An eyewitness story of the burn-An eyewitness story of the burn-ing of Palembang, one of the world's greatest oil centers, told by War Time (6:30 a, m, Seattle time)

been accounted for.

Millions of barrels of petroleum tion of 81 miles of buried pipeline ters. and the oil wells themselves. Dynamite charges were detonated every from other areas."

Many Japanese Perish In Oil-Refinery Blazes Seattle Times - Chicago Tribune - N. Y. Times Special Service

BATAVIA, N. E. I., Thursday, Feb. 19 .- Scores of Japanese parachutists were burned to death in the fire which destroyed refineries of the Royal Dutch Shell Oil Company at Palembang. They were part of a detachment that fought its way into the Shell plants last Saturday when the Japanese landed Saturday when the Japanese Saturday when the 700 men by parachute in an effort to forestall Dutch destruction of the refineries and oil fields.

A battle between the parachute

A battle between the parachute troops and Indies soldiers raged within the refineries and at one of The Netherlands East Indies within the refineries and at one stage the Japanese gained control of a large turbine. Enemy soldiers clambered up its sides and planted a Japanese flag on top. However the Dutch gained control around the installations and, leaving the Japanese inside, they began blowing up and setting fire to the refineries.

Menadonese troops in the Dutch forces at Palembang fought with fierce bravery and at one time charged troops of parachutists armed with tommy-guns across an open field and wiped them out to a man with their long knives.

Navy Accounts For Some Of Foss Tug Crew

Names of some crew members of the Seattle tug Justine Foss appeared today in lists of persons

The tug has been unreported in the vicinity of Wake Island since

The list included the names of

Civic Forum meeting tomorrow noon at Meves Cafeteria. Judge

COMMUNIQUES ::

Two British Warships Sunk; BE BATTESHPS Japs Increase Pressure on Bataan

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(P)—War Department comworld's greatest oil centers, told by L. W. Elliott, an official of the Standard Oil Company, was broadcast to the United States today by two American observers, William Dunn and Sydney Albright, who interviewed Elliott at Batavia after her arrival from Sumatra.

"The first parachutists landed near the Standard refinery and inside the Shell refinery only a short tion of the offensive."

War Time (6:30 a. m. Seattle time)

"I. Philippine theatre:

"The enemy is increasing his pressure on our lines in Bataan, particularly on the right flank. Heavy enemy artillery fire continues. Japanese troop movements behind the enemy lines indicate a regrouping of forces, preliminary to a resumption of the offensive.

-FAR EASTERN FRONT-

near the Standard refinery and inside the Shell refinery only a short tion of the offensive. distance away shortly after 9:30 a.m.," Elliott related.

"By noon the Standard plant began to reduce operations and evacuate all nonessential employes. Included in the total number at the refinery were some 70 Americans, 400 Europeans and 3,300 native employes, all of whom have ing a great amount of damage. The ligit on Fort Frank was particularly

fire on Fort Frank was particularly "An operation crew was kept on duty, together with the Dutch army units who were in constant contact with the enemy, and the army in community with the chief in community with the control of the order in community was particularly heavy, "2. There is nothing to report from other areas."

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units who were in constant contact with the enemy, and the army experts waiting to blast the entire plant."

"By 2 o'clock Sunday morning the army experts went to work and in an hour had destroyed all vital instruments, machinery and loose equipment.

loose equipment.

"Time was allowed for the Dutch and native troops which had been holding off the enemy at four major points to retire to safety. When this time had elapsed fire bombs released simultaneously by an electrical system set the entire refinery stock ablaze with a dear-ening roar."

planes intercepted six Japanese pursuit planes near Java, shooting pur

base.
"This action is believed to have products billowed in smoke and flames. Then followed the destruc-

The enemy who moved up from "A British plane crashed into the the sea near Correnti Island.

the sea near Correnti Island.

"At some places parties of the enemy succeeded in getting across the river in small boats. Fighting continued all last night and is still in progress. Our troops are holding their positions and fighting etrapely."

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"Four of the crew, including an officer, were captured."

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BERLIN (from German broadings) Thursday, Feb. 19.—(A)—

The High Command issued this

DUTCH

armed forces, issued through the news agency Aneta, reported today. "There was a Japanese air attack

yesterday on the harbor area of Soerabaja with 24 planes. Allied fighters attacked the enemy while anti-aircraft batteries opened fire boats of our navy sank an enemy fierce con Five enemy bombers were shot down. 'Some damage was caused. "Further, an airfield in East flew over Helgoland Bight were about 200 Java was machine-gunned. Slight forced to turn back by anti-aircraft damage was done. One Indonesian was wounded. Our own anti-air-craft fire succeeded in hitting four

enemy fighters, but without cer-tainty that they were shot down. "Today a Japanese air raid took Some damage was done. Further details are not yet available.

"In other places in the archi-

pelago there was enemy reconnaissance activity.

"The action against the enemy waters.

which landed at Palembang still

AUSTRALIAN

damage to service installations, details of which are not yet known.

Austin E. Griffiths will speak on have severely limited our air activity. One of our reconnaissance

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ENEMY DRAWS NEAR Refugees Rangoon

The newspaper Bode said that the fires were the "largest in history—fires which even influenced the weather and caused exceptionally heavy thunderstorms."

RANGOON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(P)—British Army headquarters is used this communique today:
"Yesterday the enemy attacked strongly against our left flank at Dayengon and there ensued close hand-to-hand fighting. A counter—attack was put on by the Gurkhas to restore the situation.
"During the day the lighting to the lighting came closer with the capture of Bilin (2). British forces bombed Japanese parachute troops in the Chiegnmai area. (3). Chinese invaders reported some success in Thailand (4) .- Map prepared by planes which had been attacked by The High Command issued this

BERLIN (from German broad-casts). Thursday, Feb. 19.—(A)— The High Command issued this

GERMAN

BERLIN (From German Broad casts), Thursday, Feb. 19.—(P)—
The High Command issued this communique:

"On one sector of the Western (central) Front our troops in their advance destroyed two German captured.

"In the waters around Britain, tanks and one gun and captured to bomber aircraft by day dame several enemy dugouts and gred a medium-sized merchant ship trenches. The enemy lost 150 official of the control of the con our bomber aircraft by day dam-aged a medium-sized merchant ship

fire. Naval artillery shot down one enemy bomber."

-EASTERN FRONT-

Alcatraz Prisoners Receive War News

"On the Eastern Front a num-

our planes failed to return."

nunique today:

RUSSIAN

eau broadcasts the following com-

"During the night of February

BRITISH

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—
(AP)—The Air Ministry issued this communique today:
"Last night aircraft of the moment common laid mines in enemy waters. One of our aircraft is missing."

GERMAN

BERLIN (From German broad-casts), Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—

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BINITISH

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The "tough guys" assigned to Alcatraz federal prison have been getting the war news, through a digest posted daily by Warden James A. Johnston. In addition, they are kept informed on the West Coast and elsewhere casts), Thursday, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The "tough guys" assigned to Alcatraz federal prison in the Club, a favorite of Army officers, was among those taken of celebes, each less than 1,000 miles in the custody—in the midst of a luncheon meeting at which civic leaders were discussing formation of a home guard unit.

In Northern California, four officers questioned 75 Japanese were arrested after officers questioned 75 Japanese in 30 homes in Yolo, Yuba and Placer counties. That brought to 21 the number of arrests there in three days. casts), Thursday, Feb. 19.—(P)— 1 in the country

deemed likely to be prisoners of the Japanese," indicating the tug had been seized or sunk by the Japanese. The tug has been unreported in the tug has been unreported in the business of the Japanese. The tug has been unreported in the harbor the vicinity of Wake Island since. Japanese nomeers raided Dargor of the prisoners of the seized or sunk by the attack was concentrated on the township but shipping in the harbor the vicinity of Wake Island since. Regiment, Block Major Drive township but shipping in the harbor the vicinity of Wake Island since. The vicinity of Wake Island since. The vicinity of Wake Island since.

"The raid lasted about one hour."
A Royal Australian Air Force ommunique said today:
"There was limited Japanese connaissance yesterday over New uinea but no enemy attack. Royal wined out to enemy attack.

wasnington Talks on Forum
George Washington as a "Statesman and Leader of Men." will be discussed by J. C. Herbsman at the discussed by J. C. Herbsman at the Command communique east of El American Regular Army, they met to recover.

Thursday, Feb. 19.—(P)—The High and inspiring affirmative. Side by report said he just had heard from side with the famous Philippine a field hospital that Bianchi had Scouts who are a part of the passed the crisis and was expected controlled the contro

already ended, in its main phase, and does not conflict with official dispatches indicating that the Japanese are launching a new major

offensive.)

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It was not long before Bianchi gets.

regiment including its commanding and most successful of the war, (It should be noted that Hew-documents to have spoiled Japa-lett's dispatch covers a battle nese plans for a big drive.

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A high officer, here at the front gave an illustration of this leader-ship.

Well-concealed trencies. It required intrepid and expert fighting men to take it. There was no save an inustration of this leader ship.

The company in which First Lieut, Willibald Bianchi of New Belm, Minn., was an officer was in reserve. Bianchi, carrying a rifle, voluntarily took part of the company in the same period, and Glasgow in the same period in the same period, and Glasgow in the same period in the same pe

pany into action.

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Sceretary of state, said today the United States was not satisfied with explanations so far offered by into more and the put in fighting trim "the Royal Korean People's League, which has an espionage organization of 1,500 Soviet army dispatches reporting members, said that unless this is done the Pacific Coast cannot be Smolensk on the north, while other sceretary of state, said today the be put in fighting trim "the Royal United States was not satisfied Navy will be reinforced by various the Vichy government regarding ity."

The Howe, originally named the

Welles added that, accordingly, further instructions have been sent in 1940.

to Ambassador William D. Leahy at Five sent in 1940.

Welles disclosed that the French ambassador here, who conferred him that no demands had been received by the Vichy government from Axis governments for the use of naval bases or other facilities on Madagascar.

Martinique May Be Base In reply to a question, Welles said that so far as the French Caribbean Island of Martinique was concerned this government had no information tending to confirm recent reports that secret sub-marine bases there might have had something to do with the recent

some weeks to the each.

tion gasoline, trucks and other vital supplies had been reaching the German armored forces in Libya through French Tunista, and French Ambassador Gaston Henry-Haye has made several visits to the State Department in attempts to clear up or explain these reports.

Meanwhile, Japanese planes for the first time were reported to have made two attacks on the Australian mainland, bombing the Allied naval base at Darwin with 21 bombers escorted by fighters this morning and with 21 bomber the duration of the war.

To be leave been sent by their parents to Japan for education, and then returned here. These, he said, are "doubtful American citizens." He declared all Japanese, therefore, should be taken into protective custody for the duration of the war.

To be leave to a behind the front drive, which the Soviets believe has put their army on a par with the Germans in many phases of fighting and equipment, the duration of the war.

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Recently Welles told a press conference that information received from State Department experts in French North Africa indicated that not a single pound of American supplies sent there under agreement with the Vichy government had reached enemy forces forces trying to cross the Bilin thand-to-hand fighting. A counterattack was put on by the Gurkhas
to restore the situation.

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extended along the whole front.
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tempts to break through they are through Tunisia into Libya.

being compressed into an ever In reply to questions based on closer area and are approaching Secretary of War Stimson's stateannihilation. ment that the United States "Yesterday the Soviet air force lost 44 aircraft while only one of our coasts and other places," inasmuch as the whole effort of the armed forces cannot be confined to home defense. Welles indicated MOSCOW, Thursday, Feb. 19.—
that this did not mean any shutting off of military aid to Latin American countries.

"During the night of February 18-19, our forces continued active 200 More Japs military operations against the German Fascist invaders. "On one sector of the Western Seized by F. B. I.

by bombs and sank a British escort cers and men.

'Cors and men.

'SANTA MARIA, Calif., Thursday,

'Replace than 250

News Agency dispatches said Japanese,

ness planes returned for a second attack on Darwin this afternoon,

inflicting considerable property

inflicting considerable property populated places. The enemy left about 200 dead on the battlefield." five California counties yesterday. More than 200 Japanese were ar-rested near Santa Maria, in San Luis Obispo County. The F. B. I. seized guns, cameras and radios but gave no details.

The Japanese cook of the Santa Maria Club, a favorite of Army officers, was among those taken

powerful short-wave radio and spe-cial recording unit, swastika flags. Bund armbands and cap, and Nazi

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. This counter-attack, the largest and most successful of the war, 19.—(P)—Formation of a Brazilian was proved by captured Japanese documents to have spoiled Japanese plans for a big drive.

Battle Fought in Jungle

The battle was fought in some of the densest jungle of the Batan Peninsula.

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Junited States rubber corporation to meet this country's growing warneeds and to provide a perpetual rubber supply that will make the United States less dependent on least Indies sources is being arranged in Washington, Arthur Desources is being arranged in Washington, Arthur D

and hand grenade coolly and cuning it.

ningly under their young Amerian The task was to attack and take move to meet the present critical

Development of Brazilian rubber is one of the prime reasons for the cate system of tunnels connecting Brazilian finance minister's present mission to Washington.

exulted.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. (Chruchill's declaration Tuesday be interned for the duration of the University of that before the German battleships war.

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inally. The King George V. and the Duke of York already are at sea; the Prince of Wales was lost last

(Continued From Page One) Reports have been current for that in the past six or seven weeks to the effect that aviation gasoline, trucks and other town has been handling an unvital supplies had been reaching the German armored forces in efficiency.

Palembang Fight Rages

In the Indies, a bulletin from N. E. I. Headquarters said, Dutch troops were still battling fiercely troops were still battling fiercely against Japanese invasion forces around the great oil center of Palembang, in Lower Sumatra.

had been ordered into active service and that a battalion of Filipinos living in the United States had been formed as a part of the Army's said action was limited to skir-skir which British merhanized. ing Sun planes raided an air field in Western Java today, causing "some damage," following up yes-

Allied naval base at Soerabaja.

Dutch authorities have distrib-Dutch authorities have distrib- most immediately after their in- said Britain's armored formations uted 1,800 war drums to natives in duction, eliminating the 13 weeks in the Middle East had been Batavia to be employed in sounding air-raid alarms.

of basic training normally undertaken at replacement training century.

attack on Darwin this afternoon, inflicting considerable property damage. Four of these raiders were reported shot down.

Explosives were dropped both on the town itself and shipping in the harbor, an Australian communique said, and "there were some casual ties and damage to service instal-lations."

He said this engagement occurred divisions would be reorganized into February 5 at Tkayld, where Japanese and Thai units took up a divisions, to conform with other position just inside Burma near the such units of the armed forces. Thailand-French Indo-China fron-

tier.

Domei, Japanese news agency, declared that invasion troops had occupied Bilin. a town on the Rangoon-Martaban Railway line 75 miles by air from Rangoon.

A Tolvo broadcast said Japa-will he stationed at Camp San Luis

Combine Under Way

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Cart, Michigan, told the Senate vesterday that 750,000 tons of sugar was "in hoarding" in the United States and appealed to those with sugar on hand not to purchase any more until that excess was used

> quiet the fears of housewives, manufacturers and other consumers of

Briton Asks Death For Food Racketeers

LONDON, Thursday, Feb. 19 .-(A)—The death penalty or life imprisonment for food and gambling Thrifty Scots of Glasgow in-prisonment for food and gambling vested \$11.087,000 in war savings racketeers will be asked the House in four weeks while Birmingham, of Commons, Robert Patton Bower, of Commons, Robert Patton Bower, a member of Parliament, said. He declared he would ask the

Home Secretary at a future Com-mons session "if he will consider taking powers to make those people

Korean Urges Interning Of All Japanese

thirds of the Japanese-Americans (A)—Informed sources said today are dual citizens, many of whom the 35,000-ton battleships Anson and Howe, the newest of the King Haan, head of a large volunteer George V. class, soon will join the Korean espionage organization, de- cow, appeared today to be slowly

Haan, representative of the Sinoprotected properly against a vast Japanese espionage system which The Howe, originally named the Beatty, was launched November Japanese espionage system which is 1940 the Anson, originally has been organized to cooperate with military forces in the conquest of the United States.

April Attack Expected

the plans outlined in the books he

Dual Citizenship Charged Haan said that approximately

40,000 of 96,000 American - born Japanese on the Pacific Coast are

(Continued From Page One.) (Continued From Page One.) attain equality in tanks by spring, however, they are counting on of any month before Pearl Harbor or in the First World War.

"This shows the men who are go-

ing to fight this war are not yield-ing to the defeatism or despair we sometimes hear of back of the fightsometimes hear of back of the fighting fronts," Stimson said.

Stimson announced at the conference that three historic divisions had been ordered into active service and that a battalion of Filining livers.

speedy expansion. terday's 24-plane attack on the big

The divisions ordered into service March 25 are the 77th, 82nd and 90th Infantry Divisions of the Organized Reserves, which since their demobilization after the First World War have existed only in

skeleton form.

The 77th, made famous in 1918 by the episode of the "Lost Bat-talion," will be assembled and trained at Fort Jackson, S. C., with Maj. Gen. Robert I. Eichel-

Guard Units Reorganized

ordered into service are the first

pilots of the Justine, as well as another Tacoman, Raiph Van Valkenburg, captain of the port of Wake Island.

Draw Foss, former University Island.

Draw Foss, former University of Sigma Chi Fraternity, was well known in Seattle.

The Justine was one of three Poss tugs in service in and around Wake and Midway Islands and Hawai. The two others were reported wai. The two others were reported wait. The two others were reported wait. The two others were reported wait. The two others were reported specified university of the two others were reported wait. The wait was to deal

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TRAPPED-

By Associated Press.

Russia's armies, knifing into the Republic of White Russia on a triumphant counter-march from Mos-

lensk.
This seemed clearly indicated by Russian columns were said to have crossed the Sozh River south of

Flower of Nazis Trapped

The mouth of the German escape corridor presumably had been nar-The Japanese, he said, have published confidential military books on the plan, which calls for conquest of the Hawaiian Islands in Smolensk, was the flower of the April, scheduled to be completed in the week, and followed simultantiants.

tain British naval units, which have been undergoing repairs, also will be at sea by the time the German battleships can be repaired.

U. S. Troops Reach

Java; Darwin Raided

one week, and followed simultantously by attacks on Alaska, the Pacific Coast and the Panama Canal.

Haan said he stole two of these books, one in Portland, Or., in 1940 from a secret meeting of Japanese books, one in Portland, Or., in 1940 from a secret meeting of Japanese have followed precisely approaching annihilation" on the Moscow sector. Moscow sector.

Russian radio reports told of a

smash through Nazi fortifications sman through Nazi Intrincations toward Smolensk, 230 miles west of Moscow; of a new Russian push toward the Crimean port of Feodosiya; of a demand by Finnish prisoners that Finland quit her war

Stimson Warns U. S.

The Germans admittedly hold numerical superiority in tanks despite the loss of thousands in bitter winter fighting, but the Russians are adding to their forces by repairing captured Nazi tanks. To continued From Page One.)

In the Leningrad area, the Russians reported capturing soldiers

would Cut Training
To speed the expansion of land forces in El Mechili sector, 90 miles forces, Simpson said, men would be assigned to the new divisions al- In London, a British spokesman

ot basic training normally undertaken at replacement training centers. The basic training will be provided in the divisions themselves. By Associated Press.

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

Greeks capture heights northeast TWO YEARS AGO TODAY British destroyer Daring is tor-edoed and sunk; 157 lost. Ruspedoed and sunk; 157 lost. Rus-sians capture three towns on Gulf

of Finland, cutting off Koivisto, western anchor of Mannerheim 25 YEARS AGO TODAY British and Turks engage in hard



WHAT'S the use of solling so many handkerchiefs trying to blow mucus out of stopped-up nostrils? Mentholatum will do a much better MENTHOLATUM BUY DEFENSE BONDS and STAMPS

Warns Constipated Folks About Lazy Liver

Rail Club Plans Party
The Milwaukee Road Employes'
Service Club will hold a Washington's Birthday party tomorrow night in the clubrooms at the Union Station. Color motion pictures will be shown and lunch will

