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PENSIONS

Congress is slated to vote tomorrow on a repeal of the bill making their own members beneficiaries. Forecasts favor repeal. Watch the NEWS-REVIEW for the vote if taken.

SUMATRA TROOPS TAKING HEAVY JAP TOLL

Record War Fund Measure Up To Senate

House Unanimous on 32 Billion Bill; Civilian Defense Money Okayed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A record-smashing \$32,070,901,900 war appropriation moved to the senate today with a 371-to-0 endorsement by the house yesterday under committee warning that supplies must be ready against a supreme axis offensive this spring.

House appropriations committee members, introducing the measure yesterday, spoke against a background of information furnished privately by high ranking army officials and urged quick action on the bill, which includes outlays for transportation and other immediate items as well as for long range production.

With similarly unanimity yesterday, the senate passed by a voice vote a \$163,806,854 deficiency measure, including \$100,000,000 for civilian defense against air raids, and returned it to the house for action on minor amendments.

"Frills" Stricken Out.

In that bill, the senate left intact house restrictions against use of any part of the protection fund for "fan dancing, street shows or other public entertainment" or for the treasury's \$80,000 Donald Duck income tax cartoon film.

The big war fund carried \$22,888,901,900 for the war department, mostly for ordnance and expediting production, with a provision that half of this could go for lend-lease aid.

It also included a \$5,430,000,000 specific item for lend-lease, raising the total approved separately for such purpose to date to more than \$17,000,000,000.

Another big item was \$3,852,000,000 to carry forward the mer-

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
NO, it was a mistake last night. The hour was a bit late and the wind a trifle chilly for downtown crowds.

San Francisco's streets are as lively as ever.

AUTOMOBILES are perhaps a shade less numerous. Street cars are distinctly more numerous. The rubber shortage hasn't yet begun to bite, but forehand people are saving their tires.

San Francisco is lucky to have ample street car service. Los Angeles is moaning already about what will happen when all the tires wear out.

HEARD this new one today: When is the government going to begin rationing rubber checks?

PICKETS are slightly less prevalent than in the past. They are distinctly less prominent. Crews have been cut down from a dozen or more to one or two. Individual pickets are noticeably more sedate in manner.

Maybe it's the war-time influence. Or maybe picketing is settling down to a regular business, with established ethics and standards of its own.

THE lower-priced eating places are displaying signs warning their patrons that if consumption doesn't decrease sugar rationing will be imposed.

The patrons are putting surplus sugar in their pockets and carrying it off.

(In Tijuana, 11-pound sacks of sugar, advertised as "half American prices," are displayed prominently. It seems that 11 pounds is what can be carried back over the border.)

The big hotels are less lavish with soap than in the past. In

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Noted Writer Of Dog Stories Dies



Albert Payson Terhune

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Albert Payson Terhune, whose simple stories about dogs won him international fame, died today at the age of 69.

Once a robust character, six feet two inches tall and weighing 230 pounds, Terhune drove himself relentlessly until he was 64. Then he retired to an estate where he lived with the colles which he made famous.

Criticized Dancer Quits Defense Job

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The office of civilian defense announced today it had accepted the offer of Mayris Chaney, dancer-protégée of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, to resign her \$4,600 OGD job if it felt "the best interests of the physical fitness program" can thereby be served.

Miss Chaney, whose appointment in charge of children's activities in the OGD physical fitness division brought criticism from congress to eliminate "frills" from OGD, made her offer in a letter to James M. Landis, director of OGD.

Landis' office said her offer was being accepted "with no comment."

The physical fitness division is part of the community and volunteer participation section over which Mrs. Roosevelt, as assistant civilian defense director, presides.

"Because I wish no further alteration which might cause disunity and delay and for the same reason which prompted me to take this work originally—my desire for a strong and free America—I wish to step aside if it is your will," Miss Chaney's letter said.

"If you feel that the best interests of the physical fitness program—and the best interests of the U. S. of America—can be served by my resignation, then I will step aside gladly, effective at your convenience."

Berkeley Officer Here To Secure Prisoner

Inspector R. W. Foreaker of the Berkeley, Calif., police department, arrived here Tuesday to take custody of Joseph Paul Rousseau, being held in custody in the county jail here. Inspector Foreaker, however, received a call Tuesday evening to proceed to Portland where another prisoner, also wanted in Berkeley, is under arrest. He is expected to arrive tonight and will take the two prisoners back to California.

Rousseau recently was picked up here by state police when he was unable to give a satisfactory explanation of a cash register found in the car in which he was sleeping while parked beside the highway. Inspector Foreaker reported that Rousseau is charged with breaking into a Berkeley service station and stealing the cash register containing \$12 in money and about \$130 in checks.

Ireland Nears Bread Ration, Announcement

DUBLIN, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Sean Lemass, minister of supplies, announced in the Dail today that Eire would ration bread in the near future.

Axis U-Boat Base Believed In Caribbean

Clue to Location Being Sought; Brazilian Ship Latest Torpedo Victim

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The war came closer home to Americans today with a presidential warning that the country's shores could be attacked and word from the Canal Zone of a possible U-boat base in the Caribbean area.

But there was cheering evidence of an eventual naval comeback in the Pacific. The United States destroyer Shaw, once officially listed as lost in the Pearl harbor attack, arrived at a west coast port from a limping jury-rigged trip under her own power and is being reconditioned for active service.

The vessel made the 2,000-mile voyage with a stub emergency bow, fitted in two months of repairs in Hawaii. Navy officers who disclosed the voyage said at Honolulu that the Shaw was in drydock at the time of the December 7 attack and was hit repeatedly by bombs, one of which exploded her magazines and wrecked the forward section. Secretary Knox on December 15 had listed the Shaw as among vessels lost in the raid.

Roosevelt Cites Danger.

President Roosevelt's warning of the possibility of attack came yesterday in a press conference. He said the enemy could shell New York or drop bombs on Detroit under certain conditions.

Asked whether he thought an attack on Alaska was possible, Mr. Roosevelt replied in the affirmative. To the question of whether American air and naval strength was sufficient to prevent such attacks, he replied, certainly not.

Speculation over the possibility that German submarines might be operating from a hidden base in the Caribbean area arose in Balboa in the wake of the Monday U-boat raid off Aruba. Army and navy men hoped to get a clue to the location of the base of the undersea craft within the next few days.

Brazilian Ship Torpedoed.

Washington meanwhile awaited official reaction from Rio de Janeiro to the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Barque, the

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Welder is Found Bullet-Riddled

TACOMA, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The bullet-riddled body of a Tacoma shipyard welder was found in a panel truck on the Pacific highway near Fort Lewis today. He had been shot at least five times.

Coroner T. H. Long said the man was identified as Joseph T. Morain, about 35. Long said Morain's mother, Mrs. E. M. Jones, lived in Los Angeles, and his widow at Mt. Vernon, Wash.

Morain's body was found in the driver's seat and police said it appeared that the truck had been suddenly stopped. The ignition was turned on, but the motor was dead.

When found Morain was still wearing his welder's helmet. Police said he had been shot with .45 caliber bullets.

Ex-O. S. C. Football Player Is War Casualty

OAKLAND, Calif., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Word of the death of her son, Captain John L. Du Frane, Jr., 33, an army pilot in the Far East, in an air engagement was received yesterday by Mrs. Margaret Du Frane of Oakland.

Captain Du Frane was graduated from Oakland's University high school, and from Oregon State college, where he played end on the football team. He later became president of the Du Frane Machine and Engine Works, founded by his father.

A widow, Mrs. Mercy Du Frane of Virginia Beach, Va., and two sons, four years old and 11 months old, survive.

I. O. O. F. Head to Visit Roseburg



Elmer E. Pyne, above, grand master of the I. O. O. F. grand lodge of Oregon, will pay an official visit to the Roseburg lodge Thursday night. All lodge members are urged by the local officers to be in attendance at the meeting, which will start at 7:30 p. m. Refreshments will be served during the social hour, which will follow the business session. The grand master now is on a tour of southern Oregon lodges. He has visited Canyonville and Glendale lodges and will be at Grants Pass tonight.

Personal Property Tax Returns Lag; Warning Issued

Only about one-third of the 4,000 persons to whom blanks have been mailed for the purpose of making personal property tax returns, so far have filed their reports, County Assessor Barton Helliwell announced today.

He warned taxpayers that the returns must be filed by March 2 and that a penalty of \$10 per day is provided by law for each day of delay beyond the established deadline.

Heretofore, he states, personal property has been appraised by a field deputy, who has visited each of the taxpayers. A law passed at the last session of the legislature and effective this year for the first time, however, has abolished the former system and has substituted the system of providing property owners with a questionnaire upon which all personal property must be listed.

Valuations must be estimated by the property owners, but a uniform rate of assessment will be established under the direction of the state tax commission.

Mr. Helliwell stated today that his office is anxious to have returns submitted by all owners of personal property as soon as possible, so that none will be subject to the penalty.

Oregon Lumber for Wood Lifeboats Being Planned

SALEM, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Governor Sprague today instructed David Eccles, state war industries coordinator, to investigate whether Oregon lumber manufacturers could get contracts for wood lifeboats for merchant ships.

"Oregon lumber manufacturers are in a position to supply such lifeboats in knock down form for shipment to yards throughout the country," the governor said.

"Such a program would be in the national interest and would be of material benefit to the forest industry of this state."

He also pointed out that the program would save steel.

Draftees Denied Permit To Sell Their 1942 Cars

PORTLAND, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Two Multnomah county youths, about to be inducted into the army, were refused permission this week to sell their new automobiles, just acquired.

The reason—the rationing board said regulations "freezing" 1942 model cars in present hands leaves no loopholes for disposing of cars before entering the army.

Nazi Thrust Into Turkey Held Likely

Britain Reinforcing in Middle East to Combat Hitler's Spring Plan

(By the Associated Press)
A hint that Britain may be heavily reinforcing her armies in the Middle East, possibly to combat a German thrust into Turkey this spring, was dropped by the London admiralty today with the disclosure that "certain convoys" had been safely escorted through the Mediterranean.

The admiralty said the operations, apparently on a big scale, were carried out between Feb. 13 and 16 with the loss of only two merchant craft.

"The enemy made great efforts to inflict serious loss and publish the usual exaggerated claims," an admiralty communique said.

The point of reinforcement was not specified. An Italian communique asserted Monday that a British destroyer and seven merchant ships had been sunk out of a big convoy en route from Alexandria, Egypt, to the bomb-battered island of Malta, about midway between the toe of the Italian boot and Libya, north Africa.

Malta May Serve As Base

This may have been a movement to relieve the long-suffering Malta garrison or to bolster its defenses against an axis attempt to capture that key island.

There was also the possibility that Malta might serve as the base for a British invasion of Sicily or Italy itself.

On Saturday, a German communique said nazil planes sank a British destroyer and a 10,000-ton merchantman in a convoy north of Tobruk, Libya.

Recent dispatches from the Balkans have told of large numbers of German troops massing in Bulgaria, Greece and Greek islands—all potential springboards for a German invasion of Turkey, the "land bridge" between Europe and the middle east.

Malta, under increasingly violent assault by German and Italian planes in recent weeks, would be a sharp thorn on the flank of any axis drive into Turkey or across the Mediterranean to Egypt and the Levant states.

Red Thrust Extended

While the Mediterranean stirred with new activity, bolstering forecasts that the Middle East would become a major theater of

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New Director For Municipal Band Of Roseburg Engaged

The Roseburg Municipal band, following its regular weekly rehearsal last night, announced today the employment of Ford Reed, a recent arrival in Roseburg, to serve as director of the musical organization.

Mr. Reed, a World war veteran, has been active in band work for the greater part of his life. He played with an army band during the World war, and for many years has been a member of the trumpet section of the Manahan post, American Legion, band of Dodge City, Iowa, one of the best known and largest bands in the nation. The band is under the direction of the widely known Carl King, Mr. Reed also has served as assistant director of the Shriner band at Sioux City, Iowa, and has had 15 years of experience with school bands.

He succeeds J. D. (Snap) Gilmore, director of the local band for the last 10 years, who left last week to work in the Portland shipyards. The school board has announced that the direction of the school bands and orchestras for the remainder of the school year will be placed in the hands of Leonard Riley, who for three years prior to the arrival here of Mr. Gilmore, directed the junior high school orchestra.

Employment of a full-time director and instructor for the work in the schools is not planned until the beginning of the fall term. City Superintendent W. M. Campbell reported.

Omit Washington's Birthday Holiday, Remain on Production, Nelson Urges; Says United States "Fights for Life"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—War Production Director Donald M. Nelson told the nation today it could not afford a Washington's birthday shutdown "anywhere on the production line."

He asked every plant to cancel this holiday on Monday, February 23, if it had scheduled one and settle the labor terms later.

"The United States is fighting for its life," Nelson said. "I mean that. We're on the spot. We're paying heavily for our complacency, for our selfishness, for our failure to peel off our shirts and do a job."

"A lot of good American boys right now are face to face with a grim, determined, well-equipped enemy. They're taking punishment—taking it with courage and in the spirit that has always animated American troops. But those boys can't stop planes and tanks with their bare hands. They can't get where they have to go without what it takes to get there. Only we can give it to them."

No Time to Waste
"You and I, everyone of us here at home, must realize now, today; that we can give those boys the weapons they need only by going the limit in producing them. We can not let any consideration whatsoever interfere with the job of production."

"In this battle of production—on which the actual, physical battle with the enemy depends—we can waste neither time, men nor machinery. We can not win unless we make the most effective

use possible of all three. And if we lose the battle of production we lose the war.

"The most effective way to honor George Washington's memory this year is to work full time so that the nation to which he gave independence can make that independence stick."

\$1-a-Year Men Shorn

Nelson yesterday laid down regulations covering service of dollar-a-year men today and prohibited any person serving "without compensation" from holding any administrative jobs in the WPB.

The regulations, which Nelson recently told the senate defense investigating committee would be drafted, provide for machinery within the WPB to investigate all dollar-a-year men now in the organization and qualifications of those who may be appointed.

Nelson named Sidney J. Weinberg, one of his assistants, to head up the machinery. All WPB division heads were ordered to examine the lists of dollar-a-year men under their jurisdiction and "terminate the appointments of all who do not qualify" within 30 days.

The procedure covering "without compensation" personnel provides that such appointees may serve as government consultants but that no person working on such a basis may "assume any administrative responsibility or exercise any authority over, or direction of the work of, executives or employees of the war production board."

Auto Looter Gets One-Year Sentence
A sentence of one year in the state penitentiary was imposed here Tuesday by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly upon William Hasher, 26, Billings, Mont., who pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from an automobile. Hasher and Kenneth Anderson, 17, the latter also from Billings, were accused of taking a suitcase, containing wearing apparel, from an automobile belonging to W. A. Karcher of Dixonville.

Judge Wimberly postponed passing of sentence on Anderson, indicating that a parole would be granted in the event the youth could be returned to the custody of his parents, with assurance of future good behavior.

District Attorney J. V. Long told the court that Hasher had previously been in trouble, and consequently, the court refused to grant leniency.

Kenneth Evan McLaughlin, formerly a member of the South Umpqua Falls CCC camp, who pleaded guilty to taking an automobile without authority, but without intent to steal, was given a parole from a sentence of six months in the county jail, and was granted permission to return to his home in California.

Plane Crash Kills 500 Chickens, Pilot Unhurt

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 18.—(AP)—An army plane crashed into a chicken house and burned south of here last night, killing over 500 chickens. The pilot parachuted to safety.

Field officers declined to identify the pilot.

Residents said the plane crashed into the chicken house of A. J. Lieberschal after cutting a swath through a stand of trees. It narrowly missed two residences.

U. S. Officer Feared in Crash Victims' List

LONDON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—A senior American officer is believed to have been killed in the crash of a British aircraft in the sea en route to the United Kingdom.

The plane was reported to have crashed off the southeast coast of England and it was feared that all passengers and crew, including the American officer and the British personnel, were lost.

U. S., Dutch Fliers Blast Ships, Barges

Chinese Troops Strike in Thailand; Japs Open Big Assault on MacArthur

(By the Associated Press)
Eye-witness accounts of fighting in lower Sumatra reported today that fierce native soldiers of the Dutch Indies, armed only with pistols and swords, were inflicting heavy casualties on the Japanese and proving more than a match for the invaders armed with submachine-guns in bloody hand-to-hand fighting.

The defenders were reported battling desperately to block the Japanese drive toward Sunda strait, the narrow waterway between Sumatra and Java.

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American Planes in Action

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United nations headquarters said American pilots aiding in the defense of Java attacked a Japanese-held airfield in lower Sumatra and shot down four enemy planes without loss to themselves. Dutch bombers shot down two more.

Five Japanese bombers were shot down in an attack on the big allied naval base at Socarabaja, Java, this morning, it was announced.

A combined America-Dutch bomber force sank a large Japanese transport, scored hits on two others and rained havoc on a fleet of troop-laden barges.

N. E. L. headquarters said Dutch troops were still fighting grimly against Japanese forces in Borneo just above Java, but acknowledged that "fighting has almost come to an end" on the Japanese-overrun Minahassa peninsula in northeast Celebes island.

MacArthur Hard Pressed

In the Philippines, a bulletin from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters indicated that Japanese troops had started their long-expected assault in force against American and Filipino defenders of Bataan peninsula.

The communique reported increased enemy activity with heavier Japanese artillery fire and the landing of Japanese reinforcements in Subic bay, just north of Bataan.

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U-Boats Dive Off Aruba When U. S. Bombers Appear

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dutch West Indies, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Submarines appeared off the coast of Aruba today but were driven off by United States bombing planes, the Aneta agency announced.

The submarines were sighted both from land and sea watching posts, alert to prevent any repetition of the attack of Monday, when three tankers were sunk just off this oil port and the shore installations of Standard Oil shelled.

As soon as the bombers appeared the submarines dived, making it impossible for the planes to carry out a concentrated attack.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The navy department announced today that the tanker E. H. Blum "was damaged" off the Atlantic coast Monday, February 16.

The navy gave no information as to how the damage was inflicted nor its extent.

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