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Weather: Partly cloudy or foggy with showers today...

Halifax Confers With Hull; Asks Ships, Supplies

New British Ambassador Requests Speedy Mobilization of US Industrial Strength

Asserts Hitler Is Making Desperate Effort to Intensify Blockade and Invade Homeland.

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Sen. Byrnes Seen as New High Jurist



SEN. J. F. BYRNES

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side. Major General Edwin M. Watson, presidential secretary...

The George Washington anchor Saturday and headed for the open sea...

Lord Halifax said Britain needed help quickly to fight off a threatened German invasion...

"It is quite clear," he said, "that Hitler is intensifying the sea blockade of England..."

"We know," he added emphatically, "they will not succeed."

"When the history of the war comes to be written," he said, "Hitler will be found to have lost the war in June 1940..."

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and Farm Measures Next In Legislature

Jones Three-Point Bill Would Change Present Control Picture

Revision of Pure Food Code and Marketing Problems in Bills

By STEPHEN C. MERGLER

Wine and agriculture will assume their share of legislative attention this week...

The week will also develop more definite indications as to the speed with which this session may be expected to perform its duties...

Wine will claim the lower house's attention when Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones of Marion county comes into the open...

The Jones wine bill would change the present picture as follows:

- 1. Restrict sale of fortified wines, of 14 per cent or greater (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

In One Ear.. —Paul Hauser's Column

Well, here it is the time for firecrackers and we're fresh out. And we're supposed to take all our money and go around and pay all our bills...

So the best we can do is wish you every one a happy Chinese New Year's day tomorrow.

One of our scouts relates to us the tale of a local merchant who was troubled with a pestering moppet and what he did about it and the sad consequences thereof.

The moppet, a hardy jawed youngster of about 11 with an air rifle, had been hanging in around the store, our scout says.

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The day's witnesses developed in general the theme that the United States was acting in self defense in aiding Britain, and for its own protection should increase that aid.

British Drive in East Africa Keeps Italians on the Run



This map (above) points out the new British drives in the East African campaign against Italy. British forces pushing into Eritrea on the Red sea have occupied strongly fortified fascist positions...

Three Warships Hit by Germans

Berlin Claims Air Force in Mediterranean Damages Vessels

(By The Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The German warplanes which have gone to the aid of Italy in the Mediterranean basin were credited by informed German sources Saturday with damage to two British battleships and a cruiser in a "successful attack" on a convoy west of Crete.

The high command said merely that "several bomb hits of heavy and medium caliber on three heavy English naval units were clearly observed," but other sources were more specific.

They said a heavy bomb struck the stern of one battleship; that two bombs damaged the bow and starboard of another battleship and that a heavy cruiser also was struck.

The Italian high command in Rome reported the engagement thus: "German air corps bomber formations late Saturday afternoon attacked an enemy naval squadron in the central Mediterranean. According to first reports, an enemy heavy cruiser appears to have been hit astern with a heavy caliber bomb."

Nothing was said about participation by Italian planes; hence, apparently none was there.

The Italians did claim that one of their submarines had sunk the 7472-ton British auxiliary cruiser Eumaeus, "loaded with troops," in the Atlantic.

GOP Congressman Dies NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Kenneth F. Simpson, 44, republican congressman from the 17th New York district and former New York republican chairman, died Saturday night.

Radio Reports Mystery SSS

Mackay Officials Pick up Message in Pacific of Unknown Sub

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Mackay radio reported Saturday it had picked up an "SSS" message (submarine sighted) from a United States ship, the Arcadia, which read:

"SSS 34.19 north, 133.12 west. Shelled unknown man (CO)." This would place the submarine less than 1000 miles off the California coast between Santa Barbara and San Francisco.

Nothing further was heard from the Arcadia to explain what was meant by shelling "unknown man," which the operator said was correct.

A yacht named Arcadia, 578 gross tons, was reported sold by its American owner last year to Stuart B. Playfair of Toronto, Canada, where it was believed the yacht was to be used for patrol service.

The American owner was Mrs. Hunting Reed Hardwick of Brookline, Mass.

Another much smaller vessel—102 tons—by the same name is (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Late Sports SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Sports attracted itself in the leadership of the Pacific Coast Hockey league Saturday night by handing Seattle a 6 to 1 trouncing in the second of a two-game series here.

Oregon High School Basketball Corvallis 25, Oregon City 20. Tillamook 42, Silverton 38. Columbia Prep—39, Central Catholic 21.

Iron Guardists Offered Choice Of Punishments

Rumanian Rebels Told to Kill Selves—or Else; Sima's Fate Secret

Antonescu Forming New Government; Other War News Nil

(By The Associated Press) The leaders of Rumania's iron guard rebellion were offered the alternative of suicide or "mass punishment" at the hands of the state Saturday by General Ion Antonescu, the nation's dictator...

Antonescu talked with Baron Manfred von Killinger, German minister, and put all docks, airports and railroad stations under military control. He also ordered a 10 p. m. curfew and ordered soldiers to shoot any challenged person failing to halt.

The general, still at the head of the state after four days of terror, announced that he was forming a new political party.

In Rome, the newspaper Il Giornale D'Italian published a report from New York which said that Harry Hopkins, President Roosevelt's personal representative in Britain, had telegraphed the president that Britain could not wait any longer for American help.

The Italian high command, acknowledging the fall of Tobruk, Libya, said fascist losses were "heavy," although the British estimated that about 20,000 prisoners were taken on January 22.

The communique from Rome also declared the 7000-ton British auxiliary cruiser Eumaeus "loaded with troops" had been sunk in the Atlantic by an Italian submarine while another submarine sank the 5655-ton Greek steamer Elexis.

DNE, official German news (Turn to Page 3, Col. 1)

Milan, Turin Streets Get Blood Bath When Hitlerites Intervene

Belgrade Reports by CBS Reporter State Industrial Towns Swept by Violence; News Censor-Tight

Berlin Correspondent Says German Trains Filled With Guns and Air Equipment Pour Over Pass

(By Associated Press) CBS correspondent, Harry W. Flannery in Berlin reported in a late Saturday broadcast that "enormous trains with units of the German air force have been over the Brenner pass (into Italy) carrying materiel and air fields. Signal facilities and ammunition supplies Flannery said he quoted from the newspaper, Boersen Zeitung.

(About three hours after the broadcast, the Associated Press had not received any information on the reports from its correspondents in heavily-censored Italy or in neighboring countries.)

(By Associated Press) Winton Burdett, CBS correspondent in Belgrade, reported in a broadcast Saturday night that advances received in the Yugoslav capital said street riots have been occurring in the northern Italian cities of Milan and Turin for the past 24 hours. Burdett's information, cabled to New York, was broadcast from there.

German troops, Burdett said he had been informed, have occupied Milan's railroad station, telephone central office and post office. He said they are reported also on sentry duty at major Milan factories.

According to diplomatic dispatches reaching Belgrade, Burdett added, three high ranking Italian officers were killed in the Milan street fighting. He also played the report in Yugoslavia that German troops in northern Italy are aided in Milan by Italian fascist blackshirts. He said it was not clear whether Italian military in the reported rioting were fighting or were with the alleged insurgents.

Nazi troops, according to these advances, also have been given control of all communications on the Italian island of Sicily and in the southern Italian region of Brindisi, Burdett said.

Burdett said the officers killed were generals and that several hundred persons were wounded or killed in 24 hours of street rioting in the northern industrial centers and in smaller cities of the Po valley.

Later foreign official sources in Belgrade said the three Italian generals were killed by intervening German troops during the Milan rioting. German forces took the lead in fighting the rioters, he said, and the disorders were continuing Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The information reaching Belgrade said German forces took the main hand in fighting the disorders. Italian soldiers were said to have taken part in the street fighting though it was not clear whether they were on the side of the regime or the insurgents or both.

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Highlights in Testimony----

Bullitt, covering almost every aspect of the European conflict in his lengthy testimony, told the committee in response to questions that:

The British, who had an "unbelievably small number of guns" left after the evacuation of France, could break the morale of the German people by bombings if the United States gave them enough planes.

The state of the public mind in the United States now offered an "extraordinary witness" to that of France before the German invasion—and France started preparing too late.

He had "absolute knowledge" that the French believed they had no placed their fleet in ports and had so instructed their men to sink them if it became necessary, that none of the ships would fall into German or Italian hands.

President Roosevelt would "rather give away his two eyes than give away the navy."

Invasion of the western hemisphere is "almost certain" to come through an attack in South America, with Japan seizing control of the Pacific, if Britain is beaten and her fleet is lost.

One, Major General John F. O'Ryan, New York lawyer and World War officer, advocated that the United States enter the war at once on the side of Britain, though he added that the final decision should be left to the war department.

"The most effective way to fight aggression is by offensive action at the source," O'Ryan said at one point.

"Looking ahead, it is conceivable that in our own interest we should enter the war now in order to prevent a stalemate," he said.

Dorothy Thompson, the columnist, told the committee that Germany intended to eliminate the United States "as a world power" partly by fomenting civil war in this country as soon as it could be isolated from Britain.

Mrs. Daley Harriman, minister to Norway, told the committee that modern invention was eliminating space; "an ocean is no longer a barrier, especially if controlled by a hostile power."

Urging speedy enactment of the bill, she said "Freedom of action and mobility are crucial" in the determination of where the nation's defense materials can best be used.

President William Green said the American Federation of Labor favored the "basic principle" of the legislation, but would like to see a two-year limit on the grant

Salem Opera Performance Set Feb. 18



MAESTRO AMELIO COLANTONI

For the first time in nearly 20 years a grand opera performance will be staged in Salem February 18 when operatic stars, ballet dancers, a chorus of 60 trained voices and symphonic orchestra are scheduled to present Bizet's "Carmen" at the high school auditorium.

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