

The school people are putting some of the opponents of their recently defeated constitutional amendment to the test: They are coming to the legislature with a money request. They are asking for \$5,000,000 state aid to enable schools to meet the existing emergency. The appropriation is not a continuing one, but it is safe to predict that both need and demand will be continuing.

To obtain this sum the sponsors of the measure would divert proceeds of the income tax, thereby reducing or cutting off the discount allowed under the Walker plan. This would be the first direct diversion of income tax receipts, which since the enactment of the law have gone exclusively to reduction of property taxes.

While the amount of money in-olved is nearly the same as the volved is nearly the same as the "new money" contemplated to be provided under the late amendment, its tactical position is very different. The amendment created a property tax liability which could be met by income tax receipts without altering the principle of the act. The bill coming up is a direct sluicing of revenues into school spending.

In studying the school situation in this state I have felt for a long time that administrative reorganization is fundamental to a proper solution of the problems. To increase the volume of state aid under the present setup

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## Would Renew **Industry** in West Europe

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- (AP)-The United States today put part of its economic resources and a

inked up again in Houffalize and few thousand tons of its limited shipping facilities behind the maintenance of political order in to the enemy in this sector. liberated Europe. The Tommies struck in a morn-President Roosevelt promised

ing fog north of Sittard, which is T



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hours the Tommies progressed Traditional wishbone breaking was won by Marjorie Vattendahl as This switch to the initiative by she and Maj. Richard Bong, Poplar, Wis., war ace, tugged at the General Eisenhower's Allied armends of a turkey wishbone in the Vattendahl home at Superior. Wis, Bong and Miss Vattendahl will be married February 10. (AP wirephoto) Belgium captured the highway

### **Non-Critical Jobs Expected** Ardennes, and made other gains in The US First and Third armies To Yield 200,000 for Armed linked up again in Houffalize and drove on against St. Vith, last mater communications center left Forces; Service Act Backed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- (AP)-The government decided today

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, January 17, 1945

REDS OVERFLOW POLAND

Barriers; 20

By Wendell Webb

**House Measures** 

The Oregon Co Statesman

**Allied Offensive Launched** Parents Fined \$44 When 13-year-old **Girl Skips School** 

> OREGON CITY, Jan. 16-(P)-A \$44 fine-one dollar for every day their daughter was absent, and \$5 costs-was levied against parents of a 13-year-old Oak Grove girl for failure to keep her in school. County Officer Jack Grenfell said the girl, who missed 39 days out of 81 this school year, had been ushering in a Portland theater. Mrs. Thelma Verheage, the mother, received a 10-day sus-

pended jail sentence.

**Repulse First** 

By C. Yates McDaniel And James Hutcheson

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Wednesday, Jan. 17-(AP)-One week was more than one-third of the rolling southward in dry, clear weather down the broad central

the general fund for the school on land or in the air. However on the left flank of age assistance to \$60 monthly; an- the broadened front the first Japanese counterattack of the inof reckless driving to make con- vasion was reported in the stubviction dependent upon fewer bornly-held Pozorrubio sector on Sunday. Gen. Douglas MacAr-

Conservatively ance would draw for support. ' etal statements located the deep-The senate-bogged down for a est American penetration as on at one point and within 40 at and Hongkong. time in arguments which yet the central of three main northmany points.

# **Smash Close to Silesian Border**

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**Russian Armies Led by 44 Generals Swarm Over Polish Plains in Threat to Vaterland** 

#### By W. W. Hercher

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Two great Russian army groups poured like a red flood through broken nazi defenses on the Polish plain south of Warsaw today, reaching within 38 miles of the German border.

Gathering speed as it went, the gigantic soviet winter offensive recorded gains of 30 to 38 miles on a twisting battlefront more than 200 miles long from Grojec, 25 miles southwest of Warsaw, down to Slomniki, only 12 miles north of the historic citadel of Krakow.

Premier Stalin in two triumphant orders of the day last night disclosed that besides the First Ukraine army group that began the offensive Jan. 12, the powerful First White

assault Jan. 14 and in three days had advanced along the Vistula 38 miles on a 75-mile-wide front. The First White Russian group, 44 generals under him, sealed its powerful German fortress 55

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miles south of Warsaw. In three days this army has taken more than 1.300 communities, Stalin's orders disclosed as Moscow's saluting cannon roared.

other soviet offensives, however,

The late communique from a week of the most audacious na-Moscow announced that troops of val operations of the war by sendthe First Ukraine front led by ing carrier planes Saturday, Sun-Marshal Ivan S. Konev, who had day and Monday up and down begun the winter offensive five more than 350 miles of the China days previously, captured more coast, destroying or damaging than 200 additional Polish towns more than 100,000 tons of Japa-Tuesday, racing within 38 miles nese shipping, and heavily smash of the border of German Silesia ing such choice targets as Canton Against amazingly puny enemy Konev's men, besides reaching air opposition-suggesting Japan's within 12 miles of Krakow, seat airforce has its hands full over of Germany's government-general the homeland and the Philippines for Poland, took Koniecpol, only \_the carrier planes ruled the still further or toss off the stove. Camiling, 30 road miles south of 23 miles east of the famous mon- skies as they did over French Inastery-town and stronghold of do-China's shore Jan. 11 and over Formosa Jan. 8. Czestochowa. Almost lost in the victorious Formosa, once considered a forthunder of Russian cannon on the midable target by itself, was at-Polish front was the German high tacked Saturday, Sunday and command's acknowledgement that Monday at the same time other the Russians also were pushing a carrier planes were sinking enemy gon laws with neighbor states for U.S. troops drove a series of stra- full-scale offensive in East Prus- oilers, bombing the royal navy sia and had taken the railway city docks at Hongkong and the harbor ways of Luzon's central plain of Schlossberg, 13 miles inside the at Canton. In raids dating back to the Jan. Altogether, the Germans said the 8 assault on Formosa, Halsey's Russians now were on the offen- planes now have accounted for well over 300,000 tons of enemy Moscow was silent concerning shipping, including several escort all except the two interlocking warships, and more than 250 planes-the latter figure so low major drives in south and central Poland and the continuing clean- because so few planes have been up in Budapest, where 120 addiencountered, the bulk of them on tional blocks were captured Tues- the ground. Even this is far from the picday and the dwindling and encircled enemy garrison lost another ture of devastation wrought because Adm, Chester W. Nimitz, in 3,160 as prisoners. The Russians now hold 4,300 disclosing the preliminary results square blocks of the 4,500 that of the China raids today, gave only incomplete totals for Sunday make up the Hungarian capital. Indicating that the Germans and Monday and none at all for probably were correct about the Saturday.

Russian group had leaped into the **Planes Blast** commanded by famous Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov, with at least 44 generals under him scaled its triumphant drive with the capture at 8 o'clock last night of Radom, China Coast

By Leif Erickson U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan.

16-(AP)-Adm. William F. Halsey's free-roving Third fleet wound up

the marking-time era of the session, it appeared was about to end. An even 20 bills descended on the house Tuesday, including one after landing in Lingayen gulf, a to levy a 5-cents-a-gallon tax on powerful American spearhead aviation gasoline with major part of the proceeds to go toward the way to Manila Monday and still construction of aviation fields and roads thereto.. Another would use \$26,000 from Luzon plain, virtually unchecked

health plan; one would up oldother would tighten the definition contingencies.

And HB 47 would place all li- thur's communique today said the quor revenue in the state's gen- blow was repulsed. eral fund on which old-age assist

Jap Attack on such controversial measures as big

the new prime minister of Greece Nicholas Plastiras, that the United States would "assist wherever practicable in the rehabilitation of your long-suffering nation." The state department announced

that more shipping has been made available for increasing exports of American civilian goods to France in the first three months of 1945. Meantime, the army service forces told of plans to obtain more than a billion dollars worth of critical goods for Allied armies from French and Belgian industry in 1945. The arrangement, which at present is apart from lendlease, calls for the United States and Britain to supply the bulk of the raw materials for the goods, which include uniforms and tires. The aim is two-fold: to obtain needed supplies and provide employment in France and Belgium.

### **Three Yanks Convicted** of **Army Looting**

partment. By William F. Beni PARIS, Jan. 16-(AP)-Despite a plea that they had been brow- mobilized in 1940 and when rebeaten into signing confessions, three more American soldiers were convicted by a general court November. martial today on charges of looting army supply trains in black market deals and were sentenced to long prison terms. Smith of Salem.

The sentences today, subject to review by higher authority; were 40 years at hard labor for T/5 Frederick H. Schultz, Detroit, Paris Show Goes on Mich.; 35 years for T/5 James J. Cupp, Moline, Ill., and 20 years for T/5 James T. Roepke, Kenosha, Wis. The sentences also envained dishonorable discharges and loss of all pay and allowances.

#### **Cigarette Rationing** To Start in Fortnight

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 .- (AP)-A plan for voluntary consumer rationing of that elusive article, the cigarette, today drew both the criticism and approbation of groups affected by the plan.

Under the proposed system, sug-**Cannery Fire Not Incendiary;** gested by the national association of tobacco distributors, numbered WPB Approves Re-building ration cards will be issued by retailers to their regular customers who will be required to sign a declaration that they hold only tion were moving ahead under re- cause of the fire, it might very one card. Rationing will not be cently-granted WPB authority to well be the source of the blaze, attempted at outlets for transit rebuild the Producers Cooperative Wood said. trade such as hotels, railroad and Packing company plant, Manager. The fire started in the basement bus stations and chain stores. The William H. Wood announced Tues- in the vicinity of the fused conduit card system is planned to begin day that probable cause of the and had made good headway bewithin two weeks. fire which destroyed the cannery neath the concrete floor before it

#### Fractures Skull in **Fall Into Grease 'Pit**

Ivan Darby, 57, of Mehama was posed new building at 1695 North burned late in December, there temporarily closed the Redwood highway 15 miles east of Crescent City, Calif., Dale Franklin, Pierce 111,899 as against \$17,271,365 dur-City Calif. Dale Franklin, Pierce in the Deaconess hospital Tues- Commercial street. Loss in the fire was considerable discussion of with boosting the nation's farm oduction 20 per cent. oon today, with incre nerally estimated at more due to an accidental lag at a Sa-lem service station. He told at-tendants he was waiting for his car to be removed from the greated and acci-plis after being serviced and acci-dentally fell into the pit.

ternment camp.

Landslide Blocks

**Crescent** City Road

10 miles west of Geilkenkirchen INO MERCY to and 14 miles south of Roermond, and were smashing into a German-held triangle between the Maas (Meuse) and Roer rivers. A terrific artillery barrage preceded W. Churchill Maas (Meuse) and Roer rivers. A the attack.

chen today, exactly a month after

the Germans' Belgian break-

through, and during the first

ies came as American forces in

hub of Houffalize, virtually iron-

ing out the Nazis' salient into the

Luxembourg and in Germany it-

self.

against moderate resistance.

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

The sledgehammer blow was aimed at powerful defenses which the Nazis had been building since October.

budge from the official Anglo-The German salient against American stand on two of the which Field Marshal Sir Bernard war's most controversial discus-L. Montgomery's forces were drivsion points, told the house of coming, thrusts sharply into Allied mons today that the objectives of lines just north of Sittard, which the Atlantic charter remained is 18 miles northwest of Aachen. valid and that "the war will be During the past fortnight the prolonged until unconditional sur-Nazis have made several strong render has been obtained." local attacks there in an effort to Churchill said he was in comextend their defensive lines. All

were repulsed. **Everett Smith Killed in Action** Ensign Everett Smith, navy

pilot, was killed in action in the any need to go into that. It has legislation, under which the gov-South Pacific January 2, his wife, been very well described by the the former Martha Frantz, has president as a standard of aimsbeen notified by the navy de- an indication of the direction in tasks. which we are proceeding. It is not

be achieved immediately.

Nazis, Says

By John F. Chester

Ensign Smith was with the Ore- a law," said Churchill. gon national guard when it was "In any event the war will be prolonged until unconditional surleased by the army to enlist in render has been obtained." the navy. He left for overseas last His remarks were wildly cheered

by members of parliament return-Smith, a Salem high school ing after a long holiday recess for graduate, later resided in Portperhaps a fateful session land. His mother is Mrs. Edith

# **Dancers** Frozen but

PARIS, Jan. 16-(AP)-Six girl dancers collapsed at the Follies Bergere last night, suffering from exposure to cold. The temperature on stage due to

November 25 had been discovered.

in the rubble which is being re-

fit in an envelope.

days' pleasure."

Paris' fuel shortage was about 20 degrees, and the girls went Texas. through the show wearing their assigned costumes-which would

While plans for new construc- | considered positive proof of the

A fused conduit was uncovered the cannery, firemen declared.

tousle - haired Mississippian de-The manager said, "We are clared unamerican elements who keeping open only because we are are "poison in the blood stream of Nisei Welcomed to doing our best to entertain sol- the nation" will be constantly undiers who come to Paris for a few der the eyes of the new commit

the order in which it expects to call about 200,000 now deferred industrial workers for the armed forces.

old, will be inducted before July 1 under the present plans. The decision of order was reach-

ed by breaking into two parts the LONDON, Jan. 16 -(AP)- Prime list of 35 essential activities, as-Minister Churchill, refusing to signing the destination "critical" to jobs deemed most vital in the war effort.

The rest of the list continues to be rated "essential," but to this big segment draft boards are expected to turn first in meeting only two more years. stepped-up quotas of men for the armed services.

President Roosevelt asserted that the need for men in the armplete agreement with President ed forces and war factories is now Roosevelt's views on the Atlantic so extreme that voluntary concharter, and said that while the trols will no longer work. objectives now were just the same

Hence he will send to congress, as in 1941, all of them could not probably tomorrow, a special communication backing up his re-"I really do not think there is cent demand for national service ernment would be empowered to assign men to war - important

A report from General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, and Admiral Ernest J. King, commander in chief of the fleet will back up the president's request. They were expected to be spe-

cific in outlining the increased needs occasioned by the German counter-offensive in Belgium, expanded operations in the Pacific and plans to equip a large French

army. **Rankin Will Carry** Asked about CIO President **On Dies Group Fight** Philip Murray's opposition to compulsory manpower legislation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-(AP)in testimony before a house committee today, Mr. Roosevelt inquired if Murray had an alternative. The alternative involved a better use of voluntary methods, a reporter said.

The president replied firmly that he didn't think that would from the war.

## **Hood River Farms**

PORTLAND, Jan. 16 .- (AP)-Three returned Nisel told the war relocation authority here today that nearby Hood River valley farmers were giving them friendly encouragement in pruning of their orchards.

Min Asai, Barrett, and Ray Sato and Sat Noji, Parkdale, rewelcome from neighbors, despite the anti-Japanese activity which

broke into the upper portion of Says Conservation **Boosts Farm Yield** 

conservation was credited today

haven't left any too clear a pic- south highways 45 road miles These ment 26 through 29 years | ture of potential bloc alignment- | from Lingayen and 83 miles from found itself with more than a Manila.

The Yank column reached few warmish issues to warm over The so-called hotel bill, barring Lingayen, on Sunday was reported officially to be working its way discrimination as to race, creed southward, but the depth of the or color, may get a heated airing

in time, and the proposed truck advance was not pinpointed. Rapid gains were scored Sunday bill is likely to find itself wallowing in diverse objections that it as the battlefront widened east isn't enough to equalize the Ore- and west around Lingayen gulf. tegic wedges across main high-

Meanwhile, the joint resolution while patrols pushed ahead in the border of that German province. to mull over the state's liquor center to reach Moncada, 10 miles business for public consumption southeast of captured Bayambang, simmered in the house alcoholic on the main road to Manila, sive in 11 different sectors. control committee, while in which is some 80 airline miles to Washington --- where a similar

the south. probe also is planned-bills were being shaped to permit public

**Drop of Blood** 

purchases by the drink. Norwegians Seven committee sessions, and probably more unannounced, Seize Nazi were held Tuesday in the gradually increasing tempo of state business, But some departments

**Air Bases** still were mum on their contemplated bills and if the usual last-By Romney Wheeler minute rush doesn't happen again LONDON, Jan. 17 -(AP)- Nora lot of bets will be lost. wegian troops have opened their first big attack against the Ger-(Legislative news page 10). mans, advancing 80 miles in extreme northern Norway and cap- night by Associated Press Corres-**Hitler Ready** turing one of the two most important nazi air bases in the re- grand Red army offensive aimed **To Drain Last** 

gion, the Norwegian high com- at liberation of Poland and carrying the war into Germany was in mand announced tonight. Operating under the command full swing today through the vast of Col. A. H. Dahl, hero of Nor- snow-covered areas of the longest land front in the world." vik, the Norwegians drove over

MOSCOW, Jan. 16-(AP)-A pic-ture of Adolf Hitler as a "mad" Finmark and gained positions **Choice** Apples to man who was prepared to fling, south of Porsanger fjord and cap-"the last man, the last drop of tured Banak air field at the base Be Held for Army blood," into the defense of the of the fjord. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. -(AP)-

fatherland was painted tonight by a Hungarian emissary who visited Craft Warnings Out the Fuehrer last September in a futile effort extricate Hungary Along Oregon Coast

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.- (AP) - The The emissary, Col. Janos Voros, now defense minister of liberated weather bureau ordered small town and Delicious (except Gold- ing in connection with an Anglo-Hungary, said in an interview craft warnings hoisted at 6 p. m. en Delicious) varieties to meet American agreement with Spain. here he was commissioned by Ad- this evening from the mouth of military requirements. miral Nicholas Horthy last fall to the Columbia river south to New-

Holdings of the affected varvisit Hitler and demand that all port, Ore., and on the inland wa- leties in these states totalled about 6,800,000 bushels on January 1. roops in Hungary, both German ters of Washington. Southeast storm warnings were The WFA said supplies not needraised from the mouth of the Co- ed for war requirements would be

Voros told how gestapo agents lumbia to Tatoosh, inclusive, released for civilian use.

**Lower Rates and Fewer Jobs** was thrown into a Nazl prison dewas thrown into a Nazi prison de-spite severe wounds. Voros said Reduce Unemployment Income he himself narrowly escaped assassination by fleeing from an in-The state unemployment com- to 2.2 per cent because of the

pensation commission trust fund perience rating. now totals more than \$61,000,000, It was predicted that the trust a new record, the commission re- fund would pass \$70,000,000 by ported to the legislature Tuesday. the end of the current year.

At the time of the attack on Pearl Employes reported by covered GRANTS PASS, Jan. 16.-(AP)- Harbor the trust fund was \$16,- firms for the first nine months of The worst landslide in years has 000,000. 1944 averaged 313,624 or about

### a dispatch from Moscow Tuesday Spanish Release pondent Eddy Gilmore said, "The Italian Warships By Charles S. Folts

ADRID, Jan. 16-(AP)-The Spanish government has released the Italian cruiser Attilio Regolo and four Italian destroyers held in the Baleares (Balearic) islands since the Italian armistice in September, 1943, and they have sailed for an allied port, it was announced today.

The move was in accordance The war food administration towith an arbiter's decision which day ordered handlers of fresh apdrew a strong protest today from ples grown and located in Washthe German charge d'affairs, Hans ington and Oregon to set aside Von Bibra. The decision liquidattheir holdings of Winesap, New- ed the last major question pend-

### **Torbet Named to Assist Sackett on**

**Coos Bay Times** COOS BAY, Jan. 16-(AP)-Sheldon F. Sackett, Coos Bay Times publisher, today announced appointment of Alan L. Torbet as the newspaper's business manager and assistant to the publisher. Torbet will continue as advertising manager, a post he has held three years. A former journalism major at the University of Oregon, he previously conducted an advertising agency at Eugene. Law ter he was advertising manager and public relations man for bus line in Bend.

### Partly Cloudy

#### and Magyar, be brought under Hungarian control. had slain numerous high Hungarian officials in an effort to keep Hungary in the war. The regent's son, Nicholas Horthy, jr., he said,

ported a "more than gracious" has given the valley nation-wide publicity.

When Blue Lake Producers Co PORTLAND, Jan. 16-(AP)-Soil

Rep. Rankin (D-Miss) tonight accepted membership on the new house committee on unamerican activities and declared we will carry on the fight begun by former Congressman Martin Dies of bring results. In a radio address over CBS the