

Strife in Near East Unlikely

Transfer of Anzacs Seen as Evidence Britain Still Rules Seas

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Despite stress laid in London and Paris on allied troop concentrations in the near east, it appears doubtful that the European war will spread into that theatre at any early date.

Francis-British lines in the near east have now been strengthened by arrival at Suez of an "Anzac" contingent of British colonials. The size of the Australian-New Zealand force has not been disclosed, but its arrival in force and unopposed by Germany has a double significance.

An unhampered movement of troops of the proportions indicated over thousands of miles of sea illustrates both to Franco-British and to neutral public opinion the dominant role of allied sea power at this stage of the war.

Within less than six months, Franco-British naval power has cleared the seas of the world of German menace to allied shipping except in the narrow seas about the British Isles.

Largely Defensive
Stress laid in London and Paris upon near eastern maneuvers, both military and diplomatic, raised wide speculation as to whether Franco-British strategy looked toward extending the war in that direction in spring. The Anzac movement is bound to intensify that speculation, both among neutrals and in Berlin and Moscow.

There are strong arguments, however, against any present allied move to strike at German oil resources either in Rumanian or Russian fields. In the light of them, the allied troop concentrations in the near east appear primarily defensive steps, designed to stabilize rather than to upset the status quo there.

Russia maintains her heaviest troop concentrations of peace time to protect her Ukrainian "breadbasket" and her huge oil fields centering around the Caspian seaport of Baku. Wheat and oil are her major concerns and probably 75 per cent of all Russian oil comes from the Baku area.

Germany, which draws some part of her war oil needs from Russia, has every reason to strike to keep Russia and Turkey from entering the war. Allied German policies in the near east march together to that extent. That tends to give allied troop concentrations the look of maneuvers to curtail the war there, hold it to its present scope, rather than a preparation to involve the near east and the Balkans in the struggle. Allied strategy still counts for victory on economic power.

Finland War Factor
There is another factor bearing on the situation pointing even more strongly toward the improbability of an early spread of the war into the near east or to the Balkan peninsula. That is the still uncertain outcome of the Russo-Finnish conflict.

A new crisis is impending on the Finnish Karelian isthmus in Finland. Russia's official claims assert that the red army has fought its way into a score or two of Finnish strong forts on that point. The Finns counter with claims that every Russian thrust has been turned back with heavy losses in men and equipment.

Eye-witness accounts by neutral war correspondents permitted a close view of the front by the Finns tend to bear out the Russian version of what has been happening in nearly two weeks of head-on Russian attack. The news writers could see no evidence of a cracking up of the Finns defense.

Signs of Faltering
The sustained red army effort already shows signs of faltering. If it fails, another reorganization of the Russian command in Finland and replacement of battered red divisions there with fresh troops would be in order. Moscow could not reasonably contemplate aggression elsewhere, in Rumania or across the Black sea, until the Finnish adventure is concluded.

Little Finland's stand has already stalled Russia's westward march and allowed the allies time to complete a mobilization in the near east which seems likely to produce a prolonged stalemate there in a military sense. It is still a war of economic forces with allied troop movements shaped to that pattern rather than to any frontal or flank military attack.

Lincoln's Salem Postoffice Opens
LINCOLN'S NEW SALEM, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—A little log cabin in the village where Abraham Lincoln once served as a country postmaster was dedicated as a memorial to the Civil War president today in the presence of 8000 spectators.

Postmaster General James A. Farley, reopening the postoffice for the first time since Lincoln lost his job as postmaster more than a century ago, said the experience as postmaster and small town politician provided "the groundwork of his long and useful public career."

Lincoln's successor as postmaster, young John W. Gellerman, took his oath of office from Farley and began sorting thousands of letters, most of them sent by collectors seeking the "Lincoln's New Salem" cachet.

Designers Pick Them as "Best Dressed" in US



Alfred Vanderbilt



Angier Biddle Duke



Thomas E. Dewey



Paul V. McNutt



Lucius Beebe

Ladies, here are the "best-dressed" men in the United States, according to a selection made by the Merchant Tailors and Designers Association of America, in convention in Cleveland. Two millionaires, Alfred Vanderbilt and Angier Biddle Duke topped the list. Paul V. McNutt, presidential

possibility, was selected as the "best-dressed figure in the political world." The group also included Thomas E. Dewey, also a presidential candidate. National fashion honors also went to Lucius Beebe, New York columnist, and twenty others.

CIO Here out of Step With Lewis

Rejects Motion Deploring Third Term Petitions; Brost Re-elected

EUGENE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Oregon council of the Congress of Industrial Organizations ended its annual convention yesterday by refusing to get in political step with its national leader, John L. Lewis.

Lewis recently opposed a third term for President Roosevelt, but the council, by a 58 to 39 vote, refused to oppose circulation of third term petitions for Roosevelt. A motion condemning state petitions was tabled.

Richard Francis, Washington CIO director, urged adherence to Lewis' political strategy but explained, "In Oregon it's either Roosevelt or labor-hating Cactus Jack Garner. There is only one thing you can do."

Brost Re-elected
Francis described the recent internal strife of the International Woodworkers of America as "the growing pains of a young organization."

John M. Brost, Portland longshoreman, was re-elected president. Officers nominated for election by local unions included Ben Garske, Bead, and F. E. Wing, Portland, vice-presidents; Ralph W. Peoples, Siletz, and Ed Laux, Willamina, secretary.

Executive board nominees, of whom six will be elected, included L. J. McGhee, Astoria; Hugh Adams, Portland; Henry Hansen, North Bend; Fred Lumm, Vernonia; Ray Brown, Portland; J. B. McAllister, Portland; Gerhard Goette, Portland; K. S. Paddock, Port Orford.

Astor Scion



Rarely photographed, William Astor II, heir to some of the Astor fortune, is shown on the beach at Palm Beach, Fla. Young William is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

Riot Call Buzzed Instead of Radio

Portland, Feb. 12.—(AP)—A riot call sent police hurrying today to the emergency hospital on the fourth floor of police headquarters.

"What's up?" they asked a nurse. "Nothing," she answered. Investigation revealed that a patient had turned the Wednesday riot call switch in an attempt to turn on the police radio.

Ohio River Gorge Ice Breaks Loose

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receded and at Cincinnati fell steadily below a noon peak of 26.1 feet. Flood stage is 52 feet. Here and elsewhere, small craft were crushed by the jagged ice.

As Meteorologist W. C. Devereaux reported "ice flowing all along the river," US engineers at Huntington, W. Va., and Louisville predicted resumption of normal navigation by Wednesday. Attaches of the Huntington office said it appeared ice would leave "not a dollar's worth of damage" within the area.

Simultaneously, the towboats Omar and Sam P. Suit left Huntington for Cincinnati, first to depart since the freeze three weeks ago.

Ferry service resumed between Augusta, Ky., and Utopia, O., 40 miles upstream, and the Aurora, Ind., ferry, moored recently below dawn 33 returned to its base.

It's Fun to Save Money, Says Star

SEATTLE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Perhaps the tales of private swimming pools and Hollywood's prodigal pace have been prejudicial, but it sounded like news in the hinterland sought for a star actress to observe that "It's fun to save money."

Explaining how she put the theory into practice, Gale Page, co-star with the Lane sisters in "Four Sisters," "Four Wives," and others, said she recently dined 20 people at her home at total cost of \$4 for the meal. The fare: Spaghetti.

"My dad in Spokane taught me to save money," the comely actress explained. As Sally Rutter, she is well known in Spokane as the daughter of R. L. Rutter, a leading banker.

"You've got to remember in Hollywood—and it's rather easy to forget—that your professional life is no longer than your contract. You've got to take it and save it while the taking's good."

Miss Page, who climbed to movies via radio, came here to appear in the Seattle milk fund show.

Odd Accident Fatal

NELSON, B. C., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Jacob Alles and Clifford Mahaffey, employes of the West Kootenay Power and Light company's Upper Bonington plant near here, were drowned in the Kootenay river today when a slab of concrete smashed through the pier on which they were working.

Three Republican Candidates Heard

Dewey, Taft and Bridges Speak; Also Hoover and J. Hamilton

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said, "That will bring immediate relief to the farmer. And that will balance the budget. That will give jobs to the nine million unemployed, and that will assure Abraham Lincoln's America."

Speaking in New York City, John D. Hamilton, the chairman of the republican national committee, called for a revitalization of "the forces of free enterprise now dormant in American life." This, he said, would "mean a broadening justice and a higher level of living for labor."

"A fair chance" for the investor and businessman to make a profit. "It will mean," he added, "increased consumers for the products of our farms."

The speakers included not only Senator Taft, but Mrs. Taft as well. At the New York dinner, she said the problems of government present "a challenge to our capacity for self-government."

"Our pride in our free government is challenged," she added, "for we are proud of our American heritage of liberty which our grandfathers and grandmothers gave to us, of the union which our fathers and mothers saved for us. They are ours in trust for our sons and daughters. The 'new woman' and the grand old party will be true to that trust. We will fight for a chance for you and America to go forward in a free and solvent country."

William Allen White, the Emporia, Kansas, editor, said at Springfield, Ill., that the nation should select "a humble and kindly" leader like Abraham Lincoln to cope with the unemployment problem.

During the day, President and Mrs. Roosevelt participated in brief ceremonies at the Lincoln memorial. A presidential wreath was placed beside the huge marble statue of Lincoln within the memorial, while Mr. Roosevelt stood with bared head and the army band played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Nippon Ends Pact With Netherlands

TOKYO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Japan announced today that she was terminating her arbitration treaty with the Netherlands, whose valuable oil and rubber producing colonies in the East Indies have been a source of anxiety to the mother country since Japan began expanding in south China.

A foreign office spokesman said "The sole purpose of terminating the treaty lies in a desire not to be bound by it in case conversations for treaty revision do not reach a conclusion by August 11."

He added that both nations had agreed to negotiate for revision of the old treaty, which provides for arbitration of disputes through the World court, to which Japan no longer belongs.

Lewisohn Convention Site

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The Idaho state republican central committee today chose Lewisohn for the party's 1940 delegate convention, the date to be fixed by State Chairman Thomas Heath of Preston.

New Economic Gains Claimed

Reich and Soviet Agree to Speed Trade; Pact Made With Turkey

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3000 meter and two mile runs at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. He was reported killed in Sunday's fighting on the isthmus.

Finnish authorities took keen interest in reports reaching Helsinki of a possible crisis between Russia and the two Baltic states from which she gained concessions last fall, Estonia and Latvia. The chiefs of the armies of Latvia and Estonia were said to have conferred on defense of the two states and the Latvian president, Karl Ulmanis, recently hinted in a radio speech at possible trouble ahead.

Russia's communiqué reported the capture of 32 defense fortifications yesterday on the Karelian isthmus and said enemy losses in the past few days included 230 machine guns and 82 guns.

The Russians previously reported taking 16 fortifications Sunday while last Thursday's communiqué said 13 "artillery forts" had been captured.

The French communiqué on the western front developments merely said "nothing of importance to report."

Netherlands Late At Vessel's Sinking
Shipping news was topped by the disclosure of the torpedoing of the Netherlands freighter, Burgerdijk, 6,853 tons, by a submarine and the sending of an SOS by a Nazi freighter attempting to run the British blockade off the Brazilian coast.

Indignation and dismay spread through The Netherlands when it became known the Burgerdijk was sent to the bottom Saturday off the southwest coast of England. Her captain said his ship was torpedoed without any reason being given by the submarine commander. About 41 survivors were rescued by The Netherlands freighter Edam.

The SOS was from the 3771-ton German freighter Wakama, which slipped out of Rio de Janeiro late Sunday night. A Spanish vessel 48 miles from the Wakama went to her aid. Brazilian observers said the freighter might have encountered a British warship.

In the far east, Japanese military authorities reported that a Chinese army supporting Premier Wang Ching-wei had landed on the coast of Fukien and is fighting the army of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The Japanese are supporting Wang in his program to form a new central Chinese government which will cooperate with Tokyo.

German Freighter Scuttled by Crew

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boat was set afire. We saw both the Dorsetshire and Shropshire afterwards.

"As far as I know, the crew of the Wakama is still in small boats because in wartime when a ship goes herself afire or scuttles herself a warship has no obligation to rescue the men. At least, definitely they are not aboard the Hawkins."

The Hawkins was the only one of the three British cruisers to put into Rio de Janeiro. The 3771-ton Wakama, which slipped out of Rio de Janeiro harbor last midnight, broadcast an SOS this afternoon, and shortly afterwards two rescue ships which raced to the scene reported they found nothing afloat.

Both the Spanish steamer Arriaga Mendi and the Brazilian passenger ship Bage said they found nothing, and the Bage said she was searching for survivors.

Big Economy Plea Voiced, NY State

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more than the current program. It retains all present levies and proposes a \$15,000,000 boost in the personal income tax affecting the upper middle class.

Governor Lehman wiped out several years' deficit of the \$100,000,000 deficit he inherited from Franklin D. Roosevelt as chief state executive in 1933, but the heavy unemployment relief load and falling revenues have combined to compile a new debt which the executive estimates will be \$23,000,000 at the end of the current fiscal year.

Emergency Mercy Flight Unavailing

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Feb. 12.—(AP)—An emergency "mercy flight" of nearly 250 miles from the Alaskan interior proved futile today with the death of an 11-day-old infant at the hospital here.

Pilot Don Glass flew the baby and her mother, Mrs. Bernard Ivy, here from McGrath for oxygen tent treatment of a pulmonary ailment.

Additions in the News

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—William F. (Sir Launcelot) Galling turned up at State and Madison streets in a full suit of armor today, announcing he was going to rescue the first ward from the grasp of "crooked politics."

Galling, dressed in full armor, suspended from a sash of faded scarlet and gold, Galling let it be known that he was a candidate for republican committeeman.

"My life was threatened when I announced I was going to run for committeeman of this ward," he asserted.

Galling's remarks were addressed to a crowd of 100 shoppers.

ROSCOE, N.Y., Feb. 12.—(AP)—After delivering a child to Mrs. Ralph Demovata Dr. Edward Miller received prompt payment—9000 pennies.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—(AP)—John Jovanovich, 68, stopped at his hotel desk to discuss with Joe Zack, the clerk, the death of a friend.

"Well," said Jovanovich, "I guess I'll be next."

He bent down to pull on his overshoes and fell dead, presumably from a heart attack.

Nine Million Who Need Work, Issue

So Affirms Tom Dewey in Portland Interview; Praises McNary

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him as a candidate in the primary of his own state."

When a reporter said that a morning press conference answer to a question on the chances of men from the east and west coast being tied up on the republican ticket had given the impression that Dewey would like a ticket naming him and McNary, Dewey said the interpretation was wrong.

"I did not mean to indulge in the role of prophet or suggest how the ticket should be made up," he stated.

Withholds Views On Tariff, Security
Questions on his attitude toward reciprocal tariffs, particularly as affecting the lumber industry, Dewey preferred not to answer. He said he has a speech scheduled on the tariff issue and that the problem is necessarily so broad that it must be considered all at once. He also had nothing yet to say on the farm question.

Asked his views on the effect of social security and other payroll taxes on business, Dewey replied: "We shall have to find out what the real effects are in an administration which will let economy go ahead, with administration which does not periodically apply punitive taxes to a business which has done something the administration does not like or which does not fit its theories, and thirdly, an administration that will attempt to balance the budget."

Schedule Makers Accorded Praise
Dewey met all the newspapermen at the conference, chatted with several about mutual acquaintances in Michigan. He complimented the Multnomah county republican organization for the smoothness with which his schedule has never run anywhere as near on time," he said, and added that he was just six minutes behind schedule.

The candidate said that one of the biggest receptions was in Portland, Maine, but that he benefited by the fact that the Governor of Maine, ahead of him in line, had massive hands. "When they got past the governor," Dewey smiled, "they were a little discouraged."

When a newspaperman remarked that the candidate had apparently not been looking the kind of man to acquire the New York accent, Dewey responded, "Why should I? I've been 21 years in Michigan and I've been only 16 in New York."

At the close of the session, Dewey arose to a signal from one of his secretaries. He had immediately to meet a delegation of high school journalism students, who had been waiting two hours.

Anti-Military Bloc Is Vocal

Army Budget Details in Demand but Minister Will not Supply

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attempted to mediate the dispute and Hata remarked that "we are in the midst of war and are doing all possible to prevent espionage. Beyond this I cannot explain."

The overseas minister, Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, then entered the controversy and told Makino an explanation of the budget would disclose the number of men under arms and much information about armament and asked the questioner to consider this.

Unappeared, Makino retired from the rostrum.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 13.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A Chinese army supporting former Premier Wang Ching-wei has landed on the coast of Fukien province and is fighting the forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Japanese military authorities here stated today.

Without mentioning where the troops came from, the Japanese said they had landed Monday at an unnamed spot "with the cooperation of the Japanese army and navy."

The Japanese, who are supporting Wang in his program to form a new central Chinese government in cooperation with Tokyo and in opposition to Gen. Chiang's Chungking regime, called the force the "Peace and national reconstruction army."

This army, the existence of which has not been mentioned before, is said to have captured the town of Shaoan, in Fukien province near the Kwangtung border. The Japanese hinted the force was about 50,000 strong.

Dictatorship Fear Stressed by Taft

New Deal Victory in 1940 Would Be License to Rule Unchecked

GREENSBORO, N.C., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft, republican presidential candidate, declared here tonight that the United States must decide whether it will remain a republic or follow the pattern of a totalitarian dictatorship.

Speaking at the republican party's Lincoln day rally for North Carolina, the Ohio senator predicted that "if the new deal were licensed to proceed in the 1940 election," the result would be "a modern, streamlined totalitarian dictatorship."

"This country in 1860," Taft said in a prepared address, "faced the greatest crisis in its history—whether it should remain a nation or be broken up into two or more bitterly hostile states. Through the calm determination of Abraham Lincoln, we were preserved a nation, but only after the frightful trial of civil war."

"Again in 1940 we face a fundamental decision, whether this country shall remain the kind of country which our fathers made and Lincoln preserved, a republic protecting the inalienable rights, the freedom and liberty of its individual citizens, or a totalitarian executive with unlimited and unchecked power over the lives and activities of individuals and local governments alike."

Slowed up in '38
"The new deal has slowed up today because the people in 1939 elected a congress which, representing its constituents, disapproves of more government power and spending. In effect, we have a deadlock in congress today. The new deal is unable to force its fundamental decision upon the republicans and administration democrats are not strong enough to change any existing policy."

"If the new deal were licensed to proceed in the 1940 election, we would see the course of the last six years accelerated—more power, more regulation of every phase of life, more billions borrowed and poured out to retain the spenders in power, until the government is the servant, not of the people, but of its pensioners. We could not stop until financial collapse and a subservient congress produced a modern, streamlined totalitarian dictatorship."

First Baptist Quintet In First Half Finals
The First Baptists in the "A" church league nosed out First Presbyterian in an overtime tussle last night 23-21. To put them in the playoff with First Congregational for the first-half championship. Calbum scored 13 points to top the winners.

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267 Craft Pass Bonneville Lock

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Commerce passing through Bonneville locks on the Columbia river during January included 6,540,856 gallons of gasoline, 57,922 bushels of wheat, 12,606 barrels of diesel and fuel oil, 2,460,000 board feet of logs, 40,200 linear feet of piling and poles and 487 tons of miscellaneous cargo.

The cargo was carried by 267 craft, the US engineers reported.

National Unity Lack Deplored

Overflow Crowd Listens as Republican Drive Opens, Northwest

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ing portion of our people to a career on relief."

Dewey charged that "the new deal has totally failed to recognize these fundamental truths" but instead "tells us our industrial plant is all built . . . That government spending of a nation's savings is the answer."

"Is it any wonder," Dewey asked, "that one-third of the nation is ill-clad, ill-housed and ill-fed, as the president has said? It is any wonder that nine millions of our people are still out of work?"

Farm Price Parity Held Serious Talk
Development in the United States is lagging, Dewey said, "because of the nation-wide undercurrent of distrust and fear of the shifting policies of the administration in Washington . . . Because the new deal has vilified business men, levied punitive taxes and in the name of legitimate reform has sought to rule or ruin the commercial life of the country."

One of the causes of national discord, the candidate declared, has been "a total failure to restore a reasonably parity between industrial and farm prices, leaving the farmer unable to sell at a profit while labor and capital in industry are both unemployed."

"That's why the farmer gets no fair exchange for his labor," Dewey said. "Any administration which pretends to be the friend of the people and yet neglects this problem is no friend of the people."

"More than that," he continued, "any administration which cannot make peace between warring factions of labor, or even between labor and labor or business, is a failure. And when such an administration cannot make peace even in its own ranks it ought to be put to rest as a way for a united republican administration."

Hewlett to Take Stand Here Today

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of the investigation into county books, it was alleged that a possible means of covering up the missing funds over a period of years was for the treasurer or his deputy to falsify the date on which warrants were marked paid, so that warrants actually paid in December would appear to have been paid in the January following.

In this way, it was asserted, the growing discrepancy between actual cash on hand and the amount which ought to have been available at any time would have been concealed. The auditor declared that an accurate comparison of actual cash on hand with the records of warrants paid computed during any part of the year except when the year-end balances were made up would have revealed the shortage at once.

Such trial balances were never struck, he said, until the state auditors began investigation of county books.

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