This sounds something like the reports we used to get periodically on conditions at poorfarms. In fact it was the monotony of such reports that contributed much to the revulsion of feeling against such institutions for care of the aged. Yet here we go full circle and find a critical grand jury report on the way aged persons are cared for in private institutions in Clackamas county. The jury also expressed the opinion shat the board of health has been entirely road between Kohima and Dimtoo lenient in its enforcement of apur in eastern India last week the 1943 act making it the state agency to supervise and license

This does not mean that all private homes for aged are poorly run, but it does mean that paying the aged pensions doesn't guarantee them good living conditions. There is the old saying "out of sight, out of mind." So relatives may find it easy to stow away their aged parents in other homes and trust they will get proper care on the old age grants they receive. And the public may be complacent now that direct grants are made and the poorfarm re- anese in artillery.) proach no longer haunts them. The prime duty should fall on the relatives in helping their aged select homes for care, to make sure of the quality of care they

It must be recognized however that whenever many people are assembled under one roof it soon becomes something of an institution with the odors, (Continued on Editorial Page)

Council Elects James A. Byers As New Member

James A. Byers, sole candidate for alderman from the sixth ward. didn't have to wait for election to become a member of the city council. He was appointed last night to the post to which he is expected to be elected next month. Byers succeeds Elmer O. Berg, who ceased to be a member of the council when in the making over of ward boundaries the strip of territory along Center street which includes his home was moved into the second ward. lied base.

Election of Byers was unanimous, as was all other action taken by the council at the colorless 000 British troops, supported by session which followed a brief or- air units, had launched a fierce ganization meeting of t's city budget committee.

"Citizen members" of the committee, which elected Aldermen David O'Hara and Kenneth Perry as chairman and secretary, respectively, are Dan J. Fry, Ralph Kinzer, George Rhoten, Charles McElhinny, A. J. Crose, George Hull, Mrs. Hazel Marshall, R. W. Land, W. D. Evans, J. Loyal Henderson, R. L. Elfstrom, Fred H. Paulus, Leo N. Childs, Elmer O. Berg and Ralph Cooley.

Kinzer, Crose and Elfstrom were apointed during the council session to fill vacancies left by the failure of Alderman Ross Edward E. Eicher repeatedly de-Goodman, who is ill, to appoint a member and by the lack of any appointing aldermen in the places left recently by James H. Nich-

Alleging that there have been improper sanitary conditions and liquor law violations in the operation under its current management, the council committee on licenses denied its approval to any (Turn to Page 2-Story I)

Paper Attacks Empire Abuse

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18 (A)- The Daily Sketch in a featured article on its editorial page. said today that "anti-British empire propaganda" in America was "worth several divisions to the Japanese" and "might ultimately tip the scales in India if the allies' military position in the orient Georgia Clearing should ever be gravely in jeop-

"The flood of abuse against the British empire that pours out incessantly from certain quarters in ed survivors worked under a blazthe USA falls very agreeably on ing sun today to clear away Japanese ears," the article said. wreckage of a Sunday tornado "And they are not letting it pass that killed 38 and injured more than 300 along a 100-mile strip

"They are telling the peoples of in northeast Georgia and western Asia, and more particularly the South Carolina. peoples of Hindustan, that the Search of the approximately 150 Americans, who are allies of the demolished homes revealed no British, indict the British for the new casualties and many of the very 'crimes' which they — the less seriously injured were able Japanese — accuse them of. And unfortunately the Japanese propaganda is . . the unqualified der hospital treatment in the two states.

The Oregon Statesman

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Invaders

Set Back

Allies Hand Cas

To Road (sors

KANDY, Ceylon, April 17(AP)

Japanese invasion forces that

cut the important allied supply

have been thrown from im-

portant positions and dealt

"very heavy" losses by coun-

ter-attacking British and In-

dian troops, an allied communi-

(A dispatch to the Indian ob-

server in New Delhi reported that

allied tanks and infantry had

cleared Japanese road blocks four

miles north of Kohima in heavy

fighting. It estimated that allied

forces in the Kohima area had a

5-to-1 superiority over the Jap-

Kohima is 60 miles north of the

Since the middle of last week

the allied defenders of Kohima

have been on the offensive, try-

ing to wipe out road blocks es-

tablished by the Japanese at

points where the highway pas-

ses through the 5000-foot Naga

hills north and northwest of Ko-

Today's communique from Ad-

miral Lord Louis Mountbatten's

new headquarters here also listed

other blows struck at the invaders

at several points where they are

attempting to thrust onto the rich

Imphal plain, which is ringed with

Northeast of Imphal, the bul-

letin said, allied troops improved

their positions in the hills sur-

rounding the fertile plain, To

the southeast of the big base

It reported that "mopping-up

continues near a feature cap-

tured yesterday in high ridges

near the Paleltamu road." Tamu

is approximately 40 miles from

Imphal, but fighting has been

reported within 24 miles of

Allied offensive patrols were re-

ported active on the Tiddim road

(A Berlin broadcast of a Japan-

ese broadcast said more than 10 .-

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In Washington

WASHINGTON, April 17-(AP)

Trial of 30 persons charged with

conspiracy to incite disaffection

as Federal District Court Justice

nied motions of more than a score

of defense attorneys which would

The blanket indictment returned

last January 5 against two wom-

en-Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling of Chi-

cago and Miss Lois De Lafayette

Washburn of Chicago-and 28

men, charges they conspired with

German officials and nazi party

leaders with the intent of inter-

fering with the loyalty, morale and

In addition to the two women,

the list of defendants includes Ge-

rard Wilhelm Kunze of New York.

said by the justice department to be

leader of the German-American

bund after 1939, and George Syl-

vester Viereck of New York, un-

der sentence of from one to five

years for violating the foreign

The opening day was occupied

with fencing between defense

counsels and O. John Rogge, spe-

cial assistant to Attorney General

Tornado Wreckage

ATLANTA, April 17 -(AP)- Daz-

agents registration act.

discipline of US armed forces.

have delayed proceedings.

Sedition Trial

Gets Started

Imphal in that direction.

allied strongpoints.

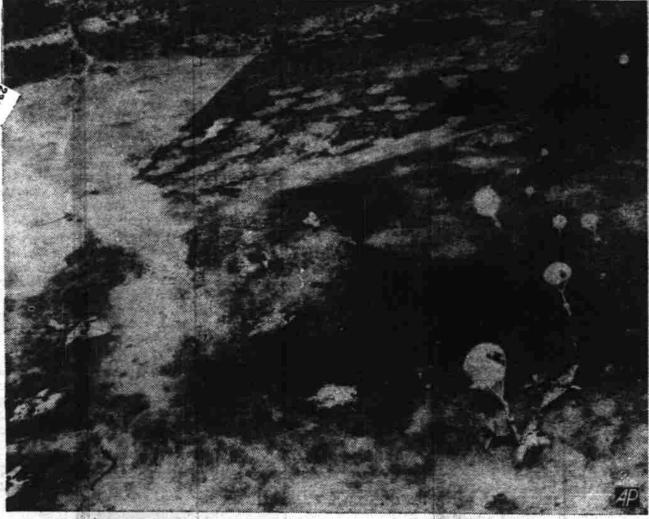
principal allied base at Imphal.

que announced today.

Heavy Loss

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, April 18, 1944

Parachute Bombs Blast Japs at Hollandia



Parachute bombs, dropped by 5th air force bombers on the Jap airfield at Hollandia, New Guinea, spread havor among enemy planes on the field, many of which have already been destroyed. (Associated Press photo from 5th US air force)

Britain Forbids Diplomats to Leave Country in Drastic New Security Move

with the noted exceptions. A for-

eign office spokesman said such

allies as China, Brazil and the oth-

ers were affected the same as neu-

trals because they were not im-

mediately concerned with the es-

tablishment of the western front.

to effect at midnight and contin-

ue until further notice, forbade

1. Transmit or receive in this

2. Dispatch or receive any

diplomatic hag which has not

3. Dispatch from this country

couriers or diplomatic and con-

sular representatives or any

member of their official or do-

mestic staffs, including air, mil-

In all previous wars and in the

present war until today, neutral

and allied diplomats and couriers

have been allowed to move freely

telegrams have been exempt from

First results of the ban were

parture of a Brazilian diplomat

The measure was the latest

and strongest of a series that

has included prohibition of vis-

itors on England's east and

south coasts, a complete stop on

news of convoy arrivals, and

virtually complete stoppage of

Never before has Britain or any

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travel to neighboring Eire.

itary and naval attaches.

been submitted to censorship;

country any telegram not word-

diplomatic missions to:

ed in plain language;

The restrictions, which went in-

By JUDSON O'QUINN

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18-(AP)-Moving drastically to protect the secrets of the coming invasion of Europe, Britain today flatly

Stimson Tells forbade neutral and allied diplomats to leave the country and subjected all their communications to censorship, excepting only the missions of Russia, the United States and the British common-

members of the United Nations,

Sgt. Priem Gets Flying Cross For Fine Work

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England-Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Priem, 21, of Salem, running south from Imphal and Ore., left waist gunner on an in the area of Bishenpur, some 18 Eighth AAF flying fortress, has miles to the southwest of the albeen awarded the distinguished flying cross for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in more than a score of heavy bombing assaults on vital nazi targets in Germany and the occupied counterattack a mile and a half countries of Europe. He already held the air medal with three oak leaf clusters.

> The AAF gunner, son of Mr. and (Turn to Page 2-Story F)

Nazis Think Allied and their dispatch pouches and **Invasion Due Soon**

NEW YORK, April 17-(AP)-Gerpostponement of the scheduled deman military circles were quoted in a Bern radio broadcast recordand an announcement by Sweden ed by CBS tonight as saying that that safe-conduct air travel by toward selection of a jury today the allied invasion "will not be Swedes to Scotland was being long delayed." stopped after one more trip.

"German military circles do not expect that anything will happen in the next few days likely to bring the war to a dramatic climax," it was said. "But judging from the signs of German preparations on the one hand and of the oncentration of Anglo-American forces on the other, one must necessarily consider that the invasion will not be long delayed."

Army Position The unprecedented restrictions apply alike to neutrals and On Drafting

SHINGTON, April 17 -(AP) ary of War Stimson said tonight the army's requisitions for men have been consistent with the job it has to do, in replying to "implied criticism" of selective service uncertainties.

Stimson, commenting in a statement on the army's changing manpower requirements, said that the method of calling men into the service is such that a complicated estimate of needed manpower, based on only one certain figure, must stand up after a time lag of seven months.

Yet despite this lag, he said, the average error between estimates and actual strength of the army was only 2 per cent.

"While a variation of 100,000 between estimated and subsequent actual strength appears very large in a newspaper headline, it is less than 2 per cent of the total strength of the army," he said.

"Under the circumstances, 2 per (Turn to Page 2-Story K) cent is not an unreasonable margin for error in estimates."

Camp White Gets German Prisoners

CAMP WHITE, Ore., April 17 (AP)- The initial contingent of German prisoners of war arrived here to occupy one of the west coast's first prison camps, Brig. Gen. Amos Thomas, post commander, announced.

Some prisoners may be hired out as agricultural workers, but most will be employed on the post. Col. Arthur J. Ericsson, former other nation taken such stringent Ft. Lewis personnel director, is fuselage section; two in the upper

Pounding

Jap Fuel Dumps **Blazing Fiercely**

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Tuesday, April 18-(AP)-One of the heaviest bombing raids yet centered on Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea. was staged Sunday by bombers and fighters of the fifth army air force left great columns of smoke rising from Japanese fuel and supply dumps.

All details of the raid were not available today and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique did not mention the number of tons of explosives which shattered this frequently-blasted shipping and air base. First reports said the tonnage was more than 200, but headquarters officers expected a much larger figure when final reports were received.

None of the allied raiders met aerial interference, and only light anti-aircraft fire was reported over the base, which a few weeks ago, at the beginning of heavy aerial strikes against it, was hotly defended by the Japanese air force.

Nine storage dumps, barracks, jetties and a small coastal vessel were left aflame in the Sunday

Australian imperial force headquarters reported that Australian airdrome on the third straight day troops who captured Bogadjim, on of the Italy-based air assault on the northeastern New Guinea the Balkans ahead of the Russian coast, April 13 have advanced two army's advance. miles up the coast toward Madang | The American attack was made without encountering any Jap- in a series of swift jabs. nese. There was evid the enemy was evacuating the Bogadjim-Madang area.

Madang, 18 miles northwest of Bogadjim, was an important (Turn to Page 2-Story B)

New, Deadlier B-25 Rolling From Plants

(P)-North American Aviation an- tria and Yugoslavia. nounced today it has started production on two new versions of Liberators pounced again on the the B-25 Mitchell bomber, one of Zemun air field near Belgrade most heavily-armed airplane.

ing turned out at the company's stopover point for transport air-Inglewood plant bristles with 14 craft flying supplies to the Russo-.50 caliber machine guns and a 75- German front from northern Italy. millimeter cannon, a company announcement said. This compares with three machine guns on the Mitchells piloted by Gen. James Doolittle and his men in the raid on Tokyo, supplemented by two painted broomsticks for bluffing purposes only.

The other heavily-armed Mitchell model is being turned out in North American's Kansas plant, and is equipped with 12 .50 caliber machine guns. Both planes will carry their normal bomb loads in addition to the extra armament, and the speed and range have not been affected by the new installations, company engineers said.

The California model carries four fixed machine guns and one fixed cannon in its nose; four fixed machine guns in its forward (Turn to Page 2-Story J)

Hollandia Russian Troops Gets New Fast Closing in Bombers Leave On Sevastopol

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Weather

Monday 57 degrees; mini-

Tuesday and Wednesday with scattered showers. Not

No. 332

In 85-Mile Crimea Death Trap; Planes Hit Rumania

LONDON, Tuesday, April 18-(AP)-Russian troops plunged to within a mile of Sevastopol's bay on the north yesterday, seized two junctions on roads leading into the city from the southeast, and hurled thousands of German and Rumanian troops into a narrowing 85-square-mile death trap around the stricken Crimean stronghold, Moscow announced last night.

A bulletin also said that Russian long-range airmen had joined

Belgrade, attack Sunday night on the Dan-ube river port and defense hub Sofia Hit

Planes Pound Rail Facilities To Support Reds

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS Naples, April 17-(AP)-Strong forces of American Fortresses and Liberators bombed Belgrade and Sofia today, hitting rail facilities, aircraft component factories and an

bombs into the rail yards at Bel- 1885. grade in the first air attack on the Yugoslav capital itself since the Germans dive bombed the then defenseless city at the opening of their conquest of the Balkans three years ago this month. Next a major force of Liberators dumped its bomb loads on the rail yards at Sofia, capital of Bulgaria. These yards, like those at Belgrade, are a vital point on the Zagreb-Bucharest railroad which is the Germans' main artery to the INGLEWOOD, Calif., April 17 southern Russian front from Aus-

Meanwhile, a smaller force of which is described as the world's which was heavily bombed yesterday. The airdrome was describ-A new and deadlier Mitchell be- ed officially as "an important Yugoslavia and Greece." The day's fourth major air ope

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Miller Keeps Campaign Hot For Gen. Mac.

WASHINGTON, April 17.-(AP) Gen. Douglas MacArthur's disavowal that he is seeking the presidency caused no discouragement today a mong those republicans who would draft him as their

Rep. A. Miller (R-Neb), whose correspondence with MacArthur started the whole thing, told a reporter he thought the general's remarks constituted "A very fine statement that clarifies the atmos-

able and can be drafted," he said. That was the same conclusion reached by other MacArthur en-

Miller said he "Never felt that General MacArthur was attacking the new deal, although he agreed with some of my thoughts" when the general wrote the congressman. MacArthur's statement repudiated any idea that his letters were intended as criticism of the administration. He also declared he never intended that the correspondence should become

MacArthur's statement reached (Turn to Page 2-Story H)

Spring Snow Storm Hits Cascade Area

BEND, April 17 -(AP)- Weekend The passengers were L. J. Chi- storms dropped a foot of snow appino, Leo Baron, Robert L. in Santiam pass and 10 inches in Loomis, E. J. Minser, Orville R. Willamette pass, state highway Olson, Lee Spruill and Richard department maintenance crews

Thousands of Nazis Caught

By TOM YARBROUGH

the devastating allied aerial offensive against Rumania with a mass

attack Sunday night on the Dan-One Russian column of Gen. Feeder I. Telbukhin's fourth Ukrainian army captured Me-

kenziya, only two miles north of Sevastopol, which is built on the chalk cliffs south of the bay. This group was only a mile from the north shore of the bay, which is reported jammed with axis evacuation ships sunk by Russian bombers. It was striking along a road skirting the eastern end of the bay.

On the eastern side of Sevastopol another Russian column captured Cherkez-Kermen, eight miles outside the city, the bulletin said. Between this red army force and Sevastopol lie Inkerman and Malakhov Hill, Sevastopol's last natural defenses. The capture of these hills ended the eight-months axis siege of the city in July, 1942, Fortresses led off, pouring and also in the Crimean war in

> A third Soviet unit fought its way into Verkhny-Chorgun, a road junction six miles southeast of Sevastopol, and only four miles from Inkerman.

Farther south Gen. Andrei I. Yeremenko's independent maritime army, fighting its way around the coast and through the mountains, was only 12 miles from Sevastopol and five miles from Balaklava, scene of the renowned (Turn to Page 2-Story C)

GOP's Meet To See, Hear Office Seekers

A good crow "sized up" various republican candidates for offices all the way from constable to congress at a "Candidate night" fneeting of the Marion county Republican club held last night at the chamber of commerce, Dr. O. A. Olson, presiding.

A number of the candidates were unable to be present but in the majority of these instances a representative was on hand to 'wave the banner."

Candidates for each post were given a stipulated number of minutes in which to speak. Of congressional office-seekers

only Charles A. Sprague, candidate for the seat of the late Senator Charles L. McNary, and Dan Harmon, Newberg, candidate for the lower house from the first district, were in attendance. Sprague's opponent, Guy Cordon, now appointee senator in Washington was represented by his law partner, Frank Sever, Roseburg: Wayne Morse, out for the second Oregon senatorial spot, now held by Rufus Holman, was boosted by

by Charles Heltzel. Other candidates appearing or being otherwise represented: constable of the Salem district-Earl (Turn to Page 2-Story G)

D. T. Gillis, while Holman was

abetted by Mrs. Lee Patterson.

Rep. James Mott was represented

Are You Registered?

If you are a newcomer to Marion County . . . If you failed to vote at the last general election . . . If you have moved into an-

You Must Register

Registration Books Close April 18th

Constellation, Huge New Passenger Plane, Crosses Continent in 7 Hours for 355 MPH Speed Average

By JAMES J. STREBIG Associated Press Aviation Editor Lockheed Constellation, crossed minutes, an average speed of around 355 miles an hour-a speed well beyond anything flown

previously for a similar distance The big triple-ruddered four contour flew east from Burbank, Calif., in the colors of Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., which sponsored its development, but is being turned over to the army immediately for use in war transport work.

Compared with the Constellation's time for non-stop flight is the previous fastest cross-country trip of 7 hours 28 minutes flown in a specially designed plane by Howard R. Hughes on January 19, 1937. Hughes flew

ried 17 persons, and there was WASHINGTON, April 17-(P) room in its cabin for 40 more pas-A new giant of the air paths, the sengers with luxury accommodations. As a troop transport it could this continent today in 6 hours 58 carry 100 soldiers with full equip-

The fastest transport crossing previously flown was 10 hours 22 minutes by Leland S. Andrews and H. B. Snead in a two-engine Vultee from Los Angeles to Washington on February 20, 1935. At an average speed of 221.6 miles an hour.

Hughes, an outstanding figure in aviation as well as a motion picture producer, shared the controls of the Constellation with Jack Frye, president of the TWA. They flew between 15,000 and 19,000 feet, with some help from tailwinds. Despite the record, it was understood that the plane was slightly behind schedule.

Army officers declined to perfrom Burbank to Newark, NJ, mit publication of any official figures on the flight, but did permit figures on the flight was a record.

In contrast with his lone trip, the flight was a record.

payload of more than 14 tons. Its wingspread is 123 feet—slightly committee on postwar aviation foothills just west of Bend. Light longer than the flight of the policy, and Lt. Col. C. A. Shoop snow fell over the Deschutes plateau.

"It is a perfectly marvelous | 13 feet longer than the span of ship," Frye said. "It is simply great. It flies and handles like a pursuit (meaning a fighter plane). I guess the thing to say is that it flies like a dream." Greeting Guy W. Vaughan,

resident of Wright Aeronautical corporation, which builds the 2,-200 horsepower Whirlwind en-"purred like kittens all the way." The plane left Burbank at

3:56 a.m. Pacific war time and was over the Washington national airport at 1:54 p.m. eastern war time. It made a per-fect landing four minutes later after circling once. The time is figured from the moment the wheels begin rolling at the takeoff until the finish line is

a B-24 Liberator. The airline distance between

Los Angeles and Washington is 2663 miles. The great circle distance, which the Constellation probably attempted, is 2292 miles. Its actual distance probably was somewhere between the two figures, since the plane deviated gines used in the Constellation, from its course in an effort to Frye said the power plants avoid adverse wind. The 355mile average was based on reliable estimates.

In addition to Hughes and Frye as pilots, the crew comprised Howard T. Bolton, navigator; R. I. Proctor, flight engineer, and C. E. Glover, radio operator.

De Compo of TWA; Richard San- reported today. The Constellation has a gross ton, R. L. Thoren and Thomas The spring snow was general weight of around 40 tons and a Watkins of Lockheed; S. J. Solo- in the central Oregon Cascade