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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, A1-

Rome have regained the initiative

in part at least from powerful

German forces pressing in upon

them, and are striking offensive

blows in a fierce see-saw strug-

Reinforced with fresh troops, the Allies hammered at the Germans

near Carroceto (Aprilia), and then

.hrew back a German tank-sup-

ported counterattack, headquarters

announced, and the over-all situa-

tion on the bridgehead is "gener-

This renewed surge of Allied

initiative coincided with confident

expressions by Allied command-

ers that the battle for Rome would

succeed, and an order of the day

by Lt.-Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth

Army commander, that the chance had come to hand the Nazis a

Assault In Sun

The Allied command announced

that it might be necessary to as-

sault the Benedictine abbey atop

Mt. Cassino because the Germans

had turned it into a fortress, but

there was no evidence that American or British troops had yet at-

tacked the massive structure domi-

(The Nazi-controlled Rome radio

asserted in a broadcast recorded

by CBS that "Allied artillery has

begun an intensive bombardment

A dispatch written at the Cas-

sino battlefront at 6:45 p. m., Sun-

day by Lynn Heinzerling, Asso-

ciated Press war correspondent,

teatured the declaration of three

battle-weary infantrymen that

'they ought to wipe that monas-

nating the Cassino battlefield.

of the monastery.")

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great defeat.

## Money Bills Are Eyed By Republicans

CUTTING DRIVE SEEN

Measures Supply Funds For State, Justice And Commerce Agencies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13- (AP) -Two new appropriation bills carrying funds for four agencies offer united House Republican bloc a fresh opportunity this week to carry on a money-slashing drive develop into a major political is-

Providing appropriations for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments and for the civil func-

or Thursday. started last week when the House private financing. considered the Treasury-Postoffice supply bill. Taber and fellow-Re-

Democratic legislators contended the appropriations constituted

"I can see no better issue to issue of trying to save taxpayers' money through elimination of unnecessary expenditures of public

cratic colleagues are beginning to toward future commitments.

appropriation cuts." there are some items in there that can be most helpful.

good-neighbor program.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13- (P) A thrice rejected measure to make today as a compromise measure on the subject.

Taft (R-Ohio), would allow use of a Federal ballot by members of ne armed services only if they backed by most Republicans and Southern 'States Rights' Democrats in the senate.

Apparently it is due for another

down three times by the Senate week walkout. in the administration's and drive The vote to return to work, which the ultimate compromise.

of the administration's Federal presidential order. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) tile manufacturers' association.

### 2 Trim DE's, Honoring War Heroes, Launched At Tampa, Fla. Yard

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 13 .- (AP)-Tampa Shipbuilding Co. yard, one of them completing again the roster of the Navy's five "Fighting" Claims," and the other dedicated o an Alabama seaman who died

cruiser San Francisco.

glasses.

parently were defective.

toughened, he said, "a strain is set up and they could explode if put on a warm table."

## RFC NOW READY

which its leaders would like to Agency Willing To Guarantee Immediate Loans For Reconversion

ready to make or guarantee imdown the 50-mile length of Lake to Rome which the Germans are
American liberties are to be pre-Rep Taber (NY), ranking Remediate loans to speed the indus- land from the Gulf of Finland as a corridor into the Rep Taber (NY), ranking Republican on the appropriations trial transition from war to peace broadcast-communique recorded by publican on the product of the committee, indicated he would although it stressed that its protection the Soviet monitor disclosed. carry on the curtailment drive gram will be in cooperation with

Charles B. Henderson, Reconstruction Finance Corporation way to southern Estonia and Lastruction Finance Corporation tavia, came a short time after This officer explained in a statepublicans chopped nearly \$300,000 board chairman, made public a from the Treasury-Postoffice bill. letter addressed to managers of Their attempts to slash an addithe 31 RFC loan agencies in which Their attempts to state the said the RFC must "be pretional \$1,025,000 were unsuccessful. he said the RFC must "be prethe Leningrad-Pskov-Warsaw railVatican authorities have asked form of international cooperation 'economy drive' was stopped by bility to the national economy in only one vote. The balloting was the exercise of our statutory lending powers for war demobiliza- the exhausted remnants of 100,tion, contract termination and reconversion to peacetime operathat the Republican efforts to cut conversion to peacetime opera- Korsun, and pinning them down tions."

and see no better issue to managers throughout the country along a railway to Sotniki on the to "give careful and sympathetic north. consideration to all inquiries for such financial assistance, whether funds," the New Yorker said in in the forms of loans, immediate tillery was reported laying down commitments for future loans or a withering fire over the remainthink some of our Demo- preliminary negotiations looking ing Axis positions.

"I ask further," Henderson's west of Zvenigorodka, 27 miles surprised to see some of them vot- letter continued, "that you survey southeast of Korsun, again were Some very special legislation in are few thinking Americans who ing with us in the future on these your territory, contacting business declared beaten down with "heavy volving fresh shad, the Mediterenterprises and individuals inter- losses on the enemy in manpower ranean fruit fly and the accidental of continued new deal govern-Taber said he did now know what ested in these problems in order and equipment" as the Nazis out-blitzing of 499 Texas range sheep ment." specific items he would make the to ascertain what assistance may side the ring-continued their at- is on the Senate's menu this week. target, of his drive on the forth- be expected of the Reconstruction tempts to bring relief to their dycoming bills but observed that Finance Corporation and how it ing companions.

The most likely target is the ried on wherever possible, in con- Vatutin's western Ukraine forces catch-as-catch-can legislating and some pressing issues. have claimed that the United States have spent money recklessly in its without participation by REC."

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Lwow would cut the main supply McCarran (D-Nev) are backing a has spent money recklessly in its without participation by RFC."

and guarantees for defense and volved amounts of \$100,000 or less, thus demonstrating "the vital part all business has played in our war

A spokesman for Henderson em-The bill, sponsored by Senator and that they will be successful.

## the armed services only if they fail to get a state ticket. It is

Senate's insistence on a uniform three striking textile unions tonight tem of estimates of income re-Federal ballot and the House determination to let the States take

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Said, sounding taps for the 499

Helsinki and Moscow had been escare of votes for the armed forces. mills that were seized by the Army any three experts, private or gov- sheep, two miles of fence and Helsinki and Moscow had been esfacility and accommodation is be-The Taft proposal was knocked last week as a result of a nine- ermental, will disagree on the 3,200 acres of grass, which was tablished at least three days ago ing prepared for the largest new

to put through its Federal ballot will become effective tomorrow at is before the president for signato put through its Federal ballot will become effective tomorrow at is before the president for signabill. But Senate conferee indicate 6 a.m., came only a few days aft-ture corrects some of this troued tonight that the substance of er the striking workers refused to ble. the Taft proposal might make up return to work when Col. Curtis G. Pratt, Army representative, took Senator Green (D-R' co-author command of the mills upon a

Senate conferees, said the Taft amendment couldn't be consider- craft unions of loom fixers slash. ed in its original form but added: er tenders and knot tiers, who The conference could settle walked out on Dec. 13 in protest n something like it because the against a seniority clause in a CIO conferees have the entire scope contract with the Fall River tex-

### 7500 other employes. PROMOTED

The walkout involved members

Barringer, son of Mrs. Perry L. Barringer of Hickory, has been Two trim destroyer escorts were promoted to the rank of captain sunched for the Nawy today at the in the Medical Corps of the Ar-

MOTHER DIES

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13-(P)projectly 15 months ago on the Mrs. Virginia Brown, 35, died today of burns suffered while she They were the USS Earl K. Ol- tossed her five children from a in and the USS Sinter, 30th and second story window of her burn-Tampa yard, and were christ bors. None of the children, who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children, who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who bers mobilized by force among the length by the children who length by the child Not vessels built for the Navy by ing nome into the arms of neightened by the mothers of the Navy range from 10 months to seven heroes for whom they are named year old, was injured.

## Exploding Glass Bothers Drinkers Offensive Blows In Bridgehead Area

LONDON, Feb. 13.—(AP)— Beer drinkers in Britain are being bothered by exploding

It seemed like a gag at first when the glasses, filled with beer, began falling apart in the hands of pub customers. But R. H. Poske, an expert on tumblers, explained they ap-

If new glasses are over-

### FOR TRANSITION LONDON, Feb. 13-(P)-Russian troops have completely cleared the

sia, Moscow announced tonight. sault it.

Premier Marshal Stalin issued an ment:

way 80 miles northeast of Pskov. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 8) In the Ukraine the Russians took four more localities, battering back to an eight-mile-long corridor ex-The letter asked each of the tending from just south of Korsun

communique said, and Soviet ar-

German counter-attacks north-

"These activities should be car- announced that Gen. Nikolai F. makers are ready for a little committed himself recently on

## 000,000,000 and he added that of the 10,000 authorizations 9,000 in-

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13- (A) phasized that the program would Integration of the victory tax with tion has been keeping Florida shad state absentee ballots the first not be confined to present war in the regular normal income tax off the Capital market, and Anchoice in voting by servicemen and dustries, although loans and appli- and surtax and graduation of the drews didn't like that. prises, he added, must demonstrate that they are sound eccessional strate that they are sound eccessional strate that they are sound eccessional ecces women overseas bobbed up again cations for new business enter- withholding tax to collect the ex- The Mediterranean fruit fly beto end a Congressional wrangle strate that they are sound eco- each payday was advocated by concern when the little varmints by Juhu Paasikivi, "the ambassanomically, that they are needed Rep. Disney (D-Okla) as a sim-started chewing up Florida grapeplification move.

and Means Committee which has government's fruit fly eradicators a concrete sign whether Helsinki announced it will consider 'prompt- worked so hard, in swatting the ly" proposals for clearing away flies, it is claimed that they with Moscow. some of the confusion about indi- caused about \$10,000,000 damage WILL END STRIKE vidual income tax returns, Disney to the orchards, which the also urged changes in the estimates ury is now asked to pay.

some common ground between the Senate's insistence on a uniform three striking textile unions tonight tem of estimates of income re-out over the Wade brothers ranch tem of estimates of the estimates of the wade ranch tem of estimates of the es computation of the tax.

"One section of the bill which

He described as "exasperating" (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4)

Germans have launched a new ofof the three unions and affected fensive against the partisans in Yugoslavia and have taken some night in a broadcast.

planes had bombed German shipping in the Adriatic, reiterated season.

the Partisans. It said that in one sector Mihai-

giers, Feb. 13-(P)-The Allied Germans from the east coast of command charged today that the Lake Peipus which forms the front-Germans had turned the famous ier of Estonia, and have reached Benedictine monastery on Mt. a point 4 3miles from Pskov, Axis Cassino into a fortress, and therepivot for all of northwestern Rus- fore it might be necessary to as-

The monastery is strategically dential candidates appeared in ac-More than 800 localities were placed on the crest of Mt. Caspartments and for the Criminal Partment in tions of the War Department in fiscal 1945, they are expected to sino, which overlooks the town of tontion the partisan con-

American troops are within a few hundred yards of the abbey, The announcement that Soviet but have not yet intentionally firtroops were nearing Pskov, gate- ed upon it, a headquarters officer dell L. Willkie, Gov. Thomas E.

The Germans still are putting

Sotniki itself was captured, the Legislation Involving Shad, Fruit Fly, And Sheep Are On Slate

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13- (P) With the soldier vote and food subsidy headaches packed off to nomination but who is mentioned The Berlin high command also conference committees, the law- as a "draft" possibility, has not

Henderson said that RFC loans (Continued on Page Two; Col. 8) bill which would permit the sale bill which would permit the sale of shad in the District of Columbia during December. Seems that Christmas time, hindering perpetuation of the species. Now the fish and wildlife service has found that shad don't come up the river before April. The prohibi-

A members c' the House Ways year for all except fruit flies. The tonight and the world watched for

## **GOODS PREDICTED**

in canned fruits and a 19 per cent cut in canned vegetables this year, vention today.

C. W. Kitchen, deputy director of small towns. but are suffering the office of distribution of the heavy losses in the continuing bat- WFA, said that a new order signed tle, headquarters of Partisan Mar- last Friday allots civilians 17 milpoints and noting that Allied etable items this year as com- Walter L. Hobbs. pared with 128 million cases last

Peter's exiled government, were lion cases of fruits and 143 million here. assisting the Germans in fighting cases of vegetables in the 1941-42 peak season.

# Point On Psko The The Satisfactory Nazis Are Using Views Of GOP Candidates Vary Nazis Are Using Views Of GOP Candidates Vary Famed Monastery As A Fortress Widely On Different Problems Satisfactory INITIATIVE REGAINED With Fresh Troops; Situation Satisfactory

Are Being Struck By American Troops;

Reds Clear East Coast Of Lake Peipus

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Al- All Are Agreed That FR's Administration Must Come To End

> By JACK BELL WASHINGTON, Feb. 13 -(A)-Three potential Republican presitention that the Roosevelt administration must come to an end if served, but the pattern of their

> thinking on many other issues

varies widely A survey of recent speeches and other utterances of the trio-Wencates that if the Republicans to preserve future peace.

Beyond that point their positions often differ, with their views ranging all the way from Willkie's insistence that congress ought to raise 16 billions in additional taxes to Bricker's contention that government economy is more important now than higher taxation.

The three agree, however, that the time has come for the Republicans to return to power, and they all say the Republicans are better equipped to guide the postwar transition to civilian pursuits with Dewey observing that "there

a candidate for the presidential

Helsinki May Be Moving

Toward Accord With

The Russians

YA'k State Constitution, but prom- every member of the armed serising State aid in getting ballots vice to be given the opportunity

tery off the hill" to eliminate the

## to the armed forces. The most likely target is the fund in the State Department bill for cooperation with other regulations are republics. Some legislators have claimed that the United States are on the funding the state of the statement that the proposed always, it is our desire that the United States are on the funding the statement that the proposed of the statemen Senators Andrews (D-Fla) and men would conflict with the New practical under State statutes for (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

### Pounded By U. S., RAF LONDON, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Flying Fortresses and Liberators in strong formations teamed with American Ma-Allied attack making local gains

rauders and RAF Typhoons today in an unprecedented of- in the so-called factory area of fensive against the invasion coast of northern France, attacked with armor including dealing out probably the heaviest blow of recent weeks on flame-thrower tanks, but were

## started chewing up Florida grape-fruit in 1929, which was a bad dor of peace," were in Stockholm AGGRESSIVE DRIVE time since Feb. 5, the big four-engined types plastered mystery

CHUNGKING, Feb. 13—(P)—An by lighter RAF craft. was moving to an understanding aggressive China-based land and "There is impenetrable secrecy erican thrust across the Pacific derbolts and Mustangs. American front hill, knoking back a Nazi of income now required.

"One of the big sources of trouble, which has been annoying and barsesing the tevrevers is the care."

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"An Army plane took off from a skill are resisting to the Chinese mainland was pledged today by Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stillong the tevrevers is the care.

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3,200 acres of grass, which was and that Paasikivi was waiting to cargo carriers available. These take up from that point because of will fly far greater tonnages than bombers and two fighters from Russians hold for him. It was he in this theater.

who negotiated the peace with the Stilwell's statement took note of Russians at the end of their winter the recent declaration of Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-Leo Ehrenrooth, Finnish minis- chief of the Pacific fleet, that CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—(P)—Civilter of the interior, arrived in Stockholm by plane today, to join Passikivi and Eljas Erkko, former Afreits and a 19 per cent

### foreign minister. LONDON, Feb. 13.—(P)—The cial told the food processors' conscient Assailed By Local Soldier badly dented shield to Allied drives toward Tolars and more shield to Allied

'somewhere in the South Pacific" the strikers, because of the rising fourteen days of the stepped-up Al-HICKORY, Feb. 13—(P)—Phil L shal Josip Broz (Tito) reported to lion cases of 12 canned fruit items scoring strikes and general lax- cost of living, are forced to lower lied aerial offensive when 134 for the 1944-45 season as against ness on the home front has been our standard of living. We must tons of bombs were dropped on its The Partisan communique, de- 30 million last year, and grants received by L. H. Hobbs of 214 N. have higher wages to live as we three airdromes. tailing combats at numerous them 104 million cases of 14 veg- 22nd Street from his son, Corporal used to. Then there are some

Kitchen said these figures com- and, I feel free to say, also that to lower their standard of living? The Friday attack was announced Mihailovic, war minister of King pared with a civilian use of 54 mil-"There is a large group of loyal

"The projected vegetable supply citizens at home who have not yet standards of living? lovic's forces "are completely dis- for civilian distribution in the com- he writes. "Without the support integrated" and that "great num- ing season," he said, "will be of the home front, the armed you that the life of one American and struck also at Kendari in the population joined our 16th Moslem the supply available during the business of strikes is one example and cents. But that is what they guese Timor and Buka passage beof the failure of the home front. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5) (Continued on Page Two; Col 4)

A vitriolic letter written from "The main issue is this: 'We, who strike for no good reason at The soldier writes that his senti- all. Can't they realize that the down out of a weak intercepting

ments are his "honest opinion, ten million men in the Army had force. earnings were cut from \$50 a thur. week to \$50 a month almost over- Our bombers also hit a 3,000-ton right, are having to lower their cargo ship at Wewak during a tho

"Any normal person will tell northeastern New Guinea area

### German observers and gunners to vote and was therefore in favor shielded by its walls.

drives toward Tokyo and way

points, was hit for the 12th time in

Three enemy aircraft were shot

rough bombing and strafing of that

Allied planes, including Flying Fortresses and Liberators ordinargic work except at times when the French Mystery Targets available support, struck new and

heavy blows again yesterday just behind Nazi lines around the bridgehead. The main clash on the Carroceto sector opened Saturday with an

that sector now become one of the turned back with two tanks lost. world's most battered strips of The food-processing factory there changed hands three times, head-Operating together for the first quarters said, and thus was pretime since Feb. 5, the big four-sumably in Allied hands.

New Strongpoints American troops in the Cassino assault previously handled chiefly area to the east wrested new strongpoints from the Germans The American heavy bombers nside the town, and two miles to air offensive in support of an Am-

hundred yards away. brought down during the day, six Headquarters declared that so far the Allies had tried to observe the skill he has in dealing with do the present historic air transthe Russians and the respect the ports which have made records (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4) mans continued to use it as a strongpoint, means would have to be taken to knock them out of it.

Prisoners Taken More prisoners taken in the Cassino area included men of the German first parachute division last reported facing the British army on the Adriatic sector. Ap ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN parently part of this division has THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, been shifted to the Fifth Army ront to strengthen the Germani (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

### German Intelligence Agents In Istanbul Surrender To British

ITANBUL, Turkey, Feb. 13 .-(AP)—Two more Nazi intelligence agents operating in Istanbul have gone over to the British, it was learned today.

They are Karl Alois Von Kleckowski, second in charge of counter-espionage for the Germans here, and Capt. Wilhelm Hamberger, a Gestapo agent. Both are Austrians.

Last week a German clerk to the military attache, identified by an Allied spokesman as Erich Vermehren gave him-

Willkie Confident Of Nomination giers, Feb. 13—(P)—Allied troops in the invasion bridgehead below

Wendell Willkie, GOP nominee for president in 1940, at a con ference in Seattle with newsmen, expressed confidence he would receive the Republican nomination for president in 1944. Commenting on the reign of the Democratic party, which he said is "rapidly falling apart," Willkie added "I'm going to break this power if I can." (AP Wirephoto).