

By Charles S. Squire

Apropos of nothing immediately before the U. S. senate, Senator O'Mahoney of Wyoming introduced for the record the other day statistics comparing the size of giant corporations with political bodies like states and cities. He made note of the fact that whereas in 1930 the United States Steel corporation, then the corporation with the largest gross income, took in twice as much in revenue as the largest political unit except the federal government, in 1942 General Motors, which now tops the corporate list for receipts, took in almost three times as much money as New York State, which is the political unit, under federal government, with the largest income.

General Motors in that year had gross revenues of \$2 1/2 billion, U. S. Steel of over \$1 1/2 billion, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea of over \$1 1/2 billion. New York state had revenues of \$720,000,000 and New York City of \$714,000,000.

In the way of assets we have the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., the nation's biggest corporate aggregation of wealth, with \$5.99 billions, which is higher than the assessed value of all but six of the states. Illinois, which is a rich state, has only \$5.29 billion. It should be noted of course that Metropolitan's assets are valued at substantially full value while assessed values of property usually run far under actual values.

Now this comparison may shock some people. I do not think it proves

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### Loder Brothers Will Construct Modern Garage

Loder Brothers, who have been engaged in the automobile business in Salem since 1929, virtually all of that time in the same building between Liberty and High streets on Center street, will have a new home for occupancy within a few months.

It is to be erected on the property across the alley east of their present location by Robert L. Ellstrom and Tinkham Gilbert, owners of the lot.

Plans are now being completed by Lyle P. Bartholomew, architect, and contracts will be awarded within a few days.

When the Fraternal Temple, the ground floor of which Loder Bros. occupied for many years, was sold some months ago to Salem labor unions for a labor temple, the automobile firm was forced to seek another location. Since so much of its present activity was devoted to keeping essential transportation operating, the war production board approved a new garage building and granted the necessary priority. Non-essential materials are to be used wherever possible.

(See story on page 2).

### Yankee Subs Sink 25 More Nippon Ships

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Pushing their war of attrition against Japanese shipping, already reeling from staggering losses, American submarines have chalked up another 25 kills.

The latest toll, announced in a navy communique today, included three warships—an escort aircraft carrier, a destroyer, and a large converted cruiser.

While not confirmed by the navy, the latter ship was believed to be one of Japan's pre-war 18,000-ton merchant vessels, operated as a "luxury liner" in peacetime.

Non-combatant vessels claimed in today's report included 17 cargo vessels, 3 cargo transports, and 2 transports.

The report raised to 1045 the total of Japanese ships of all types sunk by American submarines since the start of the war, of which 110 were combatant ships and 935 non-combatant.

Sinkings announced since January 1 have totaled 121.

### Eyewitness Account Describes Bold Stroke Of U. S. Navy Task Force Against Tokyo

(Editor's note: This is the first eyewitness story of the February 16-17 carrier plane attacks on the Tokyo area.)

By Robert Gelger  
ABOARD VICE ADM. MITCHELL'S FLAGSHIP NEAR TOKYO, Feb. 17—(Delayed)—(AP)—Steaming almost into Tokyo bay, this all American navy task force, the mightiest ever assembled, hurled tons of explosives into the enemy in a two-day carrier plane strike, and tonight audaciously patrolled the Japanese coast challenging the enemy air force and navy to battle.

The center of the target was Nakajima Munshiro and Nakajima Tama aircraft factories, 12 miles from the palace of the em-

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## MORE YANKS LAND ON IWO

### U. S. Third Reaches Saarburg; Soviets Circling Frankfurt

#### Patton's Men Gain 10 Miles

#### Canadian Drive On Calcar, Ruhr Picks Up Speed

By Austin Bealmer  
PARIS, Feb. 21—(AP)—The U. S. third army fought into Saarburg and closed up to the Sarr river on an eight-mile front today, virtually eliminating all enemy resistance in the triangle formed by the Sarr and Moselle rivers in climaxing an attack that in two days has gained 10 miles and overrun nearly 40 German towns.

Between the Maas and Rhine rivers on the northern end of the front the Canadian first army's drive toward Calcar and the Ruhr gained momentum with the help of hundreds of British warplanes. In Canadian troops, using flame throwers, cleaned the enemy out of the small Moyland forest and there were signs the German defense line—built up to 10 divisions there—was finally beginning to crack.

Far to the south doughboys of the American seventh army fought through the streets of Forbach, overlooking the important German steel city of Sarbruecken which now is only three miles ahead of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's forward elements.

The troops moving forward in all three of these sectors were given tremendous air support. More than 5,000 Allied warplanes roared through clearing skies and battered transportation and military targets, backing up the German lines.

Armored units drove into Saarburg on the western bank of the Saar river after establishing contact with the 94th infantry division, which had paved the way for the swift new plunge into enemy territory by crossing the Moselle river in a two-day attack to the south. Today the doughboys drove on a mile and a half beyond Osnodorf, which is three and a half miles northwest of Saarburg.

#### Men Over 30 May Be Called

PORTLAND, Feb. 21—(AP)—State elective service director Col. Elmer V. Wooten said today that Oregon soon may be forced to draft men over 30 from essential civilian jobs.

Col. Wooten told a conference of transportation firms military needs might not be filled from the pool of younger men and suggested the industry cooperate with the U. S. employment service in channeling discharged veterans into rail and truck work.

His suggestion followed a statement by Lee C. Stidd, jr., secretary of the Oregon motor transport association, that the highway transportation system was endangered by increasing draft calls.

peror, in the western suburbs of Tokyo.

Pilots reported that both factories were blazing and severely damaged.

At least two other important aircraft plants were damaged or destroyed. Thirty-six airfields were strafed or bombed.

Five hundred and nine Japanese planes were destroyed in the air and on the ground. One small carrier and 32 other small vessels were sunk.

Snow, sleet, rain and the failure of the Japanese to fight prevented the American fleet taking a much heavier toll in the lightning jab that sent the task force out from a secret base for the round-trip

#### Even Mice at Army School Trained in Military Discipline

CAMP LEE, Va., Feb. 21—(AP)—Even mice at the quartermaster school have been indoctrinated in the military discipline of uniformity and order.

In the picture-file room of the school's technical training service two newly-born mice were found in a file drawer designated for subjects starting with the letter "M."

#### Worms Target Of Heavy Raid By RAF Force

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 21—(AP)—The massive Allied aerial assault against Germany's battered rail system was continued last night with a heavy RAF attack on the Rhine valley choke point of Worms after 1,200 American heavies smashed Nuernberg in daylight for the second straight day in one of the most concentrated air blows of the war.

Berlin also was hit twice during the night by British bombers which kept the nine-day aerial offensive through the darkness. Allied together more than 5,000 Allied warplanes joined in the day's attack on Germany, many of them giving close support to western front troops.

Worms, 12 miles north of Mannheim is a key point in the communications system supplying the enemy forces in front of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's attacking third army.

In the big daylight raid the Nazi convention city of Nuernberg, which some unconfirmed reports have said now has supplanted Berlin as the Reich's capital, was battered for more than an hour by the American four-engined bombers.

#### Thief's Victim Under Arrest

John Mendoza, who told Salem police last Sunday morning that he had been robbed of \$7,500, Wednesday at 2:35 p. m. was arrested in Aurora by Roy Hunt, state police officer, on a charge of violation of the basic speed rule. The officer said he found six cases of whisky in the car.

Mendoza was brought to Salem and taken before Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton who set bail at \$200 after a complaint had been signed by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, charging Mendoza with unlawful transportation of intoxicating liquor.

#### Nurses From Bataan Headed Toward Home

HONOLULU, Feb. 21—(AP)—Fifty four American nurses wearing jaunty new uniforms flew into Hawaii today on their way home from Bataan and Corregidor, after three years internment by the Japanese in the Philippines.

sortie of several thousand miles.

Every one of the thousands of men participating in the strike expected a violent aerial battle and a possible naval engagement but tonight no Japanese warship had challenged us and the air force had declined to fight although there were approximately a hundred Japanese fields from which the American fleet could be reached.

American losses were 43 planes in dogfights that occurred over Tokyo.

Not a single American surface vessel was damaged and not a single Japanese plane reached within striking distance of the fleet.

### German Defense Stiffens

#### Russians Bypass Guben as Nazis Gain in Prussia

By W. W. Hercher  
LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 22 (AP)—The Soviet First Ukraine army by-passed the stout German defense hedgehog of Guben yesterday and drove to the confluence of the Neisse and Oder rivers, 54 miles southeast of Berlin and separated only by the width of the Oder from a juncture with the First White Russian army, which was reported fighting to encircle Frankfurt 21 miles to the north.

In the Samland peninsula of East Prussia the Berlin radio claimed that a surprise German offensive had reestablished a firm corridor from Koenigsberg to the escape port of Pillau, 20 miles south.

Moscow merely acknowledged some advances by the enemy in that sector and said the desperate effort was costing the Germans enormously in men and equipment, while another trapped German force southwest of Koenigsberg lost 85 tanks and 400 vehicles in two days.

Moscow's nightly communique and an early morning supplement said the First Ukraine forces of Marshal Ivan S. Konev had seized a strategic ridge in the forest on the eastern approaches to Guben and had driven up to the Neisse river on both sides of the town, capturing more than 50 populated places in advances that measured seven to 13 miles on a 50-mile-wide front.

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#### China Blunts Jap Attacks

CHUNGKING, Feb. 21—(AP)—Chinese forces have repulsed several attacks on their positions southwest of Suichuan, formerly the site of a big American air base, the high command announced tonight.

In the Hunan-Kwangtung border region fighting continued 12 miles northwest of Ichang, west of the Canton-Hankow railroad and about 150 miles south of Hengyang. The Japanese in this sector are trying to re-seal a gap in the railroad recently made by the Chinese.

Fighting also continued east of the railroad town of Chenhsien, 80 miles south of Hengyang.

#### Newark Club Figures Way to Beat Curfew

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 21—(AP)—A Newark night club announced today that it would anticipate the midnight curfew on entertainment by turning off the heat and the lights on the stroke of twelve, and remaining open without heat for a "candlelight hour" until the 2 a. m. legal closing time, beginning tonight.

#### PARTLY CLOUDY

today with warmer temperatures in the afternoon, in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem.

### Filibuster Broken In House

#### Work Speeded; Bill for Veterans Director Passes

By Wendell Webb  
Managing editor, The Statesman

The state house of representatives, in the throes of a filibuster for almost two days, was back on its business-like if tedious feet today.

The break came Wednesday when Speaker Eugene Marsh, apparently anticipating continued demands for the full reading of every bill up for final passage, himself invoked rule 46 of senate regulations to the extent of having every measure read "section by section"—but not in full.

For two days previously, Rep. James Gleason (D) whenever a bill was up for vote—stood on his rights to demand that it be read by sections. The only apparent recourse for opponents of such action was to request that longer bills be calendared for future action.

A perusal of regulations later, however, showed that controversial rule 26 does not specify "in full" and the delaying demands for such readings were thwarted Wednesday when Reading Clerk Richard Wilson read only the section titles and excerpts.

The filibustering members—who invoked the slowdown tactics apparently in an effort to force reconsideration of the house-approved measure (HB 306) stripping the Multnomah county clerk of authority over elections—yielded without a scrap.

Rep. Vernon Bull, La Grande democrat who opposed HB 306 and Tuesday unsuccessfully sought its reconsideration, finally moved that even the reading of section titles be abandoned—asking that "window dressing be dispensed with."

#### Vet Bill Approved

The bust-up of the filibuster brought rapid action—the house passed nine measures and cleaned up its calendar in short order, including the measure to set up a state department of veterans' affairs.

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The amended measure, calling for \$80,000 from the general fund, provides for a \$5000-a-year director who would be entirely responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs. He would be appointed by the governor, on approval of a seven-member advisory board—one member each from the Legion, VFW, Disabled War Veterans, Order of the Purple Heart and Spanish-American War veterans; one veteran of World War II, and one other, either civilian or service.

#### Recommendations Provided

The five organizations would submit three recommendations each to the governor, who would choose one from each list, within 10 days after the measure becomes a law.

Their terms would be stepped by years so that there would be a succession without an entirely new board.

The measure, which now goes to the senate, specifies that the director shall:

"Organize and coordinate the administration of all laws, federal and state, pertaining to war veterans and their dependents," and that he is authorized to:

"Accept grants, donations and gifts on behalf of the State of Oregon for veterans' welfare . . . ; act as agent or attorney in fact for any war veteran relating to rights under any federal or state law.

It is also provided that the director shall maintain offices in the state capital, and provide a fidelity bond. It would not do away with other agencies interested in veterans' affairs.

Creation of such a department was asked by Gov. Earl Snell in his biennial message. (Legislative news page 12).

### 'Hitler' Parades With Allies



British soldiers who helped capture the German stronghold of Klevve stop to display captured portrait of Adolf Hitler which they carried in a parade through the wrecked streets of the town. This photo was taken by Eddie Worth, Associated Press photographer with the wartime still picture pool. (AP wirephoto)

### Japanese Blow Themselves Up on Corregidor; Yanks Tighten Squeeze on Manila

MANILA, Thursday, Feb. 22—(AP)—Japanese hopelessly sealed in Corregidor's network of tunnels blew themselves up by touching off a main ammunition dump yesterday as American forces tightened the squeeze on the remaining enemy garrison there and also in Manila, where the Yanks captured the Manila hotel, one of the luxury spots of the orient.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said the enemy on Corregidor fortress, at the entrance to Manila bay, was destroyed except for minor mopping up. He declared that a thorough combing of Bataan peninsula showed not a single Japanese left alive.

First cavalry division troops under Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, fighting up the south Manila shoreline, found the big Manila hotel battered but not beyond salvage. They also captured Burnham Green, a small park nearby.

The cavalrymen thus were within 50 feet of the southern wall of the ancient Intramuros, in which the Japanese are holed up for a bitter final fight. American howitzers are pounding the walled city's thick eastern wall to make way for tanks.

Baj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler's 37th infantry division, meantime, captured the three-story Ermita Normal school, southeast of the Manila hotel, and engaged Japanese defenders in the city hall, three blocks north of the school. There are still thousands of Japanese on Luzon, but the bulk of the one-strong enemy occupation force has retired or been pushed back into the comparative security of mountains and valleys of the northeast.

#### ARC Will Distribute Clothing in Paris

PARIS, Feb. 21—(AP)—The American Red Cross tomorrow will make its first distribution in Paris proper of clothing sent from America for destitute families and refugees. Ten tons of clothing will be handed out from the 85 tons recently received, bringing the total distributed in France to 1600 tons.

### Farmers Union Elects Ronald Jones President in Meet Here

By Marguerite Gleason  
Valley News Editor

"Inform yourselves before you make decisions, otherwise you are a dangerous element." This was the blunt advice of Herbert D. Rolph, national vice president of the Farmers Union, in a talk at the Oregon Farmers Union Wednesday morning.

The 67 locals of the state were represented by 109 delegates at the streamlined convention. They promoted Ronald E. Jones to president, voted to separate the office of secretary and editor, and voiced their disapproval of partisan political action on the part of state or national Farmers Union officers.

The group approved increased support for elementary schools, the Willamette valley flood control project and the various river valley authorities. Resolutions were adopted opposing adoption of compulsory military training before the servicemen are discharged and compulsory pasteurization of milk.

A resolution was also adopted favoring the establishment of a "floor" price where a "ceiling" price is proclaimed. A resolution was approved which called for reimbursement of the owners in cases where dogs kill ducks, geese or rabbits in addition to other poultry. Reference was made by one speaker to the fact that the recent legislative action rather outdated the resolution, "but it's too bad if you have ducks, geese or rabbits."

The reference to officers of the Farmers Union taking part in partisan politics were understood to refer to the active part taken by James Patton, national president, in the 1944 presidential election. Patton attended the Oregon convention last year. (Additional details on page 3)

Weather  
Max. Min. Rain  
San Francisco 60 43 .00  
Eugene 52 39 .01  
Salem 51 38 .03  
Portland 46 39 .05  
Seattle 49 39 .06  
Willamette river 5.5 ft.

### Devildogs Stopped In Tracks

#### U. S. Force Now Believed to Total 45,000 Fighters

By Elmont Waite

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, G u a m, Thursday, Feb. 22—(AP)—A third marine division, increasing the invasion force to possibly 45,000 men, has been thrown into the furious battle for Iwo to fill gaps caused by casualties already exceeding 3,600.

Disclosing the fresh commitments in a communique today, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz acknowledged that Japanese resistance rose to such a high pitch Wednesday afternoon, third day of the invasion, that the hard-fighting devildogs virtually were stopped in their tracks.

The reinforced leathernecks, holding a wedge across the south third of the island, stormed the slopes of a volcano on the south tip with flamethrowers and tanks. Although unable to advance appreciably, they hurled back a counterattack in the vicinity.

U. S. Drive halted  
On the north end of the wedge, Nipponese mine fields and intense mortar and artillery fire temporarily halted a drive toward an airfield in the center of the island.

The third marine division, under Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine, reinforced the fourth division under Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Bates and the fifth under Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey.

Thus approximately 45,000 leathernecks may have been committed to an operation against Japanese estimated in today's communique to have totaled 20,000 when the island was invaded Monday.

#### Jap Fire Intense

"Intense mortar, artillery and small arms fire is being encountered by our troops and in some areas extensive mine fields are slowing the advance," Nimitz said.

"During the afternoon (Wednesday) there was no appreciable change in our lines," he reported. "On the south flamethrowers and tanks are being used against well entrenched enemy troops in the Mt. Suribachi area," Nimitz added. "A counterattack launched by the enemy east of Mt. Suribachi shortly after noon was thrown back. Numerous land mines have been encountered in this vicinity. Four of our tanks were knocked out of action."

### Willamette to Get \$200,000 From Estate

Willamette university will receive the bulk of the estate of the late Alfred L. Sequest, who died February 15, in Portland, a reading of the will revealed Wednesday. President G. Herbert Smith of the university, said that it would realize approximately \$200,000 from the estate, which amount is to be left in the endowment fund. The interest from the money will be used as the trustees of Willamette see fit.

Sequest, a bachelor, was the last member of a Swedish family, who reached Portland a number of years ago and engaged in the hardware business. His will, filed for probate in Multnomah county, bequeathed the pioneer Sequest homestead at Silver Lake, Wash., to the state of Washington for park purposes, with the proviso that no liquor be had on the premises. He also left minor bequests to a church and to friends. The Portland Trust and Savings bank is executor under the will.

A brother, Charley, died a few years ago. Neither had attended Willamette but both were interested in young men and it was believed the reason why the university was selected as the chief beneficiary.

### Liberated Yank Thinks Battleship Had Pups

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21—(AP)—Lt. Earl G. Baumgardner, USNR, of Yonkers, N. Y., one of the first three liberated prisoners of war from the Philippines, had this to say today in comparing the present United States navy with that of three years ago when he was captured:

"It looks as though every battleship must have had pups!"