

# Carole Lombard, 20 Others, Believed Dead in TWA Plane Crash

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## Insurrection

The role of Salem's Company K in fighting down the Philippine insurrection of 1899 is told by Col. Carl Abrams on The Statesman Sunday feature page.

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## Priorities

TILLAMOOK, Jan. 16 (AP)—Maybe it was priorities—the cow John Berns, local butcher, purchased and slaughtered had a large amount of tire rubber, some buckshot and a few staples in its stomach.

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# Roosevelt Makes Knudsen Lieut. General

## Axis Cut Asked By Pan Bloc

### Argentina Seen Joining Latin Nation Accord

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 16 (AP)—Colombia, Mexico and Venezuela Friday formally asked the Pan-American nations to cut their diplomatic ties with the axis to bolster the United States' war effort, and there were indications that reluctant Argentina may swing into line.

Aside from Argentina's opposition to any "pre-belligerent" action, the other two obstacles to complete accord in the foreign ministers' conference here appeared to have been removed.

Oswaldo Aranha, Brazilian foreign minister and acting chairman, announced Friday night that the Peruvian-Ecuadoran boundary dispute was "never so close to a solution as now," and the Central American and Caribbean nations agreed to forego their demand for a unanimous Pan-American declaration of war against Germany, Italy, and Japan.

Ecuador's foreign minister, Julio Tobar Donoso, has refused to attend the sessions unless the 100 year old boundary squabble is settled.

Argentina's acting president, Ramon Castillo, energetically protested to the conference that there was a campaign to misrepresent his country's foreign policy, and declared that Argentina is as "faithful and loyal" as any other American nation.

In a letter read to the delegates by Aranha, the Argentine president said his delegates were instructed to reach an agreement on hemispheric collaboration after fully exploring existing problems.

The United States delegates, it was learned tonight, are presenting a series of proposals to stamp out the fifth columnist threat throughout the Americas. One plan is the creation of a Pan-American anti-subversive committee to meet permanently in Washington.

These US demands apparently were all that will be presented to the conference which was called to determine the hemisphere's attitude after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. This caused some surprise among observers, but high officials pointed out that the United States, as the victim of aggression, was leaving the initiative for the stronger measures up to her sister nations. Obviously, the proposal that all the countries break completely with the axis had full US support, they said.

Gabriel Turbay, Colombian ambassador to Washington, introduced the resolution for the diplomatic break, on behalf of his government, Mexico and Venezuela.

Although the text of this resolution will not be made public until Monday, it was understood that it condemned the axis attack on the United States as an attack on all the Americas, and pledged the western republics not to reestablish relations with the axis except by unanimous action.

Castillo's protests were in line with an interview given the Buenos Aires newspaper, El Mundo, in which the president said Argentine foreign policy may not be "so spectacular as some may wish," but that it nevertheless is "as serious, loyal and useful as any in the common cause of America."

## German Bases Bombed

A town on the English south-east coast, Jan. 16—(AP)—Heavy bomb bursts in the Calais area Friday night indicated the RAF again was pounding German invasion bases along the French coast.

## Where to Go in Marion County if Qualified for Tires



Heavy black lines indicate boundaries of Marion county's four rationing districts. Would-be tire purchasers should apply for ration certificates to members of the local board in the district where the vehicle for which tires are sought is registered. In Salem district, members of that board are John Heltzel, Dean Goodman and Mrs. William Burghardt, each of whom is receiving applications, although inspectors of the area have been divided into three groups and members of each group asked to send applicants to one specified board member. Decisions are not made by the individuals but by the board as a body. Chairman in the Woodburn district is Lyman Shorey; in Silverton, Charles H. Hoyt, and in Stayton, Harry G. Rowe.

## Rural Defense Drive Forms

### Co-ops to Distribute Bond Cards; County Pays \$3,000,000

Agricultural cooperatives, Farmers Unions and Grange chapters are to distribute defense savings pledge cards to rural residents of Marion county, Frederick S. Lamport, county defense savings chairman, announced Friday. Department of agriculture representatives will assist.

The rural solicitation plan for this county, devised by Lamport's associate chairman, Fred Klaus, is being adopted by the state committee. Klaus and County Agent Robert E. Rieder will direct the campaign outside of incorporated cities. Lamport said representatives of the cooperating organizations were being called to meet at the county courthouse at 10 a. m. Monday for instructions.

All state department heads have been invited by Secretary of State Earl Snell to meet in room 321 at the capitol at 10 o'clock this morning to hear the payroll allotment plan of defense savings outlined by Lamport.

## Paul Wallace In Hospital

Paul B. Wallace, president of the Willamette university board of trustees and of Valley-Motor company, was in Salem General hospital Friday night undergoing treatment for a heart attack he suffered at his place of business at 10:30 a. m.

The attending physician described Mr. Wallace's condition Friday night as "serious but satisfactory." He ordered that no visitors be admitted.

## Applications For Tires Lag Says Ration Chief

### Persons Able to Meet Requirements for Tires or Tubes Urged to Apply Quickly Before Expected Spring Rush Starts

Applications for tire purchase certificates have been below the Marion county quota and to-date considerably below expectations, John Heltzel, ration board administrator for the county, said Friday night.

## Mockingbird Siren Passes Salem Test

The mockingbird lost its identification with romance and beauty for Salem folk on Friday and became the herald of destruction as the whistle which bears its name warbled ominous notes over a large portion of the city in what committee members declared the most satisfactory test given any air raid warning here to date.

Not from the boughs of a forest tree as the bird is accustomed to sing, the whistle which sounded its trilling signal over the capital city between 8:15 and 8:30 Friday was mounted at the Valley Packing plant on the north Pacific highway.

L. F. LeGarie, chairman of the city's defense committee, shortly after the trial of the specially equipped whistle ordered similar apparatus installed in the steamship whistle recently purchased and installed at the paper mill.

Cost of the mockingbird fixture is said to be considerably less than that of an individual siren of the type under consideration as auxiliary noisemakers for the city's raid-warning system. It consists of a piston so placed inside the bell of a steam whistle as to give a definitely (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

## Film Star in Missing Ship

### Sky Liner Reported as Exploded Near Boulder Dam; Gable to Scene

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16—(AP)—A Transcontinental Western Air luxury liner carrying 18 passengers and a crew of three was feared to have crashed and burned 30 miles southwest of Las Vegas, Nev., Friday night.

Aboard were Carole Lombard, actress-wife of matinee idol Clark Gable; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Peters; Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer publicity man, Otto Winkler, 12 army pilots, and three other passengers.

Gable chartered a plane to go to the scene. The TWA plane was a Douglas Sky Club. The plane, flight three from New York to Los Angeles via Albuquerque, left Las Vegas, Nev., at 7:07 p. m. Thirty minutes later workers at the Blue Diamond mine reported they saw a flare, then heard an explosion about 30 miles southwest of Las Vegas.

Pilot Art Cheney of Western Air Lines later reported he saw a large fire while flying over Table Mountain. TWA said the 12 pilots boarded the plane at Albuquerque. It did not list their names but said several were lieutenants.

There were three other passengers. Four additional passengers had left the plane at Albuquerque to make room for the fliers. Capt. Wayne Williams, who began flying in 1928, was piloting the big ship with Morgan A. Gillette as co-pilot and Alice Gets as hostess. Their addresses were not given. Williams recently was in the TWA office at Kansas City.

W. W. Baker, station manager at Boulder City, N. M., led a searching party toward the scene.

## US Naval Victories Revealed

### Far East Toll Of Jap Ships Totals Eight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Five more Japanese ships—three transports and two cargo vessels—lay at the bottom of the far Pacific tonight as the result of hammer blows delivered by the United States navy.

They were sunk, a communique announced, by units of the US Asiatic fleet, raising to at least 24 the number of enemy craft destroyed by the navy and marines in less than six weeks of fighting.

In addition to the action by the two sea services, war department communique from Washington and from the army in the far east have claimed definitely the sinking of eight Japanese craft, including a battleship.

The Japanese invaders on Luzon, meanwhile intensified their attack upon General Douglas MacArthur's depleted defending army, strung across the approaches to Bataan peninsula.

Enemy dive-bombers attacked incessantly, the war department announced. Shock troops with special training stormed the defense line. Japanese artillery kept up a continuous cannonading. The communique mentioned neither withdrawal by the American-Filipino forces nor the Japanese troops, and it was apparently too early to perceive the trend of the battle.

But General MacArthur's headquarters found time to report to the department that in occupied areas the Japanese were "systematically looting and devastating the entire countryside." It was another indication that MacArthur is receiving numerous reports of activities behind the enemy lines.

Announcing the sinking of the Japanese ships, the navy also said that the submarine menace off the Atlantic seaboard remained unchanged. Confirming an announcement made yesterday by the coast guard, it said that a second allied tanker had been observed in a sinking condition in the Long Island area and was assumed to have been torpedoed. The vessel was identified as the Coimbra which flew the flag of an allied nation.

During the day, the war department took occasion to deny a rumor that the bodies of 1500 men slain at Pearl Harbor had been brought to the Brooklyn navy yard, and without coffins. There was "no truth whatsoever" in the report, the army said, adding that in no case would such shipments be made "unless the bodies were cared for in coffins."

"The war department accords its honored dead the honor and dignity rightfully due the defenders of our nation," the announcement said.

There was, of course, no hint of where the five Jap ships were sunk, other than that the action was in "far eastern waters." But (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

## Artist Gets 'Criticism' From Police

PORTLAND, Jan. 16—(AP)—Charles Voehries, Portland art museum instructor, had only a few hours in which to enter a drawing in a contest here. He hurried to a Willamette river bridge in the early morning hours, and set to work on a view of industrial Portland. "Sketching factory outlines," he quipped a passerby. "Yep," said Voehries. The passerby, a civilian air raid warden, called a cop. The artist won his freedom only by lengthy explanations at a precinct station and at police headquarters.

## Promoted



LT. GEN. W. S. KNUDSEN

Called by FDR "the world's greatest production man," Wm. S. Knudsen, former chief of the OPM, Friday was named a lieutenant general of the US army to handle all production of arms for the army through his immediate chief Donald Nelson.

## Anzaes Smash Jap Invaders

### British Colonials in Malaya Deal Costly Blows Near Singapore

SINGAPORE, Jan. 16—(AP)—Eager Australians and other fresh empire troops dealt costly blows to the Japanese in southern Malaya Friday and the RAF struck its hardest blows of the six weeks of the conflict as the British command organized a final defense for the showdown battle of Singapore.

Battling the invaders along a shortened line, mixed imperial forces were reported to have knocked out 14 Japanese tanks and ten armored cars along the west coast above the plain of Malacca.

The Australians, who had moved into the lines with jovial shouts (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

## Publisher's Funeral Set For Sunday

Funeral services are to be held in Harrisburg Sunday at 2 p. m. for W. D. Morgan of Florence, longtime Oregon newspaper publisher who died this week following a long illness.

On several occasions employed in Salem by The Statesman, Morgan had a number of friends and acquaintances in the mid-valley area although his publishing enterprise had largely been at Harrisburg and Florence. For 17 years he was editor and publisher of the Bulletin at Harrisburg and since 1928, with his son, Leonard, had published the Siuslaw Oar at Florence.

Father of several children, among them Miss C. Genevieve Morgan and Carroll J. Morgan, both of Salem, he is survived also by his widow.

## Missionaries Interned By Japs in Thailand

SCIO—Jan. 16, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Seigle, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Mylo Bartu of Scio, are among 22 US missionaries interned in Thailand after that country capitulated to Japan, according to word received by Mrs. Bartu from the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church of the US at New York City. The Seigles visited in Scio on furlough several years ago. Their daughter, 13, returned to the states last April.

## Chief Of OPM Gets Army Job

### Nelson Assumes War Production Post as Chief

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt handed sweeping, overall supervision of the war production program to Donald Nelson Friday, then plucked William S. Knudsen from the OPM, gave him the three stars of a lieutenant-general, and placed him in charge of expediting production for the army.

An executive order formally establishing the war production board which the chief executive had announced Nelson would head contained no "ifs," "buts" or reservations of any kind in placing supreme production under the chairman. And, in a clinching phrase, it declared "his decisions shall be final."

The effect of this was to make the OPM, of which Knudsen has been director, completely subordinate and open to possible general reorganization at Nelson's discretion.

What Knudsen's attitude might be was a matter of wide speculation in the capital when a second announcement came from the White House.

It said the former General Motors chief was being given entire charge of directing and expediting the gigantic production involved in the war department's munitions program, with special emphasis on planes, tanks, guns and ammunition.

Mr. Roosevelt referred to Knudsen as "one of the great production men of the world," said the country already was "immeasurably indebted" to him, and announced that on Monday he would send to the senate his nomination to be a lieutenant-general.

The two actions greatly extended civilian control over procurement for the armed services, with Nelson, former Sears Roebuck executive, in the top post and Knudsen a key man in the war department.

It was indicated that much of Knudsen's work would be in the field, where his production genius could best make itself felt. The White House said he and his staff would assist the great arsenals and munitions factories with the object of helping them constantly to improve and speed up their lines of production.

Knudsen will be a member of the war production board, and, in his war department post, will be under the general supervision of Nelson.

The vast grant of authority to Nelson directed that all federal departments, establishments, and agencies "shall comply with the policies, plans, methods and procedures in respect to war procurement and production as directed by the chairman."

Thus, the war and navy departments themselves will be subordinate to Nelson insofar as procurement of weapons is concerned. Furthermore, the President gave his war production chief authority even to rule on the specifications of those weapons, and to control the construction and financing of new plants and conversion of old ones to produce them.

With the task of producing the weapons needed for victory turned over to others, it was indicated that Mr. Roosevelt was giving a greater portion of his time to working out in general the problems of where and how these weapons shall be employed. The chief executive made no forenoon engagements and his press secretary, Stephen Early, explained that the time had been reserved for reducing to written formula the ideas developed in recent staff conferences with British and American military and naval experts.