NINETY-SECOND YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, November 7, 1942

British Slash Remnants of African Arm

Salary **Policy** Tough

Allows Increases Only Exceptional Cases, at 15 per

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(AP) The war labor board announced Friday night a new wage and stabilization policy which, said Chairman William H. Davis, would be "pretty damn tough" on proposed increases above levels prevailing on September 15.

The policy set up under a recent order of President Roosevelt directed the board to stabilize wages and salaries under its jurisdiction, virtually froze such wages and salaries at the September 15 level.

Increases above that level will be granted "only in exceptional cases" and in acordance with an economic stabilization order issued by the president on October 3, the board said. That order directed that no wage or salary increases be approved by the board "unless such increase is necessary to correct maladjustments or inequalities, to eliminate sub-standards of living, to correct gross inequalities or to aid in the effective prosecution of the war."

In considering specific requests for wage or salary increases, the board said it would be guided by the principle it set up in the socalled "Little Steel" case. In that case a wage increase of 15 per cent was allowed over wage levels prevailing on January 1, 1941, ed to increase Friday as Presi-to offset increases in the cost of dent Roosevelt and leaders in the

"If a group of employes," the board said, "has received increases amounting to 15 per cent in their average straight-time rates over the level prevailing on January 1, 1941, the board will not grant further increases as a correction for maladjustments.

"To correct the maladjustments, the board will consider requests for general increases in straight time rates up to 15 per cent above the level prevailing on January 1, 1941. This policy sets a terminal point for general wage increases. It is not applicable to individual workers or to employes in particular job classifications.

It will be applied only to groups composed of all the employes in a bargaining unit, in a plant, a company or an industry, depending upon the circumstances of each case."

Chairman Davis told a press conference that inasmuch as most of the war industries had granted wage increases in line with the Little Steel principle, he expected very few increases to be granted in the future.

"I think that if you study this policy," Davis said, "you will find that it is pretty damn tough."

Hurt in Accident

SHERIDAN, Nov. 6-(AP)-Paul Wiser of Willamina suffered serious injuries Thursday when his automobile struck a moving freight train near here.

Candidate



DOROTHY M. LEE

PORTLAND, Nov. 6 -(P)- Sen. William H. Steiwer, Fossil, candidate for state senate president, predicted Friday that the presidency contest will be decided in a few days. He left for home after canvassing the Multnomah county delegation, but did not disclose how many votes he had been pledged. Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Portland, also a candidate for the presidency, said she expected the issue to be settled within ten days.

Politics Truce Gains Strength

Winning of War Now Said Job; Greater Efficiency Asked

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 -(AP)
Prospects of a political truce seemgreatly strengthened republican party emphasized anew that winning the war was the paramount task before the country.

At a press conference a reporter asked Mr. Roosevelt whether the results of Tuesday's elections would make any difference in his attitude toward congress. "Why should it?" Mr. Roose-

He went on to say that he as-

sumed congress also wanted to win the war. Persisting, the reporter said

that what he wanted to know was whether the president would with both republican democratic leaders about legislative procedure. Mr. Roosevelt replied that he had been The president made what ap-

peared to be an indirect reply to those who have been accusing the administration of dictatorship. Asked how he could account for the election results, he said he had had a very pleasant surprise, a perfectly delightful surprise. when he went to vote at Hyde Park, NY, Tuesday and found the

"Do you think people expected it to be closed?" a reporter quer-

With a grin, Mr. Roosevelt said that apparently the reporter had not been reading some of the

On Capitol Hill a movement was developing to declare a hol-

No Immediate Cut Slated For Schools From Taxes

Oregon school districts apparent- | venes in Salem early next Januly are to receive no immediate "cut" from the state income tax chance of the legislature attempt-

surplus "pie." Chairman Charles V. Galloway of the state tax commission indicated as much Friday when he expressed the belief the initiative measure approved at Tuesday's election diverting income tax revenues above \$7,500,000 to school districts was not retreactive.

The chairman also declared as unfounded rumors that the commission moght attack constitutionality of the act. There is even doubt, he said, as to whether or not the commission will ask the atterney general within the near future for an

is not retroactive and will not in cy or individual other than the any way interfere with the tax tax commission.

ary. He predicted there is little ing to throttle the act.

Some officials here previously declared that the measure was faulty in several respects. They referred particularly to the apparent lack of a provision outlining mechanics for distribution of the income tax funds to the school districts and specific provision as ty remain the same as those anto when the act becomes opera-

Galloway said these and other juestions raised since the measure vas approved by the voters could be remedied by the legislature.

The tax commission chairman made it plain, by inference, that if the constitutionality of the act is attacked, the proceeding will have to be launched by some state agen-

Mari Resolse Attacks

Japs Deny Help To Hitler; Ally **Convoy Starts**

By the Associated Press

America's marines in the northern jungles of Guadalcanal island Friday rolled back strong Japanese counter-attacks on their west flank, dealing out heavy losses. Secretary Knox placed the ration of these losses, to date, at more than 4 or 5 Japanese for every American marine or soldier, U.S. aircraft dealt out continuous punishment from above the enemy's lines.

The Japs were subjected not only to a withering fire from U.S. ground forces but also, a navy communique reported, to a strafing from American planes which maintained "continuous air patrols" over the enemy lines. There was no mention of opposition and apparently the planes had full control of the air.

A bitter battle is raging between Allied and Jap ground troops at Oivi, in New Guinea, some 50 miles south of the Jap coastal base of Buna, the high command said early Saturday. The Japs, who have been pushed back more Allies to Open said early Saturday. The Japs, thap half way across New Guinea from their advance on Port Moresby, were reported resisting Second Front

In Turkey there were reports Hitler had asked the Japanese to create a naval diversion against the British-occupied island of Madagasear in the Indian ocean. But, according to this story, the Japanese said "sorry," they were too busy in the South Pacific. Moreover, the French defenders finally capitulated on Madagascar, though warned cryptically by Marshal Petain to do no "political" trading with the British. Increasingly, the Germans were (Turn to page 12)

Gas Rationing Are Listed

Registration headquarters for owners of motor vehicles seeking gasoline ration cards late next week were announced Friday by Mrs. Agnes C. Booth, county school superintendent and Frank B. Bennett, Salem superintendent of

In Salem the eight grade schools will be used, while throughout the rural portion of the Salem rationing district Brooks, Keizer, Hayesville. Auburn and Salem Heights school buildings are to serve.

From 4 to 9 p. m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week motorists of the Salem district may register for ration cards, with school staff members serving as registrars. Blanks are to be secured from gasoline retailers prior to registration days.

The same hours on the same three days will prevail for registration in the Silverton district, where Silverton and Mt. Angel schools are to serve as headquar-

Registration in the Woodburn district is also to be from 4 to 9 November 12, 13 and 14 at St. Paul, Aurora, Hubbard, Woodburn and Gervais public grade schools.

In the Stayton rationing district, the seven schools of Jefferson, Turner, Aumsville, Stayton, Mehama, Mill City and-Detroit have been selected as registration sites, and hours there are from 3:30 to 9:30 p. m.

Rationing districts in the counnounced when tire rationing and sugar rationing were commenced.

Scrap Show Today

Special scrap metal matinees are being presented by two Salem theatres, the Grand and the Capitol, today as part of a statewide program to boost Oregon's contribution to the current national drive.

They'll Fight for Rommel No More



Axis prisoners, some of the 13,000 taken from the forces under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel during the current drive westward across the North African desert, are shown being marched to an internment camp in the rear of the Egyptian battle lines. This picture is an International Illustrated News radio-

Stalin Appeals on Soviet Stand

Stalin Says Soviets Made 8 Million of **Enemy Inactive**

By HENRY C. CASSIDY

MOSCOW, Saturday, Nov. 7(AP) Premier Stalin told his people Saturday the soviet army "has put out of action more than 8,000,000 enemy officers and men," and declared "the day is not far off when the enemy will feel the force of new blows of the red army."

This hint of an imminent counter-offensive against the nazis followed the premier's statement Friday that the allies would open "a second front" against Germany in Europe "sooner or later."

The suggested new war developments were made in an order of the day commemorating the 25th anniversary of soviet revolution, and he told the Russians that the fighting on the Russian front "is becoming more and more

However, he said, the Germans

"The red army," he declared in the order of the day, "is carrying the full weight" of the war against the axis, "and by its selfsacrificing struggle it has won the love and respect of all freedomloving peoples of the world."

In his speech Friday, Stalin spoke only to Moscow members of the communist party and other special organizations in a secret meeting place.

The Germans, he said, had been able to use 240 divisions-"over 3,000,000 men" - because of the absence of a second front and thus were able to penetrate 300 miles deeper into Russia. He expressed confidence that the allies "sooner or later" would invade western Europe for their own good. He reviewed develop-

ments of relations between Russit,

the United States and Britain in

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Civil Airport Funds Pulled

City officials said Friday that they were not surprised at the withdrawal of a \$385,000 CAA allocation from funds dedicated to improvement of the Salem airport. With the taking over of the port by the army it was believed that further work there would be undertaken by the ar-my and not under the civil au-Tuesday, returned to his office

Pierce Receives 'Congratulation' On Vote Defeat

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(A) Walter M. Pierce, Oregon's 81year-old representative in con-gress, defeated for reclection, says he has "no kick if the voters chose younger and

Pierce, an ex-governor who has represented the second Oregon district since 1933, was returning to Washington by train when he received a telegram from Mrs. Pierce "congratulating" him upon his de-

"Telegram received," Pierce replied. "Having enjoyed 26 years in public office out of in Oregon I have no kick if the voters choose younger and handsomer men."

Greetings' Telegrams Eliminated

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6 -(AP) Telegrams of felicitations, includwere "considerably weaker" than ing "Happy Birthday" and "Merlast year, and their forces "have ry Christmas," were banned Fri-been blunted and stretched to the day, effective December 15.

The board of war comunications directed the telegraph companies to refuse such messages for the duration, and to discontinue a number of other services held un- back. About one company of the essential to the war effort. In connection with this move to

facilitate handling of important messages, the board also directed the companies to cut by one-third are pressing the Germans hard to the time required to handle busi- relieve Stalingrad, nazi and Rusness messages delivered by messenger and to clear messages on the wire within seven minutes after they reach the operating room. Specifically banned beginning December 15 are felicitations and ly wiped out. congratulatory messages such as greetings sent for Christmas, New Year, Father's and Mother's days, Valentine's day, and on the occasion of births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays. An exception was made for such

Also listed for discontinuance December 15 were such services as messenger, errand, distribution, remittance, installment payments, shopping, acceptance of express packages and sale of traveler's checks and mail money orders. The wire services were given until November 25 to file objec-

messages to servicemen abroad,

Snell Returns; 'Congrats' Many

tions to the order.

Secretary of State Earl Snell

Nazi Assaults **Hurled Back**

Reds Hold Ground In Caucasus and At Stalingrad

By EDDY GILMORE

MOSCOW, Saturday, Nov. (P)-The Russians announced Saturday that repeated assaults by large forces of German tanks, infantry and planes upon a factory district in Stalingrad have been thrown back with heavy losses for the Germans and indicated they were holding firm in the Nalchik and Tuapse areas of the Caucasus

The soviet midnight communique reported the Germans were thrown back to their original positions in the fierce fighting for the Stalingrad factory area. Further, the soviets said, the nazis lost about 1000 men killed, 11 tanks, 20 trucks, and a large number of blockhouses there.

In the first mention in weeks of action on the Kalinin front, northwest of Moscow, the Russians said the Germans threw a battalien into an attempt to capture a height of tactical im-

"At first the Germans succeed ed in pressing back our units somewhat," the communique said. 'A red army unit then counterattacked and threw the Germans Fatal to 9 enemy was wiped out and some arms were captured."

On the battlefield northwest of Stalingrad, where the Russians sian artillery maintained a fierce duel, the war report said. One German field battery was reported destroyed and an enemy

force of about 400 men was part-The Russians said their men (Turn to page 12)

Cook to Speak On Armistice

Maj. Gen. Gilbert R. Cook, di isional commander of troops in training at Camp Adair, has accepted an invitation to deliver the principal address at Salem's Armistice day ceremonies Wednesday morning, the program committee announced Friday. The rites will he conducted at 10:30 a. m. at Victory center on the courthouse grounds if the weather is favorotherwise at the Capitol The program, for which Col.

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Yankee Tanks Push 104 Miles; Prisoners Many

Some of Fleeing Germans Pinned Against Coast; **Airmen Pound Road Jams**

By PAUL KERN LEE

CAIRO, Saturday, Nov. 7 - (AP) - Pursuing British mobile forces, equipped with big American-made General Sherman tanks, have overtaken some of the remnants of Marshal Erwin Rommel's African corps in the Matruh region of western Egypt, "and are steadily chopping them to pieces," front dispatches said early Saturday.

After a swift 104-mile drive from their jumping-off point of Alamein, three British tank divisions were said to have pinned some of the fleeing German armored units against the Mediterranean coast.

The advancing British ignored thousands of surrendering German and Italian infantrymen along the way in their effort to crush with finality the axis ar-

Already a total of six Italian divisions, upwards of 80,000 men, were reported either trapped or cut off in the desert far to the rear of the Germans and were trying frantically to escape into The "conservative estimate" of

13,000 axis prisoners taken no doubt will be revised in official correspondents said. So will the figures of 339 enemy tanks either captured or wrecked.

Allied airmen effectively suptroops by tearing huge road in order to escape. RAF ground troops already

have seized El Daba and Fuka, 33 miles and 63 miles, respectively, west of Alamein, They seized 200 prisoners at Daba and destroyed 50 grounded axis planes before turning those fields into forward bases for the relentless aerial pursuit

of Rommei. A scene of wild destruction met front correspondents at El Daba. It was a testimonial to the brilliant allied air onslaught that wrecked the railway station, blew up 13 ammunition cars, and tossed lifeless axis soldiers for hundreds of yards on either side of the road where they had been

trying to flee westward. These correspondents said the axis losses were "terrific," and dazed, bomb - shocked Germans and Italians who escaped this destruction were being rounded up (Turn to page 12)

Blast, Fire In New York

ROCHESTER, NY, Nov. 6-(AP) Eight women and one man were burned to death and ten other persons, eight of them women, injured Friday in an explosion and said further that they thought fire at the Rochester Fireworks company plant in the town of Perinton, Sheriff Albert Skinner

Army, navy and FBI officials are investigating. Officials of the fireworks company said the condition of some of the injured was so critical that deaths might result.

The explosion was caused when a tray of powder carried by a workman was set down or dropped hard enough to create a friction spark, investigators said.

The blast, which started a fire, was comparatively light, witnesser said, but the powder-fed flames spread so swiftly through the onestory building that only one or two of the employes at work es-caped unharmed.

Workers had started on the o.m. shift and one of them, Evelyn Ellis, had just been employed 20 minutes earlier. The building was the only one used by the plant for the night shift and flames razed it in a few minutes.

Longer Week Said No Good

FR Declares Output Would Drop; Kaiser Advocates Control

WASHINGTON, Nov. 6-(AP)-Amid some discussion in Congress pronouncements shortly, front over suspending or repealing the 40-hour week laws, President Roosevelt declared Friday that examples in England and Germany proved that a working week ported the advancing ground longer than 48 hours was not

holes in conducive to greater production. jammed axis tanks and trucks. The President's press conference which had to stay on the coastal discussion, in which he complained that the fatigue factor was generally not recognized, was seen as a reply to the move of Senator O'Daniel (D-Tex.) to suspend the wage-hour law for the duration and similar senti-

ment voiced in the house. Mr. Roosevelt said that the working week in the production of most important war goods is 48 hours, and that the average working week in all war production is between 46 and 47

Beyond that point, he said, production is not increased by a longer working week except in the first few weeks or months after it is installed. He recalled that on his recent inspection tour he was told that where men had been working overtime up to 54 or 56 hours a week they often incurred absences afterwards be-

cause of fatigue.

shpring increased the work week to 70 and 80 hours with the result that production spurted for two was not as great as that of a 48-hour week. These reports, he said, came from intelligence services.

Meanwhile Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the war production board, and Henry J. Kaiser, west coast shipbuilder, testifying bemanpower control legislation and

He reported that Germany last

voluntary enlistments armed services should be stopped. Kaiser, whose shippards have set production records, urged before a labor subcom-mittee that a nine-member (Turn to page 12)

Souvenir

A 56-page tabloid section teling about Camp Adair, the men and officers and services at the big army cantonment near Sa-lem will be a part of Sunday's

Within limits of military security, this attractive section views of troops in training, in-teresting descriptions of special services, guest houses, chapels and athletics, at Adair, and, in addition tells how the camp is affecting surrounding committee—Salem, Dallas, Moume Independence, Jefferson, All and Corvallis, in particular,

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