

Italo-Greek War Outcome Rests On Present Battle

BITOLJA, Yugoslavia, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The struggle by Italian troops to hold their lines around the southwest Albanian port of Valona and Elbasani, about 60 miles northeast, probably holds the key to the fate of the entire Albanian campaign, neutral observers asserted today.

In these quarters, the outcome of the battle now going on in the snow-mantled mountain peaks of southern Albania is considered so far a toss-up.

While the Greeks still are keeping the initiative, the Italians—faced by arctic weather conditions—are reported here as putting up their best resistance since the Greek counter advance began.

The fascist stand around Tepeleni, 30 miles southeast of Valona, and Kilsura, about 12 miles east of Tepeleni, especially has given grounds for the belief of some here that the Italians may succeed in staving off the disaster which threatened a few weeks ago.

If the present fighting goes against the Italians and Greek troops occupy Valona and Elbasani, military experts said they expected the Italians to make a last stand in central Albania on a shortened line between Tirana, the Albanian capital, and Durazzo, strategic port west of Tirana.

The Italian command was said to be confident its forces would be able to hold that line and thus would not be obliged to face an Albanian Dunkerque at San Giovanni Di Medua, the northern port.

The battle for Valona, it was believed here, will decide whether the Italians ever again can aspire to resume the offensive.

So long as the fascists are able to hold the Valona-Elbasani line, it was considered strategically possible for them to reorganize for a fresh attack in the spring.

Knudsen Expected To Be Big Boss Of Defense Program

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—William S. Knudsen, the former automobile magnate, may be made "the big boss" of the national defense program today with powers second only to President Roosevelt.

Officials looked for a quick decision by Mr. Roosevelt on the executive order he has been drafting to set up the recently announced super-defense agency.

Nominally, the new organization will be a four-man council which is to act by unanimous decision. It will include Knudsen, Navy Secretary Knox, War Secretary Stimson, and Sidney Hillman, labor member of the defense commission.

Knudsen is the production member of the old commission. However, authoritative sources said this group would be only advisory and the president would confer all the actual powers of managing defense industries upon Knudsen, as administrator of the council. Hillman would be one of these powers as Knudsen's deputy. Both would remain members also of the existing defense commission, which is an advisory agency.

While the president's order may not mention it specifically, Knudsen was expected to have authority to order factories to work any hours he deemed necessary, including week-ends, and use other compulsion to speed up the production of airplanes, guns, tanks, ships and other war materials both for the United States and Great Britain.

The "Pram Squad" Goes Into Action



A new auxiliary to Britain's armed forces temporarily steals the spotlight from its elders. It's the "Pram Squad" and their job is helping clear up the smaller splinters for firewood after a bombing raid on London. Judging by their expressions, it doesn't seem much like hard work to them.

Germans Prepare a "Churchill Special"



This monstrous aerial bomb is, according to the German-censored caption, one of the type used in raids on Britain. It's marked "For W. C."—meaning it's a "special" for delivery to Prime Minister Winston Churchill personally.

Editor White Will Resign "Aid" Post

EMPORIA, Kas., Jan. 2.—(AP)—William Allen White said today he has decided to resign as chairman of the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies but would retain the post until his successor is chosen.

White, 72-year-old publisher of the Emporia Gazette, said in a statement the "chairman job is too much for a man who has to earn a living running a country newspaper."

He suggested the position has attained such importance as to warrant making it "some young man's full time job."

"The menace of appeasement is heavily financial and only our committee is organized to meet this threat," White's statement asserted.

"The need to keep public sentiment alive to the terrible danger of a let-down in our armament program will require even more service from our committee than so far it has been organized to give."

Recently a new organization, the no foreign war committee, was formed, headed by Verne Marshall who challenged White to join him in public debate "on the question of aid to Britain and of our possible involvement in this war."

Asked for comment on the challenge, White said, "nothing new or ever."

Soldier Sleeping In Car Found Dead

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Curled up among Christmas presents from his critically ill father, Private Rex Mason, 18, was found dead in the rear seat of an automobile taking him back to March field, Calif., today.

The driver of the car, Private Hollis Brownson, 24, of the 234th Quartermaster corps, March field, said Mason went to sleep at 8 p. m., yesterday and was heard snoring at 4 o'clock this morning. He was dead, however, when Brownson stopped here for gasoline.

Coroner's Deputy Will Dodge, who planned an autopsy tonight, said it was possible that Mason died of pneumonia.

The men were returning from a Christmas vacation at Anacortes, Wash. Brownson said Mason's father was seriously ill at a Seattle hospital. His mother lives at Friday Harbor, Wash.

Mason was attached to air corps communications at March field.

Auto Crash Into Pole Costs Woman One Eye

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—An automobile skidded into a pole yesterday and a passenger, Mrs. Pearl Carley, 33, Portland, suffered injuries that cost her the sight in her right eye.

The U. S. board of tea experts consists of seven men, who, by tasting hundreds of samples, dictate the quality of the 20,000,000, 000 cups of tea drunk annually in this country.

Stock and Bond Averages

Compiled by The Associated Press, Jan. 2:

	20	10	10	10
RR's Ind's U's Pgn.				
Thursday	62.2	16.1	34.8	43.7
Prev. day	61.4	15.3	100.1	38.2
Month ago	59.6	10.6	100.1	37.7
Year ago	59.8	10.2	96.4	50.7
1940-41 high	61.4	10.9	100.7	53.7
1940-41 low	48.3	9.9	90.3	35.1

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Unliked Folks Are Guests of Pastor

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—(AP)—An ex-convict with a grudge, several women with "little jealousies," and neighbors with "differences" flocked last night to the unique New Year's dinner to which the Rev. Vern D. Poole invited guests to "bring the person you least like."

"I feel the dinner was a complete success from a moral and social standpoint," the pastor of the Eastside chapel said. "Some of the guests came to me and discussed the basis of their petty enmities. In my talk to them following the dinner, I stressed that the new year was an opportune time to start over, to resolve that people should right themselves with their fellow-men."

"Not all the guests brought the person they liked least," the Rev. Poole said. "There were 73 persons, including some transients. Those that had troubles came and whispered them to me and in some cases where there was a dispute between people, I think I set them right."

Army Will Ask More Money for Defense Needs

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ized since the beginning of 1940. In addition more than \$5,000,000, 000 of production for the British is pending or in prospect; part of it for British cash, part under President Roosevelt's lease-lend plan.

Congress also must make regular appropriations for army and navy salaries and the other routine expenses of the next fiscal year.

Furthermore, there has been speculation that the navy might ask authority to expand its current destroyer construction program.

County Awards Gasoline Contract to Shell Co.

The contract for the county's 1941 gasoline supply was awarded by the county court today to the Shell Oil company. The bid, in the sum of 13.23 cents per gallon for standard grade, with corresponding prices for other grades, was identical with that of the Associated Oil company, which held the contract for 1940. Six other major companies submitting proposals made uniform bids of 13.57 cents per gallon. The county uses approximately \$14,000 worth of gasoline for its cars, trucks and road machinery each year.

Hitler Sends Warplanes To Help Italian Ally

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air offensive in the Mediterranean in the next few weeks, presumably to offset land reverses suffered by the Italians both in Albania and in Greece, said.

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ONIONS: Yakimas \$1.00 per 50 lb. bag. Idaho large Spanish \$1.00 25 lb sack.

Others unchanged.

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CATTLE: Calves opened active, fully steady; later sales slow, steady to weak; few rather plain steers unsold; medium-good fed steers quotable \$9.50-10.50; common-medium beef heifers \$8.50-9.50; good fed heifers quotable to \$9.25; light dairy heifers down to \$5.25; common common cows \$4.00-5.50; fat dairy cows to \$6.00; heavy Holsteins to \$6.50; good heavy beef cows to \$6.75; young cows quotable to \$7.50; medium - good bulls \$6.75-7.25; common grades down to \$6.00; good-choice vealers mostly \$10.50; selects \$11.00-50; cull and common grades \$5.50-8.00.

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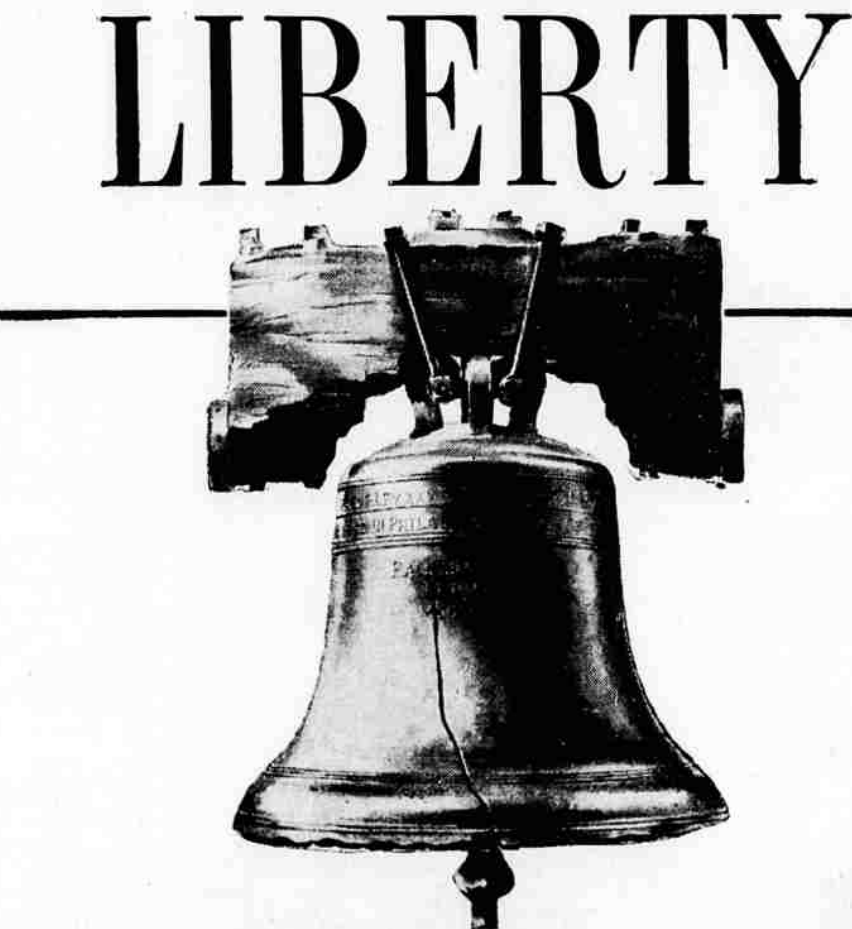
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