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Russians Shell Stettin

SEEMS Close To To mE Danzig

Charles A. Sprague

The death of Edna Christofferson at Vancouver brings back into the news a name which was quite well-known for a good many years on this coast. Her husband, Silas Christofferson, was an early-day aviator. Some years after his death Mrs. Christofferson took up flying and became a familiar figure at air meets of the country (women fliers were quite rare

But it is not of Mrs. Christofferson, versatile and competent woto write. Rather I want to pick miles east of imperilled Berlin. up that name, Christofferson, to pay a belated tribute to the com-He was one of these pioneers.

poincer period of aviation. They city and port installations. stunts: loops, immelman falling leaf, etc.

Time and time and time again ratio among stunt fliers was single floor of every house," the high, very high. Revolting from the frequent tragedies the general public condemned this stunting in planes. But the practice continued. The aviators continued (Continued on Editorial page)

WU Speakers Score at Meet

Willamette university public tional tournament at Linfield col- shore. lege Friday and Saturday. Richard Wicks took second place in senior men's impromptu and extempore speaking; Matthew Gruber, second in junior men's impromptu and extempore; Nevitt Smith, third place in oratory.

Kay Karnopp, freshman, made her way into the finals in afterdinner speaking. Willamette's contestants in interpretative reading took first and second place in early rounds but did not make the

Hitler's 'Favorite' One Of July Conspirators

LONDON, March 10 - (AP) - The BBC declared in a German language broadcast tonight that Marleaders and would have asked the home. Allies for an armistice if the assassination plot had succeeded;

July 17.

Reds Roll

Half of Kuestrin **Held by Soviets**

By Richard Kasischke

LONDON, Sunday, March 11mored spearheads close to bombarded Danzig, while the Germans announced that Red army shock forces had captured half of Kuesman that she was, of whom I want trin, key Oder river fortress 38

In a new invasion of Danzig territory across the Nogat river graphs taken on the afternoon of afternoon, hours after the night pany of intrepid men who did real from east Prussia the Russians pioneering in aviation. Silas drove to within 17 miles of the Christofferson died in a plane former free city. Other columns crash at Redwood, Calif., in 1916. were 12 miles from their goal on the south, within 10 miles on the Oregon Get Loan Those past middle age will re- southwest, and 15 on the west. mmber the "stunt fliers" of the Soviet planes began attacking the Of \$17,000,000

were the chaps who went up in A late German broadcast said the primitive biplanes or "crates" the Russians had captured the or "jennies" and thrilled the pub- northern half, or new city district, lic at county fairs, Fourth of July of Kuestrin, last big bridgehead celebrations and Labor day pic- held by the Germans on the east nics. The fliers were not satis- bank of the central Oder. Then fied just with straight flying. They the Russians founght their way indulged in various kinds of across the Warthe river into the south side.

"Murderous battles are raging their planes crashed. The death for every single house and every enemy broadcast said. The Germans said the Russians were striving for a quick clean-up of the properties. Kuestrin area so that they could shift thousands of troops northward for the developing siege of Stettin, main port for Belin 67 miles northeast of the Reich cap-

The Soviet high command ignored the flaming battle around Kuestrin, where by German account the Russians also have bridgeheads on the west bank of speakers brought home a collect the Oder above and below Kuestion of second and third place ration, and are threatening to trap on West Front

Blockbusters Upon Berlin

LONDON, March 10. -(AP)-Berthe reich and a spectacular air or generals. battle that put to flight German dive bombers trying to knock out the Remagen bridge and wreck the American's span across the

bomber command gave Berlin its 19th consecutive raid by night shal Erwin Rommel, "Hitler's fa- and the German radio reported vorite general," was one of the another formation over western July conspirators against the Nazi Germany as the Mosquitos started

bridgehead at Remagen was the The Germans on October 15 an- high spot in a day of close vigil Rommel's death of the Eighth and Ninth airforces wounds suffered in France on kept over that vital artery to the heart of Germany.

Japs Laid Smokescreen for War on U.S. Early as 1930

diplomatic double-talk which may have helped to disguise her inten-

tions in Asia and the Pacific. This is suggested by the release today of state department papers relating to American foreign affairs in 1930, the year of the naval disarmamnt conference

The papers show that the Japanese at this conference were seeking to get the prevailing naval ratio (10-10-6 for America, Britain ican ambassador in Tokyo. and Japan set by the Washington naval treaty in 1922) revised to nao Hanihara, former Japanese partment revealed in a casualty 10-10-7. Japanese naval experts ambassador to the United States. told American naval attaches of had called upon him with a story Tokyo that if Japan had anything about how public opinion in Jaes than 7 to America's 10 in na val strngth she would inevitably because it was believed American lose any war in which the two naval plans covered the possibili-

WASHINGTON, March 10 - (A) because a war of attrition would As early as 1930 Japan spread a use up American merchant shipsmoke screen of propaganda and ping and lose American carrying trade to rivals.

The American fleet, they orized, would go immediately from Pearl Harbor to Manila if war make a house-to-house fight for should be declared, and, as a Mandalay, counter measure, the Japanese would intercept them with a large fleet of submarines operating from the Marshall and Caroline islands. All this was reported at the time to the state department by William R. Castle, jr., then Amer-

He further reported that Masa-Dowers might become involved. It of war with Japan to compel Japanese acceptance of American ideas regarding China.

Tokyo Strike Described as Most Devastating Air Blow Handed Any City in World May Be

some officers as the most devas- in Malay Saturday. Germans Report tating single air blow ever dealt. Le May said the photographs any city in the world.

(A)-Russian troops began shelling its path," said Maj. Gen. Curtis square mile target area in the the great shipping center of Stet- Le May, whose B-29s only re- heart of the city. tin yesterday and drove four ar- cently wiged out 240 city blocks The total of the ruined area

21st bomber command leader soot. the strike."

21ST BOMBER COMMAND, age by the more than 300 B-29s, Guam, Sunday, March 11-(P)-At which struck the Japanese capia cost of two bombers, more than tal shortly after midnight Friday 300 Superfortresses laid waste to (8 a.m. Friday, eastern war time). 15 square miles of Tokyo's indus- was being assayed, other Supertrial and waterfront Saturday in fortresses lashed out from India a raid described unofficially by at the Japanese rail supply line

confirmed earlier reports from the The raid "left nothing but returning pilots that the destructwisted, tumbled-down rubble in tion had swept beyond the 10

of Tokyo in another devastating was shown as 15 square miles, tain regarding adjournment - it from which clouds of smoke had will have set a new record for The prepared statement by the covered the returning B-29s with length by the time it ends. The

added that the devastating re- Fires were still burning at sev- 1939. sults were "incontrovertibly estab- en points in Tokyo when the lished by reconnaissance photo- photographs were taken Saturday defeat of several major issues.

War Workers in

ed to war workers in Oregon to build or buy homes, the federal housing administration has advised Rep. Stockman (R-Ore). In a letter to Stockman reportng on the status of FHA's busi-Abner H. Ferguson also said that, at the end of June, 1944, the agency had lent a total of \$21,-018,614 to 59,964 Oregon families to maintain or improve their

In addition, loans totaling \$33,-329,050 have been made to 9387 families to buy or build homes, For this same purpose, \$16,925,950 has been lent to 3765 families of war workers.

Germans Lose 50 Generals

SUPREME HEAQUARTER AIlied Expeditionary Force, March Mosquitos Rain lied Expeditionary Force, March 10-(AP)-The war has cost the German army 50 generals on the western front alone, 18 of them killed and 32 captured, Allied headquarters disclosed today. In addition, the Wehrmacht has

lost three colones in command of divisions, four admirals and one lin reeled under a shower of vice-admiral. Among the generblockbusters tonight in a swift als captured were six full generals, followup of heavy day raids on 12 lieutenant-general and 14 maj-The dead include two field mar-

shals, Erwin Rommel and Guenther von Kluge, the latter a suicide. Rommel, victim of an Allied air attack in France, was commander of German army group B.. Von Kluge was commander in chief in the west.

Allies in Half Of Mandalay

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, March 10.-(AP)-Half of the city of Mandalay, including its northern and eastern sectors, was in a heart attack.
Allied hands today as the 19th Indian division continued its attacks on Japanese defenses in the center of the town.

Resistance increased as the enemy apparently recovered from the surprise achieved by the 19th in its southward plunge from Madaya, but it was unclear whether the Japanese action was merely a rearguard fight to cover a retreat or whether the enemy intends to

Sgt. Walter R. Denton Killed in War Action

T. Sgt. Walter R. Denton, whose wife, Carol L. Denton, resides at Lebanon, was killed in action in the European theatre, the war delist made public this mornin

Iwo Japanese Sliced Into 3 WASHINGTON, March 10-(AP)-Nearly \$17,000,000 has been loan-

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD- jority. QUARTERS, Guam, Sunday, Mar. 11-(AP)-Overwhelming American ity brought "the beginning ness in Oregon, Commissioner of the end" on Iwo Saturday aft- new customers before serving outernoon, with advancing marines side their boundaries. cutting the sharply reduced Japanese garrisons into three parts for the kill. The enemy's power to resist is crumbling.

The largest portion of the foe is in a half mile square area at Kitano point, northernmost tip of the island.

A communique today reported that the fourth marine division which had been held back for days on the right flank, made big gains by 6 p. m. yesterday with patrols reaching the beach at Tachiwa Point, easternmost point of the eight square mile island. That point is almost due east of Motoyama town but well south of point where the Third marine division has spilled out onto the northeast beaches.

Earl H. Hill Will Succeed Late L. Cutlip

Appointment of Earl H. Hill, Cushman, as a member of the state fish commission to succeed the either the senate or house, and late L. A. Cutlip, Curry county, which would be on the June ballot was announced by Governor Earl if given final legislative approval, Snell here Saturday. Hill has served as state repre-

sentative in the legislature from ators from 30 to 31 (SJR 21). Lane county since 1931, with the exception of the 1937 and 1941 county and has been in the mercantile business at Cushman since 1915. Hill also served as commissioner of the Port of Siuslaw for \$2,000,000 a year for schools (HB many years, is past president of 417). the Oregon coast highway association and the Lane county Chamber of Commerce, and is deputy coordinator for the Oregon state defense council in western Lane

Cutlip died on his Coos county 3). ranch a week ago as the result of

More Carbon Black Will Be Produced

WASHINGTON, March 10-(A) A program to increase the production of carbon black, used in the manufacture of tires, was announced today by James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director.

He authorized the war production board to establish an interagency committee "with full power to act to remove bottlenecks ents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Johanwhich stand in the way of increased production."

Congratulations Pour In to Gen. Eisenhower

PARIS March 10-(P)-Congratulations poured in to General Eisenhower today on Allied victories in Germany and the American crossing of the Rhine.

Prime Minister Churchill h Rain ed "the great victory won by the trace Allied armies under your command by which the defeat or destruction of all the Germans west of the Rhine will be achieved."

10 Issues On Ballot

Club Liquor Bill Lost; Legislature Will Set Record

By Wendell Webb

Managing editor, The Statesman The legislature headed toward its ninth week (63rd day) today wtih but one thing apparently cerrecord to date is 66 days, set in

Saturday brought passage and The senate voted 16 to 13 to ask for a constitutional amendment adding a new 31st member who would represent a district of Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties. Klamath county

then would be in a district by it-Liquor Plan Beaten

tricts must have the consent of tors dropped 300 tons on Zam

To date, 762 bills have been introduced (compared to 730 all last session). The senate has passed 192 of its 326 and the house 298 of its 436. A total of 296 out of the 762 have passed both houses. (The last session ended with 471 of the session's 730 bills passed). Special Election Set

The senate Saturday passed the house bill providing for a special election June 22, and thus apparently assured a referendum on at least four proposals on which leg- Byrnes Might islative action already has been completed (but some of which might be reconsidered before the session ends): 1. Allowing Chinese to hold real

estate and mining claims in Oregon (SJR 14), 2. Permitting 22 cities to levy

taxes for armories (HB 362). 3. Adding secretary of state and state treasurer to line of succession governor (SJR 8). 4. Allowing legislators to hold

office until their successors assume seats in the first session following an election (SJR 17). Other Issues Probable Other issues which have passed

include: 5. Increasing the number of sen-

6. Property levy of 5 mills for two years to raise \$10,000,000 for sessions. He was born in Lane state institution and high education building programs (HB 415). 7. Providing for a 2-cent tax on each package of cigarets to raise

8. Creating rural school districts for equalization (HB 80). 9. Allowing bills to be read in legislature by title only (SJR 15).

10. Providing for a 100-bed psychiatric hospital in Portland (SB The house Saturday laid on the table the bill for the Portland hos-

pital, so the possibility remained that this-as well as other measures not yet through both houses -might not come up for vote. (Legislative news page -).

Lloyd Johansen Killed in Action

SILVERTON, March 10 .- Pvt. Lloyd Johansen, U. S. army infantry, was killed in action in Germany February 23. His parsen, were notified by the war de-Lloyd Johansen was 21 years

old and was graduated from Silverton high school in 1942. Survivors are the parents, a brother, Neville in the navy and two brothers, Clarence and Jentoff, at

Light

Scattered Showers today in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts the U.S. weather bureau, McNary field,

Yanks Cross Captured Rhine Span



Foot soldiers and equipment of the Ninth armored division, First army, move across the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen, Germany, after capture of the span intact March 7. (AP wirephoto from signal

German Bridgehead Opposite Wesel Collapses; Allies Mop Up Pockets in Eifel Area

Still Needed

Yankees Score Gains in Hills East of Manila

MANILA, Sunday, March 11. (AP)-Hard-hitting Americans scored gains on mountainous battlefronts east and south of Manila The senate, too, defeated the while their airforce dealt heavy plan to allow the purchase of liq-blows southward against Mind-loop by serin in popposit clubs uor by scrip in non-profit clubs. anao island and northward against The vote was 15 to 15, with 16 strategic Balete pass on Luzon, necessary for constitutional mahadquarters disclosed today.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur re-The house approved 38 to 19 the proposal that public utility disported a strong force of Libera- For Tuesday boanga, on Mindanao island, Thursday and Friday. It was the heaviest strike yet in that area, which the Japanese said was invaded Friday.

Elements of the First cavalry, Liberators of Santo Tomas, thrust into Antipolo in the foothills 13 miles east of Manila against surprisingly light resistance.

A headquarters spokesman said the town was not fully secured.

Stay on After **Germany Quits**

WASHINGTON, March 10.-(AP)-War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes may reconsider his decision to quit when the European war ends and stay on the job until the senate acts on the projected world security organization, friends said

Byrnes tried to resign several evelt persuaded him to stay on, he announced he would remain in office until after the German military collapse. He said he wants to enter private law practice, his profession before he became a and the supreme court. With signs pointing to a possible

early termination of European remote. fighting, former legislative colleagues predicted Mr. Roosevelt treaty through the senate.

By EDWARD KENNEDY

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITION-ARY FORCE, Paris, Sunday, March 11-(AP)-American troops gained almost a mile in the Remagen bridgehead east of the Rhine yesterday while collapse of the German west bank bridgehead opposite Wesel and the mop-up of trapped pockets in the Eifel region dealt new blows to the apparently fast-ebbing German defense which may foreshadow an early end of the war in Europe.

The Yanks across the Rhine at Remagen made their advances deepening and lengthening their already powerful bridgehead-against the des-

An opportunity for 100 Salem front dispatches from Remagen persons to save 100 lives of serv- early today, the Americans are cemen now fighting overseas op- punching inland and along the river. The Germans, beset by batment that 100 more registrants tered communications and lowered morale, have not yet brought sufficient strength into the bridgehead area to halt the attackers.

A dispatch from the U.S. Ninth army front said that a spearhead regiment of the 35th infantry division had cut off the last remaining escape route from the Wesel pocket late last night and had reached the approaches of a railroad bridge which reportedly was May Leave Holland

First Methodist church. It will be in Mt. Angel on Fri-

are needed if the maximum blood

donations are to be made here

Tuesday when the Red Cross mo-

Persons who believe they are

elgible to donate may call 9277,

Marion county Red Cross chapter

offices, Monday to be listed for

a Tuesday donation and to get

details as to when they are to

appear, what they may eat before

giving blood, etc. The mobile unit

operates each Tuesday here at the

bile unit calls.

Provisions for **Dimout Can** Be Eliminated

Gov. Earl Snell announced Saturday that authority had been months ago. When President Roos- granted for removal of all dimout devices and installations which previously were required proclamation.

Maj. Gen. H. C. Pratt, western defense command, San Francisco informed Governor Snell that the member of the house, the senate possibility of hostile enemy action which would require renewal of dimout restrictions is considered

The governor made it plain the new order does not affect the will ask his No. 1 home front as- "blackout" requirements that all sistant to keep the government lights visible from out-of-doors be post and help jockey the league extinguished immediately if an air

raid slarm sounns. 26th Prep Hoop Tournament Set for Takeoff Thursday

With all eight class "A" teams | feated by Oregon City, the 26th now across the inter-district play- tourney's official host quint. offs finish line, Oregon's 26th annual state high school basketball next Thurday afternoon, March Eugene, Newberg against Baker. 15. at Willamette university. The Medford against Veronia and quints, representing the cream of Hillsboro against Oregon City in the state's prep point-pitching that order starting at 3:00 p.m. flock, will battle off the champion- Friday's "B" pairings see Grant ship Thursday, Friday and Satur Union try Clatskanie in the open-

8:45 o'clock Saturday night. Meanwhile, the four class "B" cap. district champions will start their | Tourney Director Lestle Sparks private hoop war Friday after of Willamette announces that earnoon. Three of the "B" teams are ly indications point to a recordknown-Clatskanie of district B-1, breaking attendance for the blue Rhine. Arlington of B-3 and Grant Union ribbon classic. of John Day of B4 and the (Additional details on sports fourth will be joining up after pages 14 and 15). Pleasant Hill and Reedsport finish their belated playoff Monday

1, Medford of 2, Eugene of 3, Newberg of 4, Hillsboro of 5, Oregon HOME NEWSPAPER. up until last year automatically the host team, was eliminated this year in district play by Woodburn high. Woodburn in turn was de-

Thursday pairings in the "A" tournament is set for takeoff time division send Washington against day with the title game set for er and Arlington vs. either Pleasant Hill or Reedsport in the night-

For the most complete, up-Class "A" teams ticketed for the tourney are Baker of district this week's state basketball tournament, read YOUR

perate opposition of enemy armor and infantry rushed there in a frantic effort to prevent the U.S. First army forces from rolling up the entire German Rhine line from

From the Netherlands front came reports by reconnaissance pilots of extensive eastward movements of German troops north of the Waal Rhine. This may indicate that in the face of heavy reserves and possible naval attacks on the Dutch coast, the Germans have decided to abandon all of Holland south of the Zuider Zee in order to fall back on the

Lissel U river and a better defensive position. Such a withdrawal would mean the abandonment by the enemy of Holland's main cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague

and Utrecht. The Americans were striking out for the commanding hills some six miles east of the Remagen crossing as both sides massed men and tanks for the crucial battle at Germany's inner threshold. Only seven miles east of the river (and apparently a mile or less the Americans' advance) runs one of Adolf Hitler's new superhighways to Cologne, an ideal avenue for a northward charge towards the Ruhr indus-

Nazis Report Boats

The Germans said American shock troops were storming across the Rhine in assault boats in a bid to broaden the bridgehead. Supreme headquarters did not confirm this, but a field dispatch said enemy resistance was stiffening and at least one armored di-American advance.

It was said at headquarters that the original bridgehead was being enlarged steadily.

The Germans had not yet tried to seize the initiative, more than three days after the Americans first crossed, and had not yet made a major counterattack, Associated Press Correspondent Hal

This was the Ardennes in reverse, with Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt forced to make heavy commitment of reserves of the reich at an hour when four other allied armies were lined up on the Rhine in position to cross. Still on the defensive, the Germans were building up artillery ington of Portland of 8. Salem, of Oregon Sintesman the Lundendorff bridge at Remacan infantry and tanks drive their guns beyond reach of the cross-ing.