TO ME

Oregon state senate, only four of whom are democrats. Of the 60 representatives ten are democrats The mathematical preponderance of republican strength helps to smother political partisanship in the transaction of legislative

In fact, it has sometimes been said that the legislature prided itself on its freedom from partisan considerations in the study of bills. Not since 1933 and 1935 when the democrats had control of the house has there been very much political sparring between the parties.

o This republican overstrength is apt to be deceiving this time. While the democrats are in a seemingly hopeless minority, that minority is by no means helpless. In fact, I think we may see considerable attention paid by the democratic minority to its party

Democrats in Oregon cannot help but be heartened by the national victory in November and by the fact that Roosevelt carried Oregon. They can pick up grains of comfort in having sent several more legislators from Multnomah county than two years ago, and in the election of Al Brown as county clerk of that county over the veteran Frank Shull, county commissioner. They can see in the heavy democratic vote of Multnomah future possibilities of swinging state elections. What the democrats want to do is to crack the statehouse front

Japs Lose 262 Planes, 73 Ships In Yank Raids

(Continued on Editorial Page)

By Morris Landsberg damaged 73 ships and destroyed ued fierce enemy resistance. or damaged 262 planes in a three Strasbourg Shelled

A navy communique today listed additional damage to the enemy on Luzon in the carrier based strikes of January 5 and 6 and ship-plane casualties in the far mosa, Okinawa and other islands Rhine. in the Formosa area. Helicat fighters shot down a to-

tal of 18 Nipponese planes and joined divebombers and torpedo last main escape and supply highplanes in destroying 74 more aircraft and damaging 103 on the ground at Luzon in heavy preinvasion attacks by the third fleet's to meet this threat to his lifeline.

WAC Drive Launched

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9-(AP)

Veteran Dies



Russel Thomas Hickman of Turner, navy EM 3/c, died January 7, in a Philadelphia hospital,

Russel Hickman, Naval Veteran, Dies in Hospital

TURNER, Jan. 9.-(Special) Russel Thomas Hickman, electric- it violated the due process clause ian's mate 3rd class and son of of the federal constitution, but Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hickman of the supreme court did not rule on Turner, died January 7 in a Phil- this question. adelphia hospital after an illness of several weeks, his parents have high court's opinion which re- American Airways totalled the

Hickman, who joined the navy July 1, 1942, served overseas two years in the Atlantic area. He previously attended Turner high school. Besides the parents, survivors include four brothers and three sisters: Howard Wallace Hickman, S 1/c, in the Pacific; John Hickman, Turner; Melvin Hickman, Kellogg, Idaho; Harley Hickman, Des Moines, Ia.; Versa Jean Hickman, S 2/c WAVES,

paval cemetery, Philadelphia,

SEEMS AMERICANS INVADE LUZON

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 10, 1945

Allies, Germans Locked in Bitter Tank Battle; Bulge Narrowed

Amount of Spending

Will Depend Largely

By Max Hill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. - (AP) -

even begin until six months from

spending program (1941 through

1946) to the gigantic total of 450

billion dollars. This is nearly half

tion as to the length of the war.

spending in fiscal 1946 evidently

are based on a hope that Germany

will give up some time within the

War spending was estimated at

velopments on the battlefronts."

Because of the battle-smoke

postponed until early spring his

detailed recommendations for war

appropriations. He merely told

congress he thought 83 billion dol-

lars in war appropriations will be

In Six Hours

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9-(AP)-

The time on this flight from

Los Angeles to New York last

Boeing-built plane, which in a

be known as the Strato-cruiser,

compared also with a time of six

hours and 58 minutes made by

the Lockheed Constellation .last

May from Los Angeles to Wash-

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 9-(P)-

battlefronts, John Collins, Wash-

ington, told the international as-

Labor Draft Urged

next 18 months, because-

sumptions as to the war.

budget of 83 billion dollars.

a trillion.

No Predictions

On Battlefront Trend

Facing Disaster

3rd Roars Back; **Strasbourg Gets Enemy Shelling**

By Austin Bealmear SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Paris, Jan. 9-(AP)-American tanks clashed with German armor in a battle that raged all day today in a blinding blizzard as Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's two - army team whittled another mile off the northern side of the Belgian bulge and closed within three-fourths of a mile of the important communi-

cations hub of Laroche. The US Third army, which had been forced to give ground late yesterday under repeated counter-US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- attacks on the southern side of QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. the salient, roared back today 9.-(P)-US naval fliers, slashing at with gains up to a half-mile at Japan's sea-air strength within several points despite the worst the Luzon defense orbit, sank or weather of the winter and contin-

ed Marshal Karl Von Rundstedt's salient to a width of nine miles between the areas of Laroche and at the Japanese homeland and the Herbaimant, the Germans increas- great Formosa island base by ed their pressure in Alsace and shelled Strasbourg with heavy arranging raids January 8 on For- tillery from the east bank of the

> American forces on the northern flank of the German bulge drove to within four miles of the way and Von Rundstedt was reported hurriedly shifting tanks sky clear over their objective. from the Bastogne area northward

Should the smashing Yank drive from the north waist of the bulge sever the Houffalize - St. Vith Gen. George C. Marshall called highway, all German forces in the upon the state governors today to western half of the salient would back up a new drive to recruit be placed in a precarious position 8000 WACS for duty at army hos- -perhaps faced with a second

A field dispatch from Roger Greene of the Associated Press tonight declared that "the next 12 to 24-hours may provide the turning point in the great battle that Stage Fares began December 16 when Von (Continued on Page 2)

State Barber Law Illegal **Court Decides**

The 1943 state barber law permitting barbers to fix minimum prices on a county-wide basis is unconstitutional, the state supreme court declared Tuesday.

By unanimous decision, the court held that the legislature unlawfully delegated its powers to the state barber board. The law barbers in any county could set prices for all barber services in that county, by filing schedules with the barber board's headquarters in Portland.

Suit contesting constitutionality of the law was filed by Earl La-Forge, Portland barber, against the board. LaForge also contended the law was void on grounds that clipper Toll

Justice Hall S. Lusk wrote the versed Judge Alfred P. Dobson, death list at 23 today while air-Multnomah county.

Weather

Willamette river .7 ft.

Cloudy Today

Rundstedt FDR Asks 83 Billion Budget, Smaller Than This Year's; No Guesses on War Length

'46 Federal Budget Given in Nutshell

By the Associated Press Here is the 1946 federal budget at a couple of glances. The estimates are compared with estimates of the present fiscal year (1945).

Total expenditures \$83,000,-000,000, decrease of \$17,000,-000,000. War expenditures \$70,-000,000,000, decrease of \$19,-000,000,000. Net receipts \$41,-300,000,000, decrease of \$4,400,-000,000. Debt increase \$40,000,-000,000, to a total of \$292,000,-600,000. Total appropriations \$87,000,000,000, decrease of \$10,000,000,000.

Tokyo, Formosa Targets of Big **B-29 Smashes**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9. -(P)- be less than 60 billions or more charge of manslaughter. Flames seared the Tokyo target than 80, depending on various asarea after today's two-way smash scores of America's Superfort-Apparently acting to keep the

enemy occupied in conjunction with our invasion of Luzon on the Philippines, the mighty B-29s braved heavy weather to reach the Nipponese capital but found the

The army, announcing results on preliminary information, made no mention of any losses on the Tokyo flight, All planes returned from the Formosa raid. Apparently upwards of 40 planes participat-

Reduction Due Big Transport On Greyhound Spans Country

Effective February 1, all fares charged by Greyhound bus lines A double-decked transport veron the Pacific highway between sion of the B-29 Superfortress, Portland and the California line known as the army's C-97, apwill be reduced approximately 20 parently set a cross-continent per cent, Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg announced six hours today.

Mosquitos Hit sioner George H. Flagg announced six hours today. Tuesday. Under tariffs to be filed, both intrastate and inter- Seattle to Washington compares state fares will be standardized at with the record of six hours, 31 1.5 cents per mile for all distances minutes and 30 seconds set by a up to 300 miles and 1.4 cents per Mustang fighter plane flying from mile for greater distances. Round trip fares will be charged on the basis of 80 per cent added to the one way fare. The reduction will save the people of Oregon close to

in effect in California where the

The Greyhound lines will file tariffs later reducing fares on the coast highway, approximately March 1. It is probable that other bus line operators in Oregon will meet the new tariffs of Greyhound, Flagg indicated.

Reaches 23

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 9 (AP) Pan line officials sought to learn details of the crash of a 10-yearold clipper at Port of Spain, Trini-

The plane, described by the

Only seven of the 30 persons | Gen. Bradley, who was award- is known in military term had been recovered.

2 Torpedoes Miss Mac's Ship as It Heads for Luzon

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Jan. 10-(P)-Wearing his famed campaign hat and five stars on his collar, Gen. Douglas-MacArthur returned to Luzon with his assault troops Tuesday morning.

Two torpedoes from a midget President Roosevelt groped ahead submarine missed his ship as the today into a fiscal year that won't convoy headed for the landing. MacArthur then rode upon the now and pulled out a "tentative" engine box of a landing craft and waded knee-deep in water onto This would be a drop of 17 bil! the soil of Luzon he left nearly lion dollars from the present year, three years ago. He hit the shore but would increase the total war about two hours after the first

Jury Absolves You could read the president's annual budget message 40 ways and you wouldn't find a predic-**Shooting Case** Yet the estimates of government

George Elmer (Bud) Harris, 33, was absolved from blame in the fatal shooting at Brooks Sunday, 70 billion dollars, about half way Dec. 31, 1944, of Charles Batchebetween the best and the worst lor, 35, when the Marion county

Harris, according to police reports, returned to his home unexpectedly and found Batchelor in Presumably there would be 80 bgd with his, Harris', wife, and billions if we had to keep fighting in the ensuing altercation Batcheon all fronts throughout fiscal lor was shot and killed. Harris ad-1946. But the president chose 70 mitted to authorities that he Snell's message, already was in billions as his tentative estimate. brought the death weapon into the hands of the resolution com-The whole budget leans on that the house.

Although Harris was not called The president said-in fact he said twice—that "the rate of act- pear before the jury for interroual spending must depend on degation. The jury was in session five continuous days taking and weighing testimony of persons who had haze of uncertainty, the president information on the death. The jurors, assisted by District

> Attorney Miller B. Hayden and Deputy District Attorney Lawrence Osterman, called a large number of witnesses before coming to a decision. Marion citizens called to testify included: Paul Reinsche, E. H. Brattain, Charles Strawn, Cloyce Drake, Roy Richman, Les Ferrin, Dr. L. E. Barrick, Dr. Joseph Beeman, Dorothy Dahl, Frances Batchelor, A. L. Schmidt, Alma Johnson, Florence L. Schmidt, Clyde Harris, Virgil Cook, Nona White, Lillian M. Dunn, Robert Heilman, Anna Donlevy and the defendant. Fred A. Moore, foreman of the jury, signed the instrument.

5 Nazi Ships

LONDON, Jan. 9 .- (A)-Three forces of RAF "ship-busting Mosquitos and Beaufighters carried out a surprise sweep through icy The flight of the enormous clouds over Norwegian fjords today and destroyed at least five asked that such a study be made, commercial postwar model will enemy vessels.

It was one of the most success ful raids on shipping off the Norwegian coast in months. Diving through intense ack-ack fire the speedy British attack - bombers zoomed down over the wharves from 2000 feet firing dozens of New Head of rockets into the enemy ships.

The last RAF crews to leave the target area saw a modern Only an all-out mobilization of labor can meet the needs of the cargo liner lying on its side burnmerchant ship disappearing be- Sen. Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) sociation of public employment neath the surface with only its bow above water.

Bradley Says Nazi Offense Costly Venture for Enemy

lence regarding the German of- are on the verge of collapse." fensive which was aimed at split- There is much hard fighting 4.1 builder as a craft which had "gone ting the allied line in his 12th ahead, Bradley warned. 59 6.1 builder as a craft which had "gone ting the allied line in his 12th shead, Bradley warned.

40 Trace farther and carried more than any army group sector, said today that Bradley told newsmen covered to the airplane," was wrecked and the now-thwarted enemy move ing his group headquarters to other airplane," was wrecked and the now-thwarted enemy move ing his group headquarters that

ability to prolong the war may sector.

WITH THE 12th ARMY have been reduced, but added GROUP, Jan. 9 .- (P)-Lt. Gen. quickly that this did not mean the Omar N. Bradley, breaking his si- allies could "assume the Germans

sunk while alighting in the dark- "may materially affect the Ger- in leaving the Ardennes front lightly held, the allies took "what aboard were counted as safe, al- ed the bronze star by General Eis- as 'calculated risk,' striking boldly

Trucks, **Old-age** Bills In

gest Part of 2nd Day's Activities

With several controversial issues already in the open, the 43rd legislature was in full swing today on such questions as big trucks, no-ceiling old-age assistance, income tax amendments, revocation of the community property law and a \$100,000 home for the state's governors.

Most of such action Tuesday came in the senate, however, while in the house Rep. Stanhope S. Pier charged that "here we sit doing nothing; something should be done to get the state departments to get their hills in." Speaker Eugene Marsh concurred.

Three Bills in House

Introduced in the house were bills validating stickers in lieu of car license plates (already legal that might happen. The president grand jury Tuesday afternoon re- by order): providing that canditold congress that war costs could turned a "not true bill" to the dates for offices must file 70 days before an election instead of 45; affirming salary scales for Sher man county officers.

A senate bill providing for a five-man committee to investigate last year's huge liquor purchase, as requested in Gov. Earl mittee, but there were evidences that it might be broadened still as a witness he volunteered to ap- further, before final presentation Wider Scope Suggested

There was comment among some senators that the investigation, to be complete and accomplish the avowed purpose of being fair to "men of character and reputation," should not be limited to the single deal but should encompass whatever other liquor matters any legislative group might consider hunt. warranted its attention.

Other important legislation in the senate included a bill providing for a state hospital for the mentally diseased in Multnomah

At the first formal session of the joint ways and means committee, Chairman Dean Walker said he knew of several large financial requests, not included in the state budget, which would be made later, and warned that "it is my Much Equipment Landed opinion the going of this committee will be tough."

Lieut. Governor Sought Other bills filed or prepared for filing included one providing for a lieutenant governor, and another calling for a "senate lounge" in the statehouse.

Resolutions filed in the senate included one to name 15 Oregon citizens to investigate the state's tax structure. The governor had by tax experts. (Legislative news page 10)

Utah Senator Military Group

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9-(A)was chosen today as chairman of the senate military affairs committee. He succeeds former Senator Reynolds (D-NC), who did not seek reelection. To take over the important

military chairmanship, Thomas resigned as chairman of the com-Murray (D-Mont.). The democratic steering com-

mittee which made the selections. also announced the following new assignments to other committees Agriculture-Senators Connal-

ly (Texas), Downey (Calif.) Moses, (ND) and Hoey (NC). Banking and currency-McFarland (Ariz.); Taylor (Idaho) and

MacArthur Lands With Yanks From 800-Ship Convoy

U.S. 6th Army Advances Inland Rapidly; Little Opposition Met; **Huge Piles of Equipment Landed**

By James Hutcheson GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUAR-TERS, Philippines, Wednesday, Jan. 10-(AP)-Tens of thousands of U.S. sixth army forces, accompanied ashore by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, landed Tuesday along 15 miles of Lingayen gulf coast on Luzon island from an 800-ship convoy and pushed deep into flatlands leading 120 miles south to Manila over ideal tank-war country.

Tanks were among the equipment put ashore in strength to make possible a powerhouse offen-

From the beaches, cleared of Japanese by Senate Gets Big- fierce warship shellings and aerial bombings, the lightly opposed Yanks surged inland over the same crescent of sand dunes the Japanese employed three years ago. The invasion scene now is dry and suited for a war of movement. A field dispatch, disclosing that MacArthur already has set up



An 800-ship American convoy sailed into Lingayen gulf (shown by ship symbol in above map) Tuesday to land the American Sixth army as the invasion of Luzon, most important island in the Philippines, got underway.

headquarters on Luzon, said the landings were on the southern exremity of the gulf which includes the city of Lingayen, Few Japs Oppose Yanks At one point, only 11 enemy snipers could be found in an hour's

Covered by salvos of bombarding battleships and exploding bomba carrier and land planes which drove the enemy's main forces in-

land, they got ashore on the south and east sides of Lingayen at 9:30 a.m. against light opposition. Within two hours after the first transports had disgorged the soldiers to landing boats, following a dawn shelling of the areas, Mac-Arthur was back on the island where he fought the losing battles

which opened the Pacific war. The way for this showdown fight for all the Philippines was paved by a multiplicity of warships and aerial attacks. These included the destruction or damage of 262 enemy planes and the sinking or damaging of 73 ships in three days of carrier-based assaults on Luzon, Formosa and Okinawa, in the Ryukyu chain.

Spencer Davis, Associated Press war correspondent aboard a flagship, said huge stores of equipment, guns and armor already have been put ashore for the drive toward Manila down territory suited for

Deep penetrations inland by some of the landing forces already have been made, Davis said. (In a shortwave broadcast direct from Luzon, George Thomas Folster, of NBC, said the 70-mile-long convoy reached the gulf without

(He said 50 per cent more troops went ashore in the first wave than landed at Leyte. The waves of men sent in at Leyte were elements of four divisions.

("I visited the beaches with General MacArthur and we found no beach defenses worthy of the name," Folster reported.) Will Close Jap Supply Lines Covered by withering warships and aerial attacks, the troops suc-

cessfully opened an operation which today's communique said closed the backdoor to Japan's supply lines to the East Indies and brought the decisive battle in the southwest Pacific close at hand. "In farflung amphibious penetration, our troops have seized four

beachheads at Lingayen gulf," headquarters said. "The movement was covered by a blistering naval and air bombardment, using both land-based and carrier-based planes.

"The enemy's airforce made repeated and desperate attacks against our naval formations in an endeavor to break the cohesion of our movement but beyond inflicting some loss and damage was un-

Enemy Evidently Not Ready "The enemy evidently had not prepared for a landing in the Lingayen sector," the communique reported, "and, as a result of this strategic surprise, our landing losses were insignificant.

"We are now in his rear. His main reinforcement and supply lines to the Philippines are cut and his ground fight on Luzon will Against light opposition, made so by terrific warship and aerial attacks, the troops hit the Luzon beaches at 9:30 a.m.

Gen. MacArthur announced today in his communique the eagerly and was succeeded by Senator awaited news that the transports had disgorged the troops on the island which has Manila, Bataan and Corregidor.

The way for the landing assaults was paved over a period of a week by warship shellings, land and carrier based air attacks which swept everything, including Japan itself, from the Kuriles to the

Although Tokyo radio had trumpeted that such landings could be made only at terrific cost, the communique today said Yank losses The Nipponese obviously were caught unprepared.

The Yanks divisions were from the US Sixth army of Lt. Gen.

Bethsada, Md.; Mrs. A. W. Kelsey,
Seattle; Shirley Hickman, Turner.
Burial will be in Mount Mariah

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