If any proof were needed that this is a dizzy age one could find ft in statistics of "money in cir-

culation." The figures are dry and meaningless, except when compared with those of other years. There has been a phenomenal expansion in the circulating medium, reflecting not only war-time prosperity, but the habit of the people to carry their wealth in

You have heard tales from stores, particularly clothing and ladies' wear stores, where custom-

the smaller Does and Roes, the

figures of money in circulation keep climbing, almost to astro-

For our own 12th federal re-

serve district the increase in currency in circulation amounted to

\$20 millions the first week in De-

sember. The cumulative increase

... \$ 4,522,000,000

... 19,726,000,000

14,650,000,000

higher than ever before more

Many of the workers are new to

carry the currency or stow it

(Continued on Editorial page)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP)

Under the Taft plan the govern-

prices to farmers on selected com-

modities to encourage production,

to raise retail prices. The guar-

onteed prices would be supported

by direct government purchases

the service vote bill flared in the

publican, Sen. Moore, inviting

senate again today, with t re-

where necessary.

kind of service.

Engle (D-Calif.) said today.

integrating it with the regular in-

SHOPPING

DAYS LEFT.

dividual income tax.

away in-caches around home.

7,847,500,000

nomical heights.

the increase.

The Oregon Statesman

22. River -.4 ft. snow flurries over Cascades; not much change in

Yanks Launch Bombing Raids

Arawe Ripped, ers open their purses and pull out Heaviest Raid rolls of currency that would "choke an ox." Because both John and Mary Doe are doing this, and

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356 Tons Drop In Greatest Single Mission

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC for the year to date is \$700 millions. In 1942 it was \$560 mil-ALLIED HEADQUARlions and in 1941 \$192 millions, TERS, Thursday, Dec. 16 Peace which shows the acceleration of Here are the figures for money and medium bombers ripin circulation for the country as ped Arawe, New Britain. Tuesday with the heaviest bomb load ever carried on Why such expansion in currena single mission by southey? Higher payrolls is the prinwest Pacific air forces. cipal cause. With millions more workers employed, and wages

The bombers, supportbillions in currency are required. ed by attack planes and numbering more than 100 in all, buying any. money, have no bank accounts, loosed 356 tons of explosives on cash their pay-checks on receipt, the Japanese barge base which is the island and Gasmata on the south central coast, enemy supply center which was subjected to a In Congress 248-ton attack Sunday.

Not even the big enemy base at Rabaul, on the northeastern tip of the island with its concentra-Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) sought to tion of supplies, aircraft and break the senate deadlock on food shipping, ever had received so subsidies today through a commassive a weight of explosives in promise bill which he said would a single day. Rabaul had held the eliminate government payments to record for bomb punishment, with roll back beef and butter prices 350 tons dropped there last Oct. and the present milk subsidy, but 12.

retain most other price controls. The planes lashed at Arawe The Taft amendment, proposing throughout the day, General to slash federal subsidy outlays Douglas MacArthur's communique from their current \$1,000,000,000 said, and with the bombs the Japa year level to \$600,000,000 in anese were sprayed with more 1944, was offered formally in the than 174,000 rounds of machinesenate after the banking comgun ammunition.

mittee put off until tomorrow a There was no interception from decisive vote on pending legislaenemy fighters, and but little tion to repeal the entire subsidy ground fire. None of our planes

The assaults, almost continuous ment would guarantee support from 7:48 a. m. to 10:30 and then intermittent to 3 p. m., were centered on Amulut plantation on and pay subsidies to processors the mainland west of the village and distributors where otherwise of Arawe and on a chain of small it would be necessary for them islands guarding the harbor.

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Salem Yule WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(A*) Tree Lights

southern democrats to join the GOP in fighting a fourth term appreciation of the practice, the ples. and Sen. Lucas, democrat, replyspecial Christmas tree lighting ing that the opposition is "afraid" committee of the Salem Cherrians of President Roosevelt as a canhas decided not to illuminate the tree on the courthouse grounds WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) this year, Frank H. Chatas, King Bing-elect and chairman of the Two new approaches to the prob-

lem of aiding service men after the war were suggested in conregard the appeal of the governgress today, one providing for as ment to conserve electricity," much as \$1900 to a veteran woun- Chatas explained. The war production board has issued an ap-The lawmakers now are conpeal for voluntary conservation of sidering a plan to provide musthe use of electrical energy tering-out pay ranging from \$200 throughout the nation by various to \$500, depending on length and means, one specifically mentioned being elimination of exterior dec-

orative and ornamental lighting.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) King Bing Orval Lama, confer-The resignation of Dillon S. Myer ring with W. M. Hamilton, divias director of the war relocation sion manager of the Portland Genauthority and that the Tulelake eral Electric company, was advissegregation camp be placed uned of this request. It was pointed der the supervision of the justice out that while no electric power department was asked in a reso- shortage exists here, the appeal lution passed by house members naturally had to be nationwide, from California, Oregon and and that conservation of electrical Washington, Representative Clair fixtures and wire is an objective actually involved in the decision here. At the recent Cherrian meet-WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP)ing the WPB order forbidding The senate finance committee electric utilities to make electrical voted today to retain the present connections for such purposes was victory tax rather than adopt alread. The matter was reffer back ternate plans advanced by the to the committee, which announchouse and treasury department for ed its decision Wednesday.

Dr. John Kellogg Dies, Pneumonia

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 15-(/P)-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 de-

Dr. Kellogg die Tuesday night of pneumonia. He had been deeply involved in research on high blood pressure for several weeks,

Balkans Hinting

Allies Demand Unconditional Surrender

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) Balkan peace feelers are a dime a dozen and the allies aren't

When Bulgaria, Hungary and about midway between Cape Rumania want to get out of the Gloucester at the western tip of war badly enough, they will have to come forward with a different kind of article, labeled "unconditional surrender."

Those are the main facts as of now, in the complicated set of military and diplomatic factors known as the Balkans situation. They reflect what must be regarded as the central truth of this sit-

Bombed by allied planes and bombarded by propaganda, shaken by threat of political upthat German is doomed, Hitler's Balkan satellites desperately want peace - but not desperately enough to take the only avenue the allies have opened to them, full surrender,

the peace-feeler campaign in state's legal affairs. which the Bulgarians have been especially enthusiastic participants. were being held in abeyance pend-They have sown Ankara, the caping determination of the time when his daughter, Mrs. Edward May Consider hopes and wishful thoughts under R. Melton may be able to arrive istice short of abject defeat.

cial nor semi- official status. They tuary here. are strewn about by business men, diplomats on the loose or others with no authority to commit their governments. Such persons sometimes speak only for themselves, sometimes with secret official sanction, they usually work through neutral officials or business men in the hope of having their ideas conveyed indirectly to Regretfully, in view of public the proper governments and peo-

> Thus the satellite governments (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

committee, announced Wednesday. "The Cherrians could not dis-

When Philip Steinbock constructed a high board fence around his "scrap metal depot" on Water street he did not violate the city building code, a jury of business men in municipal court declared after less than five minutes' retirement at the close of the trial Wednesday afternoon.

Presented from both equitable and legal standpoints to the jury yesterday, the case cannot be appealed, Municipal Judge Alfred Mundt explained at the trial's conclusion. The city cannot appeal such a case, he said, and the plaintiff in the action was the city building inspector.

Jurors were Fred Anunsen Charles L. Newman, Fred B. Keeler, Edward J. Burnside, William A. Cladek and David L.

Gwibits Fritter Freedom--

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(P) Rep. Mundt (R-SD) said in the house today that prominent among the forces "frittering away freedom in this country' is the "all-American gwibit." He defined "gwibit" as the guild of Washington incompe-

tent bureaucratic idea throat-"Hand an idea to a gwibi and you'd think he had picked up a time-bomb," the congress-man said. "First he soaks it thoroughly for 48 hours to be

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 wirephote from USN.)

Oregon Capitol Mourns For Attorney General

Flags at the Oregon capitol were at half mast Wednesday in tacked several times with about Algiers, Dec. 15.-(AP)-Indian and in 10 miles of Athens and within 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 unswerv-

ing honesty and the unusual abili-Out of this predicament springs ty he displayed in handling the

Meanwhile funeral arrangements City Planners the impression that they might be able somehow to harvest an arm-recognized that wartime conditions might delay her arrival. The These feelers have neither offi- body is at the Clough-Barrick mor

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

WHEREAS, I. H. Van Winkle, Attorney-General of the State of Whereas Mr. Van Winkle was a Oregon and has spent many years in the office of the Attorney-Genyears 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

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 ser-

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 insti-

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 To Prohibit 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 Deember, 1943.

Assessors Line Up Schedule

Meeting in annual session Wednesday in Salem, members of the tion, which may be introduced to-

Clackamas; Guy W. Spicer, Clat- the military committee to call a sop; Fred Watkins, Columbia; W. halt to these promotions which Buy Christmas Seals | working even at his advanced age | sure it has stopped ticking. Then | C. Templeton, Linn; R. "Tad" | have been coming along at an ex- | To Big." He composed the muster | Shelton, Marion and C. T. Stew- | cessive rate for the last few | sic for "Early to Bed," a current on, Eugene, one-time president of art, Tillamook. | Broadway success.

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 Oregon has crossed the divide sewage, partially completed beinto the great unknown, and fore the beginning of the war, must proceed. Actual construction member of a pioneer family of of the plant and services of the contractor may soon be available, the council committee on sewereral, and for the past 23 three age learned at a meeting this

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 and is likely to be mentioned at the deal. 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 Advancements

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) Sen. Wallgren (D-Wash), member of the military affairs com- Fats Waller's mittee, disclosed tonight that he has drafted legislation to prohibit further promotions in permanent army rank of general officers. Wallgren said that the legisla-

Willamette Valley Association of morrow under the joint sponsor-County Assessors lined up their ship also of Chairman Truman (Dpersonal property assessment mo) of the senate war investigating committee and Sen. Kilgore President of the organization is (D-WVa), would prevent addi-W. L. Osborn of Yambill county, tional nominations by the presiwhile J. E. Carpenter of Wash- dent to advance officers in rank. ington county is secretary. Oth- "We don't know how large this er members attending were E. E. army is going to be," Wallgren Larkin, Benton: Rufus E. Wood, said. "I think it is about time for

Russians Control Dnieper

Kremenchug, **Cherkasy Area** Falls to Reds

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 16 (P)-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.

waited until they came within army have carved out a firm five- nacious grip on the Aegean islands. the Moscow bulletin said.

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)

2nd Warrant

Warrants in the aggregate amount of \$3,225,000 covering the Oregon liquor control commission's share in the purchase price approved Wednesday by State \$400,000 equipment cost. Treasurer Leslie M. Scott. The funds however are to be held in that the Columbia Metals corporaescrow in Kansas City, Mo., pend- tion plant would use coal from five-year sinking fund is foreseen ing completion of legal phases of the Toledo, Wash., area. It would The warrants, drawn by Secre- gest "strip mines in the west,"

tary of State Robert S. Farrell, seven miles southeast of Toledo, jr., call for payment of \$1,400,000 to stockholders of the Shawhan Distillery company and \$1,825,000 to owners of the Waterfill-Frazier company. The Washington liquor Oregon. Coos Zay coal averages control commission is paying an equal amount and the two states will share equally in the whiskey 6200 for the Washington coal, he owned by the two distilleries, each getting approximately 31,000 barrels. Other physical assets of the distilleries are to be sold to Henry E. Collin of Toledo, O., and Heads Association the corporations dissolved.

Fingers Stilled

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 15-(A) Fats Waller, jovial composer and band leader who began playing s church organ before he was 10 years old, died today, ending a 25-year professional career. The 39-year-old negro musi-

cian died in his berth aboard a train in Union station. Deputy Coroner Edward Robinson said preliminary examination indicated death resulted from a

Among Waller's hits are association since 1937. "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "Feets | The other Oregonian to hold the

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

By WES GALLAGHER

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Alumina Plant

To Use Oil, Fuel

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15-(AP)

Plans for the northwest alumina

J. T. Graham announcer earlier

be mined from one of the lar-

Nixon said if coal should be

used it would be more logical to

get it from the Coos Bay area of

from 9000 to 10,000 British ther-

malunits a pound compared to

Dallas Lumberman

CHICAGO, Dec. 15-(AP)-George

Gerlinger of Portland, Ore., today

was elected president of the Na-

tional Lumber Manufacturers as-

Others elected included A. J.

Voye, Klamath Falls, Ore.; and

O. H. Miller, Portland, Ore., vice

presidents. Wilson Compton is sec-

retary-manager of the organiza-

Gerlinger, second Oregonian to

be elected president of the NLMA.

is president of the Willamette Val-

ley Lumber company at Dallas

and has served on the state board

of forestry for a quarter of a cen-

tury. He has been a vice-president

of the West Coast Lumbermen's

from Texas."

ful thinking."

Graham said.

ofrom this area at Germany and her satellites. Montgomery (Dispatches did not disclose whether the bombings in Tuesday's raid took off from their old Men Carve Hold North African bases or from fields newly prepared for them in southern Italy.) At Moro River

Returning fliers said heavy damage was inflicted on Kalamaki, Tatoi and Elevsis air fields and on merchant shipping in Piracus 4000 men and over 100 tanks but Canadian troops of Gen. Sir Ber- the vital area from which the were thaten back by guns which nard L. Montgomery's Eighth Germans must support their te-

open sights. Soviet airmen also mile-wide bridgehead north of The big bombers directed their played a major role in the battle, the Moro river on the Italian Ad- heaviest smash at Kalamaki air riatic coast, it was announced to- field where they destroyed han-Southward, in the Kirovograd day, while the Fifth army front, gars, wiped out an anti-aircraft area where the Russians reported relatively quiet militarily, was battery and pitted the runways, improved positions, 1400 Germans marked by complaints by nazi Other formations hit the other were killed and 46 tanks wrecked prisoners that they were forced two air fields and Piracus harbor to fight against "Tough wild men in what Col. K. K. Compton of St. Joseph, Mo., called "a per-Veteran Indian troops, fighting fectly coordinated blitz." He led forward a few miles inland from a force of Liberators on the 200th the Adriatic, captured the village mission flown by the group he of Caldari, six miles from Ortona, commands. Compton also led the against fierce German resistance famous raid on the Ploesti oil

and seized 200 prisoners. This 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.

Elevsis, Kalamaki and Tatol pilot plant at Salem call for oil fields have been the hazis' prinas fuel, Earl K. Nixon said tonight, cipal mainland air bases in the describing reports that Washing- Aegean area, while Piraeus has ton coal would be used as "wish- been their chief port for supplying the islands by sea. The sev-The director of Oregon depart- eral hundred islands in the Aement of geology and mineral in- gean, with innumerable bays and dustries said the war production landing fields, constitute the Gerboard (WPB) has approved the mans' principal barrier to any ofuse of oil and a changeover to fensive the allies might open from of two Kentucky distilleries were coal would mean an additional the middle east into the Balkans,

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