The voters in Tangent school district south of Albany voted 48

only 15 pupils and the cost runs to \$2 per day per pupil. Many other communities over the state

struggle to maintain high schools. At Rickreall the attendance is down to about eight pupils, with

for state support. Then the cost

is passed on partly to the re-

mainder of the state. The method

of dividing state funds in pro-

portion to teachers employed in

effect subsidizes these small dis-

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FDR Nominates

His Son Elliot

To Be General

won't becloud the issue.

(D-SC) agreed on that score.

Task Force,

Superforts

Hammer Iwo

W. Nimitz announced today.

island 750 miles south of Tokyo.

Pressure Put

Nazi Germany.

On Switzerland

The state department announced

that President Roosevelt is send-

ing one of his own administrative

assistants, Lauchlin Currie, to re-sume negotiations with the Swiss

Currie will seek two objectives

(1) To persuade the Swiss to

close their railroads to shipments

of coal and other goods from Ger-many to northern Italy;

(2) To cut off continuing ex-

ports of some machine tools and

a few strategic metals and food

in an effort "to shorten the war,"

end this extravagance.

school of only 10 or

two teachers employed.

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Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, January 26, 1945

200,000 NAZIS IN EAST PRUSSIA TRAP; to 22 to continue their high school although the attendance is YANKEE FORCE CAPTURES CLARK FIE

Tangent is on one of the finest highways in the country, one kept open in all weather. Its pupils 40 Miles could easily be transported to Albany seven miles away. Rickreall is connected with Dallas four miles away by a paved road, and To Manila could conveniently send its pupils These communities retain their For U.S. costly high schools as a matter of local pride. But the rest of the state has an interest when these and other districts come asking

Victory Avenges Major Setback In December '41

tricts with few pupils per teacher. By C. Yates McDaniel In view of these appeals for state GENERAL MacARTHUR'S funds the state has a right to de-HEADQUARTERS, Friday, Jan. mand district reorganization to 26.-(AP)-Clark field, whose 13 airstrips constitute one of the rich-There is more to the matter than equalization of taxes. There est prizes in the Pacific war, was is also the equalization of educa- captured Thursday by southward tional opportunity. A community driving Yanks along with adjacent Fort Stotsenburg while othcan't properly maintain a high er columns pushed even deeper to within a scant 40 airline miles of

This climax of a campaign which has yet to run into any concentrated Japanese opposition during a push of more than 70 miles from Lingayen gulf avenged one of America's major setbacks of the Pacific war.

Good Land Air Base

Clark field, where Japanese divebombers wiped out Gen. Douglas MacArthur's main air WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 -(P)- strength in the Philippines in ear-Col. Elliott Roosevelt was nomin- ly December, 1941, thus facilitatated by his dad today to be a ing Nipponese conquest of the arbrigadier beneral and several sen- chipelago, gives the Americans a ators said his dog's sky travei land air base to help blast open landing beaches on the coast of The nomination of the 34-year- China.

old air forces officer went auto-Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold's matically to the senate military 14th army corps, moving so fast committee on a routine list of army that the Japanese were unable to promotions including 77 other mass defenses in ridge areas where they had labored for This is the committee which set months, shot motorized columns up a subcommittee of three to in- well beyond Clark field. quire into army priority practices Yanks Stack Japs

which permitted Blaze, young Moving for quick use of the air Roosevelt's big bull Mastiff, to center, Griswold sent patrols into travel by transport to Hollywood the nearby hills from which Japafter three service men were put anese could impair the field's us-

Today's communique supplied Chairman Stewart (D-Tenn), in charge of the subcommittee, said other details which made clear the inquiry, relating only to pri- the drive toward Manila is on in crity practices, did not involve in earnest. While planes blasted any way the right of young Roose- Corregidor and Cavite naval base velt to a promotion. Senators in the Manila area to soften up Bridges (R-NH) and Maybank the capital's defense zone, columns moving south on the left of Clark field flanked Mt. Arayay on the west. That mountain is the only good defense barrier for the enemy down the central Luzon plains on the shortest route to

Scorch Earth US PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Pearl Harbor, Jan. Of Germany 25-(A)-An American naval task force shelled Iwo island in the Nazis Order Volcanos Tuesday while Superfortresses and Liberator bombers

also attacked the eight-square-LONDON, Jan. 25 -(AP)- Adolf mile enemy island with more than Hitler tonight categorically order-187 tons of bombs, Adm. Chester ed German commanders on eastern front to scorch every inch It was the third time in two of German soil they abandon. months that the Marianas based While Germany was forced to B-29s had joined ships of the Paclamp a state of siege on popucific fleet in a coordinated sea lations of Prague and eastern and air blasting of the fortress the red army approaches, the The attack was the sixth sur-Moscow radio said. face force shelling of the steadily-

The "scorched earth" order and hammered island in the Japanese other signs indicated the nazis defense system guarding the may be despairing of stemming southern sea approaches to the the Russian tide, now reported only 125 miles from Berlin-or of making an early return to the yielded territory.

As hordes of homeless Germans trudged miserably back to trenchdigging Berlin, Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels wail-WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. -(P)- ed his old cry that the reich "now nomic pressure to Switzerland to- Russian masses surpassing all day for its continued dealings with previous imagination."



Constantine Oumansky (above). Mexico City. His wife also was or "work or fight" plan. killed. (AP wirephoto)

Soviet Diplomat To Mexico Dies In Plane Crash

Soviet ambassador Constantine Oumansky, his wife and seven others were killed today in the crash of a Mexican military plane just as it took off for Costa Rica.

Of the six in the embassy party and the five in the crew, only two escaped. They are Mrs. Leo Troynensky, wife of the Russian embassy secretary, and a heroic Mexican lieutenant, a mechanic on the plane, who pulled her from the burning wreckage although his arm was broken.

Oumansky and his party were bound for San Jose where the ambassador was to present his credentials as minister to that big re

The plane, a C-60, Lockheed twin-engin "Lodestar," took off shortly before 6:00 a.m. It rose ed, 500 yards from the strip.

Walker Keeps Postal Position; **Ickes Still In**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25-(A) Talk of more cabinet changes subsided tonight after President Roosevelt nominated Frank C. Walker for another term as postmaster general.

Customarily, that cabinet post has gone to the democratic na-Czechoslovakian cities rebelling as tional chairman following a suc- Dyke). cessful presidential campaign. And while Robert E. Hannegan had announced that he intended to remain chairman and not enter the cabinet, some people heard him with skepticism.

The Walker nomination made it apparent that no change is contemplated at this time.

In addition, Interior Secretary Ickes announced that the president had written him a letter rejecting his offer to resign. Ickes always offers to quit every four The United States applied eco- stands deserted and alone against years, just in case the chief executive wants to make some

Wallace Challenges Congress To Investigate Jones' Work

ment's giant lending agencies for commerce department. the good of all. For himself, Wal-

dent Roosevelt wants him to suc- chairman Bailey (D-NC) announ

By Tom Reedy proposed to the senate commerce WASHINGTON, Jan 25 -(AP)- committee that congress investi-Henry A. Wallace challenged con- gate the administration of the gress today to find out if Jesse lending agencies to determine if Jones adminstered the govern- they should be stripped from the

the good of all. For himself, Wai-lace said he would do the job for such a divorce in a proposal by the common man and small busi- Senator George (D-Ga). The day's proceedings wound up

Without naming the man presi- in an executive session after which ceed as secretary of commerce and ced the committee would vote tohead of the multi-billion dollar morrow afternoon on the George

key.

Draft Act Defeated In House

Ballot 42 to 16 in Liveliest Day of 43rd Legislature

By Wendell Webb Managing editor, The Statesman

resentatives was back to more resentatives was back to more brosaic business today after vo-The Oregon state house of repciferously deciding, in effect, that draft (limited national service) or total conscription (of labor and capital(.

The liveliest scene of the 43rd session was precipitated Thursday soviet ambassador to Mexico with the entrance of Rep. Warren and one of Russia's ablest dip- Erwin's memorial (HJM 1) asklomats, was killed in the crash ing congress for immediate enactof a Mexican army plane at ment of the so-called labor draft

Defeated 42 to 16

The final vote (with 42 voting

It followed a roll-call refusal to voice-vote refusal to re-refer it were divided: 248 dead and 517 Strasbourg. to committee; and a final statement by Erwin that he did not object to the amendment but that he regarded the measure's oppothe war movement.

Erwin said there might be other than purely military reasons behind efforts of army and navy sinking was made public in acservice; commented that perhaps policy of stating all losses in reguit was thought the move was necessary to show America was unit- the details may not yet be made ed at contemplated peace confer- available." ences, and declared it was possible Russia would demand that the western allies not proceed beyond the Rhine - "Stalin may be more ambitious than we know anything

Bill Called "Insult"

Opponents included Rep. H. H. Chindgren (r), chairman of the house resolutions committee which made no recommendation on the measure; Rep. Carl H. Francis from the runway slowly, failed (r); Rep. John Dickson (r); Rep. to gain height and suddenly crash- Phil Brady (d), who termed the forces, proposal an "insult" to Oregon residents in regard to the war ef- al with the longest experience in fort, and others. Labor leaders Japanese military methods. He service act would be a violation forces at a time when the task of the 13th amendment barring or reorganizing and training them involuntary servitude.

The amendment in regard to total conscription was proposed soil or both-appears to be pressby Rep. Vernon Bull (d) of La ing for attention.

In the final vote on the amended memorial, Bull was supported by three other democrats (Erwin, Gleason, Semon) and 12 republicans (Barry, Condit, Heisler, Hendricks, J. O. Johnson, Lieuallen, Niskanen, Peterson, Snellstrom, Snyder, Steelhammer, Van Two Not Present

Against the memorial were 38 republicans and four democrats. Rep. W. T. Johnson (d) of Benton county and E. C. Allen (d)

Another house joint memorial the "human torpedoes" since they (HJM 2), requesting congress to first appeared near Anzio a year Spot on Coast include the national guard in postwar military policies, was passed quickly, Rep. Vernon Bull chalk- ters in a hotel on a Lussin island ing up the only "no" vote on the

(Additional details page 12)

MacArthur Celebrates 65th Birthday Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25-(AP)-Saluting tomorrow's 65th birthday of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo asked the house of representatives today, "where in history has one man done so much with so little."

Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines, declared, "Gen-eral MacArthur's body and soul belong to America, but we in the Philippines lay claim to a share

Ambassador Confirmed

American Public Hangs Up Coffee Drinking Record

NEW YORK, Jan. 25 .- (A)-The American public hung up a new coffee drinking record last year-28.3 per cent greater than ever

Carlos M. Canal, secretary-general of the Pan-American coffee bureau, said the nation consumed 18,812,071 bags of coffee, as compared to 14,663,953 bags in 1943. This is a per capita (including servicemen) consumption of 18

it didn't want to petition the national congress either for a labor Sinks With 765 Dead, Missing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. -(AP)-Along with a report of 36,456 new army casualties, Secretary Stimson revealed today the recent ship carrying American troops, with 765 dead and missing.

No detail was given in the loss

Heavy losses had been reported p nas been reported by name nor have the sinking dates been given.

Stimson said the new transport leaders to obtain limited national cordance with the "established set up a new line after pressure lar course, even though some of

Gen. Stilwell Will Command **Ground Forces**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 -(AP)-In a move weighted with meaning for Japan, the war department today named Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell to command army ground

Stilwell is the American gener- the German border. were quoted as saying such a assumes command of the ground for a major assault against Japan --either on Japanese or Chinese

Stilwell replaces Gen. Ben Lear who has been assigned as deputy commander in the European theater of administrative matters concerning American troops.

Planes Smash Nazi Hideout

ROME, Jan. 25-(A)-An island hideout of German "human torpedo" crews in the northern Adriatic sea has been demolished by rocket-firing allied planes, an air of Multnomah county were not force announcement said today. Not much has been said about Another house joint memorial the "human torpedoes" since they ago, but the airforce announce ment revealed they had headquarcove-in an area which has been a hideout for midget submarines and motor patrol boats.

One pilot returning from the raid said Beaufighter rockets blew the hotel "to smithereens."

General Who Told Germans 'Nuts' Up for Promotion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 -(P)-The general who told the Nazi "nuts" when they demanded that his surrounded division surrender was nominated for promotion to-

Anthony C. McAuliffe be advan- famed 41st infantry division.

Savage Attack of 7th Army Checks Major Nazi Smash Designed to Re-take Alsace Close On

Enemy Push Termed Major Effort; Threat To U.S. Lines Eased

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, Jan. 25 .- (A)-The Germans opened up in northeastern France today with what may be pounds. The 1943 figure was 14.2 their last offensive in the west, but it was checked by savage U. S. Seventh army counterattacks after it had broken across the new American Moder river line at four

The attack rolled out at dawn along a 20-mile front, with three crack armored divisions pacing at least three others in an assault which nowhere gained as much as two miles. A front dispatch said hard fighting raged tonight with the Americans inflicting punshing Nazis Smashed Back

All along the front, a late dissinkings in European waters of a patch said, the Germans were checked or smashed back. The threat to American posi-

tions at pivotal Haguenau, prob-"no," 16 "yes") was on an amend- of the troopship, beyond the fact ably an initial German objective, ed memorial calling for the total that she was sunk by enemy ac- was eased by doughboy countertion while carrying more than attacks which shoved the enemy 2200 soldiers, of whom more than back across the Moder river east lay the memorial on the table; a 1400 were saved. The casualties of this town, 15 miles north of

Three German crossings of the Moder in considerable force from in two previous troopship sinkings, two to five miles west of Haguboth in the Mediterranean last enau, and 15 miles deep into Al-MEXICO CITY, Jan. 25 -(AP)- nents as "insurrectionists against year. Losses in those cases totalled sace, also were under attack and across the river. New Line Set Up

It was along the Moder that Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch had forced a withdrawal farther north. While late reports said the Germans were being "contained," there was not attempt to minimize

the force of the push and a U. S. staff officer declared it was a "major effort" to try to reconquer all Alsace, which Hitler had incorporated into the reich in 1940. In the shattered remnant of the Ardennes salient, the U.S. Third army was hounding the

Germans back into the Siegfried The U. S. First army attacked in near zero weather and pushed more than a mile east and south of St. Vith, where the Americans were less than three miles from

Carl Peterson Dies in Action

INDEPENDENCE, Jan. 25 Staff Sgt. Carl E. Peterson was killed in action in Belgium December 31, his wife, Julia A. Peterson, has been notified by the war department.

Besides his wife, survivors are

his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Peterson, 336 Seventh street; a daughter, Judith, two years old, and a sister, Margaret Truitt. Staff Sergeant Peterson went overseas in November after he had been in the army for two

Salem Coldest

Salem was the cold spot of the coast Thursday with a minimum temperature of 21 degrees and cold fog and frost very much in mum of 24 degrees. No rain was reported in Salem

for the day was 44 degrees.

Promoted



WASHINGTON, Jan. 25-(A)-Brig. Gen. William C. Dunckel, former artillery commander of Camp Adair's Timberwolf division, was among 22 brigadier generals nominated as temporary major generals today by President Roosevelt. Although slightly wounded in an air raid the day before, he commanded the American task force which invaded Mindoro, in the Philippines.

French Want All Territory Along Rhine

PARIS, Jan. 25 .- (AP)-Gen. De Gaulle told a press conference today that "France does not intend er and prepared to cross that barto finish this war without the rier in a flanking movement on assurance that the French army will be installed permanently along the length of the Rhine from

one end to the other." invited to the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin conference. He also explained that France does not intend to recognize the Lubin committee as the provisional government of Poland-at least, not im-

De Gaulle declared that French troops must be placed along the Rhine after the war "not only for French security, but for the security of western Europe and even the security of the world."

Swedes Interne Nazi V-Rocket Scientist

LONDON, Jan. 25-(AP)-Swedish internment of a scientist who directed German experiments with a V-4 rocket for use against New York was reported tonight in a Stockholm dispatch by Reuters. The name of the scientist was

The dispatch said the scientist until recently head of a V-bomb experiment station in Jutland, fled to Sweden posing as a Danish refugee.

Eisenhower in Contact With Marshal Stalin

NEW YORK, Jan. 25-(A)-Merrill Mueller, NBC reporter evidence in the morning. Next who has just returned to this coldest was Eugene with a mini- country from supreme allied headquarters at Paris, said in a censored broadcast tonight that Thursday. Maximum temperature "Gen. Eisenhower has established contact with Marshal Stalin."

Two Salem Members of 41st Division Win Silver Stars

ced to the rank of major general.

McAuliffe carved a spot for himbel by Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe, combel in history with his one-word mander of "Oregon's Own" divis-

orated with the coveted Silver seas with the slashing 41st in ions were overtaking the fleeing President Roosevelt recommended to the senate that Brig. Gen. on the field of battle with the first to enter this zone of combat the junble around the road block. jungle-veteran outfit in this theatroops killed more than 90.

tre of warfare, with a record of It was too early to determine

Russians Breslau

Other Red Units Stab Into Oder River Defenses

By W. W. Hercher LONDON, Friday, Jan. 26.-(P)-The red army cut the trunk railway escape route out of half-conquered East Prussia yesterday, sealing off perhaps 200,000 German troops, while Berlin announced that other soviet units had pierced the upper Oder river defense line on a 125-mile front on both sides of besieged Breslau, Silesian capital.

The German news agency DNB said the Russian invaders of East Prussia, totalling more than 2,-235,000 men, had driven a wedge to the Baltic coast at Elbing in one of the greatest encirclement operations in history, and had broken into Elbing itself, 30 miles southeast of Danzig. Briensdorf Falls

While Moscow did not officially confirm this report the soviet communique did announce the capture of Briensdorf, nine miles east of Elbing, and Baumgarth, 12 miles to the south. In taking Briensdorf the Russians cut the last Berlin-Konigsberg trunk rail-

Capturing more than 1500 towns and villages on the 14th day of their gigantic push toward the heart of Germany, the Russians drove to within five miles east of Poznan, western Polish stronghold and "gateway to Berlin," with the capture of Swarzedz, Murowana-Goslina, 10 miles north of Poznan, also fell as the Russians surged up to the Warta riv-

125 Miles Away With the capture of Swarzedz the Russians now were 142 miles due east of Berlin, the closest an-The head of the provisional nounced point on the direct road French government said regret- to the reich capital. The soviet fully that France had not been army newspaper Red Star, however, said some units were about

125 miles from the nazi capital.

Pushing westward across the

presumably to the southeast.

base of the Polish corridor north of Poznan the Russians in a 10mile advance seized Keynia, 22 miles from the German Pooeranian frontier and 125 miles southeast of the Baltic port of Stettin. Units of two soviet armies seized a total of 700 towns and villages in East Prussia as they closed in steadily on Konigsberg, East Prussian capital and central base for the outnumbered Ger-

mans who have lost approximate-

ly half of the 14,283-square-mile

easternmost reich province.

Defenses Smashed Starkenberg, 17 miles southeast of Konigsberg, was seized by the Russians, as were Gross Scharlach, 20 miles on the northeast, and Goldbach, 21 miles to the east. Berlin acknowledged that the "first line" of defenses guarding Konigsberg had been breached and stressed the numerical superiority of the attacking soviets.

Soviet front dispatches said thousands of Russian, French and Polish civilians, impressed into fortification work by the Germans, had been liberated, and that whole trainloads of tanks, munitions and other military supplies had been captured intact by Gen. Ivan Cherniakhovsky's Third White Russian army.

Trapped Japs Mowed Down

MYITKYINA, Burma, Jan. 25 force road block on the Burma road began paying off today as scores of some 700 trapped Japanese were being chopped down by rifle fire and artillery fire in a HQ., 41ST DIVISION, Far Pa- Winter street and Lt. R. A. Sweet- 30-square mile area between Nam-cific — Within recent date two nad, 105 Mason street.

Salem servicemen have been dec- The bemedaled pair came over- Elements of four Chinese divis-

and since has become the most In one enemy pocket alone Chinese

today with morning valley fog, in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau at McNary field, Salem.

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