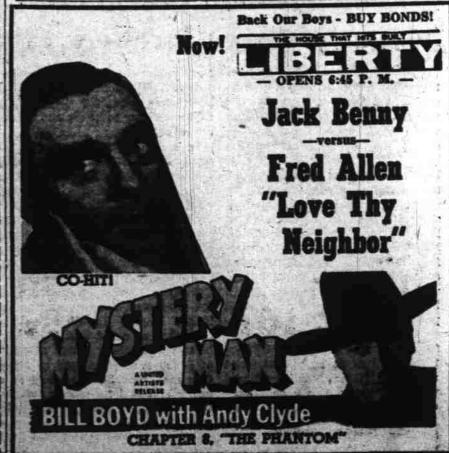
Surplus War Property Nominees Are Approved

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13-(AP)-The senate military affairs committee today approved President Roosevelt's first two nominees for the task of disposing of \$100,000,-000,000 worth of surplus war property.

The committee voted on Robert Hurley, former governor of Connecticut, and Lt. Col. Edward Heller, wealthy California business man was along party lines. Senator Gillette (D-Ia) is slated for appointment as the third member of the disposal board after expiration of his senate term.

Chimney Fire Reported Firemen were called to put out a chimney fire at 105 E. Owens Trust company for a second ex- about midnight Wednesday night.







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