NINETY-FIRST YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Tuesday Morning, February 10, 1942

British, Japs Locked in Singapore Battle

One Dead, 220 Injured FDR Asks When Fire Licks Liner Billions

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.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9—(AP) Sparks from a welding torch, landing on life preservers, touched off a fire Monday which roared through the three upper decks of the former French liner Normandie, once the pride of the French merchant marine.

As the crackling flames at about 3 p. m., (PWT) after three and one-half hours battle by firemen, the \$60,000,000 vessel, now the US naval auxiliary Lafayette, listed 16 degrees to port in her berth.

To counter-balance the weight Andrews, commandant of the side and water was pumped into the ship's starboard tank.

"I know the damage has been confined principally to upper decks-the sky deck, A deck and some of the B deck," Andrews said, adding that the ship "definitely will be able to be repaired."

He would make no estimate of damage.

The admiral said the hole was hacked into the Normandie's side would be best to sink the ship by scuttling her." A plan to open the seacocks was abandoned in preference for the other method.

Although approximately 2200 workmen and navy personnel were aboard when the fire started, only one workman was known to have been killed. He was Frank Trentacosa, 36, who died in Roosevelt hospital of a fractured skull and internal in-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

County Clerk Sees Recall To Service

Possibility that he might be summoned back into active army day by County Clerk Harlan expected. Judd, who took office early in December after approximately a year with military forces at Fort

Lewis, Spokane and in Alaska. Only notification he has had to date of the recall to service of all officers in the active reserve, Judd said, was through press releases quoting President Roosevelt. In announcing the policy the president suggested that active reserve officers should not resign their civilian jobs because of possible

delays in placing them. Replacement of Judd, should he be called, would be the county court acting in the same capacity as that in which it last year appointed U. G. Boyer to serve as clerk pro tem during Judd's ab-

Boyer, veteran county clerk, died shortly after Judd's return to Salem. No candidate for the appointment will be mentioned by him, Judd intimated Mnoday. Mayor to Attend Meet

Holy Land Raid Halted Holy Land's first air raid alarm meeting of the four-cou

batteries went into action.

Army Gets Youngest Recruit



were brought under control Here's one recruit who's going to be a bear for punishment. Young Senator Austin (R-Vt) said re- smoothly into war time (Monday) Brune, eight-months-old black bear, was presented as an army mas- peal was desired because the sec- but some of its citizens didn't. cot 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.

of the tons of water pressing her to port, Rear Adm. Adolpheus Civil Defense Office third naval district, ordered a hole chopped into her starboard side and water was pumped into

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 appropriaafter "we thought first that it tion bill providing \$100,000,000 for gas masks, fire-fighting and other equipment.

up Melvyn Douglas, the movie

star, Mayris Chaney, dancing

friend of Mrs. Franklin D. Roose-

Officials said, however, that

since the funds in this particular

bill could not be spent for such

purposes anyway, the amend-

ment would not cause the dis-

missal of the OCD employes.

Their salaries are paid out of

another appropriation. The bill

as a whole, carrying \$160,412,-

611 in all for various war pur-

poses, was passed on a voice

"Gas masks before boondog-

"How can we expect the

people to take the war seri-

ously when the management of

civilian defense is turned over

to hoochie-koochie and fan

"Billions for defense but not

one buck for Donald Duck."-

Rep. Mary T. Norton (D-NJ)

took the floor "to pay my tribute

today and always to Mrs. Eleanor

Roosevelt," Mrs. Norton described

her as "a woman who has done

more for women than any other

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Forecasts withheld and tem-

perature data delayed by army

Rep. Taber (R-NY).

woman of her time."

Sunday's Weather

dancers?"-Rep Cox (D-Ga).

gling! Billions for defense but

not one cent for folly!"-Rep.

Meyer (D-Md).

vote and sent to the senate.

velt, and others under fire.

Retired Navy Man Named to Moscow Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 .- (AP) 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. .

About a year and a half ago Admiral William D. Leahy was sent as ambassador to Vichy.

Nomination of Standley, former chief of naval operations, to fill the vacant Moscow post was submitted to the senate for confirmaservice was foreseen here Mon- tion. Little, if any, opposition was

Boom 'Starts' For MacArthur As President

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.-(A) 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.

It was made by Representative Faddis (D-Pa) who referred to the commander of the United States' forces in the Philippines as "the finest leader the United Nations have."

Mayor W. W. Chadwick said Monday he would take a delegation of Salem men to Albany to-JERUSALEM, Feb. 9.-(AP)-The night to attend an important in months sounded Monday at tonment committee. Among those Haifa but approaching enemy accompanying him will be Counplanes turned tail when ground ty Judge Grant Murphy and request. River Monday, 9.1 feet. Postmaster H. R. Crawford. Max. temp. Sunday, 48, min., 42.

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.

In a separate message, the chief executive also asked that congress repeal that section of the neutrality act prohibiting American citizens from purchasing or selling bonds and securities of belligerents. He expressed belief that it was never intended that this prohibition should be opera-

tion banned American purchases of Canadian securities. One part of Land's new job is

to see that this country gets from abroad these materials which it must import in order to turn the huge army and navy appropriations into the wea-He was given power to control

the "operation, purchase, charter, requisition, and use of all ocean going vessels under the flag control of the United States" except fighting ships, and those engaged (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Raid Warning Whistle Test Set Wednesday lights. If fic jam.

Salem residents who thought they heard the capital city's new chorus of whistles Monday after-Its rebuke was conveyed in an noon when the large instrument amendment forbidding the use of at the state heating plant was the funds for "instructions in undergoing adjustment have a physical fitness by dancers, fan genuine "treat" coming in the way from the taxpayers. The city hall dancing, street shows, theatrical of air raid warning tests Wednesperformances, or other public enday noon, Alderman L. F. Letertainments" which sponsors Garie declared Monday. hoped would oust from the set-

Six steam or air force whistles of the mockingbird variety are to be blown in unison at 12 noon Wednesday and residents of Salem are asked to call the city police station if they do not hear the warning signal dis-

With those reports on hand together with various other surveys conducted for his committee, Le-Garie, city defense chairman, said the placing of 10 electric sirens would be accurately figured to provide service where needed.

The whistle adjusted to the accompaniment of what listeners The mounting ridicule and recalled "loon-like cries" Monday is sentment over the conduct of the of the largest type in use here and OCD which the debate reflected was purchased by the state, Lebrought a pledge from house lead-Garie said. When first installed ers that all "frills and fancies" it was not adjusted to reach high in the agency would be investinotes and was a definitely "asthmatic mockingbird," he declar-Such expressions as these were bellowed through the house mi-

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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 guns on Singapore island still pounded Johore Bahru area as the Japs invaded the island. Dutch admit Japanese occupied Samarinda (3).

New War Time Here's How to Puzzles Some

Failure to Remember Clock Change Results In Funny Incidents

By The Associated Press The nation's business slipped The tardy rolls in many schools increased. ("my folks forgot to

change the clock.") Some homes started out with Too much war time. (Mother pushed the hand ahead one hour when she went to bed early Sunday night; father, coming in later, advanced it another hour, and daughter, back from a movie, pushed it up another hour. So the family got up at

4 a. m., standard time. Forty-five guests at the Dallas, Tex., jail-staying over the weekend to sober up-found the time transition had whittled an hour off their sentences.

The Denver, Colo., police de-

The White House clocks fell into line-all except one old grandfather's clock that still ticked off the hours of standard time Monday.

The management at the Tacome, Wash., city hall had calls clock was one hour behind. Some war production plants had a problem arising out of the

time change at 2 a. m. Monday (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6) Nation's Debt

Limit Raise To Be Asked

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9-(AP) Treasury Secretary Morgenthau day. 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."

Morgenthau pointed out at a press conference that the federal debt already is up to \$60,284,184,-254, and is rapidly approaching the \$65,000,000,000 limit.

The secretary said that this Friday he would borrow \$1,500,-000,000 through the sale of securities. He discussed this financing with federal reserve officials this afternoon.

Pacific War Council Set

LONDON, Feb. 9-(AP)-The govnight 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 com-Representation in the council to

deal with war problems will be on a "ministerial plane," the an-

Foil Auto Tax Stamp Thief

PORTLAND, Feb. 9-(AP)-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 crissthread ends flush with the edges of the stamp. One helpful Portland motorist says any attempt to scrape off the stamp used again.

Women Skill Survey Set

County Teams Will Meet Wednesday for Data on Canvass Next Monday

Marion county teams organized partment advanced the clocks but to work on Oregon's survey of the forgot to move up the time for skills of women are to rally Wedturning on the automatic traffic nesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in lights. Result: Big morning traf- Salem chamber of commerce rooms to receive last-minute instructions and materials required by the undertaking.

> Workers will join their captains whenever possible in attending the session, Mrs. David Wright, county chairman of the survey, said Monday night but all captains are expected to be present. More than 400 women are to be engaged in Salem alone in conducting the canvass, which opens Monday.

Mr. Wright, Mrs. Robert Pence, who is Polk county survey chairmen; Mrs. George Rossman, vice chairman of the state committee; Gov. and Mrs. Charles A. Sprague, State Unemployment Compensation Commission Director Silas Gaiser, and District Employment Office Head W. H. Baillie were members of the group from this area attending the statewide presurvey rally in Portland on Mon-

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Chinese Chief Visits India

Will Discuss Problem Of Burma Defense in **British Consultation**

NEW DELHI, India, Tuesday, Feb. 10-(AP)-Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has arrived in Inwith his staff officers for con sultations, and his meeting with were anxiously awaiting the outthe British and India officials come of the British counter atwas hailed by the viceroy as one "which bodes out enemy no good tears it so hadly it can't be and this they will soon learn to their cost."

"This meeting sets the seal upon the comradeship-in-arms of two great nations which hetween them number 800,000,-000 souls, one third of the world's population," Vicercy Lord Linlithgow told Chiang

The generalissimo referred to the movement of Chinese troops to the defense of Burma and India and added:

"We pledge to our valued ally, who occupied an important and unique position, our friendship and cooperation in defeating the common foe, prepared to defeat aggression and insure victory for the democratic front.

The announcement today of Chiang's arrival said he had come for talks with the government and especially the commander-in-chief. Chiang is the United Nations' supreme commander of all land and air forces in the Chinese theatre of war.

The generalissimo was accompanied by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. They will remain here several days as guests of the

The visit was looked upon by qualified sources as a factor of first importance in the conduct of the war. It was viewed as a dramatic expression of the close relations between the great pow-(Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Ex-Finn Chief Dies

HELSINKI, Feb. 9-(AP)-Dr. Lauri Kristian Relander, 59, presi-PORTLAND, Feb. 9-(P)-Ore- dent of Finland from 1925 to gon's census of womanpower will 1931, died Monday night after a vey to find replacements for men Agrarian party, he was the Finnish republic's second president.

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.

"I'm willing to bet there will be no post-war depression in the the opening sentence of the realnorthwest," declared Moores, a Salem resident in his younger days, who described the area's deernment announced Monday velopment, especially in the direction of industry. California, he said, had the jump on Oregon, but program, which included as other this state is lagging no more.

Moores averred, "Columbus just didn't land on the right coast" to find the great potentialities which the nation holds and which the speaker demon-

resources was explained, stressin tors' code of ethics, "Under all T. M. Hicks, member of the

board, was toastmaster for the speakers Will Ross of Portland. M. Scott, who praised the vision of pioneers who laid out Oregon's fighting of fire, Conley said.

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.

The Tokyo radio declared that Japanese forces in Burma had forced a crossing of the Salween river, which winds from

SINGAPORT, Tuesday, Feb. 10-(AP)-Under extreme pressure by Japanese invasion forces, British troops have executed a further withdrawal on Singapore island, it was an nounced officially today.

Sikang province highlands of China to the Gulf of Martaban, and "now are advancing westwards towards Rangoon," the

A Singapore dispatch filed at 6:30 p. m. local time said resitack launched in the afternoon. In the savage beginnings of this last great battle for Singapore the

enemy had clearly won a considerable initial victory, in having been able to cross the Johore strait with strong forces in the dark hours of early morning. His troops appeared to be in effective, although strongly disputed, control of a 10-mile stretch extending into the west-

ern island from the Kranji estuary along the northern coast. The great question was whether succeeding nights would not cloak additional landings and whether the invader thus could broaden and consolidate the invested area.

The initial invading bodies crossed the strait in vessels apparently adapted for that specific (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

British Take Offensive on Libya Front

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 9-(AP)-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.

The swiftly shifting forces of the British engaged infantry and artillery units as far as 12 miles west of Ain El Gazala and 52 miles west of Tobruk, said Monday's communique.

Other patrols were reported active in the El Mechili area, 60 miles southwest of Tobruk in the vital crossroads area which guards blaze the way for a national sur- long illness. A member of the the shortcut to the British rear as wel las the German rear.

Alexandria was raided last night for the first time in five months, but the interior ministry said only four bombs were dropped and these caused no casualties and practically no damage. (The Italian communique said hits were scored on important military

Ohling Named Chairman of Fire Defense

Merrill D. Ohling, Salem insurance man, has been named chairman of Marion county's fire defense reserves, County Coordinatrepresenting Gov. Charles A. or Bryan H. Conley announced Sprague; State Treasurer Leslie Monday night. An intensive course of training is to be offered in the

beautiful cities; Tom Stoddard, Likewise planned as a defense representing Claude H. Murphy, training course, is a series of leson a "ministerial plane," the announcement said, and added that "other ministers and advisers will attend as necessary." Prime Minister Churchill will preside at defense and the development of the Commissioner; Sons for air raid protection wardens, and plentiful hydroelectric powers of the west with that of east-president of the Oregon Association of Real Estate boards; A. D. The made available to the general public, he said.