

Nelson Sees Peril in Increased War Output

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clearing that at the present time there was no shortage of clothing and no need for rationing. They said supplies of wool were several hundred million pounds greater than when the United States entered the war.

Less Goods for Retailers. In his testimony before the committee, however, Nelson was discussing only the manpower shortage and its expected effect on civilian industries.

In this connection he said: "It will mean a reduction in all of the industries which are now working making things for the civilian trade, for retail trades. It will reduce, in other words, the amount of goods that can be produced to supply retailers over the whole country, which will mean a reduction in the number of retailers, mean a reduction in the

ARMY GROUP INSIGNE

Word puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words. Includes clues like '18 Depleted is insigne of U. S. Army' and '26 Fests'.

Considine, Noted Showman, Passes

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—(AP)—John W. Considine, Sr., whose career began in the Klondike and progressed through the colorful cabaret era of the early west to coownership of one of America's greatest vaudeville circuits, is dead.

He succumbed to pneumonia last night at the age of 80. His friend, Rev. Fr. E. J. Flannigan, of "Boy's Town" fame, was at the bedside.

Considine and "Big Tim" Sullivan organized the Sullivan Considine circuit in New York in 1901. The circuit gave some of the biggest names of the stage and screen their start among them Charles Chaplin, Will Rogers, Marie Dressler and Albiini, the magician. In 1914 Considine sold out to Marcus Loew for a reported \$6,000,000.

For years Considine and Alexander Pantages, whom he met in the Klondike, operated competing vaudeville circuits. Their bitter rivalry, says Considine's son, J. W. Considine, Jr., M-G-M producer, prevailed until the son married Pantages' daughter, Carmen, in 1932.

Japanese-Americans. The house passed and sent to the senate a bill ordering the state land board to sell Summer lake, Lake county, to the state game commission for use as a wild fowl reserve.

Log Scaling at Issue

Sen. Cornett, chairman of the senate roads and highways committee, announced today the committee would hold a hearing next Tuesday afternoon on the logging industries bill to scale logs by the foot, instead of by weight, as provided by existing law.

The state highway commission is opposed on grounds the foot-scale system would permit logging trucks to carry weights which would damage roads.

Insurance Bill Opposed

Fear that passage of bills to make industrial accident insurance compulsory on all employers would result in "administrative chaos" was expressed yesterday by T. Morris Dunne, member of the industrial accident commission, before the senate industries committee.

Dunne objected that the bills, which would let a new board make rates, would become law before rates could be established.

Tax Law Change Urged

State Tax Commissioner Fisher told the senate assessment and taxation committee yesterday that between \$8,000,000 and \$10,000,000 a year now drained away from the state in federal taxes would be saved if Oregon changed from a common law state to a community property state.

Under a community property system, Oregon married taxpayers could file separate returns, bringing their taxable income into lower brackets in many cases.

Carl Davidson, Portland tax attorney, said lack of such a law in Oregon has influenced many wealthy persons in going to California and Washington to live, rather than in Oregon.

Fisher said the bill would have little effect on receipts from Oregon income taxes.

Liquor Fund To Be Eyed

The joint legislative ways and means committee approved appointment today of a committee to investigate whether the liquor shortage would result in a decrease in funds available for old age pensions during the two years, beginning next July 1.

Members of the committee, to report early next week, are C. C. Chapman, Portland editor; Carl Abrams, secretary of the joint ways and means committee, and S. W. Starr, state auditor.

Funds derived from liquor sales are used for old age assistance.

The ways and means committee approved a \$19,466,000 appropriation for the state highway commission, compared with \$32,947,000 in the current biennium. The reduction was attributed to the anticipated reduction in revenues caused by a big reduction in automobile traffic.

Committee members indicated they would recommend against passage of a bill to give 16 per cent of liquor revenues to cities.

Tax Cut Plan Stymied

The house taxation and revenue committee was deadlocked today on how much and by what method the state income tax should be reduced.

The committee was split over plans by Speaker of the House McAllister, who wants a new rate schedule giving smaller incomes larger reductions, and Giles L. French, committee chairman, who wants a flat percentage reduction.

The McAllister plan provides for a 50 per cent slash in the low-income groups, but the overall average would be 20.81 per cent. He said the average income up to \$5000 a year would get a 43 per cent reduction.

Bakeries Affected

Two measures affecting bakeries were introduced in the house today.

One would prohibit bakers from accepting returned, unsold products and from giving rebates.

The other would reduce license fees for bakeries.

To O. K. Smaller Papers

The house judiciary committee has introduced a bill changing the legal definition of a newspaper to permit a minimum col-

Three Jap Destroyers Sunk, 4 Others Crippled

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Thursday and large fires started in the target areas. Munda on New Georgia island is the principal air base in the central Solomons and is 180 nautical miles northwest of the American airfield on newly conquered Guadalcanal. Kolombangara is about 10 miles beyond Munda and is another enemy air base.

Mineral-Tapping Roads For Oregon Approved

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The regional war production board office disclosed today approval of about \$4,200,000 for access roads to tap vital ore sources in Arizona, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

The roads will reach 111 remote deposits of mostly tungsten, manganese, mercury, chrome, lead, zinc, copper, talc, asbestos, magnesium, tin and nickel. Some of them also will open roads to timber stands.

Fourteen of the roads have been completed but construction of most of them is still under way.

In Oregon 27.4 miles of road costing \$747,825 and involving 18 projects have been approved but timber is the chief objective. Chrome, mercury, zinc and even nickel will be transported over some of them.

Mrs. Houdini, Widow of Noted Magician, Dies

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, 69, has passed into the realm from which she waited 10 years in vain for a spirit message from her husband, the famous Harry Houdini.

Death came last night aboard a train at Needles, Calif., a few hours after she left here for her New York home.

Mrs. Houdini, in an interview Feb. 4 from her bed in a rest home, disclosed that she had grown to doubt immortality, and that she long ago gave up hope of communication after death.

Child Fractures Skull In Tumble From Auto

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Edward Cleland, 5, is in a critical condition at a Pendleton hospital today after a fall from a moving car fractured his skull yesterday.

The youngster opened the back door of the car, driven by his mother, Mrs. Ernestine Cleland of San Diego, Calif., as it was traveling down the highway 15 miles west of Pendleton.

Soldier Admits Luring Girl Victims Into Car

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A soldier he identified as Ralph L. Johnson, 28, St. Louis, Mo., has confessed that since last Sunday he had lured five young women into his car to pretend of giving them rides to work. Detective Chief Claude C. Fortner said last night. Some of them were beaten and assaulted, he added. Johnson was held without charge.

Roosevelt Broadcast Tonight Begins at 6:30

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will talk to the nation by radio tonight on foreign and domestic affairs. The speech will begin at 6:30 p. m. P.M.T. and will be about 20 minutes in length.

CORRECTION

The leaving time of the Northbound S. P. Train, THE ROGUE RIVER as published yesterday, should have been 12:05 a. m. and NOT 12:15 a. m.

AMERICAN LEGION DANCE at OAKLAND TURKEY HALL SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 9:00 P. M. Cottage Grove Orchestra Men 75c Ladies 25c

UNION PACIFIC LENGTHENS Passenger Train Schedules Let's get serious about this job of Winning the War! To speed up movement of troops and vast supply of essential war materials, Union Pacific is voluntarily reducing the speed of its regular passenger trains. Our Nation's welfare must come first. Effective February 15th PORTLAND ROSE Eastbound Lv. Portland 6:30 p.m. Daily* (instead of 9:40 p. m.) PACIFIC LIMITED Eastbound Lv. Portland 9:00 a.m. Daily* (instead of 10:30 a. m.)

DOUGLAS MARKET MEATS AND PRODUCE Our ever increasing variety of foodstuffs makes our market an ideal one-stop trading center... POT ROAST young tender beef, lb. 23c SHORT RIBS, same tender meat, lb. 18 1/2 FRICASSE CHICKEN, chopped ready to serve, lb. 45c SALT PORK, seasoning meat, lb. 22c SIRLOIN STEAK 35c pound Tender as anything you have ever eaten.

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Nazis Battle to Avoid Black Sea "Dunkerque"

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from escaping in a "Black sea Dunkerque."

The Russian command said red marines killed 1,500 axis troops in two days' fighting ashore, while soviet naval gunboats pounded German coastal positions and wiped out about seven enemy infantry companies (perhaps 1,400 troops) in four days.

Heavy fighting apparently flamed on the beaches, and on both sides, Black sea naval base, as the German radio reported new Russian landings north of the port under attack by nazl dive-bombers. The Germans said yesterday the Russians were also landing south of the city.

Rommel Yields Ground

In north Africa, British dispatches reported a surge of allied offensive activity on both ends of the 300-mile Tunisian front, but confirmation was lacking in official quarters.

Frontline reports to Reuters, the British news agency, said British and French troops striking out in the Mater sector, 15 miles south of Bizerte, advanced eight miles after a dawn attack Wednesday, and indicated that the fighting continued.

A Reuters dispatch also reported that Marshal Rommel's army had fallen back in good order on the southern sector of the Tunisian front, where Gen. Montgomery's British army had advanced 20 miles across the frontier from Libya.

Observers at allied headquarters in north Africa said they believed bad weather might delay the final showdown a month or six weeks.

Meanwhile, Gen. Eisenhower, new supreme allied commander in north Africa, conferred with British middle east officers, mapping out details of a climactic offensive which would pave the way for an allied invasion of southern Europe.

In the western air war, the RAF's giant bombers carried another load of death and destruction to the German naval base at Wilhelmshaven last night, hitting the important submarine-building center in the first night attack on the continent since Sunday. Three planes were listed as missing.

Pension Roll Eyeing Losses in House Vote

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The house a bill transferring Champeau park to the state highway commission, and approved a house bill abolishing examinations for automobile drivers' licenses.

The house military affairs committee recommended passage today of the bill to legalize the state civilian defense council, which now exists only by gubernatorial proclamation. The house will consider the bill tomorrow.

Senator Mahoney introduced a memorial asking congress to prevent Japanese-Americans from serving in the armed forces. The war department recently announced formation of units of

said "If the manpower shortage is not as severe as it has been statistically presented, we won't have to ration at all."

"If we have runs on stores, that's a great way to bring on rationing. I hope these runs don't continue. I am informed that the runs on clothing were pretty well stopped by yesterday."

The WPB chief reported that stocks of wool were in "excellent shape" and at a record level, that cotton supplies were abundant, that the supplies of manufactured clothes were in "pretty fair shape" and that it appeared considerably more workers could be brought into the clothing and textile industries from the present pools of unemployed.

BASKETBALL SEE THE FAST HOME TEAM IN ACTION SATURDAY NIGHT 7:30 It'll Be a Thriller ROSEBURG HIGH VS. NORTH BEND HIGH Senior High School Gym

DR. WEST'S Miracle Tuft Tooth Brush Adults 47c Youths 33c Childs 23c CALOX Victory Package 23c - 43c CUE Liquid Dentrifrice 23c - 39c IPANA Tooth Paste 39c COLGATE Tooth Paste 37c FULLERTON'S SAVE WITH SAFETY AT YOUR REXALL STORE

PEPSODENT Tooth Paste 39c REXALL MILK OF MAGNESIA Tooth Powder 35c FASTEETH Alkaline Denture Powder 29c - 49c - 79c KLUTCH Denture Adhesive 25c - 50c CUT-RATE

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