го те By Charles A. Smap Announcement that within two years the largest and one of the oldest lumber mill concerns in Portland, Clark & Wilson, will wind up operations highlights recent industrial news in this state. The firm has one large mill at Linnton and another at Prescott, the two employing about 825 workers. It has drawn its timber largely from Columbia county which now is almost completely cut over. To anyone who has studied the map of northeastern Oregon and seen the green patches of forest recede and the white space of cutover land spread over the area the news of the imminent suspension of this old concern is not surprising. Its doom was written in the decline of timber stand,

SEEMS

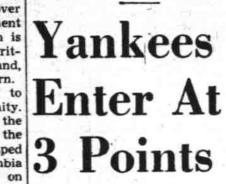
hastened by the Tillamook burn. Other mills are continuing to operate in Portland and vicinity. They buy their logs "from the river," purchasing logs on the open market which are dumped into the Willamette or Columbia rivers. Other concerns draw on timber in the Mt. Hood forest reserve. So the lumber business is not all done for in Portland, by any means. Clark & Wilson preferred to liquidate rather than try to operate on the high-priced logs obtainable on the market. Inevitably the lumber cutting

will follow the timberline. That is why so many mills have gone into the Linn-Lane-Douglas-Coos county communities in late years. They have simply gone where there still was standing timber. This is virtually the last great stand of virgin forest in the United States, outside the national forests. At the present rate of across France. cutting it will last a considerable period, but for

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Regency Might Solve Internal Greek Strife

ATHENS, Dec. 15 - (AP) - An agreement in principle that a re-



NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

103rd Division **Makes** Crossing First, 45th Next Soviets Invade

PARIS, Dec. 15-(AP)-Three divisions of the US Seventh army drove into Germany's industrial palantinate today at three points along a 12-mile front, four months to the day after they stormed the Mediterranean short and began chasing the Germans 500 miles-

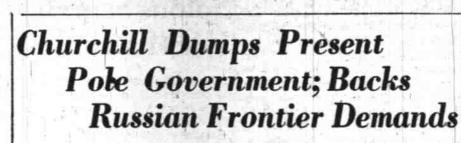
The first to make the crossing was the 103rd division, which pushed across at 1:05 p.m., against sporadic opposition north of Climbach and four miles west of the Franch frontier city of Wissembourg in the northeastern corner

45th Crosses Line

of Alsace.

general area.

vision burst the Lauter river line gency might solve the strife in Greece was reported tonight al-though fighting continued in the



10 PAGES

By Alex H. Singleton

LONDON, Dec. 15-(P)-Prime Minister Churchill dumped overboard the present Polish exile government today, backed Russia's demand for a new western frontier, and drew a map for central Europe in which Germany would lose vast tracts of her northern and eastern territory.

In an historic address, he suggested a "practical" approach by the United States to Poland's fu-

> ture and, inferentially, to that of all Europe, and disclosed a mysterious misfire in plans for a new meeting with President Roosevelt and Premier Stalin. Vieing in world significance

West Slovakia, with his dramatic "blood, toil, **Fake Ipolysag** sweat and tears" pronouncement ago, Churchill bluntly made these main points today in the house of LONDON, Saturday, Dec. 16 commons:

(AP)- Russian troops, invading wes-**Curzon Line Set**

tern Slovakia for the first time, Poland must accept Russia's deyesterday captured Ipolysag mands for a western boundary (Sahy) junction, 85 miles east of running along the old Curzon line, Brastislava, Slovak capital, in a including the loss of Lvov. bold operation aimed at cutting Poland, with British - Soviet off German troops far to the east backing, would be free to expand

and breaking open the roads to to the west, taking over all of East be necessary for the successful Vienna, 115 miles to the west. Prussia south and west of Konigs-

Red army troops, crossing the breg, including once-free Danzig, Forty-five minutes later the Ipoly river frontier from Hungary and enjoying a 200-mile Baltic 45th division crossed the border at a point 34 miles northwest of coastline rather than the old, naralong wooded ridges at an undis- besieged Budapest, actually broke row Polish corridor. closable point, but in the same into Ipolysag Thursday, crushing Land Implied

the Axis garrison after a bitter By implication, through omis-Ten minutes later, the 79th di- all-night fight, Moscow announced. sion of mention, Russia would re- ably at Salem high school. Ipolysag is a half-mile inside ceive the remainder of East Prus-

though fighting continued in the and plunged into the fastnesses of Borzsony mountains, between the kept fully informed of Russian-Bien Wald forest on the Rhine town and the big Danube bend to British agreements on the future totalled \$4,652,000, of which \$1,plain some 11 miles west of the the south, and reached a road net- of Poland. Baden province capital of Karls- work radiating into central and Mass transfers of population western Slovakia. To the west the would be made to prevent warbreeding minority problems. roads lead downhill into the plains The whole story cannot yet be before Bratislava and Vienna. told because, "I find great difficulty in discussing these matters **Germany Can't** because the attitude of the United States has not been defined with the precision his majesty's gov-Stand Losses ernment have thought wise to **Says Bradley Gas** Rations U. S. TWELFTH ARMY GROUP **To Stay Same** ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 15-(AP)-Lt. Gen. Omar N.

ant"

\$350,000 **Jap Officer Sings** Same Old Ditty Left For

YANKS LAND ON MINDORO

Bond Goal

6th Loan Drive Winds Up Today;

Sixth War Bond workers yesterday were pulling all wires in a

\$350,000 remained to be subscribed which rallied Britain four years on the last day, Chairman Douglas Yeater reported last night after checking all reports with Lawrence Fisher of bond headquarters.

The Oregon Statesman

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, December 16, 1944

FOUNDED

Only E bond purchases before 6 o'clock tonight will be applied toward the \$4,000 Victory dream house which will be disposed of next-week. While the exact time for the decision on the award has not been agreed upon, it will not "Bidder" to lay claim for seven

days, the committee made clear. **Program** Planned Arrangements were being made

for appointment of a committee to have charge of the awarding, prob-Two acres of land south of town

also go to a purchaser of an E Purch

es reported last night

Of Nip Strength (By the Associated Press) Adm. Isamu Takeshita, retired Japanese officer, is sure that the Nipponese will be able to "take care of the combined naval forces

of America and Britain." A Tokyo broadcast of Take-shita's remarks said he specifically promised that the new and powerful H. M. S. Howe, flagship Program Planned of Vice Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander in chief of the British eastern fleet, would share the fate

of the Prince of Wales and Repulse, both sunk by Japanese ac-

Big 3 Meeting Arranged for **First of Year**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP)-A second Roosevelt - Churchill -Stalin conference at last has been arranged--for late January or early February.

Dictating the need for it were new demands on both sides of the Atlantic for consultations at top levels and grave concern over divergent courses of Allied diplom-

The principal factor governing the time apparently is President Roosevelt's schedule. It calls for

Grips Sound

coast of British Columbia.

o fourth term inauguration on Jan-

U. S. 7th Drives Into Germany Island Within 150 Miles of Manila; **Opposition Light**

Price 5c

Weather

Maximum temperature

Local valley fogs. Little tem-

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Friday 43 degrees, mini 20 degrees; no rain; river -2 ft. 4 in. Increasing cloudiness Saturday and Sunday.

perature change.

Daring Amphibious Move Gives U.S. East-West Lane Through Archipelago, Route to China

By C. YATES McDANIEL

MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 16 (AP) - A naval-borne US Sixth army force crossed the Philippines and gained a virtually bloodless beachhead on Mindoro island, within 150 miles of Manila, Friday morning (Philippine time), Gen. Douglas MacArthur disclosed today.

The daring amphibious break spanning the heart of the Japanese-dominated Philippines established for the Americans an east-west corridor through the archipelago which will give them access to routes leading to the coast of China, the supreme commander said.

Swarms of carrier-based planes that day and the day before scoured virtually every Nipponese airfield in the farflung archipelago, destroying more

than 200, perhaps 300, enemy air-**Fire Destroys** craft. The 600-mile overwater movement took the convoy from Leyte,

where the Americans first land-Nursery, Loss Near \$30,000 Cape Engana ILAGAN

Pacific

Ocean

Fire destroyed the main building of the Weeks & Beardsley nursery, a mile out of Salem and a quarter mile west of the North River road Friday with an estimated loss of near \$30,000. Harold Wenger, Salem fireman, sus-

tained a back injury when a lad-

der slipped, dropping him to

earth. He was taken to a phy-

sician's office, examined, taped

The loss as estimated by L. E.

Weeks included \$8000 to \$10,000

on the building, which was built

in 1941, fully insured, gladiolus

ery stock \$2000 or \$3000, not in-

Weeks announced he would re-

build immediately and anticipat-

ed no difficulty in obtaining prior-

ities. The building destroyed in-

cluded a cold storage plant.

Plants in storage were saved. An

apartment in the basement oc-

cupied by Lewis Hinebaugh, an

employe of the firm, was de-

stroyed. Nursery stock destroyed

was in the work rooms and in-

cluded berry plants of the varie-

ties grown in the Willamette val-

A shop, recently built and

equipped with tools, was destroy-

ed. Two motors also were de-

stroyed. Book and records of the

firm were saved, being regularly

kept at the Weeks home. Some

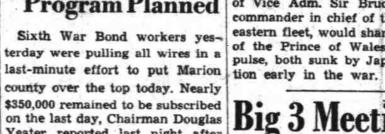
checks, which can be replaced,

were burned, but the report that

considerable cash had burned,

was erroneous, Weeks said.

and sent home.



rain-soaked capital.

The regency question was discussed at a lengthy conference among Reginald Leeper, the British ambassador; Harold MacMillan. British resident minister in the Middle East; and Themistokles Sophoulis, Greek elder statesman who has acted as an intermediary between the opposing forces.

It was understood that appointmnet of a regency council of three was suggested by Greek Premier George Papandreou. Proposed members were said to have been Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens, Under-secretary of Foreign Affairs Philip Dragoumis and Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, who led the Greek revolution of 1922.

5-Star Rank Given Seven Top Officers

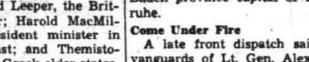
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(AP) Seven officers-top field and fleet commanders and the over-all army and navy chiefs-were boosted swiftly today to new five-star rank.

President Roosevelt signed legislation authorizing "admirals of the fleet" and "generals of the army," and quickly sent the names to the senate.

They are:

For the new navy rank-Admiral William D. Leahy, the president's personal chief of staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleet and chief of naval operations; and Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander in Will Be Buried Monday chief of the Pacific fleet and of the Pacific ocean areas.

For the new army rank-General George C. Marshall, chief of staff; General Douglas MacAr- ous have been the aftermaths of thur, commander in the Southwest Pacific; General Dwight D. Eisenhower, allied commander in westair forces.



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A late front dispatch said the vanguards of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's divisions, which moved up to the frontier while the Sieg-

fried line's guns were singularly silent, had come under fire of the fortifications and were pressing against outpost bunkers and pill-Forces of the 79th division

smashed into Lauterbourg, at the east end of the invasion front between the Vosges and the Rhine. and were fighting within 10 miles of Karlsruhe, which is across the Bradley, U.S. twelfth army group Rhine.

Prisoners Taken

In their spectacular six-day man battle casualties are anydash that virtually routed the where from three to five times Germans from northern Alsace, greater than American and that the Americans seized 2087 pristhe offensive is being pressed de-Cracking of the German border spite poor weather because the

by the doughboys, who pounded Germans cannot long stand these 80 miles in little more than a

commander, said today that Ger-

month, placed all four American Remarking that the Yanks are armies on the western front inside capturing a considerable number motive gasoline. the reich for the showdown batof "green" enemy troops, Bradley tles of the winter offensive depointed out the advantage of atsign to crush Hitler's Germany. tacking them now instead of The US Third army on the Seventh's left flank, in a mile and a months' experience. half gain six miles east of Sarre-

guemines, entered the Saar basin town of Nieder-Gailbach. It drew up its lines inside or within a mile of the border from the south on a 10-mile front east of the Saar

Body of Lupe Velez

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 15-(P)-Tempestuous was the life of vital Lupe Velez and tempestu-

her suicide. Nonetheless, the body of the little Mexican spitfire will be laid to ern Europe; and General H. H. rest Monday in the quiet and calm Arnold, commander of the army of Forest Lawn cemetery in Glen-

Larger Proportion of Older Men to Be Called After Feb. 1

"much larger" proportion of older

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15-(P)-) unteers and "delinquents"-thos Selective service, announcing a who violate draft regulations. In leaving to local boards determination as to which changes will

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 -(AP) The petroleum administration for gasoline allocation calculated to ember 31. permit a continuance of present consumer rations during the first

quarter of 1945. The allocation is 1,144,000 barrels, a decrease of 29,000 barrels

daily from the fourth guarter of 1944. The cut allows for the seasonal decline in the use of auto-

were inaugurated.

368,000 was in E bonds, Fisher reported. With late reports due from outside issuing agencies, Chairman Yeater was hopeful that the side the United States. \$1,500,000 E bond quota would be passed before the curtain was rung down on the drive tonight. Short of Quota

"We're still short on purchases of F, G, and C bonds, however." declared the chairman, "and those by Nazis. who contemplate buying treasury

certificates must do so today if they are to get them from banks." Heaviest Fog Purchase of E. F. G and C bonds all during December will count on the Marion county sixth war loan quota, but not treasury certificates after today. The County committee

expects to be several hundred war today announced a civilian thousands over the quota by Dec-

Lt. Marshall Woodell **To Succeed Lt. Bliss**

Thousands of war workers in Lt. Marshall E. Woodell, executhe Puget Sound area were late to tive officer for the Willamette work today as ferries, busses and university V-12 unit, has been appointed to succeed Lt. George C. trackless trolleys wandered far Deputy PAW Administrator Bliss as commanding officer, Bliss off schedule. Many never got to Ralph K. Davies said the alloca- announced Friday. Woodell came work at all and police and the tion "should not be interpreted as here in July, 1943, when the navy state patrol both issued a series of waiting until they get several meaning that gasoline is abund- training courses at Willamette warnings against any unnecessary

driving.

Salem Area Farmers, 453 of Them, Are Building \$200,000 Dairy Co-operative were made by about a division, which ordinarily would be around 15,000 men. The enemy broadcast Shoots Friend

By Lillie L. Madsen Farm and Garden Editor

120,000 Gallons

Four hundred and fifty three farmers are making possible the building of a new \$200,000 cooperative dairy plant on the Fairgrounds road, Salem. The actual construction cost will be \$105,000. The additional \$95,000 goes into equipment.

space and the resultant necessity for "doing business on the street" in the present location on South Commercial street were motives back of the new building, says

since last January.

room.

POLILLO IS uary 20. The meeting will be held soon therafter unless world events force a change in plans. The place is expected to be somewhere out-Disclosure of the decision for MINDOR another meeting follows weeks of discord, some under the surface,

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MILES

VIGAN

ed October 20, south and west some in the open, over Allied past the Japanese-occupied islands bulbs \$15,000, fully insured; nurspolicies toward Greece, Italy, Poof Mindanao, Bohol, Cebu Negros land and other areas once infested

LUZON

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15 (AP)-Tokyo radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the Blue network that a violent sir and sea battle is raging in waters off the American invasion beachhead at Mindoro in the Phillipines.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15-(AP)-Generand Panay but heroic guerrillas ally disrupted traffic on both land meanwhile had turned it into a and water, accompanied by literfairly safe convoy by seizing airally hundreds of minor accidents. fields and strategic ports along resulted today as one of the heavthe way in secret actions just dislest fogs on record gripped the closed. Puget Sound area for the third

Eyewitnesses told of the convoy day and extended north along the going so close to these islands that the rugged coastlines were plainly visible.

Establish Quickly Three beachheads were estab-

ished quickly on southern Min-Elmont Waite, Associated doro. Press war correspondent, told of tanks rolling ashore, of bulldozers starting roads, of piers being erected and of engineers moving inland with the troops to con-

The fire was well under way when the Salem fire department struct base installations. arrived. (Tokyo radio said the landings

occurred near San Jose, which is on Mindoro's southwest coast and **Woman Scribe** was without allied confirmation.)

Landings Easy Waite emphasized the amuzing ease of the landings by saying Pauline Conradt, operator of an a sergeant moving inland with his art shop here, was in critical concompany was halted only when a dition tonight with three bullet native women seized him and em- wounds in her chest and back, braced him.

ciated Press war correspondent ing held by city police. with the invasion forces, report- No charges had as yet been ed the only persons encountered filed against Miss Gladys Turley, on one beach were some waving who with Miss Conradt resides on Filipinos and their carabaos. Front line dispatches said the miles from here.

Japanese obviously fled inland

E Bond Sales Slowly

kept pouring in, reaching \$119,-

shead, and E bonds now stand at \$22,150,351, 65 per cent of quota.

when warships began shelling the beaches and the advancing Yanks still had not established contact having dinner, and asked to talk Miss Turley, it was reported,

Shopping DA ILL BE ON TIME

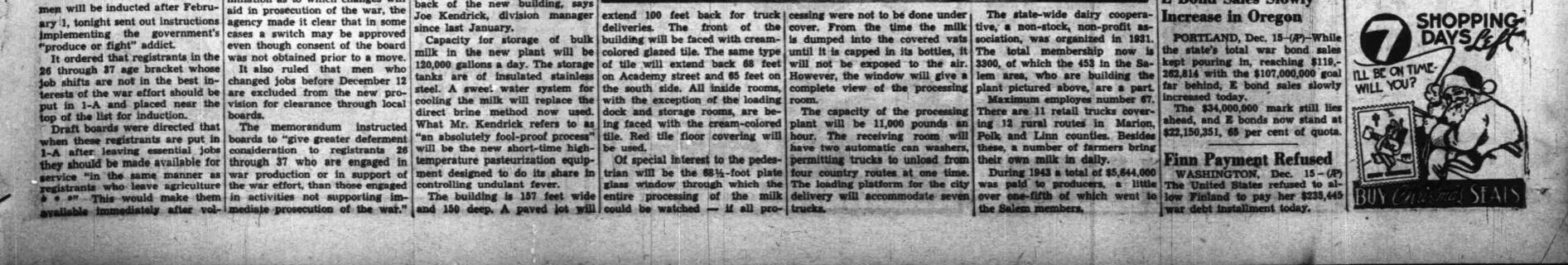
a small ranch approximately 20

and a woman reporter for the Jim Hutcheson, another Asso- Eugene Register-Guard was be-

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

with the enemy after pushing a considerable distance through the brush from the landing points. having dinner, and asked to talk to her. She was shown upstairs, and a few minutes later persons downstairs heard loud talking. downstairs heard loud talking

then several shots.



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Lack of storage and unloading

