Civil Service, Pensions Pass; Session Ends Today

Mr. Joe Doakes when he buys a long-term bond in a war loan campaign, tucks it away in his safe deposit box and does well to remember when to clip his coupons. He pays little attention to changes in market prices. Of course if the bond prices started slipping he might get worried.

So far in the government's bond - selling program Mr. Joe Doakes has had no occasion to get worried, because the prices of his bonds have been inched up. There are the 10-year 2s offered in the sixth war loan at par, with maturity December 15, 1954 (option call 1952) now selling at 102. The longer term bonds, 21/2s, due September 15, 1972, are selling at 102.3. This means for each issue an increment of around \$20 a \$1000 bond. Not bad on a threemonth period, not bad.

This is one answer to the skeptics who have been skittish about buying governments because of the huge volume of the emissions. The open, free market rates them as worth more than par.

The great reason for the rise is the abundance of funds which find no other suitable investment -no other with the liquidity and the security which government bonds offer. Certainly it reflects a confidence in the (Continued on Editorial Page)

Nazis Put Out Peace Feelers, **Stir Disunity**

LONDON, March 16-(AP)-Responsible diplomats expressed belief tonight that a wave of German peace feelers aimed at sowing dissension among the allies is likely to strike neutral European capitals within the next few

firmed that one such feeler was Oregon City 41, Medford 40 made to a British official in Stockholm a few days ago, but said the government "firmly ignored" it and notified the United States and Russia of all details.

(In Washington, state department officials disclosed that Britain had reported last week on a port, officials said, was filed away less incident, and apparently it where President Roosevelt said nothing at all had been received.)

Industry and Labor Join in Manpower Plan

WASHINGTON, March 16-(AP)-A drastic easing of the controversial New Bedford labor diversion program was indicated tonight by the war manpower commission.

The WMC national labor-man agement policy committee announced that an apparent solution of Easter Parade the month-old dispute had been obtained. Details will be announced tomorrow.

was put into effect in New Bedford to "force" textile workers into Fisk and Firestone tire cord "must" war plants.

Eighty-nine of the first group of 90 workers picked for transfer re- The Federal Reserve bank of San fused to switch jobs. The program Francisco reported Los Angeles also vigorously opposed by civic leaders called for employment ceilings on less essential firms to re- like week a year ago; Oakland

Salem Prepares 3489 for Jobs In War Industry

A total of 3489 trainees have enrolled in national defense training classes at the Salem vocational school since the program started in July, 1940, O. I. Paulson, ucation, announced Friday.

The peak in attendance was reached in February, 1942, when 442 students were enrolled. Classes included aircraft sheet metal, ship carpentry, woodworking, ship electricity, ship welding, machine earpentry, junior repairmen, job instruction training, job relation training, related instruction, maintenance mechanic, machine tools operator, auto mechanics, and job nethods training.

Frequent Light Rain

ernoon with temperatures remaining about the same in the 1829. mid - Willamette valley area, edicts U. S. weather bureau. McNary field, Salem.

NINETY-FOURTH YEAR

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Weather

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(For "A" third place)

port

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ing they are not going to suffer.

yet, the chief executive said he be-

lieved the country will back up

the idea of keeping people alive

abroad by retaining existing food

restrictions at home and adding

Finn Workers

Parade Before

2-Day Election

By Robert Sturdevant

HELSINKI, March 16-(AP)-A pa-

rade of at least 5000 persons

marched through Helsinki's down-

The Finns will go to the polls

tomorrow and Sunday in the first

election since 1939, Approximately

2,200,000 are expected to cast

Tonight's demonstration began

workers' districts with a nu

cleus of several hundred. As the

the capital's principal thorough-

Penicillin Cures

their ballots.

(For "B" championship)

(For "A" championship)

11:00 a.m.-Medford vs. Baker

8:45 p.m.-Washington vs. Ore-

Will Eat Less

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, March 17, 1945

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2500 TONS CRASH ON KOBE

Pioneers Blast Medford to Get Fish Bill Chance at Title Gets O.K.

Oregon City Five For "B" third place) Thrills Crowd as 9:00 a.m.-Grant Union vs. Ar-

By Al Lightner (Statesman Sports Editor)

Washington high's Colonials of 7:30 p.m.-Clatskanie vs. Reeds Portland and Oregon City's "hosting" Pioneers led the 26th annual state basketball tournament into the final round tonight by nabbing victories in last night's semifinals. The highly rated seeded FDR Says U.S. Colonials rapped Baker, 51-41, and the Pioneers knocked out topseeded Medford in a typical tour-

ney thriller, 41-40. Baker and Medford will play at 11 o'clock this morning for third place. Washington and Ore-

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS: "B" tournament

Clatskanie 44, Grant Union 27 Reedsport 55, Arlington 33 "A" consolation Eugene 47, Newberg 31 Vernonia 39, Hillsboro 35

gon City, pegged as strongies be-

"A" championship

fore the classic began, will vie for on who is to get what from do-Ashland's undefended title, start-

The "B" quints were off to a roaring start in their private tourney yesterday, Clatskanie walloping Grant Union with a final-half rush, 44-27, and Reedsport topgame saw one tourney record did not reach top state department | wiped out when Reedsport's Forofficials or the White House, ward Clyde DeWitt scored 34 point. It bested the 33 set by Springfield's Curt Luckey here last year.

> Clatskanie and Reedsport, both big ball clubs, will play for the "B" title at 7:30 tonight, rounding out the final program.

Other consolation play today will see Grant Union and Arlington clashing at 9 a.m., and Eugene going against Vernonia for fourth place in the "A" division at 10. Eugene bested Newberg yesterday, 47-31. Medford and Baker will play for third place honors at 11 o'clock. (Full details and pictures on sports pages.)

To Bring Out The WMC "forced release" plan Folding Money

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16 (A)-The pre-Easter parade to the Pacific slope's department stores has cost more than ever before. department store sales last week were \$1.25 for every dollar of the lease workers for munitions pro- \$1.24; San Francisco \$1.14; Portland \$1.17; Seattle \$1.16, and Salt "Cancer" in Plants Lake City \$1.06.

People also had more cash on hand to pay the bills, \$1.33 for The wonder drug penicillin for every dollar a year ago. The the first time has been used sucweekly checkup showed \$2,772,- cessfully at the University of Ari-241,000 federal reserve notes cir- zona in curing crown gall in culating in the seven Pacific slope woody and herbaceous plants. states. Five years ago they had only \$381,437,000 in folding often likened to cancer of animals

Anglers

School Equalization Voted; Tax Rebate Unlikely

By Wendell Webb Managing editor, The Statesman

Today marks an epoch for Oregon-nearly 6000 state employes were assured of civil service; they and thousands of other public employes become eligible to share in a retirement program; and the record-breaking 43rd legislature was going home.

A more-than-weary senate Friday stamped final approval to the house bill (HB 294) establishing Reds Within 4 the civil service and merit system by a vote of 17 to 12, and HB 344 providing the retirement system To Help Europe by a vote of 27 to 2.

It also voted 21 to 8 in favor of HB 212 authorizing counties to adopt the manager form of gov-WASHINGTON, March 16-(A)-President Roosevelt stepped into division of dwindling food stocks favor of closing most coastal tin yesterday while other soviet of the Reich west of the Rhine. today with the assertion we will streams to commercial fishing troops threatened to split the nazi Bridgehead Deepened have to eat less to help feed stary- (HB 378). Tax Discounts Off

to tighten their belts, he told a ed elimination of state income tax at either end of the red army's the Rhine bridgehead to seven news conference in outlining what discounts by approving HB 259 in- 175-mile front across Pomerania, miles, swept a mile north to withtermed administration policy creasing the property tax "cush- were immediately endangered. in three miles of the open plains ion" from surplus income tax rev. Berlin said soviet forces had pene- of Germany, and smashed the first 000. And it approved HB 371 pro- and Moscow's war bulletins dis-The people in this country have not suffered very greatly compar- viding for the official grading of closed the Russians were within milk, and HB 421 providing for six miles of both Danzig and ed with some others, he said, add-\$3000 home and farm loans to Gdynia. Asserting the war is not won

The house passed senate bills providing that alien Japanese cannot hold land under the name of a person eligible for citizenship (SB 274); creating the office of director of apprenticeship (SB 329); instructing the liquor comdirector of apprenticeship (SB mission to give preference to Oregon wine (SB 281), and permitting trucks not over-loaded more than 2000 pounds to preceed to their destinations (SB 337). Term-extension Repealed

The house also approved a senate resolution (SJR 22) providing ing away from its own version of been reached at some points. tionment, and both the house and senate approved a resolution which repeals SJR 17 - which would have extended the terms of town streets tonight singing the legislators until their successors had qualified, not just until the Internationale" on the eve of the next election. The constitutionaltwo-day general election which will name a new Finnish parlia- ity of SJR 17 was questioned.

A large share of the house's time Friday was taken up in repassing bills with senate amend- from four, the minimum, to 12. ments, but it took time out to approve one of its own measures (HB 398) liberalizing income tax exemptions for veterans.

Only two measures were on the house calendar today, and only 12 on the senate's-including eight crowds increased, they moved up appropriation bills which will take little time. fare thousands strong to the

But there were on file several strains of the communist anthem. notices of reconsideration, including milk grading bills (HB 370 and 371) in the senate, and it was expected a considerable number of committee reports would be Green Bay, Wis. dumped-including one on the TUCSON, Ariz., March 16-(AP) Portland firemen's pension bill which Sen. Thomas Mahoney attempted to bring to the floor Fri-

> Optimists expressed belief the legislature—now in its 69th day— Stop Invasion would get through by tea-time this (Legislative details pages 2 and

Windsors to Go To Canada, Later

NASSAU, Bahamas, March 16-(A)-The Duke of Windsor, whose resignation as governor of the Banama islands was announced yesterday, said today that he and his duchess will leave for New York Nine Missing in

Marriage Spans 5000 Miles -- With Southern Humor

DALLAS, Tex., March 16 -(AP) A Dallas nurse, who married a broken-jawed soldier sound asleep in a hospital 5000 miles away, today received a cable from him saying "Our married life will never be any more difficult than our

The bride was Ruth Edna Engle. The soldier is Lt. Jerry Krohg, 34, Chattanooga, Tenn., now in the Aleutians.

The ceremony here Tuesday was by proxy. Due to time difference, the bridegroom probably was asleep. His wife, who said the officer

broke his jaw in a fall, cabled: "Missed you at wedding; honeymooning with the girls.' moment. Thought ceremony ex- German armies for imminent an-

tremely beautiful and simple."

enues from \$5,000,000 to \$15,000,- trated Stettin's "inner defenses"

22 Shipyards Bid on Tanker

building contracts came back ress of Bitche, never before taken with a bang today after a four- by storm. year absence. The maritime commission, shift-

for a study of legislative reappor- cost-plus now that the construction program is over the peak, invited bids for the building of 24 small tankers.

are trying to figure out whose port and supply lines. bids were the most favorable. Almost every bidder submitted proposals for various numbers of Police and WMC the tankers, ranging all the way

the maximum. The commission indicated that it would follow competitive bidding in awarding all future contracts. It had resorted to cost-plus negotiated contracts under wartime

Today's bids range from a low of \$588,929 for each of 4 to 6 tankers, submitted by United Concrete Pipe corporation, Los Angeles, to \$1,476,264 for each of 4 tankers, submitted by Northeastern Boiler and Welding, Ltd. The vessels are to be delivered

by December, 1945.

Japs Ready to

The Japanese are rushing the construction of defenses and pouring troops into possible Allied invasion areas, a Chinese army spokesman said today.

Fortifications have been erected in the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo region, the Hongkong-Canton area and the Foochow area, the spokesman said, adding that 150,-000 troops had been massed in the Shanghai section.

From New York, he added, VICTORIA, B. C., March 16-(8) they may go to his ranch in Canada, and later plan to visit Europe, including even his native nopping up as well as those killed n battle.

The toll of \$1,223 Japanese dead not hattle, and the central Pacific includes nopping up as well as those killed notatile.

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1st Army Slashes 21st BOMBER COMMAND Highway

3rd in Startling Break-through; Nazis Reel Back

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, March 16-(A)-The U.S. First army slashed across the great Ruhr superhighway at two points east of the Rhine today, and southward a sensational breakthrough by the Third army 20 miles be-Krohg replied: "Never a dull yond the Moselle river set up two

> These two seasoned, hard-hitting armies were dealing tremendous body blows to the reeling armies of the Reich, while the Seventh army was crashing through into

German from the south. The Moselle-Rhine triangle-80 miles from top to bottom and 85 LONDON, March 16-(P)-Rus- miles wide at the base-was colsian tank assault forces smashed lapsing under the terrific impact ernment; 20 to 10 for educational through bitter enemy resistance of the Third and Seventh armies equalization through rural school to within four and a half miles and it appeared that soon not a the inter-agency controversy over districts (HB 80), and 24 to 5 in of the prize German port of Stet- German would stand on the soil

> bases of Danzig and Gdynia. to the enemy fraught with the casualties, including 4,189 dead, in The senate also virtually assur- The three great Baltic seaports, most immediate peril, deepened capturing Iwo Jima for an adbig tank-led counterblow.

The Third army broke loose along the Rhine valley on a 14mile rampage that cleaved through the heart of the enemy defenses between thet Rhine and the Moselle 60 to 70 miles north of the Germans fighting in defense of the Saar basin and the Bavarian

The Seventh army was hammering at the underside of this huge bulge in a co-ordinated offensive along a 50-mile front that gained WASHINGTON, March 16 -(P) up to four miles and overwhelm-Competitive bidding for ship- ed the 200-year-old French fort-

The Germans were falling back into the Siegfried line, which had

By a quirk of nature, the only flyable weather on the western front was where the three American armies were attacking, and The response from 22 firms 2500 tactical warplanes ripped inoverwhelmed the statisticians, who to the enemy's defenses, trans-

Curfew Close 3 Night Spots Here

Federal curfew regulations, to date little felt in Salem, are allegedly behind midnight closing orders served Friday night on three downtown all-night restau-

City police, who issued the notices, said they were assigned the task by the war manpower com-

Two Chinese restaurants and a High street lunch counter, dubbed of the elaborate Wawa-Antipolo "night spots," although proprietors of two maintain they serve working folk and travelers as well personnel and supplies." The US as merrymakers, were given the 43rd (Winged Victory) division

Fires Level 12 Square Miles Of Huge City

HEAQUARTERS, Guam, Saturday, March 17-(A)-Three hundred Superfortresses set afire or completely burned out 12 square miles of Kobe, Japan's leading seaport and ship-building center, today in the fourth huge incendiary raid on Nipponese cities in a week. The 2500 tons of incendiaries,

hitting docks, an aircraft plant and locomotive works, started fires visible for 100 miles and which still were burning fiercely two hours after the first planes hit.

The fire area was a densely opulated sector of Kobe. Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Le May, commander of the 21st bomber ommand, reported the results.

Marines Lose 4189 at Iwo

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, Saturday, March 17 - (AP) - Three American defenders of the big Baltic naval The First army, carrying a fight marine divisions sustained 19,938 Tokyo, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Nimitz said organized resistance ceased on the volcanic black island at 6 p.m. Friday when units of the third and fifth divisions overran the last Japanese hold-out emplacements at Kitano Point, northernmost tip of the

Nimitz reported marines were continuing to mop up enemy remnants on Iwo and that the central air field on that little island was put into operation by American forces yesterday.

Nimitz previously had announced that 21,000 of the enemy were killed, by conservative estimate.

Yanks Advance On Luzon, Near **Summer Capital**

MANILA, Saturday, March 17-(AP) - Yanks fighting on Luzon island's scattered fronts have destroyed one end of the Japanese Shimbu line east of Manila, cut the enemy communication line to southern Luzon, and advanced within seven miles of Baguio, ummer capital of the Philippines. Gen. Douglas MacArthur an-

nounced the successes today in a communique which also recorded further gains by American forces invading the Zamboanga sector of Mindanao island. In the Shimbu sector, where one

and another wounded in the fiercest battling of the Luzon campaign, "the entire southern flank line has now been destroyed with great losses to the enemy in both orders. The third restaurant own- has reached a point four miles er is out of the city until Monday.

Idaho Senator Would Enliven afternoon but many veterans were betting the final trek down the betting the final trek down the control of the betting the final trek down the betting the betting the betting the final trek down the betting the betting th

WASHINGTON, March 16-(AP) | He has a corrective program Senator Glen Taylor's secretary is pretty well thought out: about to draw a new assignment finding out what the people in the visitors' galleries thing about

their views to push for some re-

As the senate's only profession al showman, Taylor considers the usual day's proceedings pretty thin fare for the spectators. No

proof glass; install loudspeakers

3. Hire someone to stand in th gallery and explain the meaning From Joining Navy of the various parliamentary ma-

Airplane Plant Hit; Fires Set

300 Superforts **Hurl Incendiary Bombs at Center**

By Vern Haugland 21ST BOMBER COMMAND, Guam, March 17-(Saturday)-(AP)-More than 300 B-29s dropped 2500 tons of incendiaries on Kobe -Japan's great shipbuilding center

dawn attack today. Bombs from the second plane over the target started a string of fires in the important dock areas. The third plane scored direct hits on the Mitsubishi airplane plant and Kawasake locomotive

and sixth largest city-in a pre-

The Superforts swept over Kobe at only a one-mile altitude to dump their loads on Japan's principal seaport and shipping center.
Maj. Leon Lowry, San Carlos, Calif., reported only light antiaircraft fire, although he saw searchlights piercing the skies from Osaka, havocked only three days before by another 2000-ton

raid. Target for this greatest of all ing huge sections of Japan's industrial centers to ashes, was a five-square-mile area in the highly congested core of Japan's sixth largest metropolis.

Enemy Claims 30 Although the 21st bomber command announced only that a "very large task force" of B-29c attacked, indications were that more than 300 aircraft participated.

Tokyo radio made the unconfirmed claim that more than 30 of the B-29s were "either shot down or damaged." The enemy said that the raiders, while concentrating on Kobe, also dropped incendiaries in the vicinity of

This was the fourth great strike -all incendiary-on Japan's major cities in eight days, and the first on Kobe, a congested city of 1,000,000 people.

The previous raids - details of the Kobe attack are not yet available-caused great conflagrations, much damage to industries, burned out many square miles of congested areas and caused the Japanese government to make many changes in its air raid defenses. (In Washington, the 20th air

force headquarters announced that the Kobe mission was a continuation of the plan "to destroy Japan's industrial production of war essentials.") Most of Kobe's buildings are of wood and plaster. Only about 10

per cent are constructed of brick,

sheet metal, stone or concrete,

Fires were visible 100 miles away.

Adair Farms In the Shimbu sector, where one American general has been killed Cost Too Much, Avers Judge

PORTLAND, March 16-(AP)-US District Judge Claude McColloch declared today he was misled into ordering overpayments in the recent Camp Adair land condemnation suits.

"The greedy men and recreant public officials responsible . . . may take pleasure in the financial result. I doubt, however, that their consciences are easy," he siad. He specifically attacked representatives of the US public lands division, labeling their testimony as false.

The federal court here set prices on land for the Camp Adair site, taken over from private owners by the government, in cases where no agreement was reached

Unfit Men Barred

WASHINGTON, March 16-(A)vent physically unqualified en-

ed in July, 1940, O. I. Paulson, state director for vocational ed- Nearly 100,000 Navy, Marine, Coastguard Pacific Casualties U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEAD-QUARTERS, Guam, March 17-(A) 280 missing, 6115 wounded, total

American marine casualties on Iwo Jima, up to 5 p. m. March 16 4189 dead, 15,308 wounded and 441 missing, total of 19,938-compared with the following losses in other Pacific invasions:

killed, 2037 wounded, total 2950. Marshall islands - 566 killed 1683 wounded, total 2249. Saipan, Marianas islands-3100 killed, 326 missing, 13,099 wounded, total 16,525.

Tarawa, Gilbert islands - 913

Guam, Marianas - 1289 killed, Prior to the Iwo invasion, the 148 missing, 5648 wounded, total

Tinian, Marianas - 290 killed

Palaus, Carolines-1022 killed

Crown gall is a plant disease

Total casualties in the central Pacific campaign, prior to the in vasion of Iwo, were 7180 killed, 778 missing, 30,977 wounded, to-Navy, marine and coast guard asualties in the Pacific since

Pearl Harbor, up to 5 p. m. March 16, totaled 91,242, Adm, Chester

ratio of Japanese dead to American stood at about 11 to 1,

Back to England

the latter part of April.

From New York, he added,