

American Navy Ready for Convoy Duty, Knox States

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address in advance with Mr. Roosevelt.

German Spread Cited

Stimson was the fifth cabinet officer to speak out strongly in recent weeks for more dynamic action to guarantee the success of the aid-to-Britain program, but he was the first to advocate a specific course—use of the navy.

In advocating this prompt naval assistance, Stimson told the nation in his radio address last night that Germany had extended her zone of unrestricted sea warfare into the western hemisphere.

He also assailed the character of German submarine warfare in the north Atlantic, calling it "illegal" and a "violation of law and humanity."

The U-boat tactics, he said, were identical with those of 1917, when they "caused the president and congress to take up arms in defense of the freedom of the seas."

The charge that Germany had extended the unrestricted zone to hemisphere waters and "forbidden use to enter" was the first such assertion to come from a high administration official. It was thought that Stimson referred to the fact that the Nazi danger zone now extends to within a few miles of the coast of Greenland, where U. S. defense bases are being established.

Nazi Given Warning

Stimson's mention of the doctrine of freedom of the seas coupled with the parallel he drew between U-boat warfare in 1917 and 1941 was interpreted in some quarters as veiled notice from the administration to Germany that there were limits to what the United States would tolerate.

In this connection, it was said, the war secretary's emphasis on freedom of the seas might pre-empt a formal administration re-assertion of the historic American policy on that point—a insistence, as in 1917, that Germany respect this country's right to such freedom on the high seas.

Stimson Evokes Fresh Nazi 'Torpedo' Warning

BERLIN, May 7.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson's suggestion that the United States fleet be employed to protect shipments of material to England prompted in Berlin today the comment: "The consequence of such policy would be clear."

Authorized spokesmen referred again to the oft-stated German warning that any ship sailing through the blockade to England "which comes within the range of our torpedo tubes will be sunk."

But the spokesmen appeared more interested in a statement attributed to Stimson that the German blockade of England is contrary to international law.

"How come?" was the gist of the German comment. "It is impossible to support the thesis that it's all right for England to blockade Germany and even non-warring European neutrals but that it's all wrong for Germany to try to do the same thing to England."

(At one point in his radio address last night, Stimson said: "The unrestricted submarine warfare which Germany is carrying on in the north Atlantic, sinking without warning and without the possibility of saving the lives of their crews, is not a legal blockade under the rules of marine warfare. It has never been recognized as such by the United States.")

The Germans, however, showed little disposition to excitement, one spokesman calling Stimson "a man of much temperament, but hardly recognized as an authority on international law."

It also was asserted that his utterance was not regarded as a statement of official United States policy.

U. S. Intervention in War Foreseen by Italian

ROME, May 7.—(AP)—Vigilio Gayda, the eminent fascist editor, said today that Secretary

Axis Breaks Even With Napoleon in European Conquests



With the fall of Yugoslavia and doom of Greece evidently sealed, the Hitler-Mussolini conquest combination has passed the million-square-mile mark to reach a point equal to that of Napoleon, though Axis holdings in Africa push the current mark even higher. Map shows extent of the occupations in three periods of European conquests.

Stimson's advocacy of United States naval protection for shipments to Britain could be considered a preliminary announcement of open American intervention in the war.

The editor of Il Giornale D'Italia, he also interpreted Stimson's statements on United States-British control of the Atlantic as "evidently meaning a true and real political-military alliance to become effective in the more or less near future."

TOKYO, May 7.—(AP)—A drop in iron, steel, munitions and shipping indices on the Tokyo stock exchange today was attributed to United States War Secretary Henry L. Stimson's call for protection of shipments to Britain by American warships. Cotton, wheat and rubber were not affected.

Public Lands Board of Oregon Assn. Will Meet

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for distribution to counties on national forests, wildlife refuges, resettlement areas, Indian reservations, Indian trust lands, and lands sold on contract or leased to private individuals but upon which taxes are not paid.

Mr. Cordon will report to the committee at its special meeting in Portland Monday, and plans to return to Washington the last of the month where a presentation is to be made before the attorney general on indemnity lands. These lands, he reports, consist of 450,000 acres in Oregon and represent a revenue value to the counties of \$150,000 annually. They are areas originally a part of the Oregon and California railroad grant, but never officially transferred to the O. and C. company. The question to be determined is whether they are to be administered as a part of the O. and C. grant or considered a part of the national forests within whose boundaries they are located, Mr. Cordon states.

The McNary bill now before the senate will be a great step toward a definite policy by the federal government on payments in lieu of taxes on public lands, Mr. Cordon says.

As many as 35 bills have re-

cently been introduced into congress providing some sort of payment, but many of these were for purely local relief and provided no general policy.

One Policy For All Sought

The joint committee on forestry, following two years of hearings, recently submitted a report to congress, and specifically recommended a general policy for cash contributions to counties containing federally owned forest lands.

While payments are now being made, based on revenue derived from use of the lands, the sums paid are not equal in all localities; the amounts are dependent upon the personal judgment of those in charge of administration; use of the funds is restricted to special local uses; the amounts cannot be anticipated and set up in budgets, and, therefore, cannot be used to reduce other taxes, Mr. Cordon points out.

The national association of county officers, in its annual convention in 1940, adopted a resolution favoring a complete change to a form of payment based on a percentage of the fair value of lands withdrawn from taxation. Mr. Cordon reports. This plan was reaffirmed in a meeting of representatives of nine western states in San Francisco, during 1940, and again in 1941 at a meeting in Salt Lake City.

McNary Bill Explained

The McNary bill establishes the rate at 2 per cent which is only slightly less than the average local tax levies. It was agreed, Mr. Cordon said, that the rate paid by the federal government should be lower than the local tax levy, as all costs of administration is borne by the federal government. A limitation is made that no county shall receive more than 40 per cent of total tax expenditures of the previous year, which would prevent the attorney states, any attempt to juggle local taxes in order to make the federal government pay the major shares of local costs.

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Mr. Cordon states, "will affect approximately 365 million acres of land in 35 states and 350 counties. As compared with tax levies for the nation as a whole, the amount involved is only a fraction of one percent, but in local areas the payments would be of the greatest importance as some counties are 95 per cent publicly owned."

Body in River Believed That of O.S.C. Student

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 7.—(AP)—The body of a youth recovered from the Columbia river bore the driver's license and social security card of Robert Rugh, Eugene, Coroner R. E. Du Fresnois said today.

Du Fresnois said he had been unable to reach Loyal R. Rugh, Eugene, the boy's father, for positive identification. Young Rugh attended Oregon State college.

Du Fresnois said \$10 and a watch were found in the pockets and that there was no indication of foul play. He estimated the body had been in the water more than a month. Portland police records showed Rugh had been reported missing for 30 days.

LOCAL NEWS

Music Teachers to Meet — The Douglas County Music Teachers association will meet Friday at one o'clock at the studio of the president, Miss Gladys H. Strong.

Oregon Tourist Crop Big In Value, School Here Told

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there is no production cost and nothing lost.

"When a tree is removed it cannot be replaced for many generations. But we can sell Mount Hood to any number of tourists and still have the mountain."

Tourist Influx Increasing

Tourists who visited Oregon last year remained for an average of slightly more than eight days, Mr. Titus said. If each of these tourists had been kept in the state for one more day, the total income would have been increased three million dollars.

He explained the work of the state travel and information bureau, stating that it is the work of this department to get the tourists to Oregon. Tourist travel increased more than 50 per cent the year following the formation of the bureau and has continued to increase substantially each year, he reported. He outlined the bureau's advertising plans, and stressed the fact that after the tourist has been brought to Oregon it is the job of the various communities to interest him in staying as long as possible.

Pointing out that the revenue derived by California from tourist travel amounts to hundreds of millions of dollars, Mr. Titus declared:

"Oregon has more to offer the tourist than any other state in the United States. We have more than 400 miles of Pacific beaches. These are free and uncrowded. We have more than 700 lakes in the Cascade mountains. We have six million acres of virgin forest lands in our national forests, where thousands of improved camps are available for the free use of the tourists."

Scenic Movies Shown

Following his brief talk he presented reels of motion pictures of scenic spots in Oregon. This film, in technicolor, and with music and voice accompaniment, was only recently completed and is being shown to Oregon audiences this week for the first time. It will be used throughout various states during the coming months, he reported.

The class was conducted by Scott Williams, who explained the purposes of the school, which is sponsored by the chamber of commerce through the state department of vocational education, to provide information and data on Oregon and individual

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS				
Compiled by Associated Press				
May 7:				
	30	15	15	60
	Ind's RR's Ut's St's			
Wednesday	55.9	17.5	30.5	39.9
* New low.				
Prev. day	56.0	17.6	30.8	40.0
Month ago	56.8	16.3	33.0	40.5
Year ago	71.2	18.6	38.9	49.8
1941 high	63.9	17.7	35.5	45.0
1941 low	54.8	15.4	30.8	39.1

BONDS				
RR's Ind's Ut's Fgn.				
Wednesday	66.2	104.5	101.3	43.5
Prev. day	66.5	104.5	101.4	43.3
Month ago	63.4	104.2	100.9	44.7
Year ago	58.4	103.5	97.0	45.8
1941 high	66.5	105.3	101.5	45.9
1941 low	60.2	104.2	99.0	38.0

communities so that tourists may be better contacted and provided with information which they may desire in connection with their travels in the state.

The school will be continued for a period of six weeks, with a different topic discussed by experts at each of the weekly sessions. At the close of the school, diplomas will be awarded those who have attended each meeting.

F. L. Crittenden spoke briefly of the importance of a thorough knowledge of the community in meeting tourists and interesting them to remain in the area.

George Smith gave the audience a few interesting tips on how to greet and contact tourists. Harry Pinniger, secretary of the chamber of commerce, outlined the future program and spoke of the necessity of community pride and interest to achieve the purpose of community development.

Furious Air Battles Staged Over Channel

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attacked Liverpool for the sixth straight night, and bombed northern Ireland for the third night in a row.

A British communique acknowledged that the raid on Glasgow was "on a fairly heavy scale," inflicting "considerable damage and a number of casualties."

The Germans said they also bombed Dumbarton and Newcastle harbors, Plymouth and Ipswich.

Nazi daylight raiders continued to stab at the Dover "invasion" corridor throughout the forenoon.

Iraqis Repulsed by British

In the near east, British general headquarters reported that British troops "ejected" Iraq soldiers from positions overlooking the British airbase at Habbaniyah, 60 miles west of Baghdad, which has been under siege since last Friday.

Dispatches from Iraq said the fighting still had not taken on the character of a real war, and the Iraq radio was described as using a calmer tone in the past 24 hours.

The British command announced that imperial troops had regained control of the vital Mosul-Haifa oil pipeline, which flows from Iraq to supply Britain's Mediterranean fleet.

A royal air force communique said that Iraqis, who had captured a post along the Mosul oil line, cutting the flow of fuel to British-mandated Palestine soon after fighting started last Friday, had surrendered to British ground forces.

Though the communique did

not identify the post by name, it apparently referred to Rutba, a wastelands station the British acknowledged Monday was in Iraq hands.

The situation at the big Habbaniyah airport, 60 miles west of Baghdad, was described officially as much easier following the withdrawal of part of the Iraqis from highland positions to the south.

No Aid From Germany

In Cairo military quarters the premier of Iraq, Rashid Ali Al Gailani, and his following were said to have been placed in a vulnerable position by British attacks and failure to rally his whole nation to the "sacred struggle," he proclaimed.

These sources declared that if Rashid Ali had been expecting German aid he had been disappointed so far for, they asserted, no German planes or troops had yet appeared in Iraq and it was difficult to see how they could arrive in time for effective assistance.

In the Libyan fighting around beleaguered Tobruk, the British claimed a successful attack on axis posts, but said operations again were hampered by a severe sandstorm.

Stalin Takes Premier Title

Announcement came from Moscow that Joseph Stalin had at last cast off his cloak of official anonymity to become premier of soviet Russia.

An official statement said he had taken over the post from Molotov at the latter's request. Molotov retained the portfolio of foreign minister.

Political observers were uncertain of the significance of this move, but expressed doubt that it signalled any important change in Russia's foreign policy or a modification of her relations with Germany.

Stalin had been content until

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