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SEA WAR HITS NEW HEIGHT OF FURY

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Of Concentrated
Bombers

pool, England, Nov. 29—(UPI)—Squadrons of German bombers hit a building to search of bodies of persons alive and trapped beneath debris. It had resulted in many heavy bombs in last night's concentration raid on Liverpool and other northwest towns. Building had up until shortly night had been an instruction center for civilians assigned work. It was not known my persons had been in the when bombs started down.

raiders came over the side district in waves, the Irish Sea, and an endless of anti-aircraft shells shot sky in an effort to bring down or chase them away. All fell in the streets like

of the city this morning after daylight revealed dead destruction and rescue were digging into the ruins buildings for bodies and persons. One bomb crashed a police station, but there casualties.

ock away a motion picture was half demolished. Two were known to have been and many were injured when explosive bomb struck a shelter. An apartment building one district was badly damaged. A bank on the opposite side of the street was wrecked. The air raid shelter hundreds sang Christmas carols bombs hurtled down. Bombs were the heaviest of all have fallen in the Mer-

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SHOAF IS TAKEN BY DEATH

William Shoaf Dies
Tuesday Evening Af-
ter Month's Illness

Mrs. Sadie Marie Shoaf, 73, wife

William Shoaf, of Decatur route 2, died at 4 o'clock Thursday evening at the Adams county memorial hospital. Death followed a month's illness of complications.

She was born in Ohio, October 12, 1867, the daughter of Christ and Christina Boone-Benedict. She married William Shoaf in Decatur

January 12, 1888. She was a mem-

ber of St. Luke's Evangelical and

Methodist church and of the ladies

society of the church.

Surviving besides the husband

sons: Chester, Charley, Ed-

Frank and Fred, all in or

Decatur; four daughters: Mrs.

Egley of Monroe, Mrs. Mable

Decatur route 2, Mrs. May

of Decatur, and Mrs. Irene

Ossian; one sister, Mrs.

Martin of Decatur route 2;

brother, Louis Benedict of Oak

Ohio; 22 grandchildren

and eight great grandchildren.

Daughter and one brother are

surviving.

Funeral services will be held at

the same Sunday afternoon at 1

o'clock and at 1:30 p. m. at the

Rev. H. H. Meckstroth of

Burial will be in the De-

catur cemetery. The body will be

removed from the Black funeral

home to the residence this evening

and may be viewed after 7 p. m.

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Gets Commerce Job



CHINESE TRAIN IS DYNAMITED BY GUERILLAS

At Least 150 Japanese
And Chinese Killed
By Dynamite

Shanghai, Nov. 29—(UPI)—At least 150 persons were killed or wounded today when a train bearing prominent Japanese and Chinese officials to Nanking for the formal recognition by Japan of Wang Ching-Wei's regime was dynamited near Soochow by Chinese guerrillas.

Japanese quarters said that most of the casualties were Chinese, mainly coolies. They were riding in a car behind the locomotive, the only car on the train said to have been destroyed.

It was reported that at least two Americans were aboard the wrecked train but their names were not known immediately and it was not established whether they had escaped injury.

The wreck tied up traffic on the Shanghai-Nanking railroad.

Reports from Soochow—the "city of bridges" reported to have the most beautiful girls in all China—said it had been confirmed that Chinese guerrilla forces placed dynamite under the tracks over which the train to Nanking traveled.

Japanese here said that many prominent Chinese and Japanese officials who had planned to take the train waited for a later one, thus escaping danger. How many had taken the wrecked train was not known.

Japanese quarters here said that at least one Japanese had been injured slightly.

Soochow is in the center of an area from which Chinese guerrillas never have been cleared, despite Japanese occupation of the city since 1937.

ADDITIONAL MEN ARE CALLED OUT

Strike Of Skilled Work- ers Continues At City Light Plant

The strike delaying construction of the municipal light and power plant continued today with four more workers known to have been added to the number called off their jobs.

To date 10 boilermakers and four plumbers have been called off the job by the union in protest to the wages paid by the general contractor.

Frank Gardner, boilermaker

boss, who with nine of his men

walked out yesterday, in an inter-

view with a Daily Democrat re-

porter, asked the newspaper to

state today that the men "did

not walk out of their own accord,"

but "were called off" by the Build-

ing Trades Council of Fort Wayne,

an affiliate of the American Fed-

eration of Labor.

The boilermakers were all em-
ployed by the Wicks Boiler com-
pany of Saginaw, Michigan. The
plumbers are employed by the In-
dustrial Piping and Equipment
company of Fort Wayne.

Seven of the boilermakers left
the city before noon today and the
other three were to leave before
the close of the day. Most of the
men were going back to Chicago to
await orders to report to another
job, they stated.

Meanwhile, men employed by
Yost Bros., general contractors,
were continuing their jobs as usual
today in building the addition to

the plant.

REOUSVELT OPPOSES
SALES TAX PROPOSAL

Washington, Nov. 29—(UPI)—Pre-
sident Roosevelt said today that he
would oppose any proposal to en-
act a sales tax to finance new gov-
ernment expenditures resulting
from the new national defense pro-
gram.

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21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



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The annual Christmas seal cam-
paign in Adams county has been
opened by the Adams county tuber-
culosis association, W. Guy Brown,
Decatur high school principal, and
president of the association, an-
nounced today.

A large group of girls in the
Decatur junior senior high school,
members of the school commercial
class, are busy preparing the seals
for mailing, Mr. Brown stated. The
seals will go into the mails tomor-
row.

The program of the association
includes free clinics, health education,
milk for undernourished chil-
dren, X-rays and cooperation
with the Irene Byron sanatorium,
as well as the early diagnosis cam-
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Shifts in Legal Posts



KELLEY QUILTS CITY POSITION

Ferd Littner To Succeed Vincent Kelley As City Attorney

Vincent Kelley of this city, who
was elected prosecuting attorney
in the November election, will tend-
er his resignation as city attorney
at the council meeting Tuesday
evening, and will be succeeded in
the post next January by Ferd Littner,
well known Decatur attorney.

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were numbered among the early
pioneers of this community.

Mr. Dailey was a prominent
farmer and land owner of Adams
county, died at his home in St.
Mary's township, northeast of Bobo,
at 10:45 o'clock this morning, fol-
lowing a several week's illness of
pneumonia and complications.

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Long prominent in the business
and agricultural life of Adams
county, Mr. Dailey at one time served
as a director of the Old Adams
County bank. He was recognized as
one of the most successful farmers
in the county and his farm of more
than 350 acres is one of the better
ones in St. Mary's township.

Following his graduation from
the University of Kentucky at Lexington
in 1935, where he received his
LL.D. degree, he was admitted
to the Adams county bar. He
has served as city attorney since
January 1, 1939, and will have com-
pleted two years in the post when
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He was a member of the Kentucky
Law Journal staff, an honorary socie-
ty of the city electric and water utility.

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