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## Fate of Singapore Hangs in Balance

Determined defenders 'e rallied today for an attempt to throw a ding force of Japanese off the embattled (s). .er pinning them down to a ten-mile front Mong western swamps and beaches. Under a hail of British artillery fire sweeping shallow waters of Johore Strait, the Japanese force was, in effect, surrounded and unable to receive reinforcements at least until nightfall before which Australians hoped to cut the invaders to pieces. An initial force gained a foothold under cover of withering artillery and aerial bombardment throughout yesterday and all last night. Tokyo broadcasts claimed that Japanese parachutists took part in the battle and reported the Japanese Navy expected to join in an all-out assault on the island. After several hours of bloody fighting, Major General Henry Gordon Bennett, commander of the Australian forces, said: "We have taken our stand on a strong line and are organizing an attack which, it is hoped, will recover as much as possible of the lost terrain." With the fate of Singapore in the balance, Japanese airmen bombed Batavia for the first time and stepped up air attacks elsewhere in the Indies in a development taken to be a prelude to attempted landing on Java. Reinforced by fresh Chinese and Indian troops, British forces appeared tonight to have stabilized the Salween River front barring the Japanese drive toward Rangoon and China's last important gateway to the sea.

Today's War Summary

Press)



### Nazis Desperately Pressed in Russia

Desperately-pressed German troops laid vast minefields in Donets Basin today in the attempt to halt onrushing Soviet forces, but the Red Army surged on over the snow-drifted steppes. The British Broadcasting Corporation reported the recapture of Krasnograd, sixty-five miles southwest of Kharkov, and indicated another advance for the Russians driving westward toward Dnieperopetrovski. Owing to loss of guns and shortage of ammunition, German artillery has virtually ceased to be a factor in the fighting now.

#### Amerikaland, One of Largest Freighters, Is U-Boat Victim -Two Others

NEW YORK, Feb. 9:-The. 15,-000 ton Swedish freighter Amerikaland, one of the largest freighters in the world, was sunk February 2 thirty miles off Cape Hatteras and within 200 miles of New York when an enemy submarine drove two torpedoes into her, it is announced. Twenty-eight missing members of the crew are being sought and eleven have been landed, others being still unaccounted

The Amerikaland was under charter to American interests. The United States Department

of the Navy states that Axis sub-marines are sill operating in a SIRENS ARE marines are sill operating in a waters off the United States and Canadian coasts. Survivors of three torpedoed ships were landed at Atlantic ports of Canada and the United States over the week-end. In addition to the Swedish freighter Amerikaland, from which eleven survivors have been landed and twentyeight other crew members are being sought, other victims of enemy U-boat action were an unidentified British freighter. 54 members of the crew of which have been landed at an eastern Canadian port with eleven missing and believed lost, and the American vessel China Arrow 37 members

Vessel, Fireswept Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 9: (CP)-A disastrous fire swept the huge former French liner Normandie at her Hudson River pier today.

The \$60,000,000 liner, now the United States Navy auxiliary ship renamed Lafayette, was being refitted and is estimated to have had 2500 to 3000 workmen aboard when the blaze started. Most of these are believed to have escaped down ladders.

The entire upper deck of the 83,000-ton vessel was ablaze and flames raced through the length of the superliner.



Prince Rupert's newly installed NEW YORK, Feb. 9:-Twentyair raid alarm system was tested seven new divisions, mostly moout for the first time yesterday torized, are to be formed in the afternoon and proved very effec- United States Army. The Ameritive. Banshees covering various can air force is to be increased parts of the city were sounded to one million officers and men from the central control at for- and will soon be doubled. tress headquarters and were heard

plainly from all quarters---in **VOTING IS** houses and outside. Sound ob-

## Land Near Singapore

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Blows Rained on Burma and Netherlands East Indies and Even Fort Darwin in Australia Has Alarm.

After nine weeks of warfare in the southwest Pacific, the united nations are still on the defensive with the Japanese raining blows thick and fast on Singapore, Burma, the East Indies and the Philippines. Fresh assaults have occurred in each area and there are growing indications of all out offensive by the enemy. The Japa-



Archibald Wavell, comman-

der-in-chief of the united

nations forces in the Far

nese have commenced landings in Singapore Island proper. At Rangoon twenty-four Japanese planes attacked the city Saturday and three were brought down. Early yesterday there was an even more intensive assault. Capture of Amboina Island in the Netherlands East Indies gives the Japanese control of the second largest naval base in the whole Far East. More intensive attacks have been started against General Douglas McArthur's forces in the Philip-

The Japanese siege army started its first real offensive by landing on an island commanding the east end of Johore Strait Sunday and today made further landings. The Allied defenders did not oppose the first landing. No details were given but the first landing parties, it was suggested, were merely patrols. Fierce artillery exchanges across the Straits of Johore continue and several enemy batteries were reported put out of action. A British patrol boat sank an enemy vessel, with thirty men aboard, in Johore Straits, most being drowned. Air

### **Counter-Offensive** Libya Is Stemmed

In Libya the British main force has, evidently, stemmed the Axis counter-offensive which commenced from Agedabia three weeks ago. General Edwin Rommell is having difficulty with his communications due to the pounding of the British who have unquestioned aerial superiority.

### ANGIERS **COURT OF** TROUBLE REVISION

-British Rioting at Spanish oracco Seaport Over Week-end

TANGIERS, Spanish Morocco, After hearing and disposing of eb. 9:-Serious and destructive a number of appeals, City Comil-British riots were staged by missioner D. J. Matheson rose in rabs and Spaniards. An explosion his capacity as judge of the court a quay, a few minutes after a of revision on the municipal asitish ship left for Gibraltar, sessment roll shortly before noon fourteen persons and in- today and is continuing the ses-

Several Reductions in Improvement Values Allowed by City **Commissioner** This Morning.

front to Esthonia.

Both sides are moving huge reinforcements east of Smolensk in the central sector west of Moscow.







All Nazi Attempts to Regain Initiative Are Foiled By the Russians.

MOSCOW. Feb. 9:-Soviet forces have smashed all German attempts to regain the offensive on the Russo-German front. A whole Nazi battalion has been annihilated on the Moscow front as the Battle for Smolensk continues. The Germans are believed to be withdrawing from the siege

of Leningrad toward Esthonia. Germany may have decided to fall back from long-besieged Leningrad at the north end of the long Russo-German was



servers were posted at various points and most all of them reported favorably to the district wardens who later met together to check general results.

The air raid sirens are located at Besner Apartments, Besner Block, Armory, Booth Memorial School and Seal Cove air base. All except the last are operated from the master control and went on

the air in synchronization. At many points two or more of the alarms could be heard. At the meeting with the district wardens who received reports from widely scattered points in their respective areas, some very surprising facts were revealed Section Two did not hear th warning generally, although in one of a new Canadian party sponsor-

location it came in very clearly. It was heard on Digby Island quite i well. The results of the reports are

being tabulated and, when the maps showing the intensity of the sound are plotted, a reconsideration with a view to changing the eration. position of a siren or installing another one, will be taken up by the committee.

worthy, C.C.F. The reports of the district war-Quebec East-Hon. A. E. dens were very comprehensive as Laurent, Liberal; Paul Bouchard,

The line-ups are as follows:

York South - Rt. Hon. Arthur



East, visited the Burma front at the week-end. "He ex-**ON TODAY** pressed satisfaction with the defences along the Salween River and said there were Results of Four Hard-Fought Bygrounds for "reasoned op-Elections in Canada Being timism." Awaited With Interest. Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton, British commander in Bur-OTTAWA, Feb. 9: (P) - Electors went to the polls in four federal

ma, said that the presence of General Wavell had given constituencies today after an ingreat satisfaction and confitensive campaign featuring the dence to everyone. General conscription issue, party splits in Hutton said: "We are in a which some Ontario Liberals and far sounder position to call a Conservatives aligned themselves halt to the Japanese than against the federal government, before." resurgence of the feud between

More Chinese forces have Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Onjoined other reinforcements tario and Prime Minister William in Burma. Lyon Mackenzie King, formation



ited In Britain

Meighen, Conservative; J. Nor-LONDON, Feb. 9:-Soap is the latest commodity to be rationed

battles over Singapore continue. The Japanese, using barges and under cover of heavy artillery and aerial fire, landed at several more points along a ten-mile frontage of Singapore Island today. The British defenders are now endeavoring to mop up the invaders as they land.

Rangoon had its heaviest air raid so far in the war early yesterday. Bombs were dropped on the airdrome and also in the metropolitan area. Desperate efforts are evidently being made by the enemy to knock out Allied air power in Burma. On land the Japanese are bringing up reinforcements and so are the united nations.

Enemy planes have been over New Guinea again, also over Talin Britain. Three ounces per week lanban and elsewhere in the East



of sleep. We would have to put up with lots worse than that if we lost the war. Meantime, it was not so pleasant getting up in pitch dark again this morning, but the longer evening tonight	in the dying moments of the game. Final score was 45 to 36. Hetherington, defensive star of the Barons, and Alexander of the High School, were ruled out on personals midway in the second made the first lieutenant-governor	The SECOND VICTORY LOAN Committee has fur- nished THE DAILY NEWS with a supply of attractive slogan cuts with the request	six 100-watt lamps for this figure and still have 20 cents left. 100-watt lamps cost you only 20 cents each yet give much more light than they did in 1918. MADE IN CANADA
Daylight saving is here for the duration and six months after. By the time the war is over, we will prob- ably be so used to it that we will not want to change back.	half. Twelve personals were called against the Barons and nine against the Students. The Barons sank 5 free throws and the School made 6. Hedge Holkestad, offensive star against the Students of the executive council, was Alberta's first lieutenant- governor, and Alexander C. Ruth- erford, Liberal leader, was chosen as Alberta's first premier.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	BOBOD MAZDA
The defence of Singapore and the whole position in the Far East as far as the united nations are concerned appears to depend upon the quantity and speed in which reinforcements are provided. Military leaders and of- ficials of both Great Britain and United States, without revealing particulars, has given assurance that such re-	and play-maker for the Barons, touched off the spark which gave his team its third victory in a row since his name was entered on the line-up. Holkestad also took scoring honors in this game with 21 points.Davis tallied 11 and 10 points res- pectively for the Barons. The line-ups: Barons21 points.G. F P. AstoriaSanturbane held scoring honors for the High School with 14 points	might care to insert special	When You Want a Reliable, Comfortable, Dependable TAXI PHONE 12
inforcements are being moved up rapidly and in large volume. Meanwhile, the Japanese appear to have been con- solidating position and organizing for further moves, concentrating most likely on Singapore. Conceivably the Allies, besides getting themselves in position for effective defence, may be planning on a	For Your       Zbura rg.       5       1       11         For Your       Hetherington lg.       0       0       0       0         VALENTINE CARDS       Mentenko       0       0       0       0       0         Total       20       5       45	ers feeling disposed to lend their support to the Victory Loan campaign in this man- ner.	Service 24-Hour Service at Regular Rates A. MacKenzie Furniture Ltd.
Is good reason to believe that it is far—very far—from being hopeless. The Jap has been pretty much giving it so far. Soon he will have to show that he can take it.	Start the Year Right By Saving Our COUPONSMacDonald c.317Start the Year Right By Saving Our COUPONSSanturbane If.6214Long rg.226Alexander011Holtby000for Useful15636Household Items.Referees-MacPhee and Monte-	NEW ROYAL HOTEL	"A GOOD PLACE TO BUY" <b>300</b> WINDOW BLINDS 36 inches by 6 feet; color green; perfect 990 blackout. February Sale price, each
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ten. It is seldom, if ever, discussed. In order to keep up the supply of reading material almost daily visits are made to the city library, but vari- ous other sources of supply are sought and found. One recent case came to the notice of the writer where two books coming to the same house were each read before supper time and had been already exchanged and passed on before the next day.	equipment utterly fails. While your car is up on the mechanics will check your running gear and undercar anything that might require special attention. Such serious accidents and that is our desire.	s where the old style he hoist our experienced riage and advise you of h service may save you	Really Keep in a Good Stock of
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the weapons at our command will bring ultimate triumph. From those of us unable to bear arms, dollars are needed to forge new tools of victory. We must be prepared to do OUR part – to the utmost.

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ANNOUNCEMENT We are glad to announce that we are now adding a SHOE REPAIRING DEPARTMENT at our shop, with Mr. Charlie W. Yatt in full charge. As Charlie has many years' ex- perience in the trade he knows how to rebuild your	Saturdays 11 p.m. * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	United Church Valentine Tea. Mrs. W. L. Armstrong's, Feb. 12. Valhalla Dance, Metropole Hall, February 13. Dance, Seal Cove Hall, Feb. 13. Lutheran Valentine Tea. Feb. 14. Catholic Shrove Tuesday Tea,	<ul> <li>10, section 1. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Dated this 6th day of February, 1942. (33) CITY CLERK.</li> <li>CITY OF PRINCE RUPERT The City will receive bids till twelve noon Monday, February 9, 1942, for the sale of property sit-</li> </ul>	Big Discount Off For Cash. You are all invited to come in and look our COATS over before stock - taking. Some going at half price and even less. Your credit is good. GOLDBLOOM "The Old Reliable"	For heavy, chesty, tight colds; 50c 6 ozs. Rexall Cod Liver Oil Compound with Creosote:
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grim sea war brought to Canada's Atlantic doorway, the staunch men of Canadian Navy have had to shoulder a new burden. Here an officer, speckled h frozen spray, is shown as he shouts above the gale through his megaphone.



the enemy's prowling U-boats are the keen men who sit at the listening of Canada's warships, constantly on the alert. Once a submarine is detected delicate devices, the corvettes and destroyers close in for the kill.



from the hardships and dangers of the sea, one of Canada's fighting little ttes lies moored at port, decks and superstructure heavily laden with ice. like a lash by the biting winter wind, the spray freezes where it lands.

Terior of the Hun "Unterseeboote" is the depth charge, now carried ships. Until peace nomes; no one will know how many submarines harling tons of water skyward off the east coast. These bombs are

to the seas in growing quantities by Canada's expanding fleet of warhave been blasted to destruction by these charges. Here is one shown adjusted to explode at a predetermined depth near enemy U-boat.



Looking for trouble, a speedy little corvette races seaward, dark and service in clearing U-boats from Canada's coastal waters. Navy in this latitude at this season and suspect development of new "de-

grey against the winter skies. These waspy ships are doing superb officials are frankly puzzled as to how enemy subs are able to operate icing" apparatus to clear periscopes and hatches.

