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Battle Over Soldier Vote Enters 4th Day

States' Right Defender Hits Federal Plan

Fraud Charge Rebounds On President; 4th Term Aid Attempt Claimed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Senator Millikin (R., Colo.) told the senate today that if congress overrides the states' constitutional rights to prescribe the method of electing presidential electors, it would be acting as "a revolutionary usurper."

Challenging the contention of supporters of the administration's service vote bill that congress has wartime powers to set aside the states' authority over elections, the Coloradoan asserted that if that were true, "congress could depose the president by legislative action," and could also abolish elections and do away with the supreme court.

"The conclusion is inescapable," Millikin said, "that when congress overrides the constitutional rights granted to the states in regard to elections, it is acting as a voluntary usurper."

Millikin took the floor in the fourth day of debate on a measure endorsed by President Roosevelt which would establish a federal war ballot on which members of the armed forces at home and abroad could vote for president, vice president, senator and congressman by writing in the name of the candidate or merely designating his party choice.

Fraud Charge Rebounds.

In answer to the president's charge that a previously-approved measure simply calling on the

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SOME three years ago, when Washington began to fill up like a rain barrel in a storm, the spectacle of jammed hotels, with worried people forming in long lines before the room desks, first broke upon the American people.

Before that time, we had a balanced hotel economy, with supply exceeding demand by just that margin necessary for good service. Hotel men, when they broke down and talked shop to you, would concede that 65 per cent occupancy was doing pretty well and 70 per cent was something to feel a bit set up about.

Now 100 per cent occupancy is the rule in all save the smaller and remoter points—remote, that is from war activity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—As present plans shape up, two-thirds of America's steadily growing army will be at overseas stations by the end of this year.

That was the word today from War Secretary Stimson as he announced plans for closing a number of domestic army camps during the next few months and the transfer to combat units of a substantial proportion of the soldiers now assigned to administrative duties.

The overseas expansion program will double our forces abroad. As of the end of 1943, only about a third of the army had been sent outside the country.

In addition, a number of officers over 38, particularly those commissioned directly from civil life or in the national guard and reserve corps, will be placed on the inactive list because "no suitable assignments are available or in prospect either at domestic or overseas installations or establishments."

"The readjustments were dictated generally by the progressive shift of army operations from the defensive to the offensive and by the growth of air power," said Stimson.

He announced that the War department has ordered physically qualified men in all branches of the army who have a total of more than 12 months service at fixed stations or "overhead activities" in the United States to be reassigned to combat units "or mobile activities ultimately destined for overseas service."

Enlisted men under 30 will be reassigned first according to their length of service in the United States, and they will be followed by those over 30, in order of age—youngest first. These reassignment orders will not apply to men who have served overseas at some time since Pearl Harbor, or to men with highly specialized skills which cannot be utilized overseas.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The total was only 16 per cent of the \$99,000,000 quota for the Fourth War loan but E bonds for the last 24 hours amounted to \$880,682—bringing the total to 23 per cent of the goal for that series.

Jefferson county, which filled its E quota earlier this week, boosted its percentage to 134.6.

Congressman, Hit by Street Car, Badly Hurt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Rep. Charles L. Gifford, 73-year-old Massachusetts republican, was in critical condition today after being struck by a street car.

Hospital aides said he had a possible skull fracture. The congressman, who is serving his 12th term in the house, was approaching his home early last night when he was struck by the car while crossing a street.

14 More Jap Vessels Sunk Or Damaged

Allies Also Boost Toll Of Nippon Planes, Gain In Burma Campaign

(By the Associated Press)

American bombers have sunk or damaged 14 Japanese ships, ranging from a minesweeper to a big freighter, in new assaults on the enemy's long supply line to its war bases in the Pacific, allied reports said today.

Ten vessels were hit in the third and heaviest blow this month at shipping in the port of Rabaul, pivotal base for the shrinking Nipponese territory in the Southwest Pacific. The Japanese lost 24 to 28 planes in an unsuccessful defense of their vulnerable New Britain harbor.

A small freighter was destroyed in another allied air raid on the Admiralty islands, northwest of Rabaul. In the Far East, Mitchell bombers sank two freighters and a minesweeper off the East China coast.

The latest strike at Rabaul brought the enemy's cost of maintaining that base to at least 26 ships sunk or damaged and more than 350 planes destroyed during January.

Dispatches from New Georgia in the Solomons, site of the raiders' bases, said that navy torpedo bombers alone had sunk or badly damaged five cargo ships at Rabaul's Simpson harbor. Pilots accounted for four ships in adjoining Keravira bay and set a tanker afire.

Associated Press War Correspondent Vern Haugland quoted fliers returning from the attack on Rabaul Monday as saying "the Jap pilots today were flying like a bunch of high school kids."

Jap Troops Strafed

Fighter planes kept up the strafing attacks on enemy sol-

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Assailants of Klamath Man Get Prison Terms

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Two men from Virginia were sentenced by District Judge Koelsch yesterday to serve 10 years sentences in the Idaho penitentiary after they pleaded guilty to robbery charges.

They are Frank E. Armstrong, 25, of Richmond, and Robert Gibson, 23, of Alexandria, who were returned here from the eastern state to face charges filed by Freeman Holland of Klamath Falls, Ore.

The two were charged with beating and robbing Holland after he had given them a ride in his car.

Racial Issue, Raised by South, Advantage to 4th Term Bid, Seen by G. O. P., Scramble Soldier Ballot Picture

By JAMES MARLOW and GEORGE ZIELKE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The two main questions on the tortured soldier vote debate have broken into the open: Whether Negro soldiers should be permitted to ballot and whether President Roosevelt would have an advantage over any opponent in the 1944 elections.

More than a year of argument has come down to this:

Senator Overton (D., La.) said "Let's be frank. . . . down in the Solid South we've got to retain our state voting qualifications to preserve white supremacy."

And Senator Taft (R., O.) expressed fear that the servicemen would know the name of Roosevelt better than any other in a national election and therefore would be apt to write in the word "democrat" no matter who ran for congress.

(It is likely that service men from 18 to 25 years of age can remember clearly no other president except Mr. Roosevelt since he has been in office 12 years, the greater part of their mature lives.)

Two ideas are implicit in what Taft said: Mr. Roosevelt will be a fourth term candidate and the soldier vote—if it goes for Mr. Roosevelt—will sweep the repub-

licans out of congress, providing service men vote a straight democratic ticket.

How Record Stands.

This is the score to date:

Congress in 1942 passed a bill giving service men the right to vote if they first asked their secretaries of state for a ballot. This meant they had to write in for ballots which they filled out and returned.

In spite of the hundreds of thousands of men in the armed forces in 1942 only about 28,000 voted by this system.

But under that law no serviceman, white or Negro, was required to pay a poll tax or register no matter what his state requirements were. This became a vital issue as the important 1944 elections drew nearer.

Having seen how few soldiers voted under their 1942 law, Senators Green (D., R. I.) and Lucas (D., Ill.) last fall offered an amendment which would eliminate requests for ballots altogether.

Instead, a special ballot commission would have sent out ballots for voting on president, vice president and congressmen only. This did not provide for voting on state or county officers. The ballots would be distributed through the army and navy which would have returned them

Takes Command Of North Africa U. S. Air Force



Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, above, is the new commander of the 12th U. S. army air force, based on North Africa. Succeeding Lieut. Gen. Carl Spaatz, Cannon will also head Northwest Africa tactical air force, which embraces British and other allied planes as well as American.

4th WAR LOAN
Let's All Back The Attack

Glendale and Myrtle Creek communities are staging a neck-and-neck race on war bond sales, according to a report today by Dr. Ed Boring, chairman of the Fourth War Loan campaign for Douglas county. Latest reports show the two districts to be separated at present by only a few dollars in total volume of sales.

W. C. Holmes, local manager for the Standard Oil company reported to the bond committee today receipt from his company of checks totalling \$28,000 to be used for purchase of bonds. The standard Oil company, by purchasing bonds in the counties in which it operates, instead of through the allotment plan, saves considerable red tape required in obtaining credit toward the county quota, Dr. Boring stated.

An allotment of \$25,000 in bond purchases by the Crown-Zellerbach company has been applied toward the Douglas county quota, the committee was informed today. The allotment is credited in the department covering the corporation quota.

Automobile Blow Fatal To Reedsport Child

NORTH BEND, Jan. 27.—Joan Austin, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Austin of Reedsport, died Wednesday at Keizer hospital from injuries sustained when struck by a car driven by Claude Andrus of Reedsport. The accident occurred Tuesday night when the child darted across the highway in front of Andrus, who was driving from the Gardiner mill.

The accident was held unavoidable.

Coroner H. C. Stearns, who was called to investigate the accident, reports that an inquest will be conducted at Reedsport at 3 p. m. Friday. A jury has been selected to conduct the examination.

Trap Closing On Nazis In Baltic Region

Reds Continue Smash From Two Directions; 40,000 of Foe Slain

LONDON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Marshal Stalin announced today that Leningrad had been completely liberated by the 14-day twin offensive of Generals Govorov and Meretskov and that the nazis had been driven 40 to 60 miles from the city, with more than 700 nearby towns and villages freed.

MOSCOW, Jan. 27.—(AP)—The Russians have reached the bank of the Luga river west of Novgorod, a Pravda dispatch reported today, as the Leningrad army of Gen. Govorov and the Volkhov army of Gen. Meretskov continued to smash from opposite directions into the Germans' Baltic salient.

The Luga is only about 10 miles east of the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway, one of the two mainline railways radiating southward from Leningrad that remain available for German use.

The Pravda dispatch said three German regiments were defeated in a clash on the Luga.

The drive of the two armies slowly tightened a pincers threatening to trap some 250,000 nazis troops massed below Leningrad.

10 Nazi Divisions Routed.

The great Russian offensive which lifted the siege of Leningrad was now in its fourteenth day, and was rolling through the German lines with apparently unabated momentum. In its first 12 days it had brought death to more than 40,000 nazis and had

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Wanted Sailor Nabbed After Four-Hour Chase

Glade Vance, 18, seaman in the U. S. navy, recently returned to Seattle from the Alaskan theater, was taken into custody today after a four-hour chase by the police.

Driving an automobile reported stolen out of Portland, Vance attempted to outrun a state policeman about 4 a. m., Sheriff Bud Carter stated. The car driven by the sailor went off the highway near the Dole bridge and Vance escaped into the brush. State police and county officers were called to the scene and surrounded the area, finally locating Vance about 8 a. m. near Myrtle Creek, where he was overtaken and arrested by State Policeman Fred L. Perry and Sheriff Carter.

Oregon Flier Killed In Collision of Planes

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Aviation Cadet Dean R. Crabtree, 21, former Oregon State college student from Mapleton, Ore., was killed yesterday when two planes collided in the air 30 miles south of Luke field.

Another cadet and an instructor parachuted to safety.

Crabtree, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Crabtree, enlisted in the air corps reserve in November, 1942, and was called to duty in February, 1943.

American Jap Thrice Decorated For War Bravery



A hero recipient of two DFC's and air medal with four oak clusters, T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki, above, 25-year-old Japanese-American from Hershey, Neb., grins at the prospect of a nice rest at air force redistribution center, Santa Monica, Calif. Turret gunner on a Liberator bomber, he served 15 months overseas, went on 30 combat missions over the African theater, Sicily, Ploesti, Italy and out of England. Now he wants a crack at the Japs.

Sale of E Bonds In Douglas County Campaign Lagging

Douglas county is lagging in purchase of individual E bonds in the Fourth War Bond drive, H. O. Pargeter, chairman of the county war savings staff, reported today. The county was the first in the state to meet its quota for corporation bonds, but sale of E bonds is much slower than had been anticipated.

The sale of corporation bonds fell below the quota in the Third War Loan drive and the committee took no chances in that department during the current campaign. Corporation bonds sold already amount to more than \$290,000 with more still to come, Pargeter said. This division of the quota is now safely in the clear, but the response to the offering of E bonds so far has been disappointing.

Latest tabulations show sales amounting to approximately \$150,000 as compared with a quota of \$549,000. It is believed that applications on file and not included in the report will bring the total amount of sales to date to about one-third of the required amount.

Myrtle Creek, Glendale and Reedsport are leading the county in activity and per capita sales, Pargeter announced.

Rules On Lumber Prices Tightened

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Striking at reported price ceiling violations, the OPA yesterday invoked stringent new regulations covering producers' maximum prices for Douglas fir, white pine and hemlock lumber.

Under the new rules, the seller either must apply to the OPA to fix specific price ceilings or invoice at the lowest grade all lumber shipped without specific ceilings. The lowest grade is \$15 per thousand.

Ceiling price additions for scaffold planking were limited to lumber nine inches or wider. Additional surfacing charges of 12 to 33 per thousand were made applicable to all types of clear lumber to prevent pyramiding of surfacing charges.

Rough lumber definitions were fixed to require that rough lumber be of sufficient size to surface on four sides to specified dimensions.

Allies Score Successes in Two Sectors

Gains Made in Cassino Area, Nazi Attack South Of Rome Hurdled Back

(By the Associated Press)

Fifth army troops tightened the squeeze on 100,000 Germans in central Italy today with local advances around bristling Cassino and limited gains 60 miles north in the Rome bridgehead, which was "improved" and reinforced for the imminent battle for the Eternal city.

Headquarters in Algiers announced "a limited advance" inland in the beachhead below Rome, where German resistance has been hardening. The steady stream of reinforcements into the new front and the lack of immediate interest in Rome itself made it apparent that Gen. Alexander's prime objective in the bold amphibious operation was to destroy the nine German divisions fighting between the two Fifth army fronts.

Nazi Command Cassino

Field dispatches said American troops had advanced within a half mile of Cassino, already abandoned by the nazis. The Americans had secured a bridgehead over the Rapido river, but their gains were impeded by minefields and heavy fire from cannon, mortars and machine-guns.

Cassino itself appeared to have been largely abandoned by the nazis troops but their positions in the surrounding hills gave them a clear sweep of its streets and bomb-jumbled houses. An announcement yesterday said an American patrol that entered the town was forced to retire.

The Hermann Goering division reached the southern edge of the Rome bridgehead and it was repulsed in an attack on the fringes of the Pontine marshes with 10 killed. Warships again bombarded the Apennine way near Formia to tangle German communications. The Eighth army front near the Adriatic was relatively quiet.

Bad weather curtailed, flying although light bombers struck Cisterna and Itri in the Apennine way and inland Ceccano, 30 miles due west of Cassino. Fighters maintained constant patrols over the battlefields.

Desperate Battle Predicted

At Washington, Secretary of War Stimson predicted that a heavy battle probably will develop south of Rome as the Germans attempt to drive the allied amphibious forces which landed at Nettuno back into the sea. He added that there is every reason to expect violent German reaction in an effort to save their communications between Rome and the southern front in Italy.

Where the Germans will get the troops to launch a heavy counterattack is not quite clear, Stimson said, but some of them probably will be drawn from reserve garrisons in northern Italy and some may even be pulled off the southern battle line where the nazis are now trying to stem the fifth army's renewed advance

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Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reinstate

Current stratospheric land values suggest that for the speculators there will be a post-war revival of that practically forgotten ditty, "I Fa' Down and go Boom!"