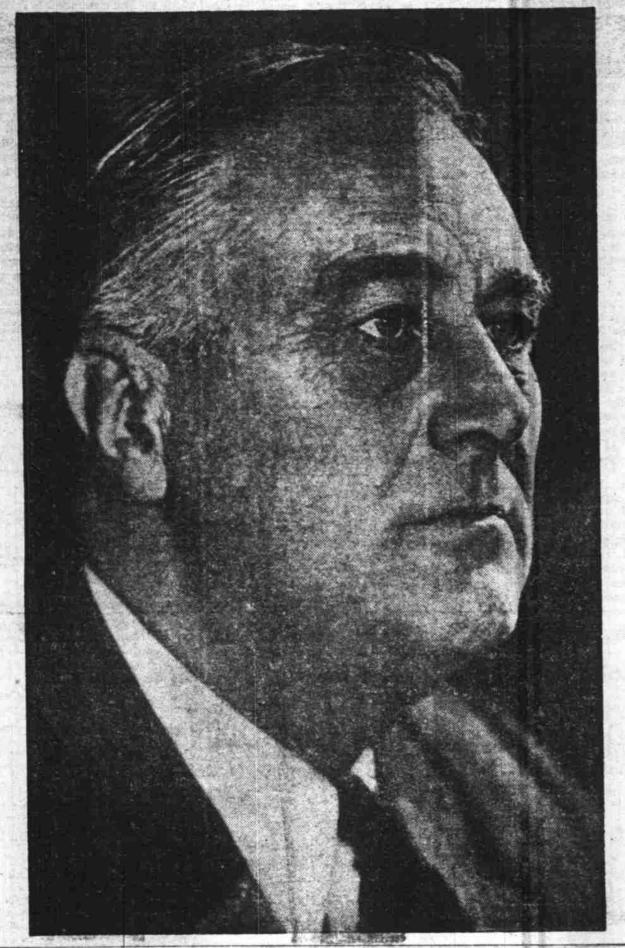
DEATH TAKES PRESIDENT

President of U.S. for Over 12 Trying Years



seems TO ING

O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done, The ship has weather'd every rack, the prize we sought is won, The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting.

While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring:

But O heart! heart! heart!

O the bleeding drops of red. Where on the deck my Captain

Fallen cold and dead.
These lines of Walt Whitman's on Abraham Lincoln apply with singular fitness to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Just at the moment of triumph the president who guided the ship of state through deep perils is snatched away by death, The ship has weathered the rack of war; the port of victory is near the words of Secretary Stanton, Jima. spoken at Lincoln's deathbed: "Now he belongs to the ages."

There is not the tragedy of assassination, as in Lincoln's case; and great as is the shock caused by Roosevelt's passing it is not though no intimation had come of any illness. His health had been Wednesday. the subject of much speculation in the late campaign; and much concern was expressed orally when pictures taken after the Yalta conference showed him tired suddenness of death. That of Wendell Willkie but a few months ago gave the people warning of the brevity of life, and prompted fears of a similar eventuality with Mr. Roosevelt. Now it (Continued on editorial page)

Dies in Iwo Action

19, of the Fifth marines, was kill- ered the Stars and Stripes on the making of war and peace. ed in action February 23 on Iwo masts of country and city school-Jima, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. houses.

went overseas last August. He telephone queries came between that all flags in Salem remain at had made his home in Salem since 3 and 3:45 p. m. but an unusually half-mast until after the burial

Americal Division Invades Last Central Philippine Isle Still in Japanese Hands driven more than two miles be- Nim yord Sangerhausen, 84 miles que.

By CLYDE BARTEL Associated Press War Editor

Americal division troops of the U.S. Eighth army charged ashore on Bohol island Wednesday, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today, and with Filipino guerrilla aid started liberation of the last central Philippine island still in Japanese hands. Covered by American naval and air bombardment, the Yanks

landed at Tagbilaran on Bohol's southwestern shore and pushed inland against the surprised Japanese in "another thrust in the and presumed lost. The Scamp, swift campaign to clear the bewil- skippered by Cmdr. John C. Hol-

MacArthur said. On Cebu island, west of Bohol, the Americans made gains in

southern part of the island. Superfortresses in very large force-perhaps 300 or more of war; the port of victory is near at hand; the people everywhere made the longest bombing hop U.S. Protests are exulting over the imminence from Marianas bases Thursday. of complete victory in Europe and striking Koriyama, industrial centhe assurance of certain success in ter 110 miles north of Tokyo, for the Pacific. But just as with Lin- the first time, and also hitting coln 80 years ago next Sunday, the Nippon capital. The raids in Of Americans Franklin D. Roosevelt lies on the volved a 3800-mile round trip for deck, "fallen cold and dead." An the bombers, which picked up

day, and a small British naval task force which included two carriers attended with marked surprise, and two battleships raided We is-

> reported the U. S. submarine "neglect, indifference and cruelty" Scamp overdue from the Pacific is not contemplated.

dered enemy from the Visayas," lingsworth, Emory University, Ga.,

lost in the war. In Santiago, Chile, President clearing northeastern hills, and on Rios and his cabinet Thursday Luzon 14th corps Yanks continued signed a declaration of war against to close the trap on Japanese Japan, formally completing the er projects for Oregon, totalling caught on Bicol peninsula in the government's belligerency action announced against Nippon Feb. 14.

Nazi Handling

WASHINGTON, April 12-(A)- acres of new land. appropriate epitaph is to repeat fighter escort Japan-bound at Iwo America, where one group of Nazi prisoners of war went on strike Tokyo raido said, without alled confirmation, that about 80 late, formally accused Germany 3 Milk Bills "enemy" carrier - based planes today of shockingly inhuman raided northern Formosa Thurs. treatment of American prisoners. Grimly, this country promised punishment of the Nazi captors. And it was apparent that Gerland off northwestern Sumatra man prisoners here are going to . lose some privileges-though eye-Washington navy headquarters for-an-eye retaliation for Nazi

and wan. Moreover our generation has become accustomed to the News of Roosevelt's Death Spreads Rapidly in Salem

downtown Salem streets and thus hours. the news spread.

personal tribute.

F. W. Howard, 350 West Lincoln Telephone circuits over the the memory of the president and st., were notified Thursday by the state were jammed Thursday aft-pays department. Weather plans for darkening show win-Howard, who had attended Sa- of President Roosevelt reached dows and possible funeral-hour san Francisco lem high school and been employ- the west coast by wire and radio. closing. ed at Blue Lake cannery prior to Salem was no exception. At The Mayor I. M. Doughton asked Portian Seattle his enlistment, in November, 1943. Statesman the largest number of that all flags in Salem remain at Williams

Stranger stopped stranger on | tallied through early evening

Salem Ministerial association Flags rose then dropped to half- the city's patriotic orders cooper-PFC Floyd Howard mast against a showery April sky ating, laid plans for union servand onlookers paused in silent ices to be held Saturday afternoon. Prayer meetings in the city's British Hit Formosa Children learned of the death churches last night took on an of the only president they had extra-solemn note as divine guid-PFC Floyd (Buster) Howard, ever known when janitors low- ance was sought for a nation in

ally their part in the tribute to about 100 carrier aircraft.

large number of calls also were services Sunday.

The Oregon Statesman

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR

16 PAGES

Organized Resistance

In Germany Expected

To End in Few Days

equipment to Europe.

needs in the Pacific.

pair a year.

nese planes.

and nearby islands.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.-

(A)-Tokyo radio broadcast a fac-

tual report of President Roose-

velt's death to the Japanese peo-

ple tonight, and the Domei news

agency said "immediately a cab-

man," in the words of the announ-

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP)

High army officials told the

senate military affairs commit-

tee today the end of organized

creased weight of bombs plus

The civilian pinch will be felt

primarily in steel, cotton goods

and shoes, the senators heard.

Civilians may be cut to one

GUAM, Friday, April 13 -(AP)

Shoes rot fast in the Pacific.

Salem, Oregon, Friday Morning, April 13, 1945

9th Crosses Elbe, Ready for 49-Mile Becomes Drive Into Berlin President

1st, 3rd Armies **Sweep 50 Miles** To Leipzig Gates

By Austin Bealmear PARIS, Friday, April 13-(AP) U.S. Ninth army tanks smashed across the Elbe river on a sixmile front just 57 miles from Berlin yesterday and U.S. First and Third armies in sweeps of nearly 50 miles thundered at the gates of the great city of Leipzig, 75 miles southwest of the capital.

A field dispatch said only orders from Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson were needed to send the Second armored division dashing on into Berlin, which could possibly be reached today. Wholly unconfirmed French reports said allied parachute troops had been dropped at Brandenburg, barely 20 miles from greater Berlin.

The electrifying crossing of the Elbe-last big river barrier before the devastated capital-came with such speed that supreme headquarters was unable to confirm it, a spokesman saying that SHEAF was completely out of Nip Warplanes firm it, a spokesman saying that touch with Ninth army spear-

The U.S. First and Third armies, Assault Fleet a security blackout, but a field report said it was possible that one of them would reach Leipzig Off Okinawa by today. They last were reported 23 to 24 miles from the city with nothing in front of them. From out of the security black- their suicidal attacks on American

army's Third armored division yesterday, sinking one destroyer had reeled off a 26-mile gain on and damaging several other surthe First's north flank and had face units, Fleet Adm. Chester W. driven more than two miles be- Nimitz said in today's communisouthwest of Berlin.

The advances of these two pow- mained in action. erful armies, bidding for a quick decision in the war in Europe by planes were shot down in an af- telling them of their father's passbalking a die-hard stand in south- ternoon attack after seven had ing. ern Germany, were expected to been downed in a morning raid. A Mother's Message be western front sensations once. The afternoon attack, in great the blackout is lifted.

\$100 Million in as ships' guns and carrier planes She signed it mother. When informed of Water Control was the 42nd American submarine Projects Due

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP)-Irrigation, flood control and pownearly \$100,000,000 and including 27th and 96th. \$9,341,000 for the North Santiam river and \$12,416,500 for the Yam- TOKYO TELLS OF DEATH hill project, were included today in the revised post-war construction plan of the reclamation bur-

The combined projects would provide water for nearly 500,000 (Details on page 3.)

The plan was reported to con-

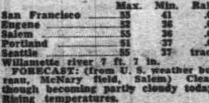
Favored Here

The state department of agriculture will oppose vigorously any referendum of three bills from the recent legislature relating to pasteurization and fixing standards of milk, Director E. L. Peterson indicated Thursday.

Peterson declared the three measures would go far toward improving the milk situation in Oregon and protecting health of residents of the state. His declaration followed announcement this week by Henry Fruitiger, Portland, president of the Milk Producer-Distributors of Oregon, that he expected to file preliminary petitions for referendums by May 1.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12-(AP)

A Tokyo radio dispatch picked up by the Blue network tonight said a British task force attacked Businessmen discussed inform- northern Formosa today with



Truman Mrs. FDR Tells

WASHINGTON, April 12.-(AP)-Harry S. Truman became the 32nd president of the United States at 7:09 p. m. (EWT) tonight.

Him of Death and

Cables Children

fighting in Germany probably Sworn in by Chief Justice Harwill come in a few days. land Fiske Stone two hours and 34 Those attending the conferminutes after Mr. Roosevelt's ence quoted army chiefs as saying orders are drawn drastically shocked capital sought to weigh reducing shipments of durable the import of the sudden change, Truman announced in quick suc-Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, cession: *

chief of army service of sup-1. He will try to carry on as he plies, told the group the nation believes President Roosevelt again is scraping the bottom of vould have done. the steel barrel because of in-

2. The San Francisco United Nations conference will go on as scheduled April 25.

3: He has asked the Roosevelt cabinet to stay on with him. 4. The war will be pressed to a successful conclusion."

Conference Still On

A short time earlier Truman had announced that the United Na- Hyde Park, N. Y., Sunday. tions conference would open as scheduled on April 25 to draft a Body Will Be Taken to Washington plan for a world organization.

60-year-old president "wants to say that it will be his effort to carry on as he believes the president would have done, and to that end he has asked the cabinet to stay on with him." Crowds stood silently outside

Japanese warplanes renewed the White House. Flags on emout came the news that the First amphibious forces off Okinawa bassies and other public buildings dipped to half staff. It was Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

who summoned Mr. Truman and told him her husband was dead. While waiting she sent messa-All damaged U. S. ships reges to the four Roosevelt sons in the armed forces - - James, Elliott, Franklin, jr., and John - -One hundred eleven Japanese

He slept away this afternoon, strength, also reached to the Yank she told them. He did his job to land forces, for Nimitz said the end, as he would want to do. shore-based anti-aircraft as well Bless you all and all our love. shared in downing the 111 Japa-When informed of the death.

Mrs. Roosevelt was quoted as say-Nimitz also disclosed the presence on Okinawa of four more "I am more sorry for the people

divisions, bringing to six the numof the country and the world than ber officially ashore on Okinawa I am for us.' She told Truman "The presi-Two of the newly-named divident has just passed away.'

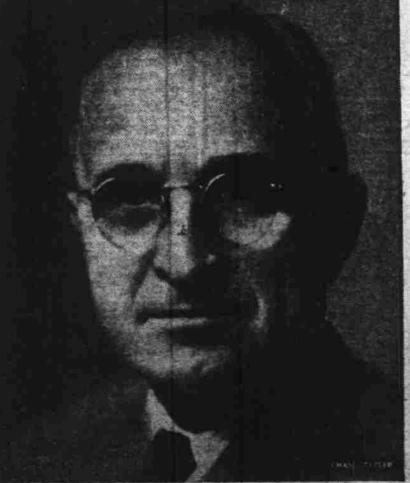
sions were marines, the 6th and "What can I do?" Truman said. 1st. The other two are army, the "Tell us what we can do," Mrs. Roosevelt replied. "Is there any way we can help you?"

'He Can't Be Dead, the War Isn't Over Yet'

SPOKANE, Wash., April 12-(A) A grey-haired woman stood on a street corner arguing with a newsinet meeting was summoned." Tokyo radio later played soft music boy. to "honor the passing of this great

"It can't be true," she said. "It must be a mistake. He can't be dead. The war isn't over yet."

The New President



HARRY S. TRUMAN

Chief Lost At Peak Of War Crisis

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Dies of Brain Hemorrhage; **Truman Sworn Into Office**

WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 12 - (AP) - President death in Warm Springs, Ga., as a Franklin D. Roosevelt, his history-making tenure fast approaching its climax in world events, died today of a cerebral hemorrhage a short time after lausing into unconsciousness. Death came at 4:35 p. m. (1:35 Pacific war time).

Less than three hours later, a one-time Missouri county judge and senator, Harry St Truman, in Washington took formal oath as president to "faithfully execute the office ... to the best of my ability," and solemnly pledged himself to the policies of his chieftain.

Mr. Roosevelt's last words before being fatally stricken here were:

"I have a terrific headache." He spoke them to Comdr. Harold Bruenn, naval physlcian, and died a short time later.

The funeral will be in the White House east room in Washington on Saturday. Burial will be at the Roosevelt ancestral home at

The body will not lie in state.

Presidential Secretary William D. Hassett said Mr. Roosevelt's White House Secretary Stephen body would leave here around 9 a. m., (EWT) tomorrow for the Early told reporters that the new approximately 22-hour run to Washington. Mr. Roosevelt, 63, his strength sapped away as commander-in-

> WARM SPRINGS, Ga., April 13.(A)(Friday)-(A)-Plans were mpleted early today for a simple funeral for Franklin Delane Roosevelt as Mrs. Roosevelt arrived to join her beloved dead. The president's wife was flown from Washington in an army plane. It was made known that the funeral would be at 4 p. m., (1 p. m. Pacific war time) in the east room of the White House. The room seats only 200 and only highest U. S. and foreign officials will attend.

chief in America's greatest war, was sitting in front of a fireplace in the little white house here atop Pine mountain when the attack

Bruenn described it as a massive cerebral hemorrhage. The president's negro valet, Arthur Prettyman, and a Filipino messboy carried him to his bedroom. He was unconscious at the end. It came without pain.

Mr. Roosevelt, in the third month of his fourth term as president, came here three weeks ago to rest. His death removed from world councils one of the big three-

Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill-who worked together to win the war and laid joint plans for keeping the peace.

Dr. Bruenn said he saw the president this morning and he was in excellent spirits at 9:30 a. m. Complained of Bad Headache

"At one o'clock," Bruenn added, "he was sitting in a chair while sketches were being made of him by an architect. He suddenly complained of a very severe occipital headache (back of the head). "Within a very few minutes he lost consciousness. He was seen by me at 1:30 p. m., fifteen minutes after the episode had started.

Only others present in the cottage were Comdr. George Fox, White House pharmacist and long an attendant on the president; Hassett, Miss Grace Tully, confidential secretary; and two cousins, Miss Laura Delano and Miss Margaret Suckley.

"He did not regain consciousness and he died at 3:35 p. m."

Bruenn said he called Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, navy surgeon general and White House physician in Washington and that McIntyre in turn called Dr. James E. Paullin, of Atlanta, an internal medicine practioner and honorary consultant to the navy surgeon President Had Been Under-Weight

Mr. Roosevelt arrived at Warm Springs March 30. He had been underweight and his doctors wanted him to take it easy to see if he could not regain the poundage at which he felt comfortable. Rumors had been heard the last few days that the president was not picking up as much as his doctors would have liked. He received reporters last Thursday and, in the presence of

Sergio Osmena, president of the Philippine commonwealth, told of his desire to grant full independence to the islands by autumn. Mr. Roosevelt also outlined ambitious postwar plans for American participation in the western Pacific to prevent further Japanese

He said the United States and the other united nations must accept trusteeships over Japanese mandated islands, build new naval and air bases and help the Philippines rebuild economically after the commonwealth becomes a self-governing nation. Conference News Delayed

Reports of this news conference were to have been withheld for security reasons until the president returned to Washington. Reporters who attended the conference noted his gray pallor. Mr. Roosevelt's voice also had become weak in recent months,

and he frequently asked reporters to repeat their questions. This was attributable, according to those close to him, to a sinus leakage into the throat which caused slight constrictions. The last piece of legislation Mr. Roosevelt signed was to confinue the commodity credit corporation and increase its borrowing

WASHINGTON, April 13 .- (Fri- he characterized the president as of the British nation and of the . Jonathan Daniels, one of Mr. loss." Roosevelt's secretaries, read the message sent Mrs. Roosevelt. "I send my most profound sym-

pathy in your grievous loss, x x x I trust you may find consolation in the glory of his name and the magnitude of his work."

Premier Marshal Stalin express-es his sorrow at the death of Pres-fect on American foreign policy.

day)-(A)-Prime Minister Chur- "A great organizer of the strugchill said today that the death of gles of the freedom-loving nations President Roosevelt was "the loss against the common enemy, x x x "The government x x x expresses sincere sympathy to the cause of freedom in every land." American people in their great

> LONDON, Friday, April 13.-(AP) -The German DNB news agency said this morning that the news of President Roosevelt's death "Has of course had a great impression in Berlin," but added that nazi officials refrained from

sage to Mrs. Roosevelt in which (Stories and pictures on page 8)