## MASS SURRENDERS INCREASE

## TO ME

ade" poets and prose-writers have told the story of great battles. Some one ought to tell the story of the battle of Berlin. The seige of Troy, which was the theme for the "Iliad," lasted for 10 years; only of 12 days. Its fate was already sealed. The continuous pounding from the skies (77,000 Out Another the city) had pulverized its buildings and disorganized it traffic Enemy Pocket and utilities. Five years of war has whittled down its defending force. The occupation of surrounding cities and country had cut off its supplies. The battle was the Russian troops collapsed the last dying gasp of a dying regime.

and of the fact that they were front south of the Baltic in a 30eity. They gave to the survivors and Hamburg. of the siege of Leningrad the honor of firing the first batteries in surrendered to the combined Russhelling Berlin. They gave to the sian and British forces in the heroes of Stalingrad the glory of clean-up of Mecklenburg province. 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 "bolsheviks"

The west has had only meagre reports of the fighting for the German capital, largest city on the continent of Europe, fourth largest in the world. But from the accounts received the battle must have been strange as well as bitter; The ruins of the buildings made ready forts

(Continued on Editorial page)

## Naval Casualty Smoking ruins. The junction Tollat Okinawa tends across northern and central Germany on an almost solid 200-Reaches 5551

GUAM, Friday, May 4.-(A)-American naval casualties of 5551 - - including 1131 killed - - were reported today by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz for the Okinawa campaign as the ground fighting 134,000 Nazis Taken reached another vicious near-

Two "light units" of the Pacific fleet off the strategic Ryukyu islands were sunk in an attack last night by four flights of enemy warplanes, the communique announced.

Nimitz gave the naval casualty toll, through Wednesday, as 1131 killed, 2816 wounded and 1604 missing. This includes casualties from the start of the Okinawa operation on March 18 when carrier planes struck Japan's inland sea in a supporting move. Okinawa itself was invaded April 1.

The figures, preliminary and still incomplete, brought the total announced American casualties, counting soldiers and marines, to 16,964 - - including 2978 Japanese ground casualties alone

exceed 21,000.

### **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 farm-

The president, in rejecting the measure earlier in the day, declared that "no group should have all theatres since the beginning any special privileges." He said of the war have reached 848,089 the legislation would violate the on the basis of names reported non-discrimination principles of here through April 21. Added to the selective service act.

185 members voted to override at 950,472. This was an increase 185 members voted to override at 950,472. This was an increase the veto and 177 voted to sustain of 11,099 since the report of last warm he stretched out in the deep it. Since it takes a two third vote week. of both houses to over-ride, the legislation thereby died.

### Rumor Says Monty Met With Doenitz at Kiel

STOCKHOLM, Friday, May 5. WASHINGTON, May 3 - (P) - uncompromisingly for the fulfill-The United States flatly denied to- ment of the understanding entered -(P) The Central News agency said today Danish sources in Malmo believed "there most likely is some basis" in reports from Den-mark that Field Marshal Montgomery met Adm. Karl Doenitz, self-proclaimed German fuehrer, last night in Kiel.

They added their opinion that if the report were true, "nothing but capitulation could have been

Coin May Honor FDR

bill introduced by Rep. Morrison eign Commissar) Molotov, and upican newsmen "so that mistrust unable to attend the luncheon,
(D-La).

On the entire world, that he stands and suspicion can be eliminated." held at the Marion hotel.

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

The Oregon Statesman Nazis Declare Kiel Open City;

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, May 4, 1945

**Textile** 

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Company Chief-

tain Says Plant

By Wendell Webb (Managing Editor, The Statesman)

tiles, Inc.

The Salem area's postwar future,

## From Homer's "Iliad" to Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brig-**British on Wide Front**

By Romney Wheeler

LONDON, Friday, May 4-(AP) German resistance in north-cen-The Russians were fully con- tral Germany yesterday, linking scious of the drama of the event with British forces on a 65-mile making history. They sent the mile surge that wiped out a huge famed Cossacks to surround the enemy pocket between Rostock

At least three enemy divisions

More than 10,600 demoralized nazi soldiers surrendered to the red army alone as Marshal Konstantin K. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian army and Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's troops joined for the first time between the Baltic port of Wismar and Wittenberge on the Elbe river, 62 miles northwest of

Join with U.S. 9th At the same time, forces of Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army, co-conquerors of Berlin, joined up with the U.S. Ninth army on a 33-mile front west of the nazi capital's

The junction of American, British and Russian forces now exmile front from Wiswar south to

the Elbe northwest of Dresden. In Berlin, another 64,000 stunned and battle-weary German troops emerged from the subways and sewers of the rubbled city to hand over their weapons, almost doubling the huge bag of German prisoners herded into red army cages since the surrender of the capital.

More than 134,000 German roops had been counted since Berlin's capitulation at 3 p. m. Wednesday, and Moscow dispatches said still more were joining the long ranks of prisoners being marched away. By Moscow's accounts, 507,000 German troops have been killed or captured in the struggle in and around the capital.

As the hush of a dead nation settled over the once-proud capital of Adolf Hitler's continental empire, the red army set sullen German troops to work clearing up the appalling shambles.

## 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 Amer-

Secretary of War Stimson said today that was the toll for the Fifth army up to April 28-six days before the campaign was over. In addition, 77,248 were wounded and 10,338 were missing, making the total casualties 109,163.

Simultaneously, Stimson announced that army casualties in the navy's losses of 102,383, this On the showdown in the house, placed casualties of both services

U. S. Denies Holding Russians

Liberated From Prison Camps

## 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 this same conference French Foreign Minister to Sweden Bohman, nounced that Nazi Gen. Schleming company of Chicago and disalso was present. Count Bernadotte returned to Stockholm from mer, who had defied Vietinghoff's trict sales manager of Yale & conferring with Sweden's Foreign Minister Guenther (right). At Denmark where, purportedly, he conferred with nazi chiefs, (In-

## Chaos So Great Inside Reich Surrender May Be Forgotten

By ALEX SINGLETON

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.-(P)-The government tonight seized the nation's anthracite mines, strikebound in a contract dispute. Acting on orders from President

Truman Secretary of Interior ish radio.

Ickes proclaimed that he had taken formal possession of the mines and breakers owned by 363 com-panies, all located in Pennsylvania.

"A breakdown in wage negotia-tions threatened a fuel crisis that would impair public health and impede the progress of the war next winter," said a statement issued by the solid fuels administration, headed by Ickes.

Ickes ordered the flag of the United States raised above these mines and breakers and mine whistles blown for work Monday morning.

Salem Man Picks Poor Spot to Take a Nap

OREGON CITY, May 3 -(AP)state highway department grass mower cut the clothing and one hand of Andrew J. Huggins, 20, Salem, while he dozed in the shade along a nearby highway.

LONDON, May 3.-(P)-Germany's new fuehrer, Grand Admiral Doenitz, was reported to have fled to the naval base of Kiel today as British forces swept through capitulated Hamburg, So swift was the disintegration of German resistance and

so chaotic the general situation inside the reich that it appeared tonight there might be no neces-

Albert Speer, nazi minister of armaments and production, told the German people in a broadcast tonight that Germany was defeated and gave instructions that Germans should get busy on reconstruction to the fullest extent permitted by the allies. He spoke over the German-controlled Dan-

A Stockholm dispatch said Doenitz and his new foreign minister, Count Ludwig Schwerin von Krorick, were conferring at Kiel with Josef Terboven, nazi commissioner for Norway, and Werner Best, stand in those Scandinavian coun-

The chief obstacle standing in the way of a declared peace was believed to be the German force in Norway, estimated by responsible quarters at 150,000 troops, who have been strengthened in recent months by aerial delivery of weapons and supplies.

Stockholm heard that negotia tions were in progress to bring about the surrender of the Norway nazis without bloodshed. Norwegian patriots in an order of the day called upon the people to offer no provocation to the Germans which might diminish prospects of an orderly end to the

## Marion's ARC **Ouota Passed**

Marion county's Red Cross war fund quota of \$80,500, raised in paychecks during the Seventh War day Russian complaints that Sov-let citizens liberated from German

The Big Three agreed at Yalta ceeded by approximately \$36,000 worth of bonds per capita. prisons are being held by this country without notice to Russia.

The state department comment was issued simultaneously with an or been accomplished and Russia or approximately \$36,000 before the campaign had closed, Judge George Rossman pointed out Thursday at a luncheon honoring division leaders in the reoutburst of protest in congress has been seeking to get the War- cently completed drive.

Framed certificates were preagainst the attitude taken by the saw regime admitted to the San Framed certificates were pre-U.S.S.R. on Poland. Francisco United Nations confer- sented by the judge, who is chairmendable, Mr. Speaker," Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.) told the house observed Polish the Red Cross, to F. G. Leserer, Constitution day other speakers general campaign chairman; "that President Harry S. Truman demanded "justice for Poland" and W. M. Kimsey, Mrs. James T. WASHINGTON, May 3.—(AP)—
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a likeness of the late President
Roosevelt was proposed today in a

having a full grasp and underin the senate Senator Ferguson (RMich.) asserted that the Russian
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in the senate Senator Ferguson (RMich.) asserted that the Russian
government should open occupied
or areas of eastern Europe to Amerfiler. Other division leaders were

### Nazi Broadcast Says Adm. Doenitz In Copenhagen

LONDON, Thursday, May 4.-(P)-A German language broadcast, attributed by monitors to the allied-controlled Luxembourg radio station, declared today that Germany's new fuehrer, Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, had ar-

rived in Copenhagen yesterday.

The announcement was at first erroneously attributed to the Bremen radio, but monitors later identified the station as Luxembourg, saying it apparently had taken over the Hamburg and Bremen wave-lengths.

## Trieste, Gorizia creasing assurance of realization through an tile design today following a visit here of and beaten army. The Luxembourg In Istria Area Fall to Allies

ROME, May 3-(AP)-Allied head- tiles plant established last year on quarters announced today that the Portland road, and nodded New Zealand troops, joining for- ready assent when asked if conces with the Yugoslavs, had cap- siderable expansion was planned. tured Trieste and Gorizia in disputed Istria, only nazi-held slice the management of Clyde Everett, of Italy not commanded by Gen. had been regarded as a "pilot Heinrich von Vietinghoff-Scheel plant-very few of which ever who surrendered his million-man make money," and added that the army in north Italy and western Salem enterprise had proven the Austria.

(The Belgrade radio broadcast a Yugoslav headquarters state- after plans are presented to our ment denying the allied announcement and saying that Yugoslav forces, not New Zealanders, captured Trieste and Gorizia and that the situation "might have unwished-for consequences" if not cleared up at once. The federal communications commission heard tory and adjacent facilities. the broadcast.)

unconditional surrender order, had surrendered his army corps of 40,000 troops pocketed in Liguria at the other end of the Italian front and that "fighting has ceased in northern Italy west of the Isonzo river" on the Istrian

## 45 Delegates At Convention Stricken Sick

BELLINGHAM, Wash., May 3 (A)-A sudden illness blamed by Dr. C. L. Longstreth to food poi- their few-hour survey. With the sity to negotiate a formal sur-soning hospitalized at estimated 45 delegates to a church confer- off were Loyal Warner, chamber ence today and 39 remained in the president; Carl Hogg, director and hospital tonight, with the condition of some described as serious.

Those affected had attended a luncheon meeting opening the both directors as well as the local North Pacific Missionary conference of Evangelical Mission Covenant Churches of America, said Dr. Longstreth, city health physi- lar Steamship lines, was to have cian. He said a bacterial toxin been with the visitors but was dewas suspected and samples of the layed at Medford. food were taken to Seattle for testing.

Delegates expressed fears for the Colony Farm's safety of the Rev. T. W. Anderson of Chicago, national president, who spoke at the luncheon German minister to Denmark, on and left a short time later for the possibility of making a final Vancouver, B. C., by motor coach.

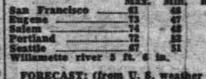
## Merchants to Lay Plans for 7th War Loan

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" Chairman Douglas Yeater declared Thursday.

Called together by E. Burr Miller, chairman of the Salem Retail Trade bureau, merchants will meet this noon at the Golden Pheasant to hear John Hodgkins, Portland, assistant manager for the state war finance committee. At Keith Brown Building Supply company plant, where the pay-

War Effort Ready for Wearing roll campaign is well started, two of 10 teams have reported, one bringing in pledges to buy from Thousands of Salem VE-day it was believed their wide and is were in the hands of dis-immediate appearance would be tags were in the hands of distribution agencies today ready for more effective in calling attention the word which the VE-day com- to still-urgent needs of war. Headquarters for the Seventh mittee hopes will lead to a re- . The tags will be available in dedication of service rather than schools, business houses, Willam-War Loan campaign will be set up this weekend at 477 Court st., to a celebration of a victory still ette university, the chamber of

behind the Ohmart real estate offices, but banners will not com-The campaign opens May 14.



# 150,000 Quit

By ROBERT EUNSON

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.

More than 150,000 Germans laid down their arms to the British Second and U.S. Ninth armies along the Elbe by noon Thursday and thousands of others were giving up or being driven to their deaths as they tried to flee by sea.

British tanks slashed on northeast within 20 miles of Denmark, churning over roads strewn with the burned hulks To Be Expanded of 800 vehicles caught in a tor-

nado of aerial bombardment. beyond Neumuenster, 16 miles already one of promise, held increasing assurance of realization through all the debris of a broken Burma Capital

The Luxembourg radio said the British had crossed the Kiel cational Automotive Fibres, California Cotton Mills and Oregon Texnal, and wholly unconfirmed Stockholm broadcasts recorded by Millar, who was accompanied by the federal communications com-Sam T. Keller of Detroit, declarmission said the British had ed there were "good things in reached Eckenforerde, on the Kiel greatest victory of the three-yearprospect for Salem and for us," in bay 15 miles northwest of the city. old Burma campaign today enconnection with the Oregon Tex-Dagens-Nyheter said it had received an unconfirmable report

that the British already had ad-He said the operation here, under point level with Copenhagen. There were other reports that the Jutland rail network had been completely disrupted and of fighting and plundering.) Write Off Opposition

Allied commanders wrote off

or damaged 64 cargo-sized vessels.

on southeast as far as Luebeck

British troops with guns ready

waited to fish German troops ei-

ther swimming or trying to reach

A field dispatch said a German

Dunkerque was in progress on

Schleswig-Holstein as the Ger-

no stand short of the border.

Resistance also was breaking up

in what is left of the southern re-

doubt, with the US army hammer-

within seven miles of the big com-

(The Linz radio was heard

der fire, apparently by the Am-

ericans since the Russians from

the east still were a considerable

was shredding what remains of

Breaking loose unopposed on

Seventh army last was reported

and Berchtesgaden, bastions with-

army was the same distance from

Staff Sgt. John Williams was

killed in action April 17 on Lu-

zon, his wife, the former Darlene

Cogsnell, was notified by the war

Sergeant Williams would have

been 29 years old May 17. He had

been in the service more than four

years and overseas for 22 months.

A daughter, Gay, a brother and

sister in Iowa and two brothers

in the service are among his sur-

schools, business houses, Willam-

will be set up at the Victory cen-

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and tin for salvage.

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The "honor system" method of "Business as Usual" and "The

preference to giving the tags only themes of the VE-day observance

nmerce, and at all booths which

the nazi redoubt in Bavaria.

Salzburg on the north.

department this week.

munications center of Linz,

distance away.)

shore by boat.

"A survey is being made, and board of directors we will know in all enemy opposition in the north more detail what to expect," he as the British and the Americans anticipated. Airmen flying low declared. The "pilot plant" here joined up with the Russians on a over the capital saw a large sign now has 31 employes.

financial exception.

Both Millar and Keller highly commended the Salem airport, the Baltic. city itself, the surrounding terri-

Towne Manufacturing company of Detroit, insisted he was along "just for the ride," but evinced keen in-terest in a brief tour which included visits to the Oregon Textile plant, the Salem Flax mill and the flax department of the state

The men were travelling in both the east and west coasts of twin-engined, five-place Cessna plane—one of the few private ships to land here since the war began. The plane was given special clearance by the army. The men left for Seattle yesterday afternoon, Dane City Open and will fly to Oakland, Calif.,

Leaders of the chamber of commerce aided Millar and Keller in men at the airport to wave them immedate past president; Clay Cochran, general manager, and Ralph Campbell, and Linn Smith, textile plant manager, Clyde Everett.

Stanley Dollar, head of the Dol-

## Gross Income in 1944 Is \$51,582

Gross income on the 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 S/Sgt. John Williams Roy H. Milis, secretary of the board of control. The largest item Killed in War Action of income was \$18,535 from hops, a hop-field being on part of the land that was acquired. Next most valuable crop was beans, income from which amounted to \$7700. The farm also produces vegetables, for institution use, and feed for farm animals.

The gross income for 1942, the first year the state owned it, was \$28,914. That for 1943 was \$41,-

The land was purchased at a cost of \$60,000.

The lapel tags constitute a

promise to aid in the "unfinish-

ed task" by donating blood, buy-

ing more bonds or aiding in vital

after they'd been earned, because

far from final.

of further effort.

## ado of aerial bombardment. The British last were reported British Enter

CALCUTTA, May 3.-(AP)-British and Indian troops in their (In Stockholm the newspaper tered Rangoon, capital and chief port of Burma, and began speedily wiping out Japanese resistance vanced into the southern Jutland in the city only a day after makprovince of Denmark almost to a ing a powerful seaborne landing at the mouth of the Rangoon river.

There were indications that Rangoon already was in British hands. Allied prisoners liberated by the assaulting forces said the Japanese began evacuating Rangoon three weeks ago both by land and sea, and only light opposition was solid 65 - mile front stretching on one building saying "Japs southward from Wismar on the gone." The Japanese are believed to have blown up port installa-

There was chaos in the Baltic tions. as German ships quit Kiel for Whatever Japanese remained in Keller, who is district manager Oslo and other Norwegian refu- the vicinity were hopelessly trap-At the same time it was announced that Nazi Gen. Schleming company of Chicago and dis-Kiel bay was lighted through goon. Strong allied armored forthe night by burning vessels, and ces driving down from Mandalay were last reported approaching the capital from the north after capturing Pegu and probably entered the city with the seaborne forces today. The seizure of Pegu cut the last escape routes into Thailand for perhaps 30,000 Jap-

### mans shoved off in anything that would float, apparently heading for a last stand in Norway. Log Towboat The German communique also upsets, Sinks made an open city of Flensburg on the Danish frontier, indicating **Near Island** that the enemy intended to make

When the towboat Ramona No. 3 struck a gravel bar near the island in the Willamette river at ing 21 miles deep into Austria to 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 broadcasting that the city was un-

floats at the Salem Boathouse. The Ramona No. 3, piloted by Clarence Smith, Albany, was following and helping guide a 75x806 foot raft down river and was at-In concert with the Seventh tempting to slip the logs under army, the American Third army the Marion-Polk bridge when it went into shallow water. Smith was able to swim out. Bill Carter. veteran West Salem riverman, was superhighway east of Munich, the piloting the boat at the head of the raft when the accident oc-25 miles west of both Salzburg curred and sped his vessel back to attempt to stop the raft. in the redoubt, while the Third

When the front end of the raft was caught in the eddy, which carried it back upstream forming an awkward crescent, it swiped into the boathouse moorage. Three motorboats and two rowboats and the floats were damaged. Frank Taylor, owner of the boathouse, and other men there took boats into the river to aid Carter and Smith and the men on the raft move the logs out of the current,

The damaged towboat was visible in the water and presents little or no salvage problem, rivermen said. It is part of the fleet of the Ramona Towboat company of Portland.

## Winnie Gone, V-E Day Tags Urging Further Rumors Grow

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

"There were even queries as to

whether Mr. Churchill might have gone to Germany to be at the surrender ceremony or at some meeting with President Truman." There was no information else-

Court) to register for blood dona-tions, sell bonds and accept paper where to support this conjectural statement except the obvious dissalvage. They will be given away on VE-day to everyone, and their has received nationwide publicity the absence of Foreign Secretary Eden at San Francisco, Churchill was expected to announce next reek's calendar but Sir John Anistribution was decided on, in War Isn't Over Yet" remain the lerson chancellor of the exechequer, deputized for him.