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GERMAN BLITZ SWEEPS TOWARD ATHENS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
AS to the situation in Greece, which today (Wednesday) dominates ALL the news, keep this in mind:
It isn't as bad as the German dispatches picture it.

HITLER, having won the battle of the Balkans (all but the mopping up) is seeking to terrify the Turks. He hopes to open them to the point where they will abandon the British and come over to him. That would open to him the land route to Suez.
So he is boasting mightily of another Dunkerque. By every possible trick of propaganda he is trying to shatter Turkish (and Russian) belief in British prestige.

GREECE is, of course, another Dunkerque. But a relatively SMALL one.

When the British (for reasons not yet clear) were deliberately provoking Hitler into beginning the battle of the Balkans, they talked largely of a force of 100,000 to 300,000 in Greece. Recent dispatches indicate they had not more than 75,000 men there—probably less than that.

Loss of an army of that size won't fatally weaken Britain. If any considerable part of the LARGER OBJECTIVE she must have had in mind has been realized, the loss can be written off as an investment.

WHAT was this larger objective (if any)?

This writer, who has NO inside sources of information, doesn't know. But one can't be shot for guessing.

Six weeks ago, when the adventure in Greece was first conceived, Britain was almost HOURLY expecting invasion. She must have wanted very much to POSTPONE the invasion attempt in order to give more time for American help.

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Spring Concert Set for May 8 By Men's Glee Club

A widely varied program has been prepared for the annual spring concert by the Roseburg Men's Glee Club, Ralph M. Church, director, announced today. The concert is to be presented at the First Christian church Thursday, May 8, and will be one of the highlights in the local celebration of music week.

The Roseburg Men's Glee club, organized for the past 10 years, has appeared in many local concerts and in programs throughout all of Douglas county, singing frequently at civic affairs. The spring concert is the one program offered by the club at which admission is charged and is the only means of raising funds for its activities, aside from the dues paid by the members.

By using the church auditorium for its concert, the club will have the use of both the piano and pipe organ as accompanying instruments. Mrs. Homer Grow, accompanist is an accomplished and experienced musician at both the organ and piano.

The program will include quartets, octets and organ solos in addition to the group numbers. The regular weekly rehearsal was held in the church last night in preparation for the coming concert.

All club members have tickets which are going on sale immediately. Tickets also may be obtained at Goetts's Variety store or the News-Review office.

U. S. Navy Patrol Ample For West Hemisphere's Defense Guaranteed by Roosevelt

Esco g Of Con: Not Planned Now

Speeches of Hull, Knox, Wickard Presage Decision To Spur Help to Britain

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt declared today that American neutrality patrol vessels would operate as far into the waters of the seven seas as may be necessary for the defense of the American hemisphere.

He said, however, that the administration was not thinking of escorting convoys at this time. Also, the chief executive said there was a possibility that Greenland was partly occupied by axis forces. He said that he did not know about this, but agreed this statement was surprising.

He replied in the negative to a question whether occupation might be by fifth columnists.

Mr. Roosevelt declined to be drawn into specific comments designed to amplify his views on the convoy situation.

But he said that for a year and a half vessels of the neutrality patrol had been operating as far as a thousand miles into the Atlantic from the eastern shore of Maryland.

Sea Policy Explained
The president said a patrol would not necessarily be confined to the Atlantic. He was asked exactly what was the difference between a convoy and a patrol. In the first instance, he said, it is the escorting of merchant ships in a group to prevent an act of aggression against those merchant vessels.

A patrol, he explained, is a reconnaissance of certain areas of the ocean to find out whether there is any possible aggressor ship in the area, or in the whole of the ocean, that might be coming into the western hemisphere. As a matter of common sense, Mr. Roosevelt said, back in 1939 the area of patrol in the Atlantic was closer in because there seemed to be little danger of attack.

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School Funds Diversion Opposed by State P.-T. A.

EUGENE, April 25.—(AP)—The Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers, in convention yesterday, passed a resolution opposing diverting public school funds to any other uses. The resolution did not specifically mention the new Oregon law to provide free textbooks to private schools. The congress also approved continued help to physically handicapped children, vocational education and state equalization of school funds.

Mrs. J. H. Turnbull of Salem headed the resolutions committee. Mrs. F. W. Blum of Portland was installed as president.

Truck-Auto Collision Kills Ex-U. of O. Student

ALBANY, Ore., April 25.—(AP)—Robert W. Seward, 23, of Portland, died instantly last night in the collision of an automobile and a refrigerator truck near Shedd, Coroner Fisher reported. Seward's car was demolished and the truck, which plunged into a flooded ditch, was seriously damaged. The truck driver, F. H. Burlison and his companion, Harvey Eilers, both Yakima, escaped injury.

Seward, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Seward of Eugene, was a former University of Oregon student and had been employed by a Portland mortgage and bond office.

Col. Lindbergh Put in "Copperhead" Class by Roosevelt, Who Points to Quitters in Wars of Other Periods

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—President Roosevelt placed Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today in the category of civil war "copperheads."

The president was asked at a press conference why the army had not taken up Lindbergh's commission. The famous aviator, who frequently has criticized the administration's foreign policy, is a reserve colonel.

The president remarked that in the civil war, both the confederates and the northerners took on liberty-loving people from other countries and both let certain people go.

The latter, he said, were the Vallandingham. (Clement L. Vallandingham was a representative from Ohio who was arrested by the union military authorities in 1863 for "treasonable utterances" and was banished to the confederate states.)

(He was known as a leader of the "copperheads.")

Appeasers Criticized.
When reporters did not react to the name, Mr. Roosevelt said that Vallandingham was an appeaser

Secretary Perkins' Ouster Demanded

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Senator Byrd (D., Va.) demanded today that Frances Perkins be replaced as secretary of labor by "a two-fisted man who will have the intestinal fortitude to say to both labor and capital that strikes in preparedness industries can not be tolerated."

In a senate speech, Byrd said that Miss Perkins, the only woman cabinet member, "has made of herself one of the most serious bottlenecks in the entire defense program."

Byrd said that the cabinet officer has demonstrated "ineptness, weakness and inability to meet her responsibility in the settlement of strikes."

He said he had heard that Miss Perkins' resignation now is on the president's desk, and added:

"If it is, the president should accept it. If it isn't he should request her resignation."

Byrd said that if the coal mine shutdowns continue a "complete stoppage" of some industries was only a few days off.

The senator charged that Miss Perkins' "fumbling and lack of courage" in the coal strike had "contributed" to the situation.

"It is reported," he said, "that Mrs. Perkins' failure to certify the coal strike to the national mediation board was because she did not desire to offend John L. Lewis. Is Mr. Lewis the secretary of labor?"

Bill Gives F. R. Power to Ration War Supplies

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Representative Vinson (D., Ga.) introduced legislation by administration request today to give the president vastly broadened powers to establish priorities and to ration supplies for defense or British aid.

Vinson said he introduced the bill at the direct request of William S. Knudsen, defense production chief, and his associate, Sidney Hillman.

In addition to the president's existing power to establish priorities for deliveries to be made under army or naval contracts, the bill would give him the right to establish them for deliveries under contracts or subcontracts for the government of any nation whose defense the president deems vital to the defense of the United States.

who wanted to make peace in 1863 because he felt the northerners could not win.

Still replying to the question about Lindbergh, Mr. Roosevelt said there also were an awful lot of appeasers at Valley Forge who urged George Washington to quit because he could not win against the British. He advised reporters to read what Thomas Paine had written on the advisability of quitting.

Mr. Roosevelt was sharply critical of these Americans who, he said, have taken the attitude that the dictators will surely be victorious.

This, he said, is not good Americanism. And it is a dumb attitude, he added.

Mr. Roosevelt declared he was "agin" dictators—that everybody was—and that America was willing to fight for democratic processes. He said he, for one, could not lie down before dictators.

His remarks were prompted by a question whether he would amplify his remarks at a press conference Tuesday that the American people are not aware of the gravity of the situation.

Draftee Returned To Douglas Jail

Walter R. Browning, 23, of Myrtle Creek, who was released from custody here April 2 in order that he might enter military service, was back in jail today after being released at Fort Lewis to Douglas county authorities.

Browning was arrested April 1 charged with issuing worthless checks, but Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly postponed action on the charge and issued an order releasing Browning who had been drawn by the selective service board for military training.

Sheriff Cliff Thornton reported that Browning allegedly had since written several worthless checks and that new complaints had been filed. The situation was reported to army officials, who released him from service to answer to the new civil charges.

Three Children Burn to Death in Auto Camp House

ONTARIO, Calif., April 25.—(AP)—Three children were burned to death Tuesday night in a fire that destroyed a four-room house at an automobile and trailer camp on the outskirts of Ontario.

The victims were sons of Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Goble of Ontario, Don, 3; Chester, 2, and Robert, 1.

The father was working at an Ontario market and the mother in Los Angeles was attending a radio broadcast at the time of the fire. Fire Chief J. H. Gordon said the children had been left in care of Wanda Starr, 14, who was cooking dinner for her grandfather in his trailer when the fire broke out.

Car Runs Wild, Crashes Into N. Roseburg House

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rapp at East Second avenue and East Second streets, North Roseburg, was considerably damaged late Thursday when an automobile parked on a nearby incline broke loose and smashed into the side of the building.

The car, driven by Mrs. Claude Baker, had been parked on the grade, and after it had been left standing a short time the brake became released in some manner and the machine rolled across a vacant lot and struck the side of the residence, moving a sidewalk about six inches. The car also was badly damaged.

County Judge Bowker Gets Call to Army

Reservist to Report for Duty May 1; Governor to Name Pro Tem Successor

Morris Bowker, county judge of Douglas county, today is applying to Governor Charles A. Sprague for a leave of absence, following receipt of a call to active army service. Judge Bowker, who holds a commission as a major in the infantry reserve, has been ordered to report May 1 to Fort Lewis, Wash., under assignment to headquarters of the 9th army corps.

A graduate of Oregon State college, he has held a reserve commission in the U. S. army for the past 19 years. He also spent five years in the Oregon national guard serving as commanding officer of Co. D, 162nd Infantry, the Roseburg national guard unit, for a period of three years.

He was employed by Douglas county as clerk of the county court from 1924 to 1938, taking over the office of county judge in 1938, following his election to that office. His term of office is for four years.

Successor Up to Sprague
It is expected that Governor Sprague will make an appointment of a temporary county judge to serve during Judge Bowker's period of army service, or until the expiration of the term.

As Judge Bowker expects to be (Continued on page 6)

No Cancer Cure Progress Made, Authority Declares

PORTLAND, April 25.—(AP)—No progress has been made in the cure of cancer in the last 2500 years, Dr. George S. Foster, Manchester, N. H., world cancer authority, said in an interview today during a visit here.

"There are more cancer cases discovered because of better diagnostic means; but after they are found there is no better cure than there was," he said. He predicted discarding of cancer treatments by radium and X-ray within the next 10 years.

I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



FRED BOWEN, right, in the picture above, and A. D. Hulbert as they marked off foundations for a new paint shop. John Runyan, contractor, is erecting the building for Ben Fitzsimmons, local painter, on a lot adjoining the latter's home at the corner of Fullerton and Miller streets.

Mr. Bowen, who lives at 1313 Winchester, and Mr. Hulbert, of 936 Cobb street, have been carpentering in Roseburg for many years. I'll have to stick around as this building progresses, as I love to watch carpenters work. I love to watch anyone work. I reckon it's because watching requires so little work.

If you want your money's worth in real thrills, drive through the narrow streets of Laurewood at an hour when the high school there is either about to "take up" or "let out." Traffic resulting therefrom will accommodate your desire.

Pedestrian traffic is about what you'd expect, when several hun-

Govt. Board Tackles Soft Coal Strike

Wage Differential Issue Faced; Naval Housing Strike Partly Settled

By the Associated Press
The soft coal wage dispute which has set back production an estimated 30,000,000 tons since April 1 came up today before a mediation panel intent on quick reopening of the mines.

Some coal men predicted that the three-man panel would bring the reopening issue to the fore at once by making a direct request to the miners and operators to resume digging and remove the threat of a serious fuel shortage from national defense industries.

The coal mediators, members of the national defense mediation board, were William H. Davis, representing the public; Walter Teagle, a Standard Oil executive, representing employees, and Clinton Golden, a CIO official, representing labor.

400,000 Men Affected
The disagreement involves 400,000 miners and 7,000 coal producers in eight Appalachian states and in outlying mining areas where wage contracts are based on the general Appalachian agreement. Following unsuccessful attempts to negotiate an agreement, the case was certified to the board by Secretary Perkins early yesterday.

The CIO United Mine Workers, headed by John L. Lewis, demanded a general wage increase to \$7 a day, compared with \$6 a day in the north and \$5.60 in the south, scales which prevailed under the two-year contract which expired March 31. Northern operators finally agreed to accede to the union's terms. Southern producers, however, withdrew from the contract negotiations declaring they could not continue in business if the wage differential were eliminated.

While the board got down to business on the coal controversy, CIO officials declared a strike at the big Glenn L. Martin airplane factory at Baltimore, and another CIO group completed

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Roseburg Flier Commissioned



Clifford D. Collins, above, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Collins of this city, today received his commission as a second lieutenant in the air corps reserve. He completed his advanced flying course in the school at Stockton, California. Collins is a graduate of Roseburg high school, where he was an outstanding athlete in football, basketball and other sports. He was graduated from University of Oregon before engaging in army flight training.

Dissension Hits Plans to Increase Defense Taxes

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Members of congress appeared to be in general agreement with treasury officials today on the need for raising \$3,500,000,000 in new taxes, but dissension cropped up over specific methods of obtaining the vast sum.

The questioning of Secretary Morgenthau by both republican and democratic members of the house ways and means committee yesterday ended with no indication of any reduction of the revenue goal. Several congressmen, however, took spirited exception to projected details of the program.

Rep. Crowther (R-N. Y.) protested that a treasury suggestion for applying surtaxes to every dollar of taxable income was "burning down the barn to kill the rats." Such a drastic levy, he objected, might affect the purchasing power.

Another committee member, Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), declared in a statement that there was "a lack of imagination" in the treasury program for raising the money through higher and more extensive individual income taxes, boosted corporation levies, new and increased excise taxes, and stiffer charges against estates.

"The government is following the old formula of merely increasing existing taxes which in some instances are already too high," he said.

Cigarette Boost Protested
Rep. Cooley (D-N. C.), whose district lies in the tobacco belt, protested that a proposed higher tax on cigarettes was "unjustified."

Cooley—not a member of the committee—expressed apprehension that stiffening of the rate might reduce cigarette consumption and thereby both hurt the grower and diminish tax collections.

The present cigarette rate of 63 cents per package of 20 brings in about \$500,000,000 a year. The treasury suggested an 8-cent tax.

Other representatives took exception to a broad system of new excise levies, said to have been proposed by the staff of the joint congressional committee on taxation.

German-Born Writer Aids Defense Fund Drive

WASHINGTON, April 25.—(AP)—Emil Ludwig, noted German-born writer, went to work at the treasury today to help boost the defense savings campaign. Ludwig, who volunteered his services without pay, will speak and write particularly to German-Americans.

AT WAR'S EDGE

The U. S. is daily getting closer to the 2nd world war. Can she continue much longer without involvement? Make your own forecasts, then follow war developments in NEWS-REVIEW series.

Thermopylae Pass Won At Heavy Cost

Nazis Forced to Use Big Artillery When Allies Repulse Infantry Units

By the Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's high command reported today that Nazi invasion armies have "thrown the enemy out" of Thermopylae pass, scene of a desperate British rearguard action, and informed quarters in Berlin said German Panzer columns were now plunging south toward Athens, less than 10 miles away.

Earlier dispatches from the Hellenic capital itself declared that waves of Nazi infantry storming the pass had been driven off and that the Germans had brought up heavy 6-inch guns to shell the allied defenders.

Ambulance drivers arriving at Athens from the battlefield said the Germans had suffered terrible losses in attempts to take the pass by infantry assaults. British casualties were described as "extremely light."

Observers in Athens regarded the news that the Nazis, after trying infantry assault, had brought big guns up through the mountains as an indication of the fierce resistance they were meeting.

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In London, no attempt was made to conceal that withdrawal of the British expeditionary force was "in the cards"; but British radio declared last night that so far "not one British soldier has re-embarked from Greece."

Transports Blasted

The German high command pictured chaotic destruction among ships waiting in Greek "escape" ports to remove surviving B. E. F. troops. Stuka dive bombers were reported to have sent six vessels to the bottom and damaged 14 others in the past 24 hours.

"These were so severely damaged they would hardly be usable for embarkation of the British expeditionary corps," the German radio declared.

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Biggest Shipyards Of Nazis Blasted By British Planes

LONDON, April 25.—(AP)—"Very substantial loads of bombs were dropped on the big German shipyards of Kiel and Wilhelmshaven by the RAF last night after the planes penetrated heavy curtains of anti-aircraft fire, the air ministry news service said today.

The two places are Germany's largest centers of shipbuilding, cradles of many a German submarine and surface warship. As so attacked were targets along the German-held coast from Norway, Holland, Belgium to France, the air ministry said. The Kiel raid was directed principally against the Germanian Deutsche Werke yards, according to the news service.

Toward the end of the attack large fires were seen burning brightly that the bombing crew could make out the extensive areas devastated in previous blows at the shipbuilding center, it was said.

In raids along the Norwegian coast, it was added, a tanker of at least 1,500 tons was attacked and set afire and "almost certainly destroyed."

The government reported air activity over Britain during the night had been on a small scale and said "bombs were dropped at points in the south, east and northeast England but nowhere was much damage done and the number of casualties reported is very small."

One German bomber was officially reported shot down near the English south coast this morning.