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## German Artillery Bombarding Stalingrad

### Scrap Salvage Drive to Start On Wednesday

Downtown Depots Open For 2 Days Only—Residential Drive Next Mon.

Scrap collection in the government's great salvage drive will start in the downtown area of Salem Wednesday morning and those in charge of the drive are urging business men to scour their premises today or tomorrow so as to be ready bright and early to clear out all available valuable scrap and deposit it in the downtown depots Wednesday or Thursday at the latest. The downtown depots will be there only two days, City Engineer J. H. Davis who has charge of the scrap collection, stating today that the pickup with city and other available trucks will be made Thursday afternoon so as not to use up the city streets any longer than is absolutely necessary and yet do a complete job.

#### Downtown Depots

The downtown area where scrap depots will be established is all of that district bounded on the north by Center street, on the south by Trade street and on the east by Church street, the river being the natural western boundary line.

In each of the blocks in this area one or more "depots" will be set off on each side of the street so as to be easily available to every business house. It is expected that the regular city barriers will be used to mark off the places to deposit scrap.

#### Up to Business Men

It is essential, state those in charge of the drive, that the business men make as good a showing as possible. For the primary reason it is necessary for the war effort that every pound of available scrap be taken out of the basements and other storage places to be put to use in the war industries. But, there is also another local reason, as the downtown drive will serve as notice to the people in the residential district that the drive will be on in that area the following week, and the more scrap comes out of the downtown district into the salvage deposit spots, it is believed the bigger and better the reaction will be in the residential area.

The residential area drive will start next Monday and run through the week. The city also has been districted off for that.

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### Food Shortage Seen by Pierce

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—Representative Pierce (D., Ore.) said in a statement that reports reaching him indicated a dangerous shortage of food was threatened because of "mal-administration of man-power and wage competition from industry."

The representative said farmers were continuing production at a "tremendous sacrifice" and that herds of dairy and beef cattle and bands of sheep which could not be quickly replaced faced slaughter.

"There should be an immediate appointment of a food administrator with power to make necessary adjustments," Pierce said. "He should determine how much the rising cost of food is due to transportation, handling and other factors beyond the control of the farmer. He must point the way for fuel farm co-operation in a program of plentiful food production."

Pierce said such an administrator would have full support of the farming world which "has every confidence that the price structure will be equitably determined so that they may finance their production."

"With ceilings on farm products," Pierce concluded, "there must go floors so as to insure production."

### Artillery Range for Camp Adair

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The war department notified Senator McNary (R., Ore.), today it was taking 20,500 acres of land adjacent to the north boundary of Camp Adair near Corvallis, Ore., for an artillery range.

The department said that while Governor Charles A. Sprague first objected to such use of the land because of its high agricultural value, the army had been unable to find a suitable range elsewhere and the governor had not objected further.

Careful appraisal of the value of the land had been made, the department told McNary, adding it was trying wherever possible to reach settlement with the owners without having to condemn the land. It said the appraisers were fully qualified to fix true values and that in no case was an appraisal by the owner accepted.

It said the use the government intended to make of the land was not taken into consideration in making the appraisals which were based upon actual value.

### Control Bill Up in Senate

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The unprecedented anti-inflation bill came up in the senate today, along with a committee report that food prices had been advancing at the rate of 40 per cent a year since last spring.

Lending further urgency to the measure authorizing presidential control of the cost of living were these other findings by the senate banking committee:

Prices received by farmers had risen 85 per cent from Eurist, 1939, to August, 1942, while the prices paid by farmers had increased 22 per cent in the same period.

Since 1939 hourly wage rates in all manufacturing industries had advanced about 30 per cent and that the aggregate of wages and salaries paid out had risen 72 per cent.

From January 1, 1941, to May, 1942, unit labor costs had increased at the average rate of 1.1 per cent per month.

"Unit labor costs will unquestionably increase still further, even apart from increases in wage rates, as a consequence of the loss of skilled workers, introduction of less skilled labor and inevitable transportation and other delays."

Control of wages and salaries "must proceed simultaneously with control of food cost."

#### Rapid Piling of Slash Reported

Oregon's wartime logging industry is piling up slash at the rate of 1000 acres a day, according to a resolution prepared by the Oregon Forest Defense Council here, calling for early disposal of the slash.

Semi-official dispatches did not close details of the death of Von Kleist himself, officially announced Saturday, but Pravda said his first tank army had been disastrously defeated in the Mordok area, near the Grozny oil fields.

The third tank division of Von Kleist's first tank army was annihilated on the south bank of the Terek river, Pravda said, and it was during this battle the German officers killed themselves and their men. It also reported that Maj. Gen. Mock,

### Legion Asks for Drafting of 18-19 Youths

Seek Compulsory Training After War; Nelson Warns of Sacrifices

Kansas City, Sept. 21 (AP)—Roane Waring of Memphis was elected national commander of the American Legion today by an unanimous vote after delegates from every state had stormed onto the stage with their banners in his behalf.

The legionnaires also voted that never again should geographic limits be placed upon the movement of the nation's military forces and added in a resolution from its national defense committee that "it is better to carry the war to the enemy than to have him bring war to us."

Other recommendations included one for the continuation of the voluntary systems of enlistments in the navy, marines and coast guard, and another that the navy and army departments be urged to give world war veterans an opportunity to serve in such capacity as will best promote the prosecution of the war.

The convention also approved pre-induction training and education in colleges and secondary schools.

Kansas City, Sept. 21 (AP)—The American Legion asked congress today to lower the draft age to 18 years and to conscript manpower for war production.

By an overwhelming standing vote the legionnaires at the closing session of their three-day streamlined convention, passed the resolution offered by the national defense committee, headed by Warren H. Atherton, Stockton, Calif.

In conjunction with the request that the draft age be lowered, the legion urged congress to pass legislation calling for compulsory military training after the war in which every youth would be required to have at least one year of training before he reaches the age of 22.

#### Drafting of Resources

A demand also was voiced for a navy large enough to meet any contingency that might arise in a world war.

Supplementing its appeal for a national service act conscripting manpower for war production, the legion reiterated a demand for its long sponsored universal service act, calling for the drafting of all resources of the nation, including capital, labor, industry and agriculture as well as the fighting manpower.

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, warning that the country must accept a "very much lower standard of living" in order to win the war, asserted today that "we have hardly begun to feel the pinch, so far."

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Prisoners From Rammmed German Submarine—Encountering a German submarine somewhere in the North Atlantic, the Canadian destroyer Assiniboine exchanged shells with the U-boat and then, her starboard deck ablaze, she rammed the undersea craft, killing her commander and capturing the crew. This lifeboat is loaded with German prisoners being taken to the destroyer after the encounter. (Associated Press photo.)

### 275 Increase in City Schools

An increase of 275 pupils was shown in registration of the Salem public schools this forenoon over the opening enrollment of last year, according to announcement from the office of Superintendent Frank B. Bennett, who stated that the program went off with little or no confusion.

The increase is all in the grades and the two junior high schools since registration at senior high fell off 76 pupils. Whether the slack will be taken up next week in the senior high is a matter of speculation. However, it is known some pupils are working on seasonal jobs and may be expected to report within a week.

On the other hand war industries have attracted a number of those who would, under ordinary circumstances, have returned to their class work this fall.

Superintendent Bennett had anticipated an increase in the grades where all but one of the eight schools showed an upswing. Garfield, located nearer the center of the city than the other schools was off a total of four. The increase in the grades is placed at 202. At Leslie an

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### Finland Wants To Quit Fighting

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The Finnish minister to the United States has taken notice of suggestions that Finland and Russia sign peace terms and his reaction is:

"Finland wants to cease fighting as soon as the threat to her existence has been averted and guarantees obtained for her last security."

The minister, Hjalmar J. Procope, issued the statement after a press reception Saturday night. The timing, while the Russians still held off the Germans in the Caucasus, and the circumstances led to speculation in diplomatic quarters whether Finland might be, at least, putting out a feeler on possible peace terms.

After noting the peace suggestions in diplomatic circles and the press, Procope's statement continued:

"However, no peace proposal has been made to Finland, still less any promise of restitution of territories belonging to her and least of all any guaranty for lasting security."

### British Closing in On Tananarive

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Sir William Platt, British commander-in-chief of East Africa, said today in a communique that his forces were closing in on Tananarive, capital of Madagascar.

He said the British had occupied the "important railroad junction" of Brackville, east of the island capital.

British troops were moving in on Tananarive from the northwest, and were reported advancing southwest of Ankazobe, less than 50 miles from the capital.

Ankazobe, described in Platt's communique as an important position, was taken Saturday after a short engagement.

### Pamphlet Printing To Begin Shortly

Printing of 600,000 voters pamphlets for the November election will begin in a few days, David O'Hara, head of the state election bureau, said today.

### Expect Japs To Try Again

Washington, Sept. 21 (AP)—The battle of the Solomon islands today was believed approaching the crucial stage.

Reinforced American occupation forces are prepared for an expected attack by the most formidable Japanese elements yet thrown into the struggle.

A powerful enemy naval task force, which fled from the vicinity of the Solomons after being attacked just a week ago by army flying fortresses, probably is ready for another attempt to invade the American-dominated waters—if it is not already steaming toward them.

The big American bombers reported possible hits on two battleships but did not stay long enough to confirm this because of the tremendous anti-aircraft barrage thrown up by the enemy.

Intercepted northeast of Tulagi, one of the southeastern Solomon islands in American hands, the enemy fleet—which included battleships as well as cruisers—fled to the north.

It was presumed the Japanese ships returned to the big enemy naval base at Truk island. Nevertheless, a return visit was anticipated because the Japanese have given clear indication they intend to retake the seized islands at any cost.

### Tillamook Fire Out of Control

Tillamook, Sept. 21 (AP)—Fire fighters today battled a blaze that leaped out of control in slashings near the huge old Tillamook burn last night.

The flames covered 150 acres and were approaching green timber. Two hundred men were sent to the scene.

### Nazi Battleship Tirpitz in Arctic

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—The German super-battleship Tirpitz was reported today to have left her refuge in the Norwegian port of Trondheim and to be patrolling Arctic sea lanes under the cover of nazi warplanes in search of allied convoys.

The report was the first indication of activity by the great warship since last July 9, when the Russians announced that one of their submarines had scored two torpedo hits on her in Arctic waters, thus foiling a nazi attempt to smash a big allied convoy.

The Tirpitz was said to have holed up in Trondheim fjord after this attack, hiding there during the long summer days when her movements could easily have been checked by aircraft had she ventured forth.

The great battleship is roughly comparable in size and guns to Britain's new King George class ships—at least two and possibly four of them ready for action—and the United States navy's new battleships Washington and North Carolina.

Observers in England said that the risk of the Tirpitz showed the Germans were calling upon every means at their disposal in an attempt to cut the allied sea route to Murmansk.

### Last of Japs In Milne Area Annihilated

Australians Wipe Out Remnants of Invaders; Bases Again Bombed

By Don Caswell

Gen. MacArthur's Headquarters, Australia, Sept. 21 (AP)—Australian troops under Maj. Gen. Cyril Clowes have cleaned out the entire Milne bay area at the southeastern tip of New Guinea and thus have consolidated the biggest Japanese defeat of the war in the Australian zone, a spokesman for Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

It was indicated that the remnants of the Japanese invasion force trapped in that area had fought tenaciously to the last, first in small groups, then in pairs or alone, until all had been wiped out.

#### Complete Victory

Toward the last, the Australians mopping up the wild jungle country into which the enemy troops fled, encountered only pairs of men and individuals, the survivors of a big invasion force which landed on the stormy night of Aug. 25 on the bay shore only 450 miles from continental Australia.

News of final complete victory at Milne bay roused hope that MacArthur would outflank the Japanese advancing on Port Moresby from the southern ridges of the Owen Stanley mountains 32 air line miles away.

At present the Japanese were near the village of Ioribaiwa, 32 air line miles from Port Moresby.

#### Bases Again Bombed

Gen. MacArthur's communique today reported that the situation there was static but that there was extensive patrol activity.

It was intimated that the allied forces, Australians under Lieut. Gen. Sidney Powell, were increasingly aggressive as the main bodies of the Australians and Japanese prepared for their first contact on a line selected by Powell.

Allied planes, continuing an unprecedentedly strong offensive against all Japanese bases in the northern Guinea area, heavily attacked the entire enemy line between Buna and Ioribaiwa village yesterday.

#### Hunters Requested To Save Shells

Portland, Sept. 21 (AP)—Oregon hunters can aid the war effort by saving their cartridges.

The state guard asked that the shells be turned over to them for reloading. Those that cannot be used again will be contributed to the scrap metal drive.

### Big Guns Blast City But Reds Holding Own

Gaping Craters Torn in Street as Fighting Increases in Intensity

By Henry C. Cassidy

Moscow, Sept. 21 (AP)—Thwarted in their efforts to take Stalingrad by storm, the Germans began a mighty bombardment with heavy long-range guns that shook the city from end to end today, but still the Soviet defenders held and even gained ground at some points in hand-to-hand street fighting, the Russians announced.

Shells screaming into the city tore gaping craters in the streets and squares and the thunder of the cannonading all but drowned out the clatter of machine-guns, rifles and mortars manned by opposing forces locked in close quarter fighting in the suburbs, Pravda reported in a Stalingrad dispatch.

The bloody struggle increased in ferocity by the hour and Pravda said German dead were piling high in the streets, with the frantic nazis not even taking time to remove their seriously wounded from the battlefield.

#### House by House

In the northwestern suburbs, locale of the heaviest fighting, the Russians and Germans were fighting it out house by house with the Soviet forces putting up the same valiant resistance that saved Moscow and Leningrad.

But despite frightful losses in dead the Germans hurled new divisions of tanks, armored cars and infantry and swarms of planes into the battle.

In the haze of smoke from flaming buildings and bursting shells and bombs the Germans were "at times able to advance," Pravda reported, but only a matter of yards and at a frightful price in blood.

#### Littered With Wreckage

The countryside around Stalingrad was littered with piles of scrap metal which once were German tanks, trucks and cannon, the newspaper said.

On other fronts, Soviet dispatches sketched this situation: Mordok, in deep Caucasus: The Russians repelled several attacks and took some prisoners.

On the Black Sea coast southeast of Novorossisk: The nazis made no progress against the Russians holding the shore road and skirting heights to the Caucasus.

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### Heaviest Bombs Smash Munich

London, Sept. 21 (AP)—Broad sections of Munich, birthplace of the nazi party and site of important German war industries, lay devastated today under the weight of a smashing RAF attack which returning pilots said touched off fires so vast they could be seen 100 miles away.

Details of the assault were unfolded last night after the air ministry had analyzed reports of bomber crews who winged their way homeward after dawn yesterday from the daring 1300-mile round trip foray—the 11th night raid on Germany this month.

The attack on Munich was accompanied by another raid on the oft-bombed Saar industrial region in western Germany.

While the exact number of planes participating in the Munich raid was not disclosed, official reports indicated that the destruction caused rivaled that sown in other German cities which have been the targets of some of the RAF's mightiest assaults.

The British reported the loss of ten planes during the night. Assuming that these losses amounted to five per cent, observers reckoned that upwards of 200 aircraft took part.