

Wholesale

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—(P) Burglars entered a Bronx auto showroom one night recently, jacked up the front axles of 17 new cars and stole the wheels with their tires and tubes; also the 17 spares. Total: 51.

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British, Japs Locked in Singapore Battle

One Dead, 220 Injured When Fire Licks Liner

Normandie Hit Hard by Blaze At NY Docks

Hole Cut in Hull as Vessel Lists; Navy Plans Quick Repair (See Picture on Page 2) NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The fire-ravaged former French liner Normandie rolled slowly over onto its side at 2:45 a. m. (EWT) today, three hours after it had been abandoned in fear the incoming tide would overturn it.

Army Gets Youngest Recruit



Here's one recruit who's going to be a bear for punishment. Young Bruno, eight-months-old black bear, was presented as an army mascot by Dr. Fred W. Burger (holding Bruno's attention with an apple), Monday and duly examined by Lieut. Commander Verden E. Hockett (right) at the army recruiting office maintained in the Salem postoffice building by Tech. Sgt. Willis S. Estep (in uniform at rear). Looking on are Dr. Henry E. Morris, president of the United Hospitality association (rear left) and Don Madison. Bruno is being given to an army unit stationed near here.

Civil Defense Office Rebuked By Congress

Inquiry in Alleged 'Boondoggling' by Agency Promised; Some Uses of Huge Sum Halted; Appointments Ridiculed WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—An inquiry into alleged "boondoggling" in the office of civilian defense was promised Monday as the house wrote a stern rebuke to the agency into an appropriation bill providing \$100,000,000 for gas masks, fire-fighting and other equipment.

Retired Navy Man Named to Moscow Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(P) President Roosevelt named Admiral William Harrison Standley, retired, as ambassador to Moscow Monday, thus for the second time choosing a high naval officer to handle this country's interests in a key European capital.

County Clerk Sees Recall To Service

Possibility that he might be summoned back into active army service was foreseen here Monday by County Clerk Harlan Judd, who took office early in December after approximately a year with military forces at Fort Lewis, Spokane and in Alaska.

Boom 'Starts' For MacArthur As President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(P) A suggestion that General Douglas MacArthur "would make a wonderful president for the United States of America" drew a burst of applause Monday in the house.

Mayor to Attend Meet

Mayor W. W. Chadwick said Monday he would take a delegation of Salem men to Albany to-night to attend an important meeting of the four-county cantonment committee. Among those accompanying him will be County Judge Grant Murphy and Postmaster H. R. Crawford.

FDR Asks Billions For Army

Appoints Land Maritime Czar; Signs Navy Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Admiral Emory S. Land became virtually a czar over all phases of wartime merchant shipping Monday. Creating a war shipping administration to control operations of ocean-going merchant vessels, President Roosevelt named to head it the 63-year-old retired naval officer who already is chairman of the maritime commission which directs the mammoth emergency shipbuilding program.

The president issued an executive order creating the shipping administration in between signing a bill appropriating \$26,495,265,373 for the navy and forwarding to congress a request for \$22,888,901,900 for the army.

Raid Warning Whistle Test Set Wednesday

Salem residents who thought they heard the capital city's new chorus of whistles Monday afternoon when the large instrument at the state heating plant was undergoing adjustment have a genuine "treat" coming in the way of air raid warning tests Wednesday noon.

Where Japs Are Claiming Naval Victories



Cross marks spot south of Kangean island (1) where Tokyo claims allied navies were smashed during the past week. Japanese also said they damaged shipping in Malacca strait west of Singapore (2). British runs on Singapore island still pounded Johore Bahru area as the Japs invaded the island. Dutch admit Japanese occupied Samarinda (3).

Issue In Doubt At Navy Base

Invaders Push Defenders Back After Landings

By WILLIAM SMITH WHITE Associated Press War Editor Counter attacking British imperial troops and Japanese invaders were locked on Singapore island Monday night in combat so violent the issue was still in doubt at the tropical dusk and a stern test was evident also on the Burmese front 1200 miles to the northwest.

New War Time Puzzles Some

Failure to Remember Clock Change Results In Funny Incidents By The Associated Press The nation's business slipped smoothly into war time (Monday) but some of its citizens didn't.

Here's How to Foil Auto Tax Stamp Thief

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—(P)—If you're worried about someone swiping your federal automobile tax stamp, try this: Apply pieces of moistened silk thread to the gummed surface of the stamp in a criss-cross design and trim the thread ends flush with the edges of the stamp.

Chinese Chief Visits India

NEW DELHI, India, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—(P)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has arrived in India with his staff officers for consultations, and his meeting with the British and India officials was hailed by the viceroys as one "which bodes out enemy no good and this they will soon learn to their cost."

Nation's Debt Limit Raise To Be Asked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(P) Treasury Secretary Morgenthau said Monday, "in the not too distant future I will ask congress to increase the debt limit to at least \$110,000,000,000 and perhaps remove it altogether."

Women Skill Survey Set

County Teams Will Meet Wednesday for Data on Canvass Next Monday Marion county teams organized to work on Oregon's survey of the skills of women are to rally Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Salem chamber of commerce rooms to receive last-minute instructions and materials required by the undertaking.

British Take Offensive on Libya Front

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 9.—(P)—Their desert lines finally stabilized after a 250-mile retreat, the British returned to offensive tactics Monday by sending out mobile columns to probe the area west of Ain El Gazala and about El Mechili.

Pacific War Council Set

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(P)—The government announced Monday night the creation of a Pacific council composed of British, Australian, New Zealand and Netherlands representatives who will meet Tuesday and apparently act in concert with the military committee in Washington.

Optimism for Valley Future Expressed at Realty Banquet

Optimism for the northwest and the Willamette valley both now and in the post-war period was stressed by Chester A. Moores, vice president of Commonwealth, Inc., of Portland, in addressing the Salem Realty board's annual banquet Monday night.

Ohling Named Chairman of Fire Defense

Merrill D. Ohling, Salem insurance man, has been named chairman of Marion county's fire defense reserves, County Coordinator Bryan H. Conley announced Monday night. An intensive course of training is to be offered in the fighting of fire, Conley said.

Sunday's Weather Forecast: with mild and temperature data delayed by army request. River Monday, 9.1 feet. Max. temp. Sunday, 46, min., 42.

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