

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sengue

If any proof were needed that this is a dizzy age one could find it in statistics of "money in circulation." The figures are dry and meaningless, except when compared with those of other years.

You have heard tales from stores, particularly clothing and ladies' wear stores, where customers open their purses and pull out rolls of currency that would "choke an ox."

For our own 12th federal reserve district the increase in currency in circulation amounted to \$20 millions the first week in December.

Here are the figures for money in circulation for the country as a whole:

1930	\$ 4,522,000,000
1940	7,847,500,000
1942	14,650,000,000
1943	19,726,000,000

Why such expansion in currency? Higher payrolls is the principal cause. With millions more workers employed, and wages higher than ever before more billions in currency are required.

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### In Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) sought to break the senate deadlock on food subsidies today through a compromise bill which he said would eliminate government payments to roll back beef and butter prices and the present milk subsidy, but retain most other price controls.

The Taft amendment, proposing to slash federal subsidy outlays from their current \$1,000,000,000 a year level to \$600,000,000 in 1944, was offered formally in the senate after the banking committee put off until tomorrow a decisive vote on pending legislation to repeal the entire subsidy program.

Under the Taft plan the government would guarantee support prices to farmers on selected commodities to encourage production, and pay subsidies to processors and distributors where otherwise it would be necessary for them to raise retail prices. The guaranteed prices would be supported by direct government purchases where necessary.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) The bitter political dispute over the service vote bill flared in the senate again today, with a republican, Sen. Moore, inviting southern democrats to join the GOP in fighting a fourth term and Sen. Lucas, democrat, replying that the opposition is "afraid" of President Roosevelt as a candidate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) Two new approaches to the problem of aiding service men after the war were suggested in congress today, one providing for as much as \$1900 to a veteran wounded in combat.

The lawmakers now are considering a plan to provide musing-out pay ranging from \$200 to \$500, depending on length and kind of service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) The resignation of Dillon S. Myer as director of the war relocation authority and that the Tulelake segregation camp be placed under the supervision of the justice department was asked in a resolution passed by house members from California, Oregon and Washington, Representative Clair Engle (D-Calif.) said today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) The senate finance committee voted today to retain the present victory tax rather than adopt alternate plans advanced by the house and treasury department for integrating it with the regular individual income tax.

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**Weather**  
Wednesday maximum temperature 40, minimum 22. River -4 ft.  
Cloudy Thursday and Friday; occasional light rain west of Cascades Thursday; few snow flurries over Cascades; not much change in temperature.

# Yanks Launch Bombing Raids

## Arawe Ripped, Heaviest Raid

**356 Tons Drop In Greatest Single Mission**  
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Thursday, Dec. 16  
—(AP)—American heavy and medium bombers ripped Arawe, New Britain, Tuesday with the heaviest bomb load ever carried on a single mission by southwest Pacific air forces.

The bombers, supported by attack planes and numbering more than 100 in all, loosed 356 tons of explosives on the Japanese base which is about midway between Cape Gloucester at the western tip of the island and Gasmata on the south central coast, enemy supply center which was subjected to a 248-ton attack Sunday.

Not even the big enemy base at Rabaul, on the northeastern tip of the island, with its concentration of supplies, aircraft and shipping, ever had received so massive a weight of explosives in a single day. Rabaul had held the record for bomb punishment, with 350 tons dropped there last Oct. 12.

The planes lashed at Arawe throughout the day. General Douglas MacArthur's communique said, and with the bombs the Japanese were sprayed with more than 174,000 rounds of machine-gun ammunition.

There was no interception from enemy fighters, and but little ground fire. None of our planes was lost.

The assaults, almost continuous from 7:48 a. m. to 10:30 and then intermittent to 3 p. m., were centered on Amulut plantation on the mainland west of the village of Arawe and on a chain of small islands guarding the harbor.

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## Salem Yule Tree Lights Cancelled

Regretfully, in view of public appreciation of the practice, the special Christmas tree lighting committee of the Salem Cherrians has decided not to illuminate the tree on the courthouse grounds this year, Frank H. Chatas, King Bing-elect and chairman of the committee, announced Wednesday.

**Dr. John Kellogg Dies, Pneumonia**  
BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 15 (AP)—Funeral services for Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, 91-year-old surgeon, scientist, editor and philanthropist, will be held Saturday in the auditorium of the Battle Creek sanitarium which he developed.

## Carrier Gets Jap Plane



Bursting into flame (top), a Japanese torpedo plane, hit by anti-aircraft fire from a US carrier, dives seaward and explodes on the surface (bottom) in a violent shower of water and fire. It was one of the six enemy planes which attacked the carrier during the raid on the Marshall Islands. (AP wirephoto from USN.)

## Oregon Capitol Mourns For Attorney General

Flags at the Oregon capitol were at half mast Wednesday in honor of I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general of Oregon since 1920, who died Tuesday night, and the state board of control adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of his record of unswerving honesty and the unusual ability he displayed in handling the state's legal affairs.

Meanwhile funeral arrangements were being held in abeyance pending determination of the time when his daughter, Mrs. Edward R. Melton, may be able to arrive from Manhattan, Kas., it being recognized that wartime conditions might delay her arrival. The body is at the Clough-Barrick mortuary here.

The board of control resolution, signed by Gov. Earl Snell, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., and State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, I. H. Van Winkle, Attorney-General of the State of Oregon has crossed the divide into the great unknown, and Whereas Mr. Van Winkle was a member of a pioneer family of Oregon and has spent many years in the office of the Attorney-General, and for the past 23 three years has been Attorney-General of the state, whereas during his entire period of service he has shown unusual integrity and tireless activity for the welfare of the state

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Oregon State Board of Control wishes to express its sense of personal loss in the death of this loyal public servant.

He has left a record of unswerving honesty and has displayed unusual ability in handling the affairs of the state and his advice has been of incalculable value to the state departments and institutions.

RESOLVED THAT we express our heartfelt sympathy to members of his family in their bereavement and

RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the records of the Oregon State Board of Control and that a copy thereof be given to the press of the state.

ADOPTED this 15th day of December, 1943.

## Assessors Line Up Schedule

Meeting in annual session Wednesday in Salem, members of the Willamette Valley Association of County Assessors lined up their personal property assessment schedules.

## Russians Control Dnieper

**Kremenchug, Cherkasy Area Falls to Reds**  
LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 16 (AP)—The Russians have joined their Cherkasy and Kremenchug bridgeheads completing control of a 250-mile stretch of the west bank of the winding Dnieper river from Nikopol north to Cherkasy, Moscow announced today, while the Germans said two powerful Russian drives were underway to the north in White Russia—possibly the beginning of a winter offensive toward the Baltic sea.

The Russians also advanced to within easy artillery range of the railway hub of Smela in the middle Dnieper fighting, capturing the railway town of Byelozere, five miles northeast of Smela. New details of the violent battle 55 miles west of Kiev where the Germans were driving near the Terev river south of Malin indicated the Russians had won a defensive battle in the last 24 hours. Forty eight German tanks were wrecked, 97 trucks destroyed and several populated places re-captured by the Russians relying heavily upon concentrated pockets of artillery.

In one sector the Germans attacked several times with about 4000 men and over 100 tanks but were beaten back by guns which waited until they came within open sights. Soviet sirmen also played a major role in the battle, the Moscow bulletin said.

Southward, in the Kirovograd area where the Russians reported improved positions, 1400 Germans were killed and 46 tanks wrecked as a result of fierce engagements. The official announcement that the Kremenchug and Cherkasy bridgeheads had been linked when Russian forces in the two areas "joined hands," said a 65-mile stretch of the west bank thus "was completely cleared from the German fascist invader."

Actually, the Russians have now pushed the Germans back from a great portion of the stream's western bank. The Germans hold only stretches from the mouth of the river to Nikopol, from Cherkasy to south (Turn to Page 2—Story D)

## City Planners May Consider Sewage Plant

When city postwar planners get together tonight around the dinner table at the Golden Pheasant to trade ideas, one of the questions which may be put is that of completing financing of Salem's proposed sewage disposal plant.

Reconstruction of the system which now carries away the city's sewage, partially completed before the beginning of the war, must proceed. Actual construction of the plant and services of the contractor may soon be available, the council committee on sewerage learned at a meeting this week.

Now in war bonds, funds raised by a bond issue for the city's share of a matched-money program of construction for the disposal plant would not be sufficient without either the matching federal monies or some other supplementary financing. Possibility that the city may take advantage of the recently-legalized five-year sinking fund is foreseen and is likely to be mentioned at tonight's meeting.

The session brings to Salem city officials of Marion and Polk counties; Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of University of Oregon's (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

## Bill Drafted To Prohibit Advancements

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP) Sen. Wallgren (D-Wash.), member of the military affairs committee, disclosed tonight that he has drafted legislation to prohibit further promotions in permanent army rank of general officers.

Wallgren said that the legislation, which may be introduced tomorrow under the joint sponsorship also of Chairman Truman (D-Mo) of the senate war investigating committee and Sen. Kilgore (D-WVa.), would prevent additional nominations by the president to advance officers in rank.

"We don't know how large this army is going to be," Wallgren said. "I think it is about time for the military committee to call a halt to these promotions which have been coming along at an excessive rate for the last few months."

## 300 Fortresses Pour It On To Greek Cities

**Assault Opens 15th's Winter Offensive From Mediterranean**  
By Edward Kennedy  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 15—

(AP)—More than 300 Flying Fortresses, Liberators and escorting Lightnings of the powerful new American 15th strategic air force opened the winter bombing offensive from Mediterranean bases yesterday with smashing attacks on three big nazi military airdromes in the outskirts of Athens and the harbor of Piraeus, gateway to the Greek capital.

It was the greatest aerial blow yet struck at Hitler's Balkan holdings and marked fulfillment of last Sunday's promise by Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of US air forces, that "terrible blows" would be launched from this area at Germany and her satellites.

(Dispatches did not disclose whether the bombings in Tuesday's raid took off from their old North African bases or from fields newly prepared for them in southern Italy.)

Returning fliers said heavy damage was inflicted on Kalamaki, Tatoi and Elevisis air fields and on merchant shipping in Piraeus harbor. All four targets are within 10 miles of Athens and within the vital area from which the Germans must support their tenacious grip on the Aegean islands.

The big bombers directed their heaviest smash at Kalamaki air field where they destroyed hangars, wiped out an anti-aircraft battery and pitted the runways. Other formations hit the other two air fields and Piraeus harbor in what Col. K. K. Compton of St. Joseph, Mo., called "a perfectly coordinated blitz."

He led a force of Liberators on the 200th mission flown by the group he commands. Compton also led the famous raid on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania last August.

About 35 German fighters zoomed up to challenge the raiders and 12 were destroyed by bomber gunners and the Lightnings. One Fortress was lost on the mission. Several Yugoslav pilots were among the Lightning escort, but they failed to get into a fight.

Elevisis, Kalamaki and Tatoi fields have been the Nazis' principal mainland air bases in the Aegean area, while Piraeus has been their chief port for supplying the islands by sea. The several hundred islands in the Aegean, with innumerable bays and landing fields, constitute the Germans' principal barrier to any offensive the allies might open from the middle east into the Balkans.

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## Alumina Plant To Use Oil, Fuel

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15 (AP) Plans for the northwest alumina pilot plant at Salem call for oil as fuel, Earl K. Nixon said tonight, describing reports that Washington coal would be used as "wishful thinking."

The director of Oregon department of geology and mineral industries said the war production board (WPB) has approved the use of oil and a changeover to coal would mean an additional \$400,000 equipment cost.

J. T. Graham announcer earlier that the Columbia Metals corporation plant would use coal from the Toledo, Wash., area. It would be mined from one of the largest "strip mines in the west," seven miles southeast of Toledo, Graham said.

Nixon said if coal should be used it would be more logical to get it from the Coos Bay area of Oregon. Coos Zay coal averages from 9000 to 10,000 British thermal units a pound compared to 6200 for the Washington coal, he said.

Dallas Lumberman Heads Association  
CHICAGO, Dec. 15 (AP)—George Gerlinger of Portland, Ore., today was elected president of the National Lumber Manufacturers association.

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