The wheel seems to have turned full circle, for now I note that Sec. Ickes, speaking for the government, is endeavoring to arrange for government financing of an oil pipeline from Bahrein island in the Persian gulf across Saudi Arabia to points on the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, where refineries would be located. It was proposed that the government itself acquire a stake in the oil fields of Saudi Arabia, but that was given up when the possible conflicts of sovreignty were pointed out. Ickes, however, wants to spent \$130 millions of government money to build this pipeline for use by American oil companies which have concessions in the middle east: Standard of California, The Texas company and Gulf Oil company. The companies would pay for the line over a period of 25 years.

A few days ago the Truman committee investigating the question of oil supplies for this country, recommended appropriations for initiating refining of oil from domestic shales and coal, and also pointed toward foreign sources. It endorsed the initiative of American companies in obtaining conces- (Continued on editorial

Solons Attack **Baruch Plan** Centralization

By JACK BELL WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 -(AP) The Baruch plan for postwar reconversion of industry and manpower to civilian pursuits was challenged in congress today on the grounds that it would deliver the future economic destiny of the nation into the hands of the exe-

Chairman George (D-Ga) of the senate postwar planning committee led the attack with an assertion that the proposals submitted by Bernard M. Baruch, 73-yearol financier and presidential adviser, posed a basic issue whether congress or the executive should lay down the general policies for

the change over.
Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich), member, backed up this viewpoint with the declaration that the committee is not willing to leave such decisions to "executive lieutenants" but will insist on the establishment of an over-all authority accountable to congress for its

"The senate postwar committee (Turn to Page 2-Story D)

Bedaux Takes Own Life

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 19 -(AP)-Charles E. Bedaux, French-bern international figure and an intimate of the Duke of Windsor, took his own life here, an official announcement said today, while facing an accusation of trea-

Immigration Agent John E. Burling said the 58-year-old engineer and industrialist swallowed an ovballot could be used there and city erdose of carefully - hoarded fathers two weeks ago by resolusleeping tablets Monday night at tion asked for a rearrangement. a detention home where he had been held incommunicado since the court, because it acted as di-rected by law in establishing the he was brought from north Africa to Miami December 23, 1943, new precinct, could not now reaboard an army plane. He was found in a come by an

attorney Tuesday and never regained consciousness before he died at 9:15 p. m. yesterday in a hospital. Burling would not reveal the text of a suicide note Bedaux

left to his secretary.

Bedaux downed the tablets of few hours after he was informed that a board of special inquiry of the immigration and naturaliza-tion service had ruled that he was a citizen of the United States and could be admitted to this country

"Bedaux further was informed at the time, however," Burling re-ported, "that a grand jury would be convened to inquire into his relations with high officials of the German government and of the Vichy French government, and that the grand jury would con-sider whether he should be indicted for treason and for comating with the enemy."

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-THIRD YEAR 20 PAGES

US Marines

Take Engebi

can marines captured Engebi island v

also fallen to the Americans.

Allied Ships

Shell Rabaul,

Kavieng Base

Shore Batteries

Silenced; Large

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS

IC, Sunday, Feb. 20-(AP)- For

the first time in the war, allied

warships shelled the big fort-

ress of Rabaul and the enemy

Shore batteries were silenced

son harbor at Rabaul, one of the charged ashore.

and large fires started at Simp-

most commodious naval bases in

The shelling was done by de-

The destroyers were undam-

At Kavieng, 160 miles to Ra-

baul's northwest on New Ireland,

the bombarding warships ex-

ploded a tanker, damaged a doz-

en small vessels, silenced coastal

batteries and departed undam-

been struck by air repeatedly but

never before had warships dared

venture into their sectors.

Council May

Realignment

Both Rabaul and Kavieng have

Air attacks in the Rabaul area

(Turn to Page 2-Story B)

Consider Ward

A realignment of city wards in

the east end of Salem may be one

of the principal items of business

when the city council meets Mon-

day night, it became apparent

Saturday after Attorney General

George Neuner had advised Dis-

trict Attorney Miller B. Hayden

that there is no provision of law

in Oregon requiring county courts

to take into consideration ward

lines when establishing and

within an incorporated city.

bounding an election precinct

When the county court recently

created a new precinct, cutting

into two already-established vot-

ing units which had exceeded the

legal maximum of 500 registered

new precinct straddled ward lines.

Because of this no common city

Neuner's opinion indicates that

thority to establish election pre-

cincts in incorporated cities and

towns, Neuner said, is that no pre-

cinct shall include territory both

inside and outside the corporate

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 20 (P)-Britain's bombers returned to Germany last night for the first large scale attack since the night of February 15 when Ber-lin was hit, the air ministry

scind its action.

Bulletin

aged in their bold move against

the New Britain stronghold.

the Pacific.

stroyers Friday.

Other Islands in North

Fall to American Forces

By William Hipple

Elugelab and Bogallua to the

the atoll are proceeding on sched-

ule, Adm. Nimitz said. His an-

nouncement did not indicate how

much resistance the Japanese of-

fered the American invader at

Engebi with its 5000-foot air strip.

The capture of Engebi puts our

forces 750 statute miles west of

the Japanese' great fortress of

Truk which was attacked by a

great force of American carrier-

which has not been disclosed be-

cause radio silence must be ob-

There was no indication of the

size of the Japanese garrison de-

fending Engebi and the surround-

ing islands, in the westernmost

Marshalls, but it is probable pre-

plane bombing and strafing killed

many of the defenders and knock-

ed out many defense positions be-

fore the 22nd marine regiment

For the first time Truk is within range of American land-

based planes. Ponape, 425 miles southwest of Engebi, is within

easy range even of medium Mitchells and their 75mm can-

Seabees probably followed the

assault troops ashore and began

mmediate rehabilitation of the

battered Engebi field after its

A triangular shaped island, En-

gebi is approximately one mile

long on each of its three sides. The

February 14 and 18.

Simovic Backs

Tito Partisans

LONDON, Feb. 19-(A)- Gen.

Peter's government in the Yugo-

minister of war in King Peter's government, of attacking his

Commissioned

of the Oregon Fairview home, was commissioned a lieutenant com-mander in the US navy Saturday and ordered to report March 13 in Washington, DC.

Dr. Miller

on other portions of

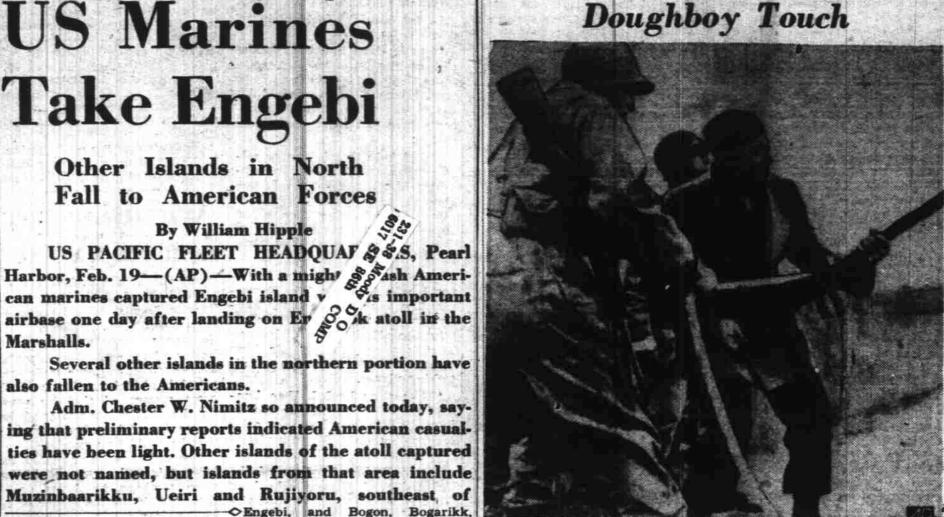
Assaults

Fires Burn in Harbor based planes and the result of

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIF- served by ships of the attacking

base of Kavieng, headquarters liminary ship bombardment and

Oregon, Sunday Morning. February 20, 1944



While inspecting an infantry unit in England, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, demonstrates his "doughboy touch" by firing a Browning light machine gun off its mount and from the hip. (AP Wirephote from signal corps radiophote)

Candidate Search on For Sheriff, Mayor

Employes used to be envious of political big shots who could strut around importantly even though they "never had to meet a payroll." That was when payrolls were hard to meet. But nowadays when meeting payrolls is no worry at all, employers and political leaders are in the same boat; their worry is to find someone to put on the payroll.

Hereabouts the quest for candidates to run for public offices whose occupants are unsuitable to >-

publishable result but things are beginning to jell in some instances. For example, that matter of a republican candidate for Marion Sink 32 More county sheriff. Certain people have been waiting to learn whether years ago, would be a candidate again. Certain other people have

been urging Steiwer to run. He will not. That leaves the first-mentioned 'certain people" out on the end of the springboard, and at this noment they hesitate but probably will dive in. Speaking of persons urged to run, but who won't, it is an open secret that Bert Smith, long-time deputy in

5000-foot runway is located on the northwest shore and bears east the sheriff's office, is one of these. In Salem another quest is un-As a prelude to the major atder way and since the job intack on Truk and the invasion of volved is part-time and unsalaried, the Eniwetok atoll, army and navy t shouldn't be so difficult- and planes and warships joined in neuyet the quest was unsuccessful up tralizing attacks on Ponake and to Saturday. Certain people who Kusaie, both important Nipponese think law enforcement in Salem bases in the Carolines and other shouldn't be so strict have been bases in the Marshalls between seeking a candidate for mayor to oppose the incumbent, I. M.

Doughton. Manpower difficulties even ex-tend to the matter of campaign nanagers, and in that connection it may be reported that whereas Wayne L. Morse got off to a slow start as a candidate for the republican pomination for United States senator, it's logical to as-Peter's government in the Yugo- sume he has now caught up with that would mean that each of the slav revolt against the axis and incumbent Rufus Holman. For, 13 merchantmen destroyed averalignment with the allies, came out of retirement tonight to urge support for Marshal Josip Broz ation was pretty well set, reports in keeping men and supplies mov-(Tito) and declare that allied help here the last few days indicate it ing to garrisons on islands would come to the Balkans this isn't so. E. A. Miller of Salem who

Allied Subs Karl Steiwer, who gave Sheriff A. C. Burk a run for his money four Enemy Vessels WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 -(P)

deep in Japanese waters to the Atlantic, Mediterranean and the southeast Asia area, have sunk 32 enemy vessels, probably six more, and damaged eight others. Thirteen of the vessels were Japanese merchantmen, which were sent to the bottom by two American submarines. For the first time, in announcing the sinkings today, the navy disclosed the

deep in Japanese empire waters.' This seemed to indicate strongly that the strength and ability of the submarine fleet has grown to such an extent that the Japanese have full knowledge it is operating regularly along the shores of Japan itself, penetrating mine fields and evading anti-sub-

patrols of the two submersibles-

narine patrols on the surface. The new bag apparently included some large ships of the badly curtailed Japanese merchant fleet for the sub skippers reported ton-nage sunk totalled 68,500 tons. That would mean that each of the

is taking a friendly interest in . The extent to which those mer-Holman's candidacy, was reported chart craft have been battered by

ing as a soldier and not as a politician, Gen. Simovic asserted that "To work against the national liberation movement is to work against our allies and give assistance to the enemy." Tito, leader of the national army of liberation, has accused the man to serve as the senator's campaign of 1844 Japanese ships of all types that have been reported sunk, proceeding the enemy." Cronin Tells Newsmen Jap forces of Gen. Draja Mihailovic, Police Should Be Executed

ber of the Japanese military police captured, Raymond P. Cronin, former chief of the Associated Press bureau in Manila, asserted tonight.

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ler has served the state as physician for Hillcrest girls' school. ians and soldiers as the war gets

PORTLAND, Feb. 19-(A)-When are made up from letters written the Yanks land in Japan firing home and broadcast by an Ameriquads should execute every mem- can traitor and an English-speak

lishers of the state that "we are now pecking away at islands and atolls, but don't you ever over-look the fact that we are only

The Japanese have three fleets, Cronin said — the home fleet, the mandated islands fleet and the China sea fleet — in addition to a not-yet used sub-marine fleet generally ranked as the greatest in the world. He warned that failure to defeat

Allies Litter Beachhead With Slaughtered Nazis After 4-Day Onslaught

Reds Knock Out 73,200 Nazis In Korsun Trap

Immense Armory Of Tanks, Trucks, **Guns Are Captured**

By TOM YARBROUGH LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 20 (AP)- The Russians announced last night that they had not only killed or captured 73,200 Germans in the 14-day battle of the Korsun trap but had seized an immense armory of nazi equipment, including 10,-000 trucks, 618 guns and 116 tanks. The nazi eighth army commander's body also was declared found among the dead.

The announcement said that 10,000 more Germans had been counted since figures on German losses in the great Dnieper bend debacle first had been made public last Thursday. Among these were 3000 dead, making a total of 55,000 slain, and 7200 additional prisoners for a total of 18,200 cap-

The announcement was made in statement broadcast by Mos-

Leningrad-Pskov railway, was taken after a tense fight which prise raids behind enemy strongpoints and suddenly flanking positions the Germans had counted

To the east the Russian forces (Turn to Page 2-Story E)

Labor Charges general areas covered by the war Cost of Living Facts Distorted Seven German planes were shot down by British fighters and two

By JOSEPH A. LOFTUS WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 -(P) British Win cost-of-living committee contend-ed today that the bureau of labor Suvorev tetistics index "distorts the basic facts" of wartime living costs even as the White House ansan committee of experts.

Acting as a minority group

White House the report they made public January 25 contending living costs have risen at least 43.5 per cent since January, 1941, comshown by the BLS index.

Press Secretary Stephen Early told reporters at the White House that the president had received the labor members' report and letter but since it was what he called an "ex parte" report solely from the labor members the chief executive "doesn't feel he can pass judgment on the problem" until the full committee has reported. (Turn to Page 2—Story F)

Fire Sweeps **Astor Grill**

MONTREAL, Sunday, Feb. (P)— A fire swept through the Astor grill in the heart of Montreal's theatre district last night, but police said early today that it was under control after a three-

Fifth Army Troops Fall Back But Prevent Break-through; Face Four Infantry Divisions

Weather

By Richard G. Massock ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, Feb. 19-(AP)-American and British troops have carpeted the ground before their Anzio beachhead line with German dead and in four days have wiped out as many as half of some nazi units in one of the greatest and most crucial battles of the war, front dispatches reaching here disclosed tonight.

Meeting the German attempt to push them back into the sea with a hurricane of steel, fifth army troops fell back in one sector but kept their lines intact and prevented a break-through. The allied soldiers were

Against them the Germans have thrown at least four divisions of infantry and armor in this battle on the beachhead front south of Allied airmen in a day of intense activity over the beachhead

today shot down at least 15 nazi planes and probably destroyed five others of the more than 100 enemy aircraft which attacked the British and American ground The grim determination of the

British and American infantrymen at the beachhead was praised said tonight on return from Italy by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark today that while Germans were using who said that these soldiers had the Abbey De Monte Cassino as risen to new heights of courage an observation post he saw as and skill in the bitter struggle.

another visit to his advanced cause the Germans could see every headquarters at the beachhead, 130 more communities were cap-tured in the three-way drive on Pskov, gateway to the Baltic merically superior forces. He had

assaults could be expected. Gen. cost the Germans hundreds of Clark said that the enemy was dead, the late bulletin said. Ski finding it increasingly difficult to troops were active, making sur- pick sot spots in the perimeter of In the day's air battles over

the beachhead American medium said "Our men had a hell-o bombers shot down eight out of time kow-towing to politics." 20 German planes that tried to intercept their bombing of nazi supply dumps around Carroceto. Returning pilots said that five more German planes were so badly damaged that they probably crashed. The bombers blew up a by American fighter bombers.

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 20-(A) even as the White House and The Moscow radio announced to-nounced that the 40-year-old index day that Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, one-time candidate for governor; Adm. Sir John C. "Jack" Tovey, Robert O. Welch, Portland, and Gen. Sir Harold Alexander and George M. Roberts, Medford, have Air Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, the presidential committee, George all of whom are Britons, had been Meany of the AFL and R. J. awarded Russia's high military award—the order of Suvorov first

> here by the Soviet monitor. An identical award had made by the Russians to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied commander in chief. Russian dec-50 other American army, navy and merchant marine officers and Food Poisoning

Gen. Alexander is the allied ommander in Italy and Air Marshal Harris is chief of the British bomber command. Adm. Fraser commands the British home fleet, and Adm. Tovey is admiral of the fleet and former home fleet com-

Salem Hospitals Understaffed

early hours of this morning would have found hospitals in Salem un-able to provide their usual emerhour fight and that there had been no loss of life.

Injuries were limited to one person slightly burned as patrons of the night club filed out. The one hospital lack of help was giv-Victory theatre in the same build-ing also was emptied. The theatre and a store also were damaged where. At the other, every bed to some extent.

Lt. (jg) Clifford Spaulding of Newberg reported having seen where. At the other, every bed was filled by 11 p.m. and the as he participated in an air raid In the February 15 attack on Berlin, some 1000 be m bers dropped 2,800 tens of bombs in history's greatest raid on a single target.

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fighting doggedly to wear out the Germans.

Cassino Abbey **Used by Huns** For Observing

Gervasi, Mediterranean corremade this statement after out and only 24 come back "be

praise also for the Fifth army tankmen and the allied naval forces engaged in the battle.

Warning that further German can's request to respect Vatican pletely fortify it."

tear in the front of his jacket was caused by a piece of shrapnel, said "Our men had a hell-of-a-

"We knew for a long time" he (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

Willkie Visit gasoline dump which sent flames brings Backers spouting 200 feet in the air.

PORTLAND, Feb. 19-(/P)-Wendell Willkie's recent visit to Portland was reaping a political harvest today as four Oregon republicans, led by Former Governor Charles A. Sprague, lined up squarely behind the presidential candidate.

The Oregonian reported that in addition to Sprague, E. P. Dodd declared for Willkie.

-All except Roberts, a onetime classmate of Willkie who is spear heading his friend's forces in the fourth district, are running as delegates to the republican nation-

al convention, the paper said. Oregon republicans will elect 15 delegates in the May 19 primary - 7 from the state at large, and two from each of the for congressional districts.

Cases Treated

Five cases of food poisoning which originated, it was believed, in a cream pie, were taken to Sa lem Deaconess hospital late Saturday afternoon from Blue Lake cannery in West Salem and had shown marked improvement prior to midnight, attendants at the hos-pital said.

When the five employes, all of whom it was said, had eaten some of the pie at the noon lunch hour. dered them taken to the immediately and called for rapid