By Charles A. Strapez Aachen

senate and house committee on highways when the freeway bill highways when the freeway bill breach I attended a hearing before the was under consideration. This bill would give the highway commission power to designate routes constructed primarily for through traffic as "limited access" highways. This would mean that vehicles and pedestrians would not be permitted to enter or cross such a highway except at stated intervals. It would thus automatically restrict the improvement of the abutting land.

The purpose of the bill is first for safety, permitting traffic to flow on the main thoroughfare without the menace of vehicles cutting in or out of the stream on Third armies smashed across the intersecting roads and turnouts or German border in rain and slush pedestrians walking across the at four new places today and widhighway. At appropriate intervals ened the Aachen breach in the there would be proper turnouts, Siegfried line by two additional and presumably at such points miles and overran at least a dozclusters of commercial facilities en more towns, some of them inwould congregate. The second reason for the bill is preservation of roadside beauty by confining commercial encroachment to selected zones and not have the highway fringe continuously cluttered up with satellite business.

The argument in the broad public interest seems quite sound. On The front extends all the way from existing highways no such curtailment of property rights could be done except with compensation; and if the amendments proposed by the highway department are accepted the law would apply only to new construction. What friends of Oregon highways andof Oregon's scenic beauty would like to see is some protection of this great natural asset (Continued on Editorial page)

House Rejects 2 Amendments To Service Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. -(AP)- at Bresisach in new encirclement The house took its longest and advances. most important stride toward pas- Reach Rhine Canal sage of a limited national service bill today. Two amendments some command drove nearly a mile and members had feared would peop- a half and occupied Gambsheim ardize the whole bill were firmly In succession, the membership

turned down the proposals that Benfeld area and reached the man compelled to go to work Rhine-Rhone canal. in a "closed shop" war plant need not joint the union; and that race, creed or color should not be a

Disposition of the two explosive 2,500 prisoners during the past issue left nothing in the way of final approval except a host of less controversial amendments, generally considered as minor.

There was likelihood, though, that a record vote would be forced on the anti-closed shop proposal when the bill comes up for final action probably tomorrow. But indications were that the 178 to 142 teller vote that rejected the proposal today would be sus-

Home Where Babies Burned Not Licensed

AUBURN, Maine, Jan. 31-(AP)-The privately - owned boarding home that became a funeral pyre for 16 babies and a nurse early today was being operated without a legally-required license from the bureau of social welfare, Harry O. Page, Maine commissioner of health and welfare, disclosed to-

Page arrived in Auburn from the state capital to launch an investigation in the tragedy even while stunned relatives sought means of identifying four yet unclaimed bodies remaining in the

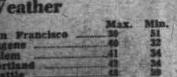
Three women and five children escaped the flames, which originated in the kitchen above a coal stove. Mrs. Rosa Cote, 50, a nurse, was among the fire's victims

Soviet Church Meeting Opens

MOSCOW, Jan. 31-(AP)-The first congress of the Russian orthodox church since the revolution opened today amid prayers for peace and victory and praise for Premier Joseph Stalin as bearded eccliastics from all over the world gathered in Moscow's rection to name a new patriarch.

Hundreds of spectators jammed the beautifully decorated church In a mixed atmosphere of ancient elerical gowns and caps and symhols of modern times including eleventh-hour effort to compro- in a hospital suffering from an loodlights and movie cameras as the acting patriarch, Alexei of cabinet appointment.

Weather



SOVIETS 42 MILES AWAY SAYS BERLIN;

The Oregon Statesman Widened

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

12 Towns Taken;

Allies in South

By Austin Bealmear

Circling Colmar

PARIS, Jan. 31.-(AP)-American

Pushing a full-scale offensive

along a 40-mile section of the

westwall, the power of the Amer-

ican twin-drive carried the troops

of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr.,

and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges

as much as 5000 yards further east.

the Aachen breach along the Roer

river to the Welchenhausen bridge-

head, now expanded to width of

seven miles, along the Our river.

As heavy U. S. artillery and

armor were poured against the

western face of the Siegfried line

American troops under the French

army command in southern Al-

sace drove east and south in their

maneuver to encircle Colmar, the

last major unliberated city in

French forces captured Witten-

heim, northwest of Mulhouse

against extremely heavy German

opposition, and the troops besieg-

ing Colmar punched a serious blow

main highway which connects Col-

mad with the Rhine river bridge

Other units under the French

and nearby Bettenhoffen against

light resistance then plunged four

miles across the Ill river in the

It was estimated that Allied

January, 1945

Warmer Than

Average Here

tures and the amount of precipi-

tation for the month. A total of

January of 5.33 fell the past

Average maximum temperature

on the 21st and 25th as 21 de

Greatest amount of rainfall in

any single 24-hour period was .80

inches on, the 6th, Most of the

5.34 inches total for the month

fell during the periods between

the 5th and 7th and between the

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. -(AP)

Secretary of War Stimson has can-

Stimson Cancels News

Meet, Out-of-Town

department reported today.

10th and 16th.

doughboys of the U.S. First and

side Germany.

Drive on Colmar

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Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, February 1, 1945

Jap Oil Goes Up in Smoke



into Nazis defending the metrohuge pillar of smoke towers high into the sky at Saigon, French politan pocket by dominating the Indo-China, after a successful raid by carrier-based planes of the Third U. S. fleet. (AP wirephoto from U. S. navy)

3 Definite Types of Allied Machinery to Run Europe Expected From Conference by minor measures Wednesday,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(P)-Creation of at least three definite types of allied machinery to conduct European affairs is expected here to result from the big three meeting. The form of this machinery will depend on (1) the speed of

troops operating in the area of the Colmar packet have killed at offensives against Germany in the next few days and (2) how least 5000 Nazi troops and taken far Churchill and Stalin are willing to go in accepting American principles for handling liberated

Not on Agenda

LONDON, Jan. 31.-(AP)-Mem-

bers of the house of commons-

leaders and a meeting of the "big

three" might be synonymous -

were given a guarded hint today

that the question of early Soviet

Replying to a suggestion that

British war prisoners would re-

ceive better treatment if Russia

spoke sharply to Japan, minister

not proposed to raise this question

Law's reply, coupled with Har-

ry Hopkins' statement in Italy

that Britain and the United States

were counting on their own re-

sources against the Japanese, drew

the interpretation here that Presi-

dent Roosevelt, Premier Stalin and

Solon Would

Fire Tugwell

of American development."

government imaginable.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31-(P)

Rep. Cole (R-NY) called today for

the removal of Rexford Guy Tug-

because, he charged, the former

"No one," Cole told the house

can be mindful of certain recent

to the conclusion that there has

been developed the nucleus for the

most fantastic, fascistic system of

Cole is a member of the house

insular committee which is con-

cerned with the island's problems.

ROME, Jan. 31.-(A)-The gov

Italy Says She Can't

laws of Puerto Rico and not come

at the forthcoming conference."

of state Richard Law said "it is

The military picture is consid- Russian Help ered of utmost importance at this conference. Regardless of when the big three meet, it is possible Against Japan that before their talks are concluded the nature and duration of German resistance may be more exactly estimated than at any time since the conflict began Partly this will be shown by the January, 1945, was somewhat warmer and had more rainfall force of enemy counter-measures to the Russian drive along the than the same month last year,

reports the US weather bureau at Oder river line. Partly it will be McNary field in a summary of the shown by enemy retreats in the be reflected in indications from aid against Japan had been reinside the reich of arrangements moved from the agenda of that 5.34 inches, compared with 5.27 for a retreat into mountainous conference. inches for the same month in southern Germany and a lastditch fight in that area.

1944 and a normal rainfall for The more accurately Roosevel Churchill and Stalin can forese the end of the war in Germany, the more accurately they can plan last month was 49.5 degrees, minifor long range German control mum was 34 degrees. Highest policies, for the liberation of Ausmaximum temperature was recorded on the 10th and 13th as tria and for the tapering off of 59 degres, and lowest minimum military activities.

> 'Silver' Thaw Cloaks Columbia Valley Area PORTLAND, Jan. 31. -(AP)-

"silver thaw" cloaked the Columbia valley landscape west of the Prime Minister Churchill would Cascades and east of this city last have other things to talk about. night, slowing travel on icy river highways and closing schools in Gresham and Corbett, where buses stayed in school garages.

Hospital Ship Expected LONDON, Jan. 31-(AP)-The hospital ship Letitia is expected to celled his weekly news conference arrive at Liverpool tomorrow with scheduled for tomorrow, the war 721 wounded repatriated prisoners of war from Germany-the first well as governor of Puerto Rico A spokesman said the secretary group of a total of 1861 Allied sols out of town but gave no further diers in the process of being ex-

Barkley Seeks Compromise In Dispute Over Cabinet Job

Majority leader Barkley today summoned democratic senators to widely heralded parliamentary an emergency conference in an dispute. The Kentuckian has been mise the disputed Henry Wallace eye disorder.

The democrats, split wide open he congress with a prayer for the over the issue of granting the for- ity group was complicated by the he congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the included the including the congress with a prayer to the over the included the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the including the congress with a prayer to the over the congress with a prayer to the well as the commerce secretary- Wallace's nomination, approved 15 Italian economy "cannot bear up ship, are to meet at 10 a. m. to 4 a bill which would strip from under the massive weight" of the

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31. -(A)- was emphasized by the fact that Barkley will have to leave a sickbed to marshal his forces for the

The effort to keep some sem-Bear Up Under Terms blance of unity within the major-(EWT) tomorrow, two hours bethe secretary of commerce the financial burden imposed by the
control over RFC and other big armistice, and asked for credits
may be the stormiest meeting of
the new session.
The importance which the demoRoosevelt.

The importance which the demo-

Fund For Star Awarded 8th Army Probe Up To House

Rules Are Suspended, Permit **Balloting Today**

The house of representatives, under suspension of rules to permit speedy determination, will decide today whether \$25,000 shall be allotted for the widely-her- At Bomber Command Headquaralded probe of Oregon's liquor

The measure to provide the money (SB 113) was passed by the senate after a heated debate Wednesday morning and came to the house a few hours later. It was introduced in prosaic style, but was rushed through first and second reading on motion of Rep. Henry Semon, member of the five-man investigating committee, who said the group wanted to know what it had to work on. Halfway Mark Today

The house itself, too, will know better tonight what it has "to work on," since today is the last on which bills may be introduced End Rome Visit without approval of the legislation and rules committee which has indicated it will be "tough" in allowing new introductions. The senate, however, has no

such check-rein. Today is the 25th day of the 43rd session and marks the half- Hopkins left Rome by air today way mark of the prescribed 50 for, an undisclosed destination,

approving nine of them, but had more than a score of new ones landed in its lap-including such bills as HB 225 to compel the en- Gasperi during his two-day visit, richment with vitamins of flour and bakery products; HB 228 to increase the minimum salaries of teachers from \$75 a month to \$1200 for nine months, and HB 234 requiring the pasteurization of milk and licensing of operators of pasteurization equipment. Gas Tax Killed

The senate passed measures tightening laws in regard to the liquor control commission's power of enforcement, the house resolution congratulating President other bills.

The move to tax aviation gasoline 5 cents a gallon, for the purpose of raising funds to construct and operate airports, bogged down in a battery of protests and intimations of illegality in committee meeting and was considered a dead issue pending introduction Rights to Be of a completely new bill. (Legislative news page 12)

Persian Gulf Command Wil Be Liquidated

TEHERAN, Jan. 27-(Delayed)-(P)-The Persian gulf command is being liquidated since the opening of a shorter supply line to Russia through the Dardanelles and the Black sea, but American military railway service troops are likely hearing Tuesday night. to linger for some time in Iran. American withdrawal from the once-vital life-line to Russia was planned about a year ago, and even before the first allied convoy In Next Few Months

passed through the Dardanelles, the Persian gulf command began its "streamlining" with abandonment of motor transport service across Iran about two months ago. The plans now calls for immediate dissolving of mountain and after Nazi Germany is beaten, new deal brain-truster "has suc-ceeded in undoing a half-century and consolidation of the gulf dis-

Russia Might Oppose Revealing Meet Plans

LONDON, Jan. 31 -(P)- Unconfirmed reports circulating here tonight said the Russians may op-"Big Three" of allied plans for Fals, president's Scottie, was back He came back and disappeared treatment of Germany after its in the news today and Blaze, Col. again, the first lady explaining surrender, urging that such an- Elliott Roosevelt's Mastiff, was in that he wasn't "feeling so well." former Alice Roberts, has been nouncement be postponed until relative obscurity. Berlin has fallen.

Light Rain

to continue intermittently to-Weather bureau, McNary field,

Secures

6th Force Takes Calumpit; Yanks **Get Naval Base**

By C. Yates McDaniel GENERAL MacARTHUR'S day, Feb. 1-(A)-Eighth army ters, Guam, Brig. Gen. Emmett ing Olongapo naval base, Tuesday O'Donnell (right) receives Sil- without opposition, and the US ver Star award for bravery and Seventh fleet then entered the bay gallantry in action. General while to the east the Sixth army O'Donnell led the first Salpan- seized Calumpit and crossed the based B-29 strike in force over Pampanga river, 28 road miles Tokyo, November 24 last. The from Manila. presentation is being made by

> fending Grande island when it fell captured. Olongapo was dotted with dugouts and pillboxes-all

Pass Swamp Land

southward down Pampanga province, carried motorized units of capital, and driving on Kustrin, a the 14th army corps safely rail center 41 miles east of Ber-ROME, Jan. 31-(AP)-US Secrethrough a narrow stretch of land lin, scarcely more than the distary of State Stettinius and Harry Beyond, the plains open wide to more. Manila with no good defenses for Advance Everywhere which may or may not be the the Nipponese in between.

scene of the big three conference. Hopkins, who was received by Robert Eichelberger thus advanc- entire eastern from East Pope Pius and conferred with Italian Foreign Minister Alcide de day's beachheads on the Zambales man divisions were squeezed inacknowledged that his trip was army columns rolled 10 miles connected with the preliminaries southwest of San Fernando tofor the conference of Roosevelt, ward a juncture with the Eighth Churchill and Stalin. With Stettinius, he conferred with Ameri-

can military leaders yesterday and Units Near Union Hopkins, an official announcement said, conferred at length ney, commander of American nando. army forces in the Mediterranean,

Other Eighth army units landair commander in this theater, trance of Subic bay, whose waters left American field headquarters a fine base on the very fringes of to meet Stettinius, who arrived at Manila bay. Berlin.

Bill on Civil Up to Senate

The controversial "civil rights" bill (SB 34) will come back from the senate judiciary committee without recommendation and go directly on the floor of the senate for debate, it was disclosed Wednesday.

The bill . . . guaranteeing to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, equal treatment in hotels, resorts, assemblies and places of amusement . . . is sponsored by three Multnomah county senators. It was given a public

and Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, allied

a nearby airfield by plane.

Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell,

of the 21st bomber command.

(International)

Leave by Air

Smokes to Get Scarcer

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.-(AP)-Al-

ready-scarce civilian smokes will but all of the leading brands will be in adequate supply 60 days Harry M. Wootten, investment advisor for Reynolds and company, the straits of Juan de Fuca and trict with the Khorramshahr port New York stock brokers, said to- from Tatoosh south to the Ore-

Subic Bay

HEADQUARTERS, Luzon, Thurstroops secured Subic bay, includ-

Fleet entrance into the good anchorage and repair base on the ir., fermer commanding general fringes of Manila bay followed unimpeded occupation of Grande island, Subic's "little Corregidor."

American guns which were de-U.S. Diplomats to the Japanese in 1942 were re-

The surge of the Sixth into Ca-

ed more than 20 miles from Monwhich would seal off Bataan pen-

Nips Close in On Suichwan

CHUNGKING, Jan. 31 - (AP) Japanese troops are closing in on air base in western Kwangsi province, the high command announced today in a communique which disclosed that Hukong, provisional capital of Kwangtung 50 other populated places. The province, fell to the invaders Sun-

(A Tokyo broadcast said Japanese troops had captured the Suichwan air field.)

The Chinese high command said Kukong, 125 miles north of Canton, fell after virtually all of the defenders had been slain in two days of bitter fighting.

Suichwan, situated halfway between Hankow and Hongkong, is the first major objective in the current Japanese offensive to knock out allied air bases in

Storm Warnings Up

SEATTLE, Jan. 31. -(AP)- The weather bureau ordered storm warnings for southeast winds of gale force hoisted at 10 p. m. for

Treacherous Female Sends Fala to Hospital With Bite

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 -(AP), was in the country and "we hope Perhaps it was pure jealousy, but he is having a wedding."

went out and got bunged up. The him to the "vet." Maj. Warner patched up everything but his for "external injuries." dignity and sent him home.

The second disappearance took

The Washington Post said they again in November, 1944. were inflicted by a treacherous He had been for a time ass the same in the mid-Willamette thing put the bite on Fala. The female who resented his advances. Camp Adair after being discharged

10-Mile Reported

Continued Gains Made All Along Eastern Front

By W. W. Hercher LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 1-(49) The red army, dashing unchallenged across the frozen approaches to Berlin, was 63 miles from the nazi capital by its own account today and a scanty 45 according to the alarmed German

The soviet communique late last night announced the capture of Beyersdorf, 63 miles northeast of Berlin-a distance equal to that

LONDON, Feb. 1 -(AP)- Russian armored spearheads have reached the vicinity of Kustrin, on the Oder river 42 miles cant of Berlin, the German radio declared today.

Kustrin is situated at the confluence of the Oder and Warthe rivers, less than 20 miles north of Frankfurt. It is connected with both that city and the German capital by broad, straight highways.

from Philadelphia to Newark, N. J. This represented a 10-mile advance in 24 hours for Marshall Gregory K. Zhukov's First White Russian army, which took the big communications center of Landsberg in passing.

One report from the German radio placed Marshal Zhukov's men north of Frankfurt-on-thelumpit, in an advance of 13 miles | Oder in the Oder river valley, not more than 45 miles from the compressed between two swamps, tance from Washington to Balti-

The soviet communique report-Brussia, where surrounded Gercoast to win Olongapon, Sixth side less than one-fifth of the province's territory, to besieged Budapest, where 8200 prisoners were taken Tuesday.

The Moscow bulletin made no mention of besieged Breslau and the Silesian sector where Marshal The two army elements are Ivan S. Konev's First Ukraine pushing toward each other along army is operating, but the Berlin a winding road of 60 miles from radio, contending that the line with Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNar- the Zambales coast to San Fer- west of Breslau had been stabilized, acknowledged Russian crossings of the Oder at many ed on Grande island at the en- points in that area and placed the northern end of Konev's line at Roosevelt on his birthday, and 19 yesterday morning. Then the three can supply the US Seventh fleet Sorau, 45 miles inside Germany and 30 miles west of the Oder. Sorau is 84 miles southeast of

> Topper Captured In the First White Russian army's sector directly east of Berlin, the soviet communique announced the capture of Topper, 70 miles due east of the capital and 11 miles west of Schweibus, a town which fell to Zhukov's army

earlier in the day.

The northward spread of the First White Russian army in Pomerania brought the capture of Flatow, Jastrow and more than thrust to Jastrow represented an advance of 12 miles in a drive which threatened to cut off the greater part of Pomerania from Germany and endangered Stettin, Berlin's port of the Baltic.

Farm Union **Backs Wallace**

Appointment of Henry A. Wallace as secretary of commerce with full powers over the RFC has the backing of the Oregon Farmers' union, Ammon Grice, state Grice made public a telegram he had sent to Senators Guy Cordon and Wayne Morse, urging their support for Wallace.

Grice's telegram follows: "1 want to urge you to work and vote for the approval of Henry Wallace as secretary of commerce and urge you to leave the RFC with that department".

Sgt. L. Talley Dies in Action

MILL CITY, Jan. 31-Staff Sgt. France January 9, his wife, the notified by the war department. en years and served for 30 months Walter Reed hospital admitted Hall of the army medical center in Alaska and the Aleutians. Rehim to the veterinary section, confirmed that Fala was treated turned to the mainland for hospitalization, he was sent overseas

chain of circumstances is like this:

The wedding, the newspaper from the hospital. Mrs. Talley is making her home with her parago Fala was missing because he tended mate were incompatible.