NINETY-SECOND YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, January 28, 1943

RAF Follows First All-American Bombing

Railmen Squabble

Permanent Boosting Of Truck Limits Sought in Bill

Trucks collided with trains, figuratively, and motives were for the impending battle of Tunisia. freely questioned on both sides as the Oregon house of representatives' committee on highways and highway revenue held public hearing Wednesday on the "long truck" bill, whose purport is to enact as a statute the provisions of a war emergency highway commission order under which 60-foot truck-trailer units are now operating on certain Oregon highways.

Spokesmen for the truck operators, including former Gov. Oswald West and James F. Morrell, explained that permanent legislation is sought for the reason that Oregon truckmen do not feel justified in rebuilding their trucks, visions of the emergency order, in the knowledge that when peace returns the process may have to

Oregon law limits such units to 50 feet in length, and their nbined loads to 54,000 pounds. house bill would permit units 60 feet long and the formula for gauging the maximum lead figures out to about 71,000 pounds. West read a number vere handicap this placed upon interstate truckers entering Oregon, since all neighboring states permit the greater length and 68,000-pound loads.

Argument against permanent legislation on the subject at this time was presented by Alfred A. Hampson, spokesman for the railroad association, who also criticized the bill's provisions, saying it was "a bad bill" structurally in that the load limit is arrived at by formula rather than made definite, and the safeguards against operation on roads which such loads would damage, are ambigu-

R. H. Baldock, engineer for the highway commission, testifying at the committee's request, said the commission had no new recommendations on the subject. He explained that the truck-trailer units contemplated in the bill may operate with safety and without damage on certain designated highways and not on others, and mentioned that the bill was not as carefully-drawn as that which was before the legislature in 1941. but should be amended to provide more safeguards.

Personalities entered the picture when West charged that F. L. Lebanon Mill Phipps, executive secretary of the Association of Oregon Counties which had passed a resolution opposing such an increase in size and weight of trucks, was also "an attorney for the Union Pacific."

city, but was not regularly reobligation. He added that he had day. not lobbied against the bill.

Reversing the compliment after Herman Sites of the federal office of defense transportation had testified that a critical transportation problem is imminent in the northwest and that enactment of this bill would tend to relieve it, a question from Sen. C. H. Zurcher elicited the information that Sites in

private life is a truck operator. R. W. Hogg of the Pacific Supply co-op said many farmers would be benefitted in getting their crops and livestock to market, if this bill became law. James Elliott of Astoria, a Clatsop county commissioner, voiced fear that the big trucks would operate on secondary highways to their detri-

Limits Close Two Meat Shops Here

ber of meat animals to be killed during any one month caused two and three-day midweek closures of at least two downtown Salem markets and one slaughterhouse this week, representatives of meat dealers declared Thursday.

Managers of both downtown markets involved in the midweek to move to the coast the fuel

Truckers, Conference symies Axis Murder Peace Off ive; Over-all Charged Comman Seen in Africa Folkes

By ELMAN MORIN LONDON, Jan. 27-(AP)-The 1943 world strategy conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill at Casablanca has forestalled a new German peace offensive, observers said Wednesday, and informed quarters said the immediate result is likely to be the announcement of an over-all command

was reached at Casablanca on a

mering at the same targets.

of parliament expressed confi-

dence that developments of the

utmost importance soon would

Political observers said indica-

tions that Adolf Hitler would of-

fer a compromise peace as part

of his 1943 plans had been mul-

tiplying for a month. Unconfirmed

but persistent reports said his pro-

posals were to be made through

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Tojo Asserts

Japs Battle

For Security

By The Associated Press

diet Thursday that Japan is wag-

ing war "to enable all countries

each in its proper place and all

peoples to live their lives in peace

and security," and said that Jap-

an in pursuance of this ideal was

marching "to crush the United

States and Britain," the Japanese

The broadcast, recorded by the

wealth and strength to the world,"

in order "to destroy their sinister

ambitions to dominate the world."

this goal of "peace and security"

United States and Britain."

radio reported.

Premier Hideki Tojo told a re-

Russia and

even get started.

become evident.

French armies in Tunisia.

An unofficial American source reported that full agreement

Change Talked In Excise Tax

Corporation Levy Might Be Marked To Help Aged

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Amending the state corporation excise tax law so as to collect from public utilities, which now pay only property taxes, was discussed at great expense, to take ad- at Wednesday night's session of vantage of the more liberal pro- the daily hearings being conducted by the house taxation and revenue committee of the Oregon legislature with pro and con arguments rather evenly balanced. But in relation to Gov. Earl Snell's proposal that the proceeds of this extension be utilized to supplement old age assistance benefits, scant enthusiasm was evidenced when it developed that the additional revenue would not exceed \$500,000 at present and would amount to much less in normal

> Oddly enough, no one mentioned that this proposed "earmarking" couldn't be done legally without making a fundamental change in the excise tax law, one which many citizens would consider an extremely dangerous precedent: and that by one interpretation, it couldn't be done without amending the state constitution.

Sole spokesman for the utilities, Allan Smith, voiced no protest against such additional taxation but did make the point that the privately-owned utilities would advocate the inclusion on an equal basis of the PUD, REA and other publiclyowned utilities. He along with others made the point that the tax would really be paid by the ultimate consumer, and it was his contention that the patrons of privately - o w n e d utilities should not bear this burden

Of the excise tax in general, Tax Commissioner Earl Fisher (Turn to Page 2-D)

PORTLAND, Jan. 27 -(A)- The strike of AFL lumber and saw-Phipps took the floor to explain mill workers at the Evans Prothat he had represented the rail- ducts company plant in Lebanon road in minor matters in his home January 12 was called after the company laid off the night shift, ned and owed the railroad no testimony revealed here Wednes-

John B. McCourt, attorney, acted as referee for the west coast lumber commission at the hearing and will report to the commission. Union officials said 225 of the 700 mill workers were laid off. Company spokesmen contended insufficient logs were available for three shifts. Questions of senority also were involved.

Train Second Cook Confesses, Then **Denies Slaying**

The second cook of the Southern Pacific's West Coast limited commander to take charge of British forces driving from the was charged Wednesday with east and British, American and the slaying of the handsome young navy bride in lower 13.

An RAF commentator added that early announcement also was expected on plans to coordinate the effects of allied air forces in Libya, Malta and Tunisia, all of which are ham-While parts of the British press obviously had expected disclosure of more concrete results toward establishment of a united nations through Oregon and California. war council for all theatres and

Police Capt. Verne Rasmusa French unity, buoyant members sen said in Los Angeles after the charge was filed that Folkes confessed slashing the throat of blonde Mrs. Martha Virginia Brinson James as she lay in her berth in sleeper D while the train rolled through snow-mantled Linn county in the earlymorning darkness Saturday. Rasmussen said, however, that Folkes retracted his admission of killing the 21-year-old non-belligerent Spain and would daughter of a prominent Norcontain an offer to withdraw folk, Va., family.

taining territories occupied in Thus the Casablanca declaration that the united nations would be satisfied with nothing short

Germany, Italy and Japan was "That knife never will be viewed as having smashed this found." peace offensive before it could Weinrick commented, "He It was expected also that the

convened session of the Japanese

If the death weapon has been recovered, police have not disclosed that fact. Nor have they James was neither raped nor \$112, was found in her berth.

The investigation that followed Associated Press, said Tojo de- the discovery of her body, slumped clared Japan was in the midst of in the car aisle with blood spurta war of "unprecedented scale" ing from a cut that started behind against both the United States and her left ear and extended to the Britain, which he said "vaunt their front of her neck, followed the train as it thundered from Oregon into California.

The empire, he said, has had for 3000 years, and "it is also to Southern Pacific special agents. realize this great ideal that the nation with a hundred million united by Marine Pvt. Harold R. Wilpeople in humble obedience to the son, whose parents moved reimperial command is declaring cently from Windom, Minn., to Buckley, Wash. He told how he

said Japan "has completed the basis for certain victory." "Our position for both offense and defense has been "completed,"

By FRED HAMPSON ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 27-(AP)

The break in the fiction-like 'murder on the mainline" mysfiling by Linn County District Atfiling by Linn County District Attorney Harlow L. Weinrick of a
torney Harlow L. Weinrick of a Robert L. Folkes, 20-year-old negro, arrested in Los Angeles as the train ended its 1800-mile run

from western Europe while re-Until he could study the confession, Weinrick declined to re-Los Angeles police that he used "the head cook's boning knife." Asked what he did with bit Folkes was quoted as replying:

be surprised on that score." The murder charge was filed in justice court shortly after In Tunisia Weinrick said he expected a break would come only after the arrival of passengers from California for questioning. Weinrick said Folkes, held by Los Angeles police for return here, would be denied bail. Mrs. James, married only four months ago to Ensign Richard F James, also a member of a prominent Virginia family, was slain, officers said, by a sharp knifepossibly a pocket knife-wielded

by a right-handed attacker. announced determination of a motive for the crime. They had established however that Mrs. robbed. Her purse, containing

Oregon state police took charge immediately. They were aided by sheriff's officers, police of cities from Seattle to San Diego and Mrs. James' body was discovered

war and marching to crush the propped her head with a pillow, noted that she already was dead Reviewing the first year of war in greater East Asia, Premier Tojo and then fruitlessly pursued a heavy bombers of the Ninth US dark man clad in a brown pinstripped suit through the train. Other passengers related hearing a woman in darkened sleeper (Turn to page 9-C)



Allied Losses

Casualties Counted In Papua Campaign; Raids Widespread

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Thursday, Jan. 28 (A)-Gen. Douglas MacArthur-announced Thursday that allied casualties in the victorious Papuan land campaign in New Guinea including numerous cases from natural illness, were less than half the losses of the defeated Japansaid a Japanese Papuan army of 15,000 had been annihilated.

The general pointed out in his noon communique that "these figfor publication. He dis- ures reverse the usual results of closed, however, that Folkes told a ground offensive . . . when losses of the attacker usually are (Turn to Page 2-E)

Allies Retake win Vital Spots

LONDON, Jan. 27 -(P)- Amid gathering signs that a final offensive to drive the axis out of north Africa may be near the allied North African command disclosed Wednesday the recapture of several central Tunisian positions with which the enemy had sought to form a line to protect the flank of Marshal Rommel's retreat into Tunisia from Libya.

The British command in Cairo announced that contact had been made with Rommel's rearguards as early as Tuesday somewhere west of Zauia, which itself is 30 miles beyond fallen Tripoli - the first contact reported in three

In Tunisia, the allied communique announced that a number of positions in the Ousseltia valley and in the mountains to the east had been regained - by the attacks of American troops who went to the support of the French, it was disclosed authoritativelyand were being consolidated. An allied spokesman said

'Now we hold the Kairouian-Ousseltia pass."

Allied warplanes were handicapped by bad weather but successful attacks on German railway communications were reported from allied headquarters in north Africa, while from Cairo it air force had attacked Messina in Sicily, and that fighter aircraft had held Rommel's retreating columns under attack.

The Italian radio reported that Naples had been bombed over-

Storm Toll Reaches 11

Temperatures generally were in the Solomon islands, arrived in son (R-Calif), who opposed it, above freezing and highways were Washington Wednesday. all open again, the Portland The navy would not disclose weather bureau and the Oregon Vandegrift's location here, but it Portland transportation neared normal and schools were sched-

The latest fatality was that of

Ships with food and supplies have been arriving more frequently re-cently at often bombed Malta, but not without incident as pictured here. Nazi bombs explode harmlessly (left) near some of the ships in the convoy.—Associated Press Telemat.

Reds Capture 3350 From Trapped Army

By The Associated Press

LONDON, Jan. 27-Russian troops have captured 3350 more German survivors of the 220,000-man nazi army trapped at Stalingrad, leaving fewer than 8650 doomed troops on the Volga, while in the continuing offensive to the west another red army salient has been driven to a point 60 miles from Rostov, and 80 miles from Kursk, two big nazi bases, Moscow said Wednesday

8th Offense

Russian troops on the central

sector northwest of Voronezh be-

gan attacking German lines Tues-

day with "considerable forces,"

on a front extending virtually

broadcasts frequently have an-

nounced the red army's blows

ahead of Moscow announcements.

quoted by the Berlin radio as say-

ing that the southern Russian of-

fensive below Voronezh now had

"overlapped" the central front

northwest of that hinge city, and

drawn into the great battle of the

ploying considerable forces there,"

he said, "but it cannot yet be

stated whether this means a shift

in the center of gravity of their

offensive or whether the main

thrust of the enemy continues to

be aimed in the old direction, that

is, towards the Donets basin and

Group Okehs

ful fate in the senate.

Flynn Naming

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27-(AP)

endorsement of the former demo-

The test found 12 democrats and

Senator LaFollette (Pro-Wis) vot-

and three democrats against him.

Senators Glass (D-Va), who sup-

were absent and voted by proxy.

Talbot Bennett, former depu-

ty Marion county district at-

ond lieutenant in the United

States marine corps January 13, courthouse office-holders and

torney, was comm

ported the nomination, and John

cratic national chairman.

ing for Flynn, seven repul

Rostov."

"The Soviet Russians are em-

The German military commen-

night in a regular communique recorded here by the soviet radio **Berlin Avers**

monitor. Two thousand nazi troops ing one whole regiment," Stalingrad, and another 1350 also surrendered, the midnight bulletin said. This was near the central part of Stalingrad.

The other remaining enemy pocket north of Stalingrad was being annihilated, it added.

The Russians had announce Tuesday that only 12,000 trapped Germans remained to be exterminated after a general red army attack began January 10 when the remnants of the 22 nazi divisions the Associated Press. refused to surrender. Since then more than 40,000 have been killed and 31,350 captured.

Sweeping westward from recaptured Voronezh on the upper Don river the communique said the Russians had occupied Gorshechnoye, 80 miles east and slightly south of Kursk, big German base on the Moscow-Kharkov railway. The town is about 50 miles southwest of Voronezh.

As evidence of the continuing rout on the Voronezh front the communique said that 5000 axis troops, including a colonel, two majors and a captain, surrendered 'after a short battle" in the Varvorovka-Shelyakino sector which is 45 mileseast of soviet vanguards who already have taken Volokonovka on the Moscow Yelets-Kupyansk railway.

In another sector during the day 400 Germans were wiped out, the communique said.

Farther south the Russians also reported a successful smash west of Byelokurakina, which is only 50 miles from the important railway junction of Kupyansk, and 105 miles southwest of Kharkov. Three inhabited localities were taken, the communique said, one of them after an all-day fight in which the Germans unsuccessfully counterattacked with two battalions supported by tanks.

In the Caucasus the Russians ushing northwestward from Salsk on the Stalingrad-Tikhoretsk railway, captured Sredny-Yegorlyk and Ttaman, the latter 60 miles from Rostov which is connected by railway.

Solomons Battle Arrives in US

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 -(P) claimed 11 lives in Oregon in 10 night that Maj. Gen. Alexander days beat a hasty retreat Wed- A. Vandegrift, who commanded marine corps combat operations

Service Men was understood he would report canal operations which he had ed since the initial occupation of positions in August,

Yankees Batter Ports

Copenhagen Raided For First Time By Mosquitoes

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 28 (P)-A stepping-up alied aerial offensive against the Germans roared into its second day Thursday as RAF night bombers streaked into Germany after a momentous day which saw the first all-American blows at Germany proper and the first bombing of Copenhagen, Den-

Observers saw in the new blown

LONDON, Jan. 27.-(A)-The weight of bombs of all kinds dropped on Germany proper by the RAF now totals more than the luftwaffe has poured down on Britain, an RAF commentator said Wednesday.

the beginning of a campaign designed, one said, "to bust Germany wide open.

Swarms of Flying Fortress and Liberator bombers of the US army air forces figured in the daylight attacks on the naval base of Wilhelmshaven and nearby Em-

Just where the RAF night bombers struck in their followup attack was not immediately announced. The night before they had raided the German submarine base at Lorient, France, and

The targets of the afterno raid by fleet Mosquito bombers of the RAF were the shipyards in the Danish capital which are working for Germany, and this attack followed night raids by the bomber and coastal commands on the submarine pens at Lorient on the French coast and Bordeaux, farther to the

the Berlin radio said Wednesday night in a broadcast recorded by The Copenhagen raids were simed at submarine diesel engine works in the shipbuilding yard of If this report is true, the red Burmeinster and Wain at the army now has opened its eighth

Danish capital. major offensive against the axis The coordinated night and day raids, concentrating on U - boat ests and factories, were the first ightning blows of the war after the announcements that a 1943 pattern for world conflict had een fashioned at Casablanca by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

tator, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, was The bombing of Copenhagen Tuesday had been a matter of speculation in the house of commons only Tuesday when it was pointed out that U-boat diesel engines were made in the environs "thus the central sector has been of the Danish capital.

(The German radio said British combers made a "terror raid" on Copenhagen and caused "casualties among the civilian population." Anti-aircraft fire brought down one plane, it added.) Although Danish targets such

as Aarhus and Aalborg had been bombed previously, Copenhagen was spared up to Wednesday. The Mosquitoes, flying low and fast, bombed the Copenhagen naval installations and saw many bursts among the targets. One

A dispatch from Stockholm said the bombers hit two fac-tories in the southern part of Copenhagen, setting them afire. Four workers were killed and 15 hurt, it said, and added that all the crew were killed on the one bomber brought down.

mittee put a 13 to 10 stamp of approval Wednesday on President The Fortress and Liberator Roosevelt's nomination of Edward raids on Germany were on the J. Flynn to be minister to Ausgrand scale expected to become tralia, and sent it along to a doubtroutine practice.

The heavily armed four-engine Three democrats - Senators planes went on their mis George of Georgia, Van Nuys of without escort and found surpris-Indiana and Gillette of Iowa— ingly little opposition.

broke across party lines to op- Three of the big bombers failed

pose the 23-member committee's to return, US headquarters said were destroyed.

(Berlin claimed eight four-engined bombers were destroyed, and that defensive fire "frustrated a bombing attack on valuable objectives.")

Anti-aircraft fire was light and returning Yankee pilots declared "It was a picnic. We caught them

A sizable fleet of German ships barely was missed by the American raiders. The vessels were spotted entering Wilhelms-haven just after the bomber force wheeled away from un-loading their high explosives on the subwaying fitting arine fitting and har-

The full damage was obscured by a heavy cloud formation over

Fuel Shortages Surpass War By ISABEL CHILDS anticipate being able to fill all been able to "just keep up" with standing orders, since, a represen- fuel oil orders prior to the snow tative of the group declared, this had been unable to care for all is a convenient type of fuel for since then for three reasons. Num-

Definite fuel shortages in Salem the past week have topped any experienced during World war I, a veteran dealer in the capital city declared Wednesday, although he did not prophesy an unheated 1943-44 winter fc. residents of the

Most serious difficulty since the mowfall has been the provlem of delivery of fuels. Short of coal all winter, major fuel dealers wire out of that commodity Wednesday Smaller dealers declared they had, until the past week, been able to meet demands for coal but had not tried to "push" the business because of the long time required

In Salem there is: plenty. portation. Coal, none or very little now; scarce all winter.

tion again and there may be some Larger dealers declared they had

Cordwood, cut but not currently

army camp use. However, with ber one difficulty here, as with clearing weather, the briquet plant most fuel deliveries, was condiin Portland which supplies this tion of streets and driveways, area is expected to go into opera- which slowed trucking service considerably. Number two, they said, goes back to general transportation troubles over the nation. Third, they found householders particularly, ordering more heavily than before. Cordwood is available for pur-

chase but not for immediate deto impossible, wood dealers said. Merchants handling other types of fuel predicted still greater difly collapsed while working in figure types on his reach page 21 that Maj. Gen. Alexander of fuel predicted still greater difly collapsed while working in M. Patch of the army had assume the command of the US forces of

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 27-(P) WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 -(P)
The cold and snow forces that The navy reported Wednesday

State Motor association reported. uled to reopen Thursday. Many home owners complained of leak-ing roofs caused by melting snow

shutdown assured customers they would have ample stocks for Friday and Saturday business.

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