



Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, February 25, 1945

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

A doughfoot gets out of the army, or a seaman gets a discharge from the navy. He has heard about the GI bill of rights. He has heard that it makes available loans to a veteran for acquiring a home, a farm, a business or equipment and livestock. He finds a chance to buy a service station or to buy a truck and go into contract trucking. He gets circulars which advise him that the government does not loan money to him directly, but that he should go to some lending agency.

So he goes in to see the banker. The banker asks him if he has any capital of his own.

"No," says the veteran. "I'm just out of the service, and aside from a small amount of money to run me till I get set up I haven't any capital."

"Have you had any experience in running a service station, or doing contract hauling?" the banker asks.

"No," replies the veteran. "I went right out of school into the service. I have done odd jobs, but have not managed a business of my own. I feel sure I can succeed, however, because I'm willing to work hard and save my money."

That puts the banker, not the veteran, on the spot.

For the government has encouraged the veteran to think that he will be able to get a loan to start in business. But the government literature does stress the importance of prior experience. But the government doesn't guarantee the loan which the banker may make. It tells the banker

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**Marines** Take Southern Half **Of Iwo Jima** 

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Sunday, Feb. 25 -(AP)- Tank-led marines, driv-

ing against rockets, bazooka-type guns and thick walled pillboxes, captured the south half of Iwo's 17, this time the enemy raided our central air field Saturday, backed mainland with a sum total of by a Fifth fleet so strong that about 1600 planes," the broadcast

land.

Airplanes

**20 PAGES** 

In Strike **Japs Call Blow More Powerful** 

**Than First One** 

### By Al Dopking U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Sunday, Feb. 25-(AP)-Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's world largest carrier task force is sending waves of carrier

strength estimated by the enemy at 1600. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in a special communique that Mitscher's mighty air arm which kept the enemy fleet in hiding and overwhelmed Tokyo's defenses February 16 and 17 is back at it again.

A Tokyo broadcast, made while the raid was in progress, described it as even in greater strength than those of February 16 and 17 which destroyed or damaged 659 Nipponese planes and 36 ships, including

an escort carrier and three destroyers.

"Following the first raid with carrier planes on February 16 and

tions now going on over Iwo is-

"Our air-forces are continuing

to corner these carrier planes at

each opportunity, and at this mo-

ment fierce aerial interceptive bat-

**Minister Killed** 

CAIRO, Feb. 24. -(AP)- Prime

Minister Ahmed Maher of Egypt

was shot and killed in the cham-

ber of deputies tonight shortly

after he had read a royal decree

The prime minister had just

completed his reading of the de-

cree by King Farouk and was

declaring war on the axis.

1600 U.S. Manila Completely Only One Liberated by U.S. More



Direct hits on the wall of Los Intramuros, such as the one pictured above, by American artillery batteries, paved the way for complete liberation of Manila. This photograph was taken with a telephoto lens by a cameraman who was 500 yards from the target. (International)

By C. Yates McDaniel

Service Calls

Of Men 30-33

Will Be Upped

By Sterling F. Green

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24-(AP) -

Selective service tonight ordered

increased drafting of men 30

through 33 years old, by permit-

ting their deferment only if they

are "necessary to" an essential in-

Heretofore men of that age only

had to be "engaged in" such an in-

MANILA, Sunday, Feb. 25-(AP)-Manila, strewn with the ment by Sen. William Walsh of reich capital's eastern defenses

Lard, Margarine, **Cooking Oil Points**, **Ordered Boosted** 

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. -(AP)-The OPA tonight ordered a boost in the ration point values on lard, shortening, salad and cooking oils and margarine, effective at 12:01 a. m. Sunday.

**Military Course** The margarine value goes to five red points a pound from In School, Equal three. The ration cost of the other products will be four red points a pound instead of two. Butter, not affected, remains at

24 points a pound.

LONDON, Sunday, Feb. 25-(AP)-

burning Breslau, yesterday hurled

Soviet Troops The 43rd legislature, already obviously tired, will work for pay for the last day tomorrow-the **3 Miles From** 50th of the session-with every prospect of two more weeks of debate.

**Pay Bills Lose** 

By Wendell Webb

Managing editor, The Statesman

Navy Pounding Tokyo Again;

Yanks Drive 5 Miles Past Roer

**Pay Day** 

The last week brought at least ome speed-up, however, as Breslau's Heart some speed-up, however, as evinced by the first Saturday afternoon session of the senate which passed 22 bills, including one (SB 183) to establish a second-injury fund to limit employers' responsibility under workmen's compensation. The measure now goes to the house. Equal Pay Bill Beaten

reconsideration.

miles south of Danzig. The senate, by a vote of 15 to A front dispatch said that Red 13, defeated a bill (SB 239) which army troops also had smashed in would provide penalties for em- growing strength across the Neisse ployers who discriminated, in re- river andwere threatening Cottbus, gard to pay, between men and big rail center 47 miles from Berwomen doing the same work in lin, but Moscow officially has not the same conditions. The defeat confirmed this important developwas following by an announce- ment which threatens to turn the

# 'Attack Progressing As Favorably As Can Be Expected'

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## 'Ike' Confident of Destroying All Nazis West of Rhine; Allies Within 19 Miles of Cologne

PARIS, Sunday, Feb. 25-(AP)-The American First and Ninth armies plunged nearly five miles across the Cologne plain beyond the shattered Roer river defense line yesterday, engulfing 30 towns and villages and capturing thousands of the German west bank Rhine force which General Eisenhower declared he was going to destroy.

At dusk on the second day of the powerful push-by German account "the greatest offensive Eisenhower has ever staged"-American spearheads were 12 miles from the western Ruhr basin and 19 from Cologne, and had won half of Russian shock troops, driving to the Roer river bastion of Dueren.

within three miles of the heart of Eisenhower confidently told a press conference: "Our attack is progressing as favorably as can be expected. I exthe enemy out of 15 more blocks

pect to destroy every German in the Silesian capital, while other west of the Rhine and in the area Soviet forces pushed to within 33 in which we are attacking."

The thunderous battle flamed along a 22-mile front. Massed artillery was smashing German vil-lages in the path of the surging Action on Bill ground forces, and battle planes bombed and machinegunned col-umns of Germans trying to reach For Registrar bombed and machinegunned colthe front. Rail traffic was paralyzed. Tactical air forces on the

**Senate Delays** 

The senate held its political fire

Saturday in regard to the house

bill (HB 306) to create a regis-

county and tabled the measure 25

to 4. Opposing the move were

Senators Cornett, Mahoney, Wal-

lace and Speaker Howard Belton.

The vote was on motion of Sen.

William Walsh of Coos Bay who

said he wanted more time to ascer-

tain "what the merits are and

Later, rising to speak under

House passage (40 to 18) of the

Opponents of the measure have

personal privilege, Sen. Lew Wal-

what the political aspects are."

said today a powerful portion of it "It is believed that these planes once more is sending carrier had been giving aid to the opera-

planes over Tokyo. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed in his regular morning communique the marines now own virtually half of Iwo through advances up to 500 yards Saturday afternoon.

tles are taking place," the enemy On Iwo the marines are enclaimed. countering some of the most mod-The broadcast said the raid was ern weapons Japan has employed concentrated on the Kanto district in the war. But the gains were which embraces Tokyo and Yokopaid for in blood every inch of hama. It includes 10 neighboring the way past pillboxes, blockprefectures.

Tokyo said the attack on the houses and fortified caves. On one flank alone 100 caves, 30 to 40 city of 8,000,000 people began at feet deep, had to be knocked out. 7 a.m.

Bud Foster, NBS war corre-Tokyo's claims drew no immedispondent aboard the expeditionary ate navy comment. The headquarflagship of Vice Adm. Richmond ters communique reported the raid Kelly Turner off Iwo, said today without elaboration. the "final all-out drive" is on.

ed in closer to Iwo in backing up Egypt's Prime Warships of the fleet have movthe offensive.

# **Hitler** Orders Suicidal Fight **Until Finish**

LONDON, Feb. 24 - (AP) - Adolf Hitler told the old guard of the Nazi party today that Germany had taken such a "terrible" beating that now "there is no greater range. terror in store for us," and he called upon every man, woman and child in the reich to fight until the last breath, threatening shirkers him as a young lawyer. His name with death.

Hitler's speech to his old party comrades on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the announcement of the national socialist program, read for him by an aide and trans- Proclaimed in Bremen mitted to the press by the German DNB news agency, contained hints of fear of an uprising inside Germany.

Anyone who showed himself a coward, refused to join the volkssturm (home guard) or attempted to sabotage the fanatical defense of the country would be annihilated, Hitler warned.

# **Fay Humphreys Killed** in Action

GATES, Feb. 24 - Sgt. Fay E. Humphreys was killed in action

Sergeant Humphreys enlisted in sion, U. S. department of labor, tions." The investigation will in-1940 in the coast artillery where under Elwood Strumpf, Portland clude canneries, restaurants, auto States government because of the he served three years. He was supervisor, will begin a week's intransferred and sent overseas in vestigation here Monday, March 1944 and was with the William A. Babcock, jr., regianinvasion troops landing in Nor- al attorney of the northwest's 12- grocers, hardware stores, launmandy last June, and had been man regional war labor board, the dries, machine shops and sheet with General Patton's Third army. government agency in charge of metal shops, Babcock said:

ing contribution to the success of to a new command in the South-military operations against the en-emy in this theatre of war." had suffered from attacks of trop-be the speaker. The meeting has The War Department credited ical disease. been called for 8 o'clock. <. J

bodies of more than 12,000 Japanese, was completely liberated Coos Bay that he would request along the stalemated Oder river Saturday-three weeks to a day after Yanks first entered it.

The death gasp of the enemy's fanatical garrison was emitted with the centuries-old walls of the Intramures where 3000 able legislative action in approvfrightened and tortured civilians were rescued-a day after the ing house bills authorizing a cen-

tion of 2146 civilians southeast of prorated benefits (HB 15); limitthe city at Los Banos.

The triumph was reported in a communique which pointed out \$6000 the salary of senior office heart of Breslau. that Japanese losses on Luzon and of state national guard (HB 216); Leyte, far exceeding 200,000, were so disproportionate that early liberation of all the Philippines is in prospect.

The communique also listed more than 2000 on Corregidor in Manila bay with other thousands dead underground. Grim-faced Yanks of Maj. Gen.

Robert S. Beightler's 37th (Buckeye) and Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge's First cavalry divisions, the first to enter Manila, slaughtered the last remnants of an enemy garrison once estimated at 20.000

The new instructions to draft boards mean that a larger number Many more enemy dead remain of the approximately 1,500,000 to be counted in the fire-scarred men in that age bracket holding and rubble-strewn city where "the occupational deferments will enter enemy apparently expected to in Oregon high schools. The action military service this year, a seturn the tide of battle in a sulective service spokeman said. preme effort," Gen. Douglas Mac-While unable to estimate how Arthur announced today. many of the 30-33's will be needed

to fill the army's mounting manpower demand, the spokesman At Least 150 called attention to testimony of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, draft **Blood Donors Needed Here** 

Blood donated by residents of

declared Saturday as they asked for 150 additional persons to register Monday as donors. Only by contributing the maximum 200 pints which can be taken in the mobile unit when it operates here Tuesday can Salem civilians feel that they are doing their share in this vital war service, E. J. Scellars of the Red Cross

and James Beard, Jaycee blood

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**U.S.** Sends Sympathy WASHINGTON, Feb. 21-(AP)-

today messaged to Cairo the training a year to be counted as Department. "deep distress" of the United school attendance days, and perassassination of the Egyptian prime minister.

## Spitzbart Elected

are his twin sister, Ruth E. Bailey, San Diego; three brothers, Leo M. Humphreys, Toledo; L. W. Hum-phreys, Portland; and T/5 Earle E. Humphreys, Camp Howze, Tex.

sector.

The senate completed consider-The raging battle in Breslau's streets was the main event mentioned by Moscow, and in their dramatic behind-the-lines libera- sus of smalled cities to determine smash into the southern part of the bombarded city the Russians ing claims of osteopathy (HB captured the suburb of Oltaschin, three and a half miles from the 211); increasing from \$4800 to

> letting teachers in the armed services accumulate teaching credits War Heroines (HB 330); giving state forestry department a \$100,000 revolving fund (HB 218); limiting to three Of Philippines years the time in which drivers must remain under the financial must remain under the financial responsibility act (HB 5); extending time in which cities may is-

> sue improvement bonds for post-HAMILTON FIELD, Calif., Feb. war development (HB 298); and 24 -(AP)- Heroines of Corregidor providing for vitamin enrichment and Bataan came home today. of bread and flour (HB 225). There were 68 of them, arriving on two big transports and one

Health Bill Passes The house by a standing vote

hospital plane - 67 army nurses and specialists and one Red Cross Saturday indefinitely postponed worker. (or killed) a measure (HB 167) by Rep. Paul Hendricks which would Back home! Away from the make military training compulsory blood and dirt of war.

Back home! Away from the came on the adoption of a "do body and soul hunger of a prison not pass" report of the committee camp. on education, of which Rep. Lyle

"Back home! Oh, it's so good! It's Thomas of Dallas is chairman. so good! You just can't know!" Passed and sent to the senate Such was the refrain repeated

were such hills as those appropagain and again by the women riating \$26,000 for public health who nursed the wounded and the dying in the bitter, desperate days work in schools (HB 53); providing for an annual minimum liof America's defeat and who then cense fee of \$5 on pleasure boats suffered through nearly three over 16 feet long (HB 191); namyears of Japanese captivity. ing a seven-person commission to

accept donations to finance the

placing of the statues of two il-Secretary Forrestal this area may save the lives of lustrious citizens of the state in men wounded on Iwo Jima today, statuary hall in Washington (HB Visits Guam, Iwo Jima

> U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-Final legislative action is still QUARTERS, Guam, Feb. 25 -(AP) to be taken on such major issues Secretary of the Navy James V. as school financing, milk control, Forrestal is at Guam for a series the tax study, fireman's and poof conferences with Adm. Chester lice pensions, the educational W. Nimitz after personally going building program and three-way ashore at battle-torn Iwo Jima. workmen's compensation.

Heavy Day in Senate The house, so far as final ac-

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age to Iwo Jima on a flagship Hundreds more were streaming tion on bills is concerned, has a and had visited ashore with the back into the prison pens yesterlight day in prospect tomorrow. marines. One measure up for final vote would set a standard salary scale for county school superintendents Distinguished Service Medal Another, SJM 2, calls for a commission to study Oregon taxes.

Awarded to General Rilea The senate faces a heavier calendar, including final action on WASHINGTON, Feb. 24-(AP)- Rilea, a veteran of the Buna-Gonaseveral county salary measures Award of the Distinguished Serv- Sanda campaign, with speeding and a series of school bills such ice medal to Brig.-Gen. Thomas E. troop movement through his base as those reducing the compulsory

Rilea, Oregon adjutant-general, and solving difficult supply probschool age from 8 to 7 years, alwas announced today by the War lowing up to five days of teachercommander of the 41st division, mitting schools to take out acciwas cited for his work as com-

dent insurance for athletes. manding general of the principal Both the senate and house will army services of supply base in esume at 10 a. m. tomorrow. (Legislative news page 11).

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continent flew 3315 sorties during the day, destroying thousands

of German vehicles on the highways and hundreds of locomotrar of elections in Multhomah tives and freight cars on railways behind the front.

Nazis Rush Reserves

A late report said that Marshal Von Rundstedt was rushing German reserves from the south into the battle on the approaches to Dusseldorf and Cologne. Other than this report there still was no sign that the enemy was ready to make a new stand.

lace of Multnomah county called Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's the bill a "disgrace to intelligent people," and Sen. Thomas Ma-Ninth army on the north flank of honey of Multnomah county termthe offensive gained momentum ed it a "spite bill." Both wanted after smashing through Baal, 12 it killed rather than merely tabled. miles southwest of Muenchen Gladbach, an industrial city of measure precipitated a two-day 200,000 at the western fringe of filibuster last week when demothe Ruhr. crats, in an effort to force recon-

High ground was seized beyond sideration, demanded the full read-Baal and Simpson's troops were ing of every bill up for final astride the railway to Muenchen passage. Gladbach. They were 25 miles from the big Ruhr center of Dus-

Dusseldorf.

contended it was purely partisan seldorf. "We're looking down their and inspired by republicans as a throats," declared a high-ranking means to strip the county clerk staff officer. of Multnomah county of all au-**Hottorf** Captured

troops a chance for rest and rec-

thority over elections. Three miles to the southeast (Legislative news page 11) troops of the 102nd division cap-

tured Hottorf, five miles north of American-held Juelich, and also **Allied Aerial** completely cleared the enemy from Gevenich, Glimbach, Tetz, **Offense Rolls** Boslar and other villages in the area. Troops of this spearhead also were about 25 miles from Past 12th Day

The capture of Hottorf and the plunge beyond put the Americans LONDON, Feb. 24-(AP)-Great fleets of Allied planes kept the eight miles from the Erft river, where a new German stand may war's most devastating air offenbe made 10 miles from the Rhine sive roaring through the twelfth The 102nd division alone took straight day today with heavy more than 800 prisoners since they blows on German submarine yards jumped off east of Linnich, and and oil refineries, the Nazi warnboth the Ninth and Lt. Gen ings late tonight indicated Mos-Courtney H. Hodges' First army quito bombers were attacking Ber-The navy announcement said had taken at least 1400 in the lin again. that Forrestal had made the woy- first 24 hours of the offensive

Allied tactical air forces on the Continent flew 3315 sorties during the day in close support of ground operations and reported destroyed or damaged 169 locomotives, 1259 feright cars, and more than 1000 notor vehicles.

Ninth air force marauders bombed Clatten and Zultich, 26 and 22 miles southwest of Cologne, and Rheindahlen, 13 miles west of Dusseldorf.

#### **ARC** Contributors lems. He was complimented for working out an extensive leave **Eligible to Vote** Riles, former assistant division program giving battle-weary

All persons who contributed to last year's American Red Cross war fund are members of the or-Riles, whose home is at Tigard, ganization and eligible to vote at Australia from February, 1943, to Ore., has been on sick leave from the annual meeting of Marion Barnes hospital at Vancouver, county chapter Monday night at

"Through his sound judgment Wash, since February 13. He was the Carrier room of the First and broad vision," said the cita-tion, "he has made an outstand- when he fell ill while en route nounced Saturday. Edwin Carroll, Besides his mother survivors setting pay for 3,000,000 wage- Inspections in Salem will be fol-**Clear Today** Leo Spitzbart, Salem, Oregon

lonor committeeman, maintain. Registrations from all who believe they are in condition to give blood will be taken during office hours Monday at Marion county Red Cross headquarters, telephone

Acting Secretary of State Grew

leaving the chamber when threeshots were fired at him from close director, last week that men over 30 would make up 30 per cent of Witnesses said the assailant was the entire draft call by the end of a 22-year old member of the exthis year. tremist party and some identified was not announced, although he

**Australian High Adviser** Liberated From Nips

was arrested immediately.

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dustry.

State of Emergency

By the Associated Press throughout the conquered territory The Moscow radio in a Germanof Southwest Asia, was found safe language broadcast yesterday said and well today in the Los Banos

a state of emergency had been camp-breathing easy for the first proclaimed in the Bremen port time in three years of hide and area following "disturbances" among German sailors. The

seek. He is William Heath Donald broadcast was recorded by the Australian high adviser and friend federal communications commis- of Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai Shek.

**WLB** Inspectors Will Check

On Western Front Payrolls of Salem Industries To check payrolls of 16 Salem | wage increases have been granted

## February 8 in Luxembourg. His industries in the first of a series without approval of the regional mother. Mrs. Mary A. Champ, has of wage compliance surveys in war labor board and to assist embeen notified by the war depart- Washington and Oregon, Inspec- ployers to comply with the governtors of the wage and hour divi- ment's wage stabilization regula-

repair shops, wholesalers, bottlers, building supply firms, department stores, retail grocers, wholesale



