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ANYBODY'S WAR

That's the apparent situation at the present. Day after day the mess grows worse and a decisive smash by either side must eventually be expected. Watch for big news in the NEWS-REVIEW.

HITLER ENDS WAR PLANS TO HELP ITALY

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SENATOR WHEELER, of Montana, in a radio address Monday night, said:

"The United States is no longer trading along the road to war. We are RUNNING—and don't be fooled."

He added:

"If we lend or lease war materials today, we will lend or lease American boys tomorrow."

True enough, senator. The road we are treading will lead us to war—UNLESS we can convince the world we MEAN BUSINESS.

If our attitude is so convincing as to leave no doubt in ANYONE'S mind that we mean business, these things may happen:

1. Heated France may fight again, in Africa.
2. Italy may drop out of the war.
3. Crafty Stalin may stand pat in the Balkans.
4. Hitler, if 1, 2 and 3 came to pass, MIGHT agree to an honorable peace.

THESE are the objectives set for us by the president's speech on Sunday night. Plus the strengthening of Britain's will to fight to the bitter end, knowing that full help from us will be forthcoming.

They can be accomplished only by LEAVING NO DOUBT ANYWHERE that we MEAN BUSINESS.

BY OPPOSING the objectives that have been set up as our national policy, honorable men such as Senator Wheeler may create doubt that we mean business.

If that happens NOW, war is practically inevitable.

Our hope for peace lies in finishing what we have started. Whether or not we should have started it is water over the dam.

It has been started.

AL SMITH, speaking to the reporters in New York, says:

"All these organizations (committee to aid Britain, committees to keep America out of the war, etc.) ought to pipe down a little. They sometimes furnish an argument for those who don't like us to the effect that we are a DIS-UNITED country."

That puts it briefly and pointedly—as Al Smith has a habit of doing.

It may have been a mistake for us to set our feet upon the road

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Oregon Judgeship Claimed by 2 Men

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Two men claimed the Multnomah county probate bench of the circuit court today, following appointment of Newton C. Smith, Portland lawyer, to the position by Governor Sprague.

The governor said a supreme court decision would decide whether Smith or Judge George Tazewell, incumbent, should hold the position.

He said Tazewell's authority would not be questioned, pending the supreme court decision, and indicated proceedings to take the matter to the high court would start soon.

Cause of the mixup was the death of Judge John A. Mears in an automobile accident. Mears defeated Tazewell for the position. Supporters of Tazewell said he would remain in authority until the next election since law provides that "all officers, except members of the legislative assembly, shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified."

They claimed that no successor had taken oath of office and therefore none was qualified.

Longest Congress Session in History Extended Extra Day; Madden Nomination Opposed

Reaction to Proposal for Money Policy Change To Ban Inflation Is Found Favorable.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The longest session of congress in history got another day of "half life" today when Democratic Leader Barkley decided to hold a senate session beginning tomorrow.

Speaker Rayburn said there was no change in plans to have the house wind up its affairs this afternoon and adjourn until noon tomorrow. At that hour the 77th congress will come into being.

Barkley said tomorrow's meeting of the senate was decided on "in order to take care of any final business that may come up." When it ends exactly on the stroke of noon this session of congress will have been going for 357 days. The longest previous session was 354 days in the world war years of 1917-18.

Usually harmonious where defense was concerned but frequently in conflict over domestic issues and administration foreign policy, the 76th congress faced a final controversy in the closing hours before it turned over to a new legislative multiple problems of defense, taxation, foreign policy, domestic economy and monetary questions.

The house adjourned this afternoon.

Madden Opposed

Barkley sought to obtain confirmation of the nomination of J. Warren Madden, former chairman of the national labor relations board, to be a member of the court of claims.

Lack of a quorum has prevented earlier consideration of the nomination. Senator Taft (R., O.), who has announced his intention to fight confirmation, said he would discuss the whole administration of the national labor act in connection with his opposition to Madden.

To the white house as the old session approached its end President Roosevelt summoned congressional leaders for a general discussion of the program for the new term.

One of the first items on the agenda of the new congress will be appropriations, with accent on defense outlays and an effort to reduce other government costs. Leaders hope to hold total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1 to the unprecedented figure of about \$17,000,000,000.

Appropriations Set Mark

The length of the session was attributed to the expressed determination of the lawmakers to stay here during the troubled war months. Several attempts to end the session during the fall were voted down decisively.

Another record set in this session was on appropriations. Swollen as never before in peacetime by funds for military purposes, actual direct appropriations total

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Officers Seize Guns in Quelling Domestic Row

Investigations yesterday into complaints of men committing threats to kill resulted in collection of a half dozen rifles and pistols at the sheriff's office, Deputy Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported today. Two men, who were not named by the officers, became threatening yesterday following domestic arguments, Thornton said, and officers were called to restore peace. They succeeded in quelling the disturbances, but took all firearms from both homes for safekeeping. No criminal complaints were filed and no arrests made. The guns will be returned to the owners, it was stated, when danger of further trouble is eliminated.

Navy Wireless Jobs Open To Grads of High School

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—District headquarters of the naval recruiting service today was authorized to offer high school graduates, between 17 and 35 years old, a wireless course in exchange for eight months' active duty.

Recruiting officers said candidates need have no previous amateur radio experience. They will be sent to a wireless school in California, paid while learning, and on passing an examination at the end of the four-month course, will be given a petty officer rating, a minimum of \$60 monthly pay for eight months service and then sent home at government expense.

Jap Apology Asked In Marines Fracas

PEIPING, China, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Col. Allen H. Turnage, commander of the U. S. marines stationed here, presented to the Japanese tonight three demands arising from the alleged maltreatment of five marines arrested after a cabaret fracas. They were announced as follows:

- 1.—That the chief of the Japanese gendarmerie apologize to Turnage for the "unlawful arrest and unwarranted use of force" in seizing the marines Dec. 30.
- 2.—That the Japanese promise to take steps to prevent a repetition of such incidents, and
- 3.—That the persons responsible for the arrests be punished.

United States officials asserted that the five marines had been held 17 hours and that four of them had been injured by Japanese gendarmes. Colonel Turnage said the five were innocent of any wrongdoing.

The marines declared they had been insulted and threatened in the cabaret by armed and drunken Japanese civilians. When the gendarmes arrived, according to the American version of the incident, they threatened the marines with pistols and swords and refused admission to marine military police.

One of the five marines was said by the American sources to have been flogged and kicked in the face by the gendarmes.

After delivering the demands, Turnage told the Japanese that unless they complied with his conditions, he would not consider the incident closed but instead would carry the matter to higher authorities. The Japanese indicated yesterday they wished to regard the incident as closed.

Tonight, however, they refused to discuss the issue.

Wage Boost Granted to 70,000 Railway Workers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A minimum wage order, boosting the pay of 70,000 railroad workers more than \$7,000,000 a year will be put into effect, on March 1, Col. Philip R. Fleming, wage-hour administrator announced today.

The wage increase, based on the recommendations of a wage-hour committee for the railroad industry, will establish a 36 cents an hour minimum wage for track workers, red caps, dining car waiters, office clerks and other employees on the trunk line railroads, and a 33 cents an hour base rate for similar classes of employees on the short lines.

Col. Fleming estimated that 65,000 of the more than 1,000,000 workers employed on the trunk line carriers will get a pay increase, and that 5,000 out of 21,000 workers on the short lines will benefit.

Public Debt Passes 45 Billion, Former Limit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The treasury said today the public debt had passed \$45,000,000,000, the former statutory limit.

The debt passed that mark several days ago, officials said, but it had been above the books immediately because of delay in reporting baby bond sales at distant post-offices.

On December 30, the treasury said, the outstanding debt was \$45,001,757,537.38. The new debt limit, voted just a few months ago, is \$49,000,000,000, but Secretary Morgenthau already has spoken of a desire to increase it to approximately \$65,000,000,000, because of the large deficit expected to arise from this costly defense program.

Train-Auto Collision Kills Merrill Resident

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—James D. Williams, 40, Merrill, died New Year's day in a train-crash, his vehicle being dragged 500 yards by a speeding Great Northern freight express.

Lumber Mill Employee Dies Under Sawdust Pile

DURNS, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Company officials termed the death of Ed Gruber, Hines Lumber mill employee, accidental yesterday. Fellow workers found him smothered to death in a sawdust pile at the plant Monday.

Swap to Obtain Seattle-Alaska Road Proposed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—An outright trade of munitions and war supplies to Great Britain in return for a right-of-way for a military highway through Canada to Alaska was proposed today by Representative Edmiston (D., W. Va.).

Edmiston, member of the house military affairs committee, said in an interview he would offer the suggestion at the first meeting of the committee this year.

His plan, which he said has been approved by Speaker Rayburn, would call for a 1,000-foot wide right-of-way on the most direct route between Seattle and "all of our air bases in Alaska."

"If we had this military road we could get troops up there in a hurry if we had to, and that might be the spot where they could be needed."

"And another thing, the right-of-way would be amply wide to provide emergency landing fields for aircraft flying to the Alaskan bases."

Edmiston added that Speaker Rayburn told him he would discuss the proposal with President Roosevelt.

Construction of a Seattle-Alaska highway has been discussed for many years. An international highway commission headed by Representative Magnuson (D., Wash.) will meet in Washington this month to decide on means of financing the proposed \$25,000,000 road.

Edmiston expressed opinion the construction should be financed under the national defense program.

Land Grant Claim Given Up By S. P.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes announced that the Southern Pacific railroad has filed release of a land grant claim for 2,109,000 acres of public domain in California to enable it to take advantage of the 1940 transportation act and not have to grant reduced rates on certain forms of government freight and passenger traffic.

The original grants were made in 1864, 1866 and 1871, and totaled about 16,835,000 acres of public domain. Of the total, the roads received title to about 14,725,000 acres. The claim for the 2,109,000-acre deficiency was brought about because of insufficient suitable public land in the areas to meet requirements of the original grant.

Ickes said the action of the Southern Pacific also afforded opportunity for the initiation of increased rates on the government from Portland through Ashland, Ore., to the California state line and the California and Oregon railroad from Roseville, Calif., north to a junction with the Oregon and California at the Oregon state line.

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Wheeler's Peace Meets Nazi Snub

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—(AP)—An unofficial source which undoubtedly reflects responsible Nazi opinion replied to U. S. Senator Burton K. Wheeler's "peace plan" today with the comment that "the new order in Europe is something concerning which we need no advice from any other continent, just as we do not offer advice to other living spaces and don't intend to give any in the future."

"We are not making any plans for a new order in America, either," this source said, in giving what was emphasized as being a purely personal opinion.

Official German circles consistently have declined to reply authoritatively to opinions and plans voiced by United States statesmen who are not part of the administration.

Body of Skier Sought In Avalanche of Snow

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Workers dug into a 50-foot deep snowdrift in the rugged Wasatch mountains near here today in an effort to determine whether there was loss of life when an avalanche roared down steep Rustler's peak.

One man, Kenneth C. Wright, Salt Lake City, was reported missing after being with a group of skiers in the region.

Witnesses said they saw four persons altogether caught in the slide as it started down the precipitous slope shortly after noon yesterday.

Pieces of skin found in the debris were identified by companions as belonging to Wright.

Actress Bette Davis Weds Arthur Farnsworth

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Principal topic of filmland gossip today was the surprise New Year's eve marriage of Actress Bette Davis to a non-professional, Arthur Farnsworth of Boston.

Miss Davis is 32, two years younger than her husband. Each was divorced two years ago. Miss Davis from Orchestra Leader Harmon O. Nelson and Farnsworth from Betty Jane Adeyotte, Boston and Barnstable, Mass., art designer and aviator.

Army To Ask Congress For More Money

Additional Three Billion Held Necessary to Obtain Guns, Tanks, Bombing Planes and Munitions Plants' Upkeep.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The army got ready today to ask the new congress for an additional \$3,000,000,000 to further its "all-out" armament program.

The items to be asked after the new session opens tomorrow were reported approximately as follows:

\$1,000,000,000 for the production of 3,000 more bombing planes from parts made largely in existing automobile factories and assembled in four mid-western plants operated by aircraft companies.

\$1,600,000,000 for guns, tanks, planes and other material to round out equipment for an army of 2,000,000 men.

\$400,000,000 for the construction of additional munitions plants to give the country sufficient reserve capacity to supply land forces of 4,000,000 men in an emergency.

Plans call for maintenance of the munitions factories on a standby basis, similar to the role of Britain's "shadow plants" prior to the outbreak of war with Germany. These new plants would be in addition to the 84 factories or special facilities provided for under the \$800,000,000 appropriation which congress voted for the purpose last summer.

Obligations Already Heavy.

Roughly 75 per cent of the total of \$5,000,000,000 appropriated for the army last year has been obligated to date and, insofar as new munitions facilities are concerned, 95 per cent of available funds are obligated. The first of the new powder plants built under this program is scheduled to come into production in June, or possibly sooner.

The \$3,000,000,000 to be requested of the new congress will push past \$20,000,000,000 the total national defense expenditures authorized.

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Draftees Called For Physical Exam

A class of 30 draft eligibles have been called for physical examination starting at the courthouse at 9 a. m. Friday, it was announced today by Dr. C. A. Edwards, chairman of the selective service board for Douglas county. The examinations will be conducted by Doctors B. R. Shoemaker, C. B. Wade and J. E. Campbell.

About 20 men already have received their physical examinations, Dr. Edwards reports.

While no conscriptions are anticipated before the March call, the board is proceeding with the work of classifying men on the basis of their questionnaires. Those placed in the preferred group will be called in for physical examinations and those who are found in good physical condition will be made subject to call in the order of their respective numbers.

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Woman Nabbed on Spree Carries \$5113 in Purse

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Portland police still wondered what to make of their first arrest on a disorderly conduct charge in 1941.

They picked up a woman of about 50, obviously in an advanced state of celebration at a hotel. At headquarters the matron found \$5113.55 in her purse.

She was released on \$5 bail after sobering up with the admonition to "put that money in a safer place."

Greeks Ahead After Two Months



Two months of the Italo-Greek war finds the score heavily in favor of the Greeks who turned back an invasion drive early in the fighting and are now covering ground in enemy territory. Map sums up highlights of action in the war that began Oct. 28.

Vandenberg Asks For Peace Effort

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) asked today that possibility of a "negotiated peace" be explored in order to make plain the alternatives involved in the program of greater aid to England.

The Michigan republican told reporters that "with a new program of greater, overall aid to England officially pending," he thought it "an opportune time to ask whether a negotiated peace is impossible."

Such a move, Senator Vandenberg said, would force consideration from belligerents in the present war "before total destruction sets in," and further, "the American people would feel differently about the new, larger aid to England if they got final proof that this conflict must go to a military conclusion."

"I have said that our participation in a 'negotiated peace' might prove preferable to our unprepared participation in the war, but I insist that our participation in the war is unnecessary," the senator said. He gave this as his creed:

"I believe it is to the advantage of America to have introduced Britain into the war. I believe we must, in the first or in the final analysis, defend America by defending America—which emphatically includes Canada. I do not believe we should displace our own essential defenses in order to aid England. I do not believe we should repeat either the neutrality or the Johnson acts. I do not believe in American convoys."

"I do not believe in acts that would inevitably take us into this war. I think we should stay out of the war—not only for our own sake but also for the sake of our commitments under the Monroe doctrine."

Baker Airport Coldest As Winter Grips State

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Winter's 1941 grip on Oregon was still firm today as temperature readings from the Idaho border to the coast dropped below or near freezing.

Baker airport reported a low of 8 degrees for the 24 hours ending at 4:30 a. m. Other lows: Bend 9, Burns 8, Eugene 30, Lakeview 15, Medford 27, Newport 32, Pendleton 21, Astoria 36, Roseburg 31, Portland 27, Salem 31.

The weather bureau predicted a slight rise in temperatures tonight or Friday with some rains on the west side, snow in the mountains and increasing southeast winds off the coast perhaps reaching gale force.

Vichy-Nazi Accord Still Uncertain

BERN, Switzerland, Jan. 2.—Reports from Vichy today said French Chief of State Petain may make several changes in his cabinet on receipt of the German reply to his proposals for continued French-German cooperation.

Petaim's ambassador to occupied France is expected to return from Paris with the next answer within the next few days.

Although there was no direct news from Paris, informed sources said there seemed to be no question of a sudden rupture in the French-German negotiations.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Authorized sources declared today that reports of a break in relations between Berlin and the Vichy government of France were without foundation.

(Such a break was reported yesterday by Reuters, British news agency, in a Lisbon dispatch.)

The sources asserted that Fernand de Brion, for France, and Otto Abetz, for Germany, still were in contact and "so long as relations exist between these two men one cannot speak of a break."

While the recent removal of Pierre Laval as vice premier and foreign minister by Petain "still has not been clarified one hundred per cent," these sources added, there still continues in force what Adolf Hitler and Petain agreed to—namely, a mutual desire to come to an amicable arrangement.

Senator McNary on Way To Secret Desert Retreat

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—(AP)—United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, republican vice presidential candidate in last November's election, headed for an undisclosed desert retreat today to recuperate from an attack of pneumonia.

The senator was accompanied by his wife, daughter and a nurse. Upon changing from train to automobile at Hanning, he declined to reveal where in the desert he intends to stay, saying he was seeking quiet and rest.

Couple Celebrates Birth Of Nineteenth Child

LAKEPORT, Calif., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Barker are celebrating the birth of their nineteenth child, a 7½-pound boy named Charles Louis. There is one set of twins in the family. Two of the children are dead.

Sea Blockade By British To Be Attacked

Nazi "Invasion" Ports Raided By RAF; Five Localities in Ireland Bombed; Italians Still Hold Out at Bardia.

By the Associated Press

Adolf Hitler has sent out war planes and crews to bolster Italy's wobbly campaigns in the Mediterranean, the Rome radio disclosed today, reporting also that Italian fliers have been recalled from the aerial siege of Britain.

An official Italian announcement said German planes and pilots had been sent into Italy to help in the bitter air-sea fight now developing in the Mediterranean basin.

In some quarters, this was taken to indicate that an axis attempt would be made to break the British sea blockade of Italy.

Possibly seizing on the weakening of axis offensive forces across the channel, RAF bombers meanwhile carried out "very extensive" overnight raids, the British reported, slashing at the German port of Bremen, Nazi "invasion" ports, U-boat bases and other targets.

The British press association said the attack on Bremen was in partial retaliation for the Germans' devastating "fire raid" Sunday night on the city of London and that RAF incendiary bombs "piled the Germans back in their own coils."

Hitler's high command acknowledged three factories were hit "causing some damage," with five killed and "several" wounded.

Ireland Bombed

Neutral Eire (Southern Ireland) felt the impact of bombs as unidentified aircraft scattered explosives within a 60-mile radius of Dublin, the capital, for five hours early today. At least three persons were killed, two seriously wounded the raiders attacked five localities, including the vicinity of Curragh of Kildare, the headquarters of the Irish army.

Three houses were reported wrecked at Terenure, southwestern suburb of Dublin.

RAF fliers showered fire-bombs and high explosives on the big north German port of Bremen for three and a half hours, the London air ministry said, in an attack described as "highly successful" and leaving "very large fires." Flushing, Ostend and Brest were also attacked.

Pacific Raids Admitted

German acknowledgment that a Nazi warship had been preying on ships in the Pacific came in a Berlin communiqué, which said the sea raider had sunk 10 "enemy" merchantmen totalling 64,155 tons. The ships' crews, it said, were taken to safety on a South Sea isle.

Foreign observers in Rome predicted that combined Nazi-fascist forces would launch a vigorous

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Ex-British Ship Now Nazi Raider

HONGKONG, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Nazi raider responsible for most, if not all the sinkings of British ships in the Pacific was declared by travelers arriving here today to be the speedy, comparatively new former British-owned Gleanery, reported seized by the Germans at Copenhagen and converted into an auxiliary cruiser.

These informants said the raider is commanded by a "Captain Count von Luckner."

(The German "Who's Who" does not list a Count von Luckner. The name recalls the exploits of Count Felix von Luckner, world war commander of the Seeadler, one of the German sea raiders which preyed on allied shipping in the Atlantic and South Pacific.)

(The British charged last June that von Luckner carried out a spy mission when he visited Australia in 1933 during a round-the-world cruise. Von Luckner, now 55, has made frequent lecture tours of the United States.)

The 7,100-ton Gleanery formerly was operated in the Pacific by the island. She was launched at Copenhagen in 1939 and is reported to have a speed of 23 knots.

A group of 496 passengers taken from seven ships sunk by a Nazi raider in the Pacific reached Australia yesterday and reported that crews and passengers of three other sunken craft still were being held prisoner aboard the raider.

The survivors, who were landed by the raider on lonely Ennaburri Island in the South Pacific, said that the ship was operating under the name of Manyo Maru and that she was provisioned by a storehouse under the name of Tokyo Maru.