failed to act." If there had been a cab-signal system in use the fireman would have known that the block signal ahead, hidden in fog, was set for "stop" and he could have applied the brakes when the engineer failed to do so.

The pertinent point now is why the interstate commerce commission itself has been so slow in forcing the installation of safety devices which it now admits might have prevented this wreck, the worst in the history of the west. The commission knows from experience that while some roads are progressive and constantly experimenting and putting in new equipment in the interest of safety as a rule the commission has to lay down orders with definite dates when proven devices must be installed to get general compliance. That is true both for track safety and for rolling stock. And all too often the commission (Continued on editorial page)

### Iwo Campaign **Fast Reaching** Mop-Up Stage

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Tuesday, Mar. 13.-(AP)-Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey's Fifth marine division reduced the area of the last sizable pocket held by the Japanese around Kitano point on the northern end of Iwo Monday but enemy resistance there still continued stiff, headquarters said today. A smaller pocket on the northeast coast continued to hold out against Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's Third marine division and Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates' Fourth division. The navy communique's wording made it evident, however, that ir a large sense the Iwo operation, 23 days old today, is in its mop-up

#### John Connell Dies in Action With 7th Army

Sgt. John W. Connell, jr., was killed in action February 22 while serving with the 70th division. Seventh army in France. His wife, the former Gelta Mae Hunt, was notified Sunday by the war department. She had been notified March 6 that her husband was missing in action. He is a son of Sheriff John W. Connell of Washington county. Sergent Connell was salesman

for Ray-Maling company at Hillsboro until inducted Aug. 10, 1943 and received his basic training at Camp Adair with the 70th division. Transferred to Ft. Leonard Wood he went overseas early last

Survivors are his wife and son, John Winton, 11 months old; of Woodburn; his father, John W. Connell, Reedville; and a sister, Mrs. Kenneth Patterson, Oswego.

#### Capt. Charles Aylesworth Dies in South Pacific

AMITY, March 12 - Capt. Charles Aylesworth has been killed in action in the South Pa-cific, friends here have learned. M. Richter of Amity. Mrs. Ayles- cisco. This is a beacon which shall Dortmund attack the biggest yet and spent her childhood in Amity. to see the roadway to peace."

Robert Borland Elected City Manager by Silverton Council SILVERTON, March 12—Rob-renewed was tossed into the lap ert E. Borland, who succeeded H. of the liquor commission by the

C. McCrea as city manager of council after both Gouge and his Blairsville, Pa., will succeed him attorney, John Steelhammer, had also at a similar post here. Bor- been heard Monday night. land, who had been McCrea's as- On the matter of a favorable sistant for several years before recommendation, city fathers cas year, was elected at a special then proceeded to record a simi-

ed the council, and Mayor George sion. A recommendation had prov-Christensen has wired him asking lously been denied on petition of that he come at once. Borland is some of the city's residents, but 44 years old, married and the at a recent council session peti-

The new manager will be available immediately, he had information as to Gouge's licenses to the commisfather of two children.

The question of whether the beer parior licenses held here last year by Leonard Gouge shall be lishment well-operated.

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## J. S. FIRST OPENS ATTACK

## tack, crashed into a slow-moving passenger train on the causeway of Great Salt Lake. The commission's report says that the wreck could have been averted if "an Eigen Appropries." Kuestrin Falls to Soviets; Job Preference For Vets Wins Fine Appropries. use in this territory. Under such a system the brakes of the second train would have been applied system the second train would have been applied to the second train would have been applied system the second train would have been applied to t

Large arrow indicates where Americans are fighting in the Zam

**B-29** Set Fires Burn Heart

boanga area of Mindanao following their latest landing which car-

ried the Yanks within 650 miles of oil-rich Balikpapan. On Luzon

other Americans are driving on Baguio and the southern part of

Out of Nagoya; Singapore

production center of Japan, 12 hours after a terror-spreading

middle of the night incendiary raid by more than 300 B-29

Reconnaissance photographs disclosed today the greatest sin-

gle item in the official list of

flame-swept targets was the Aichi

Aircraft Works' Eitoku plant. A

total of 358,000 square feet (nearly

14 per cent of the roof area) was

destroyed. This included complete

gutting of one of the main sub-as-

Smoke at the time the photo-

graphs were made at noon yester-

day still obscured a large portion

of the city but the 21st bomber

sembly buildings.

viewing the pictures.

just as they started to merge.

Another force of approximately

India base of the 20th bomber

command, hit factories adjacent to

the Japanese-held Singapore naval

base yesterday. The raid follow-

ed by two days an attack on Kuala

Lampur, Malay, 200 miles north

of Singapore. These two strikes

were announced in Washington.

In ARC Drive

First two Salem city divisions

to go over the top in the 1945 Red

cational team headed by high

quota Monday, and the residential

Marion county campaigners as

Utilities had 73 per cent; profes-

sional 92; mercantile 76; indus-

## New Red Offensive

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

#### Russians Smash Nazi Defenses **Around Danzig**

By Romney Wheeler

LONDON, Tuesday, March 13 .-(A)-Kuestrin, the fortress city 38 miles northeast of Berlin on which the Nazis hinged their central Oder river line defenses, fell to the Red army yesterday and its capture was announced by Premier Stalin even as the German radio was reporting a new Russian offensive from bridgeheads west of the riv-

The new drive, unconfirmed by Moscow, merged thrusts from several Soviet crossings of the Oder south of Kuestrin "into a single attack on a board front," the enemy broadcasts said.

Nazi commentators claimed this offensive was not a drive on Berlin itself, but was aimed at "exon of the Russian bridgeheads and at getting the Oder crossings out of range of German artillery."

Stalin's order of the day announcing the capture of Kuestrin was preceded by another order which disclosed that German defenses northwest of Danzig had been smashed by the second white Russian army and that Soviet forces were closing in rapidly on the great port city itself.

The regular communique broadcast from Moscow indicated that only small isolated pockets of Germans remain to be mopped up in northeastern Pomerania on the approaches to Danzig.

Kuestrin fell to Marshal G. K. Zhukov's first white Russian army after a week of bloody street fighting. Much of the city, situated on the Oder's east bank at its confluence with the Warthe river, confluence with the Warthe river, was destroyed as Soviet dive- Great Fleets bombers, artillery, mortars and flame-throwers blasted out the Of Bombers Nazi defenders.

#### **Mexicans Will Arrive Late** This Month

WASHINGTON, March 12 .- (AP) Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of Baltic sea today-partly in direct the senate foreign relations com- support of Russia's armies. mittee today described the inter-American agreements of Mexico aerial assault raged through its City as a beacon to guide the 28th day, the RAF, in the develop-United Nations at San Francisco ing campaign to obliterate the

The Texan, a delegate to both than 1200 big Halifaxes and Lan-Mexico City and San Francisco, casters to unload 5000 tons of reported to the senate on the ses- bombs on Dortmund. At the same sion in the southern republic just time 650 American heavies blastone day ahead of a preliminary meeting of the group which will Swinemuende, clogged with searepresent this country in the Unit- borne reinforcements for Russianed Nations meeting beginning besieged Stettin.

April 25. Referring to the act of Chapultepec, Connally said: "This is a forerunner of what 1200-plane attack unloosed Sunday

He was a brother-in-law of W. we hope will happen at San Franworth is the former Anette Sincox enable the states at San Francisco

#### Mrs. H. L. Carl Critically Ill, Woodburn Hospital

in daylight by the RAF.

Ravage Reich

LONDON, March 12-(A) Great

fleets of American heavy bombers

and the largest force of British

heavies ever used in daylight formed a mighty armada of more

than 2550 planes which ravaged

Germany's communications and

industries from the Ruhr to the

As the war's greatest sustained

Ruhr's industrial cities, sent more

ed the German naval base of

was even larger larger than the

The British air ministry said the force hurled against Dartmund 2 City Teams

on Essen—which would make the Go Over Top

WOODBURN, March 12.-Mrs. pital here. At her bedside are her sons, Maj. Marion Carl, south Pacific marine ace who came west directed by Mrs. Douglas McKay by plane Monday from Maryland, had 118 per cent of its quota. and Manton Carl, who after two and one-half years as a paratroop- a group had raised approximately er came home to run the Carl dai- 68 per cent of the \$80,500 quota. when his mother was first report-ed ill, and her daughter, Virginia Carl, who left week left her graduate studies at Northwestern uni-versity to return to Hubbard.

Mostly Cloudy

shine in the late afternoon in the mid-Willamette valley area, predicts U. S. weather be McNary field, Salem.

#### New Fighting in Philippines Japanese STATUTE MILES **Positions** Overrun

**PHILIPPINES** 

MINDANAO

MOROTAL

#### **41st Vets Take** Zamboanga Civic Center, Airfield

By C. Yates McDaniel

MANILA, Tuesday, March 13 (AP)- Veteran Yanks of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st infantry division overran strong Japanese positions on southwestern Mindanao Sunday as they captured the civic center of Zamboanga and a strategic air field only 200 northeast of Borneo.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur said in his communique today the doughboys, who invaded the second largest island in the Philippines on Saturday, 24 hours later were "overrunning strong steel and concrete pillbox and artillery positions with only minor losses." MacArthur said the Japanese at Zamboanga, caught off guard by the amphibious landing, had not yet been able to organize their

The air field captured was near San Roque, about four miles west of the Zamboanga governmental

defenses.

was seized along with four others shortly after the invasion. The Yanks previously overran a smaller air strip, Wolfe field, in their lightning sweep from the invasion beaches. The San Roque

seat. The village of San Roque

one of the best in Mindanao. Also Blasted by Big Forts ing for the San Roque airdrome, raised a rank. which has an airstrip 4000 feet 21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Guam, March 13-(P)-(via Navy long, or enough to accommodate

radio)-Fifteen fires still were burning in Nagoya, chief aircraft medium bombers. Nips Use Mortars

Associated Press Correspondent Russell Brines reported the Japanese were using mortars from hill positions with good effect, however. A headquarters spokesman said the Yanks faced moderate force on the Fukien coast about 40 machine gun and mortar fire as miles south of enemy-held Foothey entered the city center.

On Luzon, troops of the First cavalry division and Sixth infantry division continued to advance on the front east of Manila. The dismounted troopers captured high ground beyond the town of

#### command does not expect to find 'any extensive damage under the **House Votes** smoke," said Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, commander of the 21st, after Major damage was done in five New Lease on areas centered about two miles Life for CCC south of Nagoya castle but the flames evidently were controlled

WASHINGTON, March 12-(AP) A new lease on life for the con 40 Superfortresses, flying from an modity credit corporation was voted by the house today, after ad- Pvt. Corby Ray Dies ministration assurance of vigorous dealings with any employe found involved in speculation "scandals." The legislation, approved 359 to 8, boosts the borrowing power of the agency, which supports farm prices, from \$3,000,000,000 to \$5,-

> Passage came without a fight on consumer food subsidies an issue on which many previous CCC battles have turned.

#### **Lubin Named** Cross war fund campaign, the eduschool principal Harry Johnson had collected 140 per cent of its Delegate for Reparations division with an all-woman team

WASHINGTON, March 12.-(P as American member of the rep-

trial 50; governmental 88; general gifts 69; contractors and builders 66; automotive 78; suburban 75 per cent, and communities outside how Germany should pay for per cent, and communities outside how Germany should pay for its misleading, declare General Chairman F. G. Lesserer and Division Chairman Frank Doerfler since communities are not reporting until they have collected their full quotas, and a number are nearing their goals.

Created by the big three at Yalia, the commission will meet in Moscow in about a month to decide how Germany should pay for an advisory council of seven persons, including one from each of the five established veterans organizations, one from World war III group, and one at large. The countries would be represented on the commission, other than Britain, Russia and the United States, ment had no immediate answer.

To this question the state department including education assistance and (Legislative news page 7) Created by the big three at Val-

### Job Preference **Final Approval**

The senate Monday passed measures taxing domestic insurance companies, giving war veterans job preference and asking the federal government to limit expenditures to budget estimates, as the 43rd legislature waded into what may or may not be its last

The house approved bills increasing the "cushion" for future property tax relief in a program which left doubt that there would be an income tax discount next year if it wins final approval. The house also approved a \$20,000 fund for a state tax study, and voted in favor of a less drastic form of compulsory military training than the senate favored. Appropriation bills passed the

house with little argument. Today is the 65th of the session. (Legislature news page 7).



Sgt. Alexander A. Drabick, above, of Holland, Ohio, was praised by his commanding general for leading the charge across Remagen bridge over the Rhine bridgehead. (AP wirephoto)

### Bataan Men Parade Through Cheering Crowds in Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12-(A)-Through cheering crowds, many of whom removed their hats and wept unashamed, the 272 liberated prisoners of Cabanatuan motored up Market street amid a shower of ticker tape and confetti today in an official civic

John Bailey of Pittsburgh, Pa., 1 turned to a Japanese prison comturned to a Japanese prison com-panion and grinned: "Remember 2 WLB Cases those 10 kilometers through Ma-

dream!" boomed back Cpl. Al Jolley of San Francisco. They had Highest Court parade of defeat through jeering, dancing Japanese in the Philip-

ed the keynote of the celebration that included surprise promotion of three of their number to full colonel, presentation of gold welcome medallions, prayers for their deliverance by rangers and guer-

gluded T-bone steak. The parade probably was the airdrome, considerably larger, is only military procession in history without a single soldier with the There was no mention of fight- rank of private. All 272 had been

#### Chinese Foil Jap Landing

Japanese attempt to land a small chow has been frustrated by Chinese forces, field dispatches said today. About 100 of the invaders were killed and the others driven

Two Japanese warships covered the landing, which apparently was an attempt to extend the Japanese protective area along the coast against possible American land partment. ings from the Pacific.

into the city in their current drive

SILVERTON HILLS, March 12 the summer of 1944. action in Germany, his wife has also makes her home in Salem. been notified by the war departprices, from \$3,000,000,000 to \$5, ment. With their infant daughter 000,000,000, half a billion dollars Mrs. Ray is making her home above the amount set by the sen- with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gilpatricks on the P. A.

> Mrs. Ray had previously been notified her husband was missing in succession, the air ministry

## which gave allies their first

pine capital three years ago.

rillas and a hotel banquet that in-

west China.

### In German Action

### Affairs Becomes Oregon Law The house bill (HB 271) creat- | real estate loan measures, Oregon

statistician, was appointed today in Oregon's determination to pro- served our country so gloriously vide every possible service and during this terrible conflict," Gov-assistance to our returning vet-

Looking over the heads of the flag-waving throngs, Cpl. "If this is a dream, what a Fail to Make

WASHINGTON, March 12.-(AP)

Two cases springing from disputed orders of the war labor board failed to get into supreme court today. The row over government seiz-

ure of Montgomery Ward & Co., properties was, in effect, handed over to the circuit court of appeals when the supreme court declined a review at this time. This meant court again before next fall.

Both sides sought to appeal directly to the supreme court from Chicago federal district court decision that army seizure of plants in seven cities was illegal.

In the second case, the United States Gypsum Co. asked an injunction and a broad judgment to define requirements of a WLB the south. This robbed them of directive of 1943 concerning its direct observation of their artil-

#### **PFCNaderman** Said Missing

PFC Gerald W. Naderman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George V. Naderman, 1024 Highland ave., has been missing in action in Germany since February 23, his parents have been notified by the war de-

A graduate of Salem high Other official Chinese reports school, he entered active service declared severe fighting was rag. with the national guard when it ing inside Suichwan, former site was called out in the autumn of of a US 14th air force base in 1940, was stationed at first at Fort Kwangsi province. The reports Stevens with a medical detachsaid Chinese troops had broken ment and was later sent to Fordham university as an army specialized training program student. When the ASTP was discontinued. he was assigned to the 329th engineers of the 104th division, which had trained at Camp Adair but was at that time at Camp Carson, Colo., and went overseas late in - Pvt. Corby Ray was killed in A sister, Mrs. R. I. Applegate

Berlin Bombed Again

LONDON, Tuesday, March 13-

(P)-RAF Mosquito bombers rocked Berlin with two-ton blockbusters last night for the 21st night announced today.

## New Department of Veterans'

ing the department of veterans' will occupy a foremost position affairs became a law Monday with the signature of Lov. Earl Snell who termed it "an important step brave men and women who have

The governor also signed two bills to repeal the 1943 laws pro-

## **Factories** Of Ruhr In Peril

**Americans Gain** Up to 2½ Miles; 23 Towns Taken

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, March 12-(AP)-The US First army jumped off early today in the first big Allied assault east of the Rhine, scored gains up to two and a half miles, and expanded its bridgehead to nearly five miles deep and 11 miles wide.

At least two more towns were seized, bringing to 23 the number captured on the east bank since the Americans charged across the Ludendorff bridge from Remagen Wednesday.

The Germans said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges had thrown 40,000 troops, including two armored and two infantry divisions, into the push which placed the Ruhr's factory cities in their gravest peril of the war. Drive Eastward

The greatest American advance was eastward. More than four miles almost due east of Remagen bridge, tanks and infantry seized Ginsterhahn and Hargarten, slashed across a German lateral supply line, and pressed to within three miles of a super highway to the Ruhr.

Previously the Americans had driven five miles north in Honnef on one main highway to the Ruhr, and were less than 25 miles from the southern region of the 600square mile basin teeming with war lactories.

was beaten back at Honnef today. Eleven miles south of Honnes forces driving south fought into Hoenningen, six miles southeast of the Ludendorff bridge.

Starts in Dark Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said the attack rolled over the steep, wooded hills the case cannot reach the high of the Westerwald in the blackness of 5 a.m.

At first the Americans were met by small arms, self-propelled guns and a few tanks, but later the Germans threw units into the line and began striking back with small counterthrusts.

The Germans were hurled from heights east of the Rhine and to lery fire, which was cratering the bridgehead and had scored a number of ineffectual hits on the Ludendorff bridge, the Remagen life-

Boats shuttled men and supplies across the Rhine to lift some of the load from the bridge, and the Germans said Hodges had established "many Rhine crossings" north of the bridge.

Power Massed Whitehead said Hodges had so much power massed across the river that only a major counterassault could budge it. German broadcasts said the

Americans also were attacking northeast of Honnef, which lies astride one of the main roads to the Ruhr, and said the furious fighting around Honnef was so fluid that it was not known which side now held the town.

Honnef is five miles north of Remaken, and is the closest approach to the southern end of the

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A new veterans service column written in a simplified and interesting style by Major Thomas M. Nial for this paper.

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