

MASS SURRENDERS INCREASE

It seems to me
By Charles F. Sprague

From Homer's "Iliad" to Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade" poets and prose-writers have told the story of great battles. Some one ought to tell the story of the battle of Berlin. The siege of Troy, which was the theme for the "Iliad," lasted for 10 years; the capture of Berlin was a matter only of 12 days. Its fate was already sealed. The continuous pounding from the skies (77,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the city) had pulverized its buildings and disorganized its traffic and utilities. Five years of war has whittled down its defending forces. The occupation of surrounding cities and country had cut off its supplies. The battle was the dying gasp of a dying regime.

Naval Casualty Toll at Okinawa Reaches 5551

GUAM, Friday, May 4.—(AP)—American naval casualties of 5551, including 1131 killed, were reported today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz for the Okinawa campaign as the ground fighting reached another vicious near-deadlock.

Truman Wins His Veto on Farm Draft

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—President Truman emerged a winner from his first legislative fight today as the house sustained his veto of a resolution giving almost ironclad draft deferments to farmers.

Rumor Says Monty Met With Doenitz at Kiel

STOCKHOLM, Friday, May 3.—(AP)—The Central News agency said today Danish sources in Malmo believed "there most likely is some basis" in reports from Denmark that Field Marshal Montgomery met Adm. Karl Doenitz, self-proclaimed German fueder, last night in Kiel.

Coin May Honor FDR

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—Coining of a 10-cent piece bearing a likeness of the late President Roosevelt was proposed today in a bill introduced by Rep. Morrison (D-La.).

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Russians Link Up With British on Wide Front

Soviets Wipe Out Another Enemy Pocket

LONDON, Friday, May 4.—(AP)—The Russians were fully conscious of the drama of the event and of the fact that they were making history. They sent the famed Cossacks to surround the city. They gave to the survivors of the siege of Leningrad the honor of firing the first batteries in shelling Berlin. They gave to the heroes of Stalingrad the glory of making the final assaults. And they brought with them huge red flags to fly from the reichstag and the reichs-chancellery, in open taunt to the German dread of the eastern "bolshheviks."

Chaos So Great Inside Reich Surrender May Be Forgotten

LONDON, May 3.—(AP)—Germany's new fueder, Grand Admiral Doenitz, was reported to have fled to the naval base of Kiel today as British forces swept through capitulated Hamburg, 50 miles to the south, and victorious Russian troops searched for Hitler's body in the ruins of Berlin.

Ickes Seizes Nation's Hard Coal Mines

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The government tonight seized the nation's anthracite mines, strike-bound in a contract dispute.

Italian War Costs America 21,577 Dead

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The 20-months-long battle for Italy, ended victoriously by the surrender of German forces there, took the lives of at least 21,577 American soldiers.

U. S. Denies Holding Russians Liberated From Prison Camps

WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—The United States flatly denied today Russian complaints that Soviet citizens liberated from German prisons are being held by this country without notice to Russia.

Bearer of Peace Terms



Count Folke Bernadotte (left), Swedish Red Cross official who acted as intermediary between the allied governments and Nazi Chief Heinrich Himmler over terms for Germany's surrender, is shown conferring with Sweden's Foreign Minister Guenther (right). At this same conference French Foreign Minister to Sweden Bohman, also was present. Count Bernadotte returned to Stockholm from Denmark where, purportedly, he conferred with Nazi chiefs. (International radio sound photo)

45 Delegates At Convention Stricken Sick

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 3.—(AP)—A sudden illness blamed by Dr. C. L. Longstreth to food poisoning hospitalized at estimated 45 delegates to a church conference today and 39 remained in the hospital tonight, with the condition of some described as serious.

Merchants to Lay Plans for 7th War Loan

While retail merchants of Salem meet to lay plans for the downtown portion of the Seventh War Loan campaign, industrial workers in the payroll division are already "going to town."

Marion's ARC Quota Passed

Marion county's Red Cross war fund quota of \$80,500, raised in a period of three weeks, was exceeded by approximately \$36,000 before the campaign had closed.

Nazi Broadcast Says Adm. Doenitz In Copenhagen

LONDON, Thursday, May 4.—(AP)—A German language broadcast, attributed by monitors to the allied-controlled Luxembourg radio station, declared today that Germany's new fueder, Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, had arrived in Copenhagen yesterday.

Trieste, Gorizia In Istria Area Fall to Allies

ROME, May 3.—(AP)—Allied headquarters announced today that New Zealand troops, joining forces with the Yugoslavs, had captured Trieste and Gorizia in disputed Istria, only Nazi-held slice of Italy not commanded by Gen. Heinrich von Vietinghoff-Scheel who surrendered his million-man army in north Italy and western Austria.

Textile Growth Assured Company Chief-Tain Says Plant To Be Expanded

The Salem area's postwar future, already one of promise, held increasing assurance of realization today following a visit here of Jack R. Millar, president of National Automotive Fibres, California Cotton Mills and Oregon Textiles, Inc.

Colony Farm's Gross Income in 1944 Is \$51,582

Gross income on 400 acres of the Colony farm in Polk county, which is owned by the state and operated by the state hospital, amounted to \$51,582 for 1944, according to figures compiled by Roy H. Mills, secretary of the board of control.

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LONDON, May 3.—(AP)—The British press association said today that Prime Minister Churchill's absence from the house of commons had raised speculation and added:

V-E Day Tags Urging Further War Effort Ready for Wearing

Thousands of Salem V-E day tags were in the hands of distribution agencies today ready for the word which the V-E day committee hopes will lead to a rededication of service rather than to a celebration of a victory still far from final.

Nazis Declare Kiel Open City; 150,000 Quit

PARIS, Friday, May 4.—(AP)—Mass surrenders swept through German armies of the north yesterday as the fall of Hamburg sounded the knell of all resistance east of the great part and the enemy high command itself declared the famed naval base of Kiel an open city.

British Enter Burma Capital City, Rangoon

CALCUTTA, May 3.—(AP)—British and Indian troops in their greatest victory of the three-year-old Burma campaign today entered Rangoon, capital and chief port of Burma, and began speedily wiping out Japanese resistance in the city only a day after making a powerful seaborne landing at the mouth of the Rangoon river.

Log Towboat Upsets, Sinks Near Island

When the towboat Ramona No. 3 struck a gravel bar near the island in the Willamette river at 6 p.m. Thursday, overturned and sank, it started a chain of events which in a few minutes sent a log raft crashing into boats and floats at the Salem Boathouse.

S/Sgt. John Williams Killed in War Action

Staff Sgt. John Williams was killed in action April 17 on Luzon, his wife, the former Darlene Cogswell, was notified by the war department this week.

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FORECAST: (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Field, Salem) Generally fair today. Maximum temperature expected about 74 degrees.