

Britain Gears For Offensive

Hitler Invasion if Begun now Means Desperate Gamble, Is Belief

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
Amid a hubbub of predictions on both sides of the Atlantic that

the Nazis will launch a gigantic attack on England within months, Prime Minister Churchill sounded a significant note to parliament. He made it abundantly clear that Britain is being geared for an offensive of her own in 1941; not merely for defense. He radiated supreme confidence in England's ability to withstand any blow Germany may strike by land, sea or air, and to hit back effectively.

Churchill confirmed the impression of this writer that the British expect an early offensive against England because they figure that Hitler's need is desperate. The disasters suffered by his Italian axis mate in Albania and Egypt and the squeeze of the British blockade are forcing him to a final supreme effort. Indications that American policy of total aid for Britain short of war will become effective in 1941 is another factor bearing heavily on Berlin, according to the British view.

Desperation Seen
"He (Hitler) is in great need of doing something now, or, at any rate, within two months," Churchill said. "Hitler... wields gigantic power and is capable of wielding it in a ruthless manner."

John Blankenship Service Is Held

Memorial services for John P. Blankenship, who passed away at his residence, Salem, route three, Tuesday, December 3, were held Friday, December 6, at 2:30 p. m. from the Ladd Funeral home. Interment was at Belcrest Memorial park, Rev. Guy L. Drill officiating.

1868, coming to Oregon in 1902 where he made his home up to the time of death.
He was married to Clara E. Gritton January 5, 1902.
In addition to his wife, survivors are three sons and one daughter, Albert W., Earl R. and Frances M., all of Salem, and John G. of Sardis, BC. He is also survived by four grand children, two brothers and one sister in Virginia and one brother in Indiana.
He had been a member of the First Christian church for 40 years.

Wallgren Sworn In, New Senator

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19—(AP)—Rep. Mon C. Wallgren of Everett, Wash., became Senator Wallgren today.
The four-term democratic congressman was sworn in as a senator by Senator King (D-Utah), president pro-tem, after presentation by Majority Leader Alben Barkley of Kentucky. Wallgren took the senate seat

vacated by Lewis B. Swellegbach, who became a federal judge at Spokane.
Ann Lindbergh to Talk On Radio Christmas Eve
NEW YORK, Dec. 19—(AP)—Ann Morrow Lindbergh, wife of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, will make a Christmas Eve broadcast on "Relief in Europe," the National Broadcasting company announced today. She will speak from New York at 3:45 p. m. (PST) over the Red network.



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Actress, Singer Marry

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 19—(AP)—The engagement of Olympe Bradna, screen actress, and Douglas Wood Wilhoit, Santa Barbara, Calif., singer, was announced today, at Warner Brothers studio.

Oddities ... in the News

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—(AP)—Here is a letter to Santa Claus which turned up at the postoffice today: "Dear Santa: Our father told us that this year you are short of money for presents for all children because of war in Europe so we send you one dollar which we got on our birthday presents for all children."

BROCKTON, Mass., Dec. 19—(AP)—A good-natured police dog, which took "one too many," wound up in a police cell today to "sober off" after giving an un-canine-like exhibition on Main street that puzzled even the dog officer.

Shoppers were amazed to see the big animal leap in the air and then roll over on his back. When Dog Officer Frank McKay reached the scene, he noticed the dog's eyes were dilated.

"Give me your paw, old boy," said McKay. The dog tried to comply but fell on his face. The source of the jag was some window cleaning fluid, containing denatured alcohol, which had spilled into the street near where the window washers were at work.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19—(AP)—Some wives pour water on their husbands to wake them up. But this wife, it was brought out in divorce court, poured water in her spouse's bed to keep him from sleeping—and after a "hard day's work."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19—(AP)—The perfect bridegroom has appeared. His handsomely-engraved announcements proclaimed: "Frederick Harold Green announces his utter astonishment at being accepted in holy matrimony by the most incomparable Evelyn Estes."

ANNISTON, Ala., Dec. 19—(AP)—The daily information sheet at nearby Fort McClellan today did not include the weather forecast among the official orders "by command of General William Haskell."

Yesterday, after it had rained five days in a row, the forecast was removed from the list of things "ordered" by the general.

ATLANTA, Dec. 19—(AP)—A negro went to his local draft board to claim exemption. "On what grounds?" inquired Chairman O. C. Puckett. "I am overstrained and unavailable," the negro pleaded.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—(AP)—Magistrate Charles E. Ramsgate tried to find out today what there was about Mrs. Stanley Koprowski's jokes that made her husband try to choke her.

Koprowski, charged with assailing his wife complaining that she kept him awake every night, "telling jokes when I want to go to sleep." He added that furthermore, "they're no good."

Asked to give a sample, Mrs. Koprowski willingly complied—in Polish.

Apparently only the Koprowskis understood. Stanley frowned, but his wife rocked with laughter. Magistrate Ramsgate dismissed the charges after exacting two promises—one from Koprowski to do no more choking, and one from his wife to tell no more jokes when her husband wants to sleep.

HOULTON, Me., Dec. 19—(AP)—It was so cold here early today—unofficially 85 below zero—that it "froze out" a cold storage plant.

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