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# YANKS BREAK GERMAN LINES AT CASSINO

## Adjustments In Tax Bill Are Sought

Conferees Hope to Put Purchase Taxes In Effect March 1

Washington, Jan. 31—(AP)—In a let's-face-it mood, Senate and House conferees on the \$2,315,800,000 new tax bill attempted to adjust remaining differences today in time to put a long string of wartime purchase taxes in effect on March 1.

The excess tax increases, which account for more than \$1,000,000,000 of the anticipated new revenue, become effective in general on the first day of the first month which begins more than ten days after enactment of the tax bill.

Unless unforeseen delays occur, this means that beginning March 1 the Federal tax on liquor will rise from 86¢ a gallon to 89¢, furs, jewelry, cosmetics and luggage will be raised 1¢ to 20 percent duty, and excise of night clubs and cabarets to a 40 percent tax.

Telephone and telegraph service, admissions to movies and other places of amusement, club dues, wines and beers and other articles and services also would be taxed heavier.

Two sections of the bill already have been agreed upon, along with increased postal rates; higher corporate excess profits rates expected to yield \$62,700,000; and changes in the individual income tax law estimated to add \$65,400,000.

Chief matters still in dispute are two proposed amendments to the war contracts renegotiation law. One involves definition of the term subcontractor, the other the right of a contractor to a timely review of a renegotiation he considers unfair.

Leaders among the conferees remain confident of settling both matters today.

## Cotton Prices Open Higher

New York, Jan. 31—(AP)—Cotton futures opened ten to 15 cents higher. Previous close Open  
March ..... 20.21 20.23  
May ..... 19.63 19.90  
July ..... 19.54 19.57  
October (new) ..... 19.16 19.13  
December (new) ..... 19.99 19.02

## Seven Deaths By Violence

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## Program For Japan After War Suggested

Washington, Jan. 31—(AP)—The American government's determination to impose a just but pitiless peace on Japan has been strengthened and hardened by the enemy's ruthless treatment of prisoners, it is learned today, and some ranking authorities are advocating a three-point program to strip the Japanese of their economic ability ever to make war again.

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A RUSSIAN CAVALRYMAN rides past the ruins of Peterhof Palace, west of Leningrad. The Soviet showplace, built by the Czars, a recreation center and museum before the war, was recaptured by the Reds on January 19. It had been in the hands of the Nazis since the first drive on Leningrad. With the lifting of the siege, the retreating Germans removed famous statues from the palace's steps. (International Radiophoto)

## Task Force Pounds Marshall Islands In Great Assault

## Economy Drive Hits At FCC

Washington, Jan. 31—(AP)—The Federal Communications Commission found itself the target today of the first congressional economy drive.

Aroused over Commission Chairman James L. Fly's refusal to testify fully before a special House committee investigating his agency, a bi-partisan House group moved to chop FCC funds in the \$8,500,000,000 independent offices supply bill slated for passage today.

FCC funds for the fiscal year starting July 1 already have been trimmed about 20 percent by the House Appropriations Committee, but that failed to satisfy the agency's foes.

Representative Taber of New York said he believed the entire fund for the FCC radio intelligence division should be denied and those functions be turned over to the War and Navy Departments.

Other cutters harassed Entwistle, northeast man of the group, holding him responsible for their heavy bombardment Japanese air strength that might have handicapped U. S. operations elsewhere.

Support from some southern Democrats heightened administration hope for an early vote in the Senate. It was southerners, joined by Republicans, who defeated the original war ballot bill last month and sent the States' rights measure to the House.

The House takes up that bill tomorrow under a ruling excluding a Federal war ballot proposal from the floor, but Representative Wolley (Texas), author of a Federal ballot plan almost identical to the pending Senate bill, was circulating a petition to break the rule and force a vote on his measure.

35 Degrees Given At Commencement Program at Duke

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## Briggs Claims Innocence In Letter Case

Washington, Jan. 31—(AP)—George N. Briggs pleaded innocent today to charges that he forged the celebrated "Hopkins letter".

Appearing to answer Federal indictments which alleged forgery, false pretense and use of the mails to defraud, Briggs, former confidential aide to Interior Secretary Ickes, entered a disclaimer to all these charges.

His attorneys then asked for and were granted three weeks in order to file such motions or demurrers as they might decide to offer preliminary to trial.

**WEATHER**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday. Not quite so cool tonight. Slightly colder Tuesday.

Edgar D. Broadhurst, Greensboro attorney, has been appointed by Dr. Ralph McDonald to handle the latter's campaign for governor of North Carolina this spring. It is expected that State headquarters will be opened soon in Raleigh, about March 1, Broadhurst said in Greensboro that he expects in the meantime to appoint county managers in as many counties of the State as possible.

## Service Vote Bill To Be Disposed Of

Washington, Jan. 31—(AP)—The Senate and House started a race today to dispose of the vote to serve women controversy once and for all.

The Senate met an hour earlier than usual and optimists said a final rollcall might be reached late today, but Tuesday and Wednesday seemed more probable.

The Senate met at 11 a. m. to open the second week's debate on a revised Federal war ballot bill which would send uniform ballot bills to president, vice president and members of Congress to men and women in uniform all over the world. A host of amendments littered its path to final passage—some of them compromise attempts to soften the opposition of those who contend the Federal plan usurps the rights of the states to handle their own elections.

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## Berlin And Other Nazi Cities Aflame After RAF Blows

### Four-Day Continuous Bombing of German Targets by Allies

London, Jan. 31—(AP)—Hundreds of big RAF bombers smashed at Berlin again last night with a holocaust of fire and explosives in history's greatest sustained aerial offensive, which left the Nazi capital and three other great industrial cities aflame and heaped with rubble.

It was the third terrific blow in four nights upon Berlin, and massive bombers started in after the heavy bombers to add to the spreading ruins.

An ominous silence fell over the whole of Germany in the wake of four days of night and day bombing, including powerful American raids Sunday on Brunswick and Hanover and a rapid U. S. bomber blow at Frankfurt Saturday.

Communications between Sweden and Berlin broke Sunday, were not restored until midday today, just as first dispatch reaching Stockholm said last night's attack caused "great damage."

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### Asks Soldier Vote



SPEAKING at the United Spanish War Veterans' dinner in Pittsburgh, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio charged that "politics" in Washington was responsible for the delay in passing soldiers' vote legislation. He said disabled war veterans be given fair and generous treatment. (International)

## Reds Near Gateway To Baltic Sea

### Junction Controlling Entry Into Estonia Passed by Russians

Moscow, Jan. 31—(AP)—Russian troops, pushing rapidly west from Leningrad today along the shores of the Gulf of Finland, reached the approaches of Kingisepp, gateway to the Baltic.

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The German communists said the Russians had launched a big-scale attack in the Dnieper bend southwest of Dnepropetrovsk and achieved one point of victory. Heavy battles were reported southwest of Chernigov and southeast of Byelo Tserkov. The Germans acknowledged just the Russians gained further gains in several sectors between Lake Ilmen and the Gulf of Finland. Several infiltrations were reported, seized off between the Peipus and Belozer seas in south-west Russia.

Numerous cotton specimens graded

College Station, Feb. 1, 1944.—Samples of 196,514 bales of cotton were graded last year under the Smith-Dixey Act and they gave a good index of the type of growing in North Carolina, reports C. L. McDonald, Extension cotton specialist at State College.

From thirty-five counties 123 gins cooperated in sending in the samples to the government grading office in Raleigh. Approximately 77 percent of the cotton was classed as ring-ginned.

"This is a good record," says McDonald, "when it is remembered that much cotton opened prematurely and the locks of the cotton did not fall out as they should."

Governor Broughton made it clear Saturday that he had taken no position as to the merits of the case itself. All he wanted was a thorough study so a proper decision could be reached. If audit of his books shows Coble is making too much money, the governor will require an audit—a rollback. If such audit shows that Coble cannot operate at OPA suggested prices, the governor will insist upon revision. Purpose of his Friday pronouncement, he said, was simply to assure that North Carolina school children, hospital patients and babies would not be made to suffer during progress of the investigation.

## 63 Of Enemy Planes Are Knocked Out

### New Heights Beyond Rapido River Taken By U. S. Combat Units

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Jan. 31—(AP)—American infantry and tank teams, surprising the Nazis with a thrust across the Rapido river bottom, deliberately flooded by the Germans to form a barrier, have achieved a break through German defenses north of Cassino. Allied headquarters announced today,

While American fighters and bombers scored a record bag in Italy in knocking down 63 German planes in a series of flattening assaults yesterday on four enemy air bases in northeastern Italy, British bombers and American rangers with tanks and tank-destroyer teams fought a string of sharp actions along the perimeter of the Anzio bridgehead and enlarged their grip on the strategic wedge 19 or 20 miles below Rome.

The Germans evidently had gathered time to prepare a line of defenses through the Alban hills along the flood from Rome to Cisterna, 26 miles southwest of the Eternal City, and the British and Americans were methodically blasting them out of haystacks, setting farm buildings and houses hastily converted into camouflaged billets and posts.

American infantry, working in close conjunction with tank units, have set the German Gustav line backward in the Cassino area and captured new heights beyond the Rapido river bridgehead to about a mile from Cassino.

The Americans entered the village of Corvo, a little more than three miles north and slightly west of Cassino and occupied Monte Vito, about a mile and a half above the Nazi stronghold.

An enemy