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Battle Rage: When Japs Land On Mindanao Nippon Stymie So On All Congress Japs Landed Here But at Terrific Cost

US Fronts In Pacific Sets Age On Draft

## Wake Repulses New Attacks; **Cavite Hit**

Fall of Hongkong Is **Expected by British Despite Resistance** 

By The Associated Press Violent fighting broke out on a new front in the Philippines today as Japanese troops effected a landing at Davao on Mindanao, big island south of Luzon where the invaders already had established beachheads at three points.

The Japanese landing was acknowledged in a terse communique issued by the US Far Eastern command at Manila, which said:

"It has been reliably reported that the Japanese are landing in force at Davao, and heavy fighting has been going on all morning."

Davao is the center of the biggest Japanese settlement in the Philippines, and long has been

# **Four Stars**

Offensive

Japanese offensive in north-

GEN. MACARTHUR **MacArthur Is** Full General

## **British Beat** Japs' Malaya

**Garrison at Penang** Safely Withdrawn; **Singapore Strong** SINGAPORE, Dec. 19-(AP)-The British have beaten the

western Malaya down to a substantial halt and the imperial garrison of the outflanked island settlement of Penang off the west coast has been safely withdrawn to aid in the con-

approaches to Singapore. hight as described in official British announcements and it thus appeared that the fall of Penang-

inevitable under the circumstances-had been far from a total loss. Its military strength remained intact, perhaps to aid in strengthening the new British line along the Krian river some 300 miles north of Singapore. Only two Europeans were left on the island-

#### **Finally Agree;** FDR Gets Bill; **Huge Army Seen**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19-(AP)-Congress cleared the way Friday for a 4,000,000man army by approving and sending to President Roosevelt legislation requiring the registration of all men from 18 to 64 years old, inclusive, and making those from 20 to 44, inclusive, subject to military service.

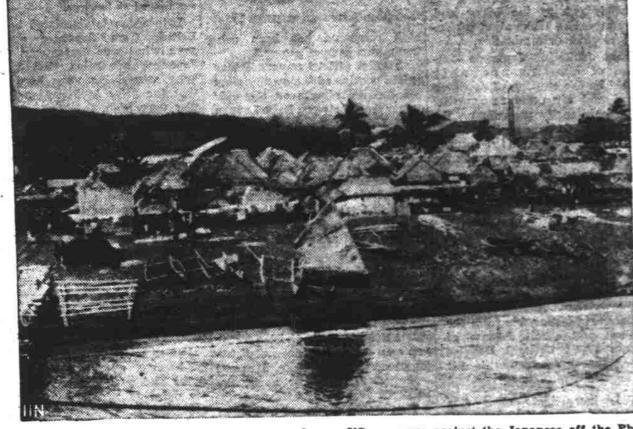
Officials at selective service headquarters said the registration probably would not begin before 'several weeks."

Although the new draft bill makes possible an army of at least tinued defense of the distant 4,000,000, there is no way of telling whether that many men will

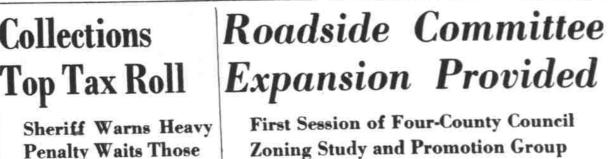
ever be called to the colors. Sec-This was the situation Friday retary of War Stimson has said increases in the army would be ordered "in the light of the strategic situation as it develops." Both houses agreed speedily on compromise amendments to the selective service act which war department officials said would make a total of 2,215,000 men available in the next few months, in addition to the 1,800,000 now

held.

tal of the current tax roll, Marin uniform. This included, experts said



Inited States army headquarters has announced new US successes against the Japanese off the Philip pines as the enemy attempts to make other landings on the US Pacific possessions. Four or more Japanese transports have been sent to the bottom and others badly damaged as the Japs made landings in Northern Luzon, largest of the Philippine islands. Late reports are that still more Nippon transports have been sunk off Legaspi, (above) at the southeastern tip of Luzon, 250 miles from Manila. The native town of Legaspi is depicted here.



#### **Zoning Study and Promotion Group Discusses Highway Protection** With Delinquent Bills

Provision for its enlargement and functioning through subcommittees in each of the counties represented was first official

## **RussSlash Finns And** Germans

#### Axis on Run in Libya as Great **Drive Speeded**

LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 20 - (AP) - The Russians have opened a major offensive along the entire Finnish front, taking advantage of weakened opposition caused by the German army's withdrawal of three-fifths of the troops it originally deployed there, British reports said today.

"Dense waves" of Russian cavalry and ski troops were reported thrown into the assault with the support of guns and tanks especially designed for rigorous warfare on this frozen front.

A Stockholm dispatch to the News-Chronicle said Finnish lines buckling under the impact of the initial Soviet thrust had been withdrawn to the north bank of the Svir river at some points between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega.

Other dispatches said the Germans left the Finns ill-prepared to meet the slashing red army offensive and that the nazis remaining there "are feeling the anger which has reinforced Finnish contempt as the Finns real-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 3) Speech Slated mote methods of protecting pro-**By Nazi Head** room growth of undesirable business and unsightly architecture, the committee originally named Entire Reich to Hear by Judge Murphy included County Commissioners Fred Gibson of **Propaganda** Minister Polk, Ralph Girod of Marion, **Goebbel's** Address H. A. Reninger of Linn and W. H. BERLIN, Dec. 20-(Saturday)-(Official broadcast recorded by AP)-Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels will broadcast to the German people at 8 o'clock tonight (10 a.m., PST) the German radio announced today. About 30 minutes sometime The announcement said Goebhels' address would be heard over

watched by American and Filipino authorities as a possible danger point. It has been estimated that about 25,000 Japanese live in the area, and recent reports have said that many of these were armed and ready to rise up in support of any invasion attempt.

Announcement of the landing at Davao came as the Japanese apparently were stymied at two other points-at Wake island. where the American defenders were reported to have beaten off new assaults, and on the Malay peninsula, where the invaders were halted on the distant approaches to Singapore.

At Hongkong a tragic drama was running out toward some (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

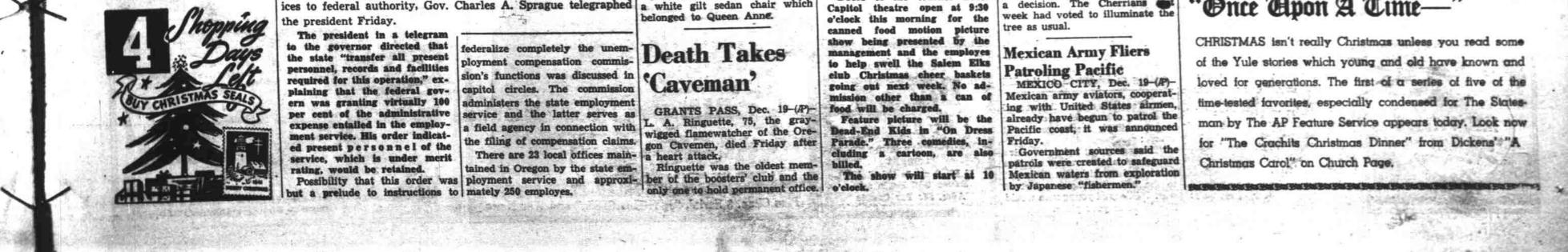
Labor Parley **Anti-Strike Effort Fails** 

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19-(AP)-President Roosevelt did not get the thrill Friday night that he had asked his war labor conference to give him, for the industry and worker representatives broke off routine, the senate unanimously their discussions temporarily confirmed the nomination a few without working out a formula insuring no strikes during the

war. And, as it has been in numerous recent labor disputes, the union shop issue was said to be the chief stumbling block to reaching an agreement. The negotiations will be resumed Monday, Gets Housing however, and William H. Davis, however, and William H. Davis, the conference moderator, ex-the they would yet Project Job pressed hope that they would yet be successful.

Mr. Roosevelt had told the conferees when they opened their discussions three days ago that pany, Salem, submitted the lowest they must reach an agreement, of seven bids, \$229,389, on the and added that it would be a "thrilling thing" if a unanimous agreement could be worked out by Friday night. Davis informed the president of the conference's failure to agree by the deadline, and told reporters the president asked City. that negotiations continue.

**Blood**, Cash Donated NEW YORK, Dec. 19-(AP)-To the greater New York Red Cross war fund, Archbishop Francis J. Spellman donated: A check for \$1000 and a pint of his blood.



**Philippine Defender** Second Field Leader **To Get Coveted Rank** 

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19-(AP)-A grateful nation Friday conferred the rank of full general on Douglas MacArthur, 61-year-old onceretired soldier who has conducted a gallant and adroit defense of the Philippines with slender military resources.

President Roosevelt sent to the senate a recommendation for promotion of MacArthur from lieutenant-general to the rank which has been held by only one other American field commander in wartime, General John J. Pershing, leader of the

World war AEF. Casting aside the customary

MANILA, Dec. 20-(Saturday)-(AP)-Capt. Colin P. Kelly, jr., first United States army hero in the war in the Pacific. was awarded the distinguished service cross posthumously today for sinking a Japanese battleship and the citation showed he fell to his death after ordering his crew of six

men to save themselves.

hours later. The son of a soldier (his father

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Salem Firm

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 19-(AP)-The Viesko-Hannaman com-Clackamas Heights housing project Friday.

Construction of the 100-unit, low-rent project is expected to start in January. It will be locat-

**State Will Transfer Jobs** Service to Government

Oregon will comply as far as possible with an order from President Roosevelt for the transfer of state employment services to federal authority, Gov. Charles A. Sprague telegraphed

British physicians staying behind under any hazard their immemorial profession.

Not only was British military personnel brought out, it was stated; but all of Penang's military equipment likewise was salvaged.

For 24 hours up until this morning the invaders had lain panting in the difficult terrain of the mainland-marshy along the west coast of the peninsula and harsh (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)



**Snell to Keep Petition Off Ballot; Grocers** 

May Go to Courts

Cigarette smokers puffed nervously in Oregon Friday and wondered whether or not the 1941 legislature's two-cent-apackage tax on "fags" was now about to be levied.

Ostensibly, it was, because Secretary of State Earl Snell announced that "as the situation now stands the referendum against the cigarette tax for old age pensions will not be placed on the ballot at the regular election next Novem-

ber," for the reason that the referendum petitions had been held by the attorney general to be insufficient. Secretary Snell said he was notifying the tax commission of his Perform in action, "leaving the way open for

collection of the tax." But from Portland came the Yule Drama announcement of G. J. McPherson, secretary-manager of the

tion, that the fight to have the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

#### Nazi Official Killed

LONDON, Dec. 19-(P)-The Rome radio reported Friday night the deputy chief of the nazi press ed one mile northeast of Oregon bureau, Von Stumpf, had been first in rags and then in a white floods killed on the Russian front.

ion county tax collections for 1941 have been "exceptionally 915.000 men from 21 through 35 already registered and listed good," Sheriff A. C. Burk deas immediately available in clared Friday as he viewed figclass 1-A. They estimated the ures tallied in the tax departnew bill would provide an adment of his office. A total of \$1,866,324.05 has ditional 600,000 class 1-A regis-

Exceeding by \$45,591.82 the to-

trants from among 20 year been run through the cash regolds; 400,000 in the ages from ister, as of December 16, of 36 through 44: and 300,000 who which \$1.549,383.65 represents have reached the age of 21 current taxes and \$316,940.40 was for delinquent taxes. since the last registration was

At the same time, Burk reminded "the many persons who By compromising on a minimum age of 20 for active service have not yet paid the required -a year younger than the house annual installment of the oldest desired and a year older than the delinquent tax," that this must be done before December 31 in senate had voted-congress cut order to escape a heavy penalty. off an additional supply of 600,-The tax department of the 000 potential soldiers.

sheriff's office is prepared to But with 100,000 youths turning 20 every month, congressionissue warrants shortly after the al leaders said there was every first of the year for non-payment of delinquent property reason to believe that the army taxes, T. J. Brabec, chief colwould get all of the men it could equip and train as fast as it could lector, said. "In compliance with chapter handle them. Under recently-approved legislation the navy could 389, Oregon Laws, 1941, it is

(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1) obtain up to 50,000 of the selectees and the marines 10,000. Registration of 23,500,000 men would be undertaken un-**River** Rising, der terms of the bill calling for the listing of all males from **Oregon Coast** 18 through 64. Added to the 17,500,000 already registered Hit by Flood this would give selective service

officials records on 41,000,000. Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey selective service director, informnearly three feet in 12 hours Fricongress that his staff was (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

# Princesses

ed tonight. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 19-(AP)-The worst flood in several years SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND.

Dec. 19 -(AP)- Princess Elizabeth struck the northern Oregon coast was the bewigged Prince Charm- Friday in the wake of high tides ing and Princess Margaret Rose and river overflow, virtually isothe ragged waif in their first lating Tillamook and putting

some coastal lowland homes in two feet of water. The two princesses, Elizabeth Some sections of the Willamette in tights and her younger sister

areas.

valley also were threatened by On the coast the tide reached 9.6 feet. Many cars were stall-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Crest of the high water is expect-

It's Free-Almost

Doors of the Warner Bros.

action of the commission on roadside conditions and county zoning when it met in initial session Friday night at the Marion ize to what extent the German county courthouse on call of Judge Grant Murphy, chairman. Organized under authorization from the four-county can-

tonment council to study and pro-

day.

perty along highways from mush-

between 9 and 12 o'clock Sun-

day night is the period for Sa-

lem's test blackout, Alderman

L. F. LeGarie, city defense

committee chairman, said Fri-

Not only will the blackout.

which is to be strictly enforced,

be a trial for the telephone

hookup of air raid warning

signals, but it will test the abil-

ity to quickly darken both

One long blast on the whis-

tles and all sirens will be the

signal to black out, LeGarie

announced, while two blasts

The telephone communica-

tion system, to be centered in

police headquarters, is to be

Malone of Benton county, and

Floyd Emomns of Salem, secre-

In addition to this group, of

whom Gibson, Girod and Em-

mons were present at Friday

night's session, Murphy had in-

vited W. H. Crawford, secre-

tary of the Oregon Economic

council, and Fred Cuthbert, its

homes and businesses.

will signify "all clear."

installed today.

tary.

## **Censor** Chief **Starts Work**

**Clarification of US Requests First Task; Messages** Pledge Aid

Blackout WASHINGTON, Dec. 9-(AP)-Byron Price, newly designated di-Time Set rector of censorship, asserted Friday that his first task probably would be to "summarize and clarify" the many requests the government already had made regarding information that should not be made public.

These requests, he said, have been issued "piecemeal," and he preferred not to discuss details of his work until his appointment goes through formally. Meanwhile, he said, he must look around for quarters and for an executive officer to handle details of the organization of government censorship.

Both the press and radio, he said, The Willamette river here rose have sent him hundreds of messages, all offering support. They day and by midnight reached 15.5 say, he added, that what they want feet. Although no high water "is for the government to tell them damage had yet been reported what to do." Price said he was high enough to flood some low going to tackle that as soon as he Flood stage here is 21 feet. capital.

Mr. Roosevelt formally established the office of censorship (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

**Cherrians Mav** 

Shelve Yule **Lights** Plan As a concession to civilian defense, the Salem Cherrians' living Christmas tree on the courthouse grounds may not be lighted this year, King Bing Frank Doer-

fler announced Friday. Doerfler said that because the wisdom of lighting the tree, with a blackout signal always a possibility, had been questioned, the matter would be submitted to his council of nobles at the chamber of commerce Monday night for a decision. The Cherrians

all German radio stations. The fact that the nazi propaganda chieftain's address will be heard in all corners of Germany indicated that it might be of major importance.

There was speculation he might (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

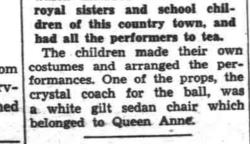
### War Relief **Fund Still** Growing

Optimistic stories of response of Marion county's large and small givers to the request for Red Cross war relief funds donations continued to pour into Marion county chapter headquarters Friday.

.Preparing to contact numerous workers today as they tear open pay envelopes, volunteer workers in the emergency campaign believed Friday night they were approaching their goal of \$17,000, although no official count was available.

consultant, together with Dis-At Western Paper Converting trict Attorney Miller B. Haycompany, a bulletin posted Friday den, representatives of the Polk morning by Lloyd Riches, man-**County** Federation of Rural ager, brought 100 per cent re-Women's clubs, a representative sponse from every worker on dayof the state highway offices light shifts, Riches said Friday and interested property holdnight. With 20 per cent of the ers to attend the first meeting. company's crew yet uncontacted. With the approval of the group which gathered in the county he declared proudly, employes courtroom, the chairman notified had already over-subscribed the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6) quota suggested for them.

### "Once Upon A Time—"



costume, sang several duets.

King George and Queen Eliz-

abeth congratulated the cast,

which included friends of the

