

Thermopylae Battle Adds Lustre To Symbol of Human Bravery, Noted War Analyst Asserts

Again, as in Dim Past, Famed Pass Scene of Defeat but Also of Iron Courage; Athens' Fall Awaited

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Another Thermopylae has been fought and lost in Greece. A new and heroic defense of the "hot gates" by Anglo-Greek valor freshens the lustre of that imperishable symbol of human bravery.

Yet now, as in the dim past, Thermopylae is also a symbol of tragic defeat as well as of iron courage. Its fall before onrushing German hosts must inevitably lead quickly to a grim end for Greece. Surrender of Athens, to save its people and its monuments, seems impending.

It is expected in Berlin almost momentarily. Just where the British and such Greek comrades as have not been cut off from them are attempting to stand anew, south of Thermopylae, is not indicated. How many thousands of English, Scotch, Australian, New Zealand and Greek troops are in the closing Nazi trap can only be vaguely conjectured.

There is no doubt however, that with the fall of Thermopylae pass, Athens itself may even now be within range of Nazi big guns as well as bombers. Berlin offers to spare the ancient city, as Paris was spared, if the Greeks and their allies yield it up undefended.

The parallel with what happened in France as the Nazi machine closed in on Paris ended there, however. In France a wide sweep of terrain remained beyond Paris to which French armies could withdraw and still fight on.

There is no such escape for the British and Greek fighters except by sea or across the slender Isthmus of Corinth in the Peloponnese, at which German bombers are hammering remorselessly.

Sooner or later, and it may be right now the decision is in the making in Athens and in London and Cairo, the allies must face the possibility of surrendering the valiant troops still covering Athens. Some of them cannot possibly make good their retreat by land or sea.

It would be a fairly short sea jump from the southern coast of the Peloponnese to the Island of Crete, where Greece has reestablished her government about the Grecian king. And it is indicated that come what may in Greece proper, the British hope to hold Crete as an air and submarine base to help safeguard the eastern Mediterranean.

The Crete base offers better opportunity for dispersal of fuel or other stores and of planes which might be taken from across the Mediterranean. It also will remain a threat to German supply lines in Greece and the southern Balkans while in British hands.

In One Ear . . .

—Paul Hauser's Column

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out, neatly and completely, one of her teeth.

UNIDENTIFIED—The meticulous Capital Journal writes: "The first aid car also was called to Electric and Church at the noon hour. Two cars, driven by UNIDENTIFIED persons, collided, one of the vehicles being overturned. The cars were driven by Clyde J. Boyce, 2195 South Sumner, and William W. Wharton, Turner, route 1.—You needn't feel bad about it boys. We didn't want their fingerprints anyway."

FOR THE LOVE O' LIL—Lil, the statehouse coffee queen, is preparing a petition, which all the statehouse gals are signing with appropriate comment, to prove to Lieut. Sigfrid Unander, late of the governor's office, that his countrymen's needs may be great, but the need of his countrywomen is greater.

PET DEPARTMENT (Treasury Watchdogs division)—We are advised by the Associated Press that the New York City board of estimate bethought itself of economy and cut down Mayor LaGuardia's budget to \$573,740,594.13—a slash of \$529.

CMC Strike Is Expected

US Mediation Board Gets Another Task; Coal Dispute on

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only woman cabinet member, gave way to "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."

She has become, he declared, "one of the most serious bottlenecks" in the defense program because of "inability to meet her responsibility in the settlement of strikes."

SEATTLE, April 25—(AP)—Declaring he believed enemy agents were plotting to shut down the Boeing Aircraft plant "by force and violence," Chief of Police William H. Sears ordered immediate arrest Friday of persons suspected of subversive activity.

In a special bulletin, the chief directed his officers to be on the alert against persons with subversive intent he said were pouring into Seattle daily.

Officials of the Boeing company said earlier this week that electrical wiring in an army bomber returned there for new installations had been mysteriously cut while the ship was in the plant.

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—The Textile Workers union of America (CIO) proposed Friday that American and English labor leaders meet on English soil and devise plans by which labor may aid in resisting Britain's enemies.

SPOKANE, April 25—(AP)—Fred Siefkens of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, secretary-treasurer of the "provisional committee No. 1," International Woodworkers of America (CIO) predicted Friday the inland Empire lumber industry would be "100 per cent organized by the Fourth of July."

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—(AP)—Verbal fights between attorneys became so frequent in Harry Bridges' deportation hearing Friday that trial examiner Charles B. Sears demanded an apology of a defense counsel.

As nerves of those sitting through the third week of the hearing became more frayed, government attorneys charged the defense was trying to intimidate a witness by the method of cross-examination, and the same witness shouted a denial at Bridges that he wasn't a scab.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 25—(AP)—Columbia Basin lumber operators cut in half Friday a CIO International Woodworkers of America demand for a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase.

The operators made an offer of 7½ cent an hour increase, and rejected union demands for two weeks' vacation with pay and two weeks' sick leave.

Union officials, armed with authority to call a strike among the 5000 CIO lumberjacks of the district, asked until next Tuesday to study the proposal.

Science Parley Set
McMINNVILLE, April 25—(AP)—Representatives from seven colleges will meet here Saturday for the Oregon student science conference. Fourteen scientific papers will be presented.

New Senator



Andrew Jackson Houston

Andrew Jackson Houston, only living son of General Sam Houston, president of early Texas and leader of the army that 106 years ago defeated the Mexican general, Santa Ana, at San Jacinto battlefield, has been named to the U. S. senate by Gov. W. L. O'Daniel of Texas. Houston will fill the vacancy created by the death of Morris Sheppard of Texas.

Willkie Wants Sinkings Told

Pleads for Youth to Stand Firm; Favors Supplies Protection

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United States stands unified—and America must stand unified—can we save this blessed freedom we have in this country."

In an interview earlier Willkie called upon the administration to tell the nation the facts about the sinking of British war supplies and to take steps to protect them.

Asked what method of protecting shipments he thought the best, Willkie said, "I am in favor of the method that our military and naval experts say is the most effective."

"It is time for the administration to give us the facts, and then lead, instead of follow, public opinion," the republican leader declared.

Ruddy-faced and obviously at the peak of his vigor, Willkie said he did not want to make "captious criticisms." He added:

"I am waiting, as I know all the American people are, to be told the degree of destruction of supplies and a plan of protection."

Questioned about reports he will make a nation-wide tour to answer speeches of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Willkie indicated he might make such a tour.

Of Lindbergh he said, "I wholly disagree with what he says, but he has made and is making the most persuasive argument of any of the isolationists. It is effective because he has stuck to his argument and is not dealing in personalities."

ATLANTA, Ga., April 25—(AP)—Although "Hitler has given his people a long run of victories," Lord Halifax, the British ambassador, said Friday night, "without that final victory against the British commonwealth, all else will avail him nothing."

He added that Hitler therefore was straining every nerve "to cut the jugular vein of British resistance which is represented by merchant shipping; he will stop at nothing to achieve his purpose, and there is no doubt that this is at the present moment one of the principal, if not the greatest danger point."

"But there is no reason to think that, if you can help us quickly enough, we shall not be able to checkmate his efforts," Lord Halifax said.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 25—(AP)—The thirteen colonies were not prepared but they went ahead to win a war.

That, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said Friday, should be borne in mind by those who consider Britain's fight a lost cause.

Obituary

McKay
Mrs. Sarah McKay at the residence, 585 South 12th, Friday, April 25, at the age of 92 years. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Williams, Salem, and Mrs. Myrtle Woolen of Milwaukie; one sister, Mrs. Susan Graham of Salem. Services will be held from the Clough-Barrick chapel Monday, April 28, at 3:30 p.m. Interment in City View cemetery.

Conscientious Objectors Will Be Received in Oregon Camp

WASHINGTON, DC, April 25—(AP)—Establishment of seven camps for conscientious objectors to military service was announced Friday by the national service board for religious objectors.

The objectors will "contribute their services to the nation in ways that their consciences will permit" for a period equivalent to that required of men in the land and naval forces, the board said.

About 2,000 men have been certified as being sincere in their opposition to military service and will be directed to report to these camps for civilian duties, Paul C. French, executive secretary of the board said.

Additional camps are being set up at several points, including Price Creek, Ore., and Humptulips, Wash.

Nazis Nearing Greek Capital

British Withdraw but Keep Fighting; Heavy Casualties Admitted

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commentator has contended no British soldiers have left Greece despite German and Italian claims that fully-laden British troopships already have been sunk off the embattled coastline to the south.

In a special communique the German high command said German bombers had destroyed 13 merchant ships totaling about 50,000 tons and seriously damaged 17 others Thursday in Greek waters.

London spokesmen already were referring to the Greek disaster as an outpost struggle preliminary to the far greater impending battle in Egypt and the near-east for control of the Mediterranean.

The Greeks announced that German troops occupied the Greek island of Lemnos Thursday after a four-hour fight in which the local garrison was overpowered. This island is only about 50 miles from the entrance to a Turkish-controlled Dardanelles, the western gateway to the Black sea.

This occupation along with that of Samothrace, a nearby Greek island, undoubtedly disturbed the Turks and there was an unofficial report that Turkey had decided to inspect all German ships passing through the Dardanelles.

Several Nazi ships possibly carrying troops were said to have passed through the straits from the Black sea recently without stopping or flying the required transit flag. Once out of Turkish waters it was reported they removed the German ensign and continued their journey in disguise.

In the face of increasing threats to Gibraltar at the western end of the Mediterranean the British government assigned the direction of the famous fortress to Viscount Gort, former commander-in-chief of the British expeditionary forces knocked out of Flanders a year ago.

In Africa, bitter fighting continued with the British announcing repulse of another axis attack on Tobruk. The besieged garrison there took 127 German and Italian prisoners.

Four axis planes were shot down over Tobruk forth which the British captured from the Italians early this year.

Resistance at Tobruk undoubtedly worried the axis because it represented a threat to army lines which extend on east to the region of Salum, Egypt, just across the Libyan frontier.

War News Briefs

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It was said, but a number of civilians were injured.

LONDON, April 25—(Saturday)—(AP)—British bombers again attacked Kiel and other naval bases in northwest Germany during the night, the ministry of information announced today.

NEW YORK, April 25—(AP)—Admiral Alberto Lais, Italian naval attaché whose recall from Washington was demanded by President Roosevelt, sailed Friday night aboard the Spanish liner Marques de Comillas for Bilbao, Spain, en route to Rome.

BOSTON, April 24—(AP)—The Massachusetts committee on public safety—a volunteer organization formed by Governor Saltonstall—urged its sub-committees in Bay state cities and towns to organize air raid warden services "immediately and begin intensive training of personnel."

"The destruction and suffering caused by insufficient preparation and lack of foresight in other parts of the world during the past two years is a lesson not to be overlooked," the committee said as it made public its "air raid wardens' manual."

Borah Tribute Paid
WASHINGTON, April 25—(AP)—Idaho's senators Friday paid tribute to the memory of William E. Borah, who became one of the nation's outstanding leaders in the 33 years he served in the senate. He died a year ago.

Home Again



John Blain and daughter

Twenty-four years ago John Blain went off to Europe with the A. E. F. to fight the Germans. He stayed, married a French girl and settled down in France. Blain now comes home with his daughter, Della, born in France, hoping to make a new home in the U. S.

FDR Raps Nazi Fear as Dumb

Hits Col. Lindbergh, Appeasers and Some Editorial Writers

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nored, he added, were the Vallandigham. The name apparently meant little to the correspondents, and the president explained that the Vallandighams were people who, from 1863 on, urged immediate peace, arguing that the north could not win the war between the states.

(Clement L. Vallandigham was a member of the house from Ohio. In 1863 he was arrested by military authorities for alleged "reasonable utterances" and banished to the Confederate states. He was known as a leader of the "Copperheads.")

The president said, too, that there were many appeasers at Valley Forge trying to persuade George Washington to quit and arguing that the British could not be defeated. He urged that the newsmen read what Thomas A. Paine wrote at that time on the subject of quitting.

"Are you still talking about Colonel Lindbergh?" a reporter asked.

A simple and emphatic affirmative was the answer.

As for amplifying his warning of earlier in the week on public consciousness of the gravity of the situation, the president said he was reluctant to do so, without first giving thought to what he would say.

However, he remarked that there were people who had adopted a curious attitude, and held the idea—which they had not thought through—that there was a new order and a new form of government in the world to which democracy must yield.

Out of the one corner of their mouths they say they do not like dictatorships, the president continued, and out of the other they say that the dictatorships are going to defeat democracy and that they might as well be accepted. The chief executive added that he did not think that was good Americanism, and that such an attitude was dumb.

He had read an editorial, too, he said, in which it was stated that there had always been conquerors. It mentioned Alexander the Great, Caesar, Napoleon, Oliver Cromwell and George Washington, he continued.

Then he deplored any editorial which lumps Washington and Cromwell with Napoleon and Caesar and said he was sorry that people who make such a mistake were such high places that they could write or talk about it.

It's just dumb, he added. The attitude that the dictators are going to win anyway, is dumb, too, he continued. He said he was against dictators, that everybody was, and that America was willing to fight for democratic processes, and would not lie down before the axis powers.

Births

Koesler—To Mr. and Mrs. Rae J. Koesler, Woodburn, a daughter, Judy Marie, born April 11, Deaconess hospital.
Plank—To Mr. and Mrs. Merle C. Plank, route four, a son, Frank Jeffrey, born March 31, Salem General hospital.
Wodzewska—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wodzewska, route five, a son, Peter Jagus, born April 12.
Jagus—To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Jagus, 1331 Center street, a son, born April 5, Bungalow Maternity home.
Holmes—To Mr. and Mrs. Dale W. Holmes, route three, a son, Dickie Rae, born April 12.
Rutherford—To Mr. and Mrs. Ollie B. Rutherford, Independence, a daughter, Ollie Elouise, born April 23, Salem General hospital.
Beeson—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Beeson, 1308 North Sumner, a daughter, Shirley Ann, born April 12, Salem General hospital.

STATE

CLAUDETTE COLBERT RAY MILLAND
"Arise My Love"
Time: 3:47 - 6:55 - 10:10
—2nd Hit—
WILLIAM BOYD RUSSELL HAYDEN
"Doomed Caravan"
Time: 2:45 - 5:55 - 9:05
PLUS
POPEYE CARTOON
—Midnight Show—
Garry Cooper Melaine Carroll
Paulette Goddard
"NORTHWEST BOUNDED POLICE"

Future Farmers Name Leading Members and Chapters at Meet

CORVALLIS, April 25—(AP)—Oregon Future Farmers of America chose their public speaking champion, named 36 outstanding members and 21 chapters at their convention here Friday.

Donald Rowland of Independence won the alumni public speaking contest, with Gordon Dunham of Lakeview second; Warren Cooley, Albany, third,

and Paul Anderson, Cottage Grove, fourth.

Thirty-six boys were given the state farmer degree, an outstanding honor. They included:

Jerry Lehman, Newberg; Frank Harding, Rainier; Harvey Toffe, Dale Hoecker and Lloyd Sipe, Gresham; Yasu Teramura, Charles Dougherty, Oregon City; Joseph Beno, Louis Oester, Carl Larsen, Scappoose; Gene Stockhoff, McMinnville; Bill Hillebrand, Corvallis; Dale Hengstad, Amos Furpe, Silverton; Harry Thienes, Eugene; Scott Wheeler, Lebanon; Dave Ramseyer, Vernon Johnson, Loye Satter, Salem; Robert Magee, Dayton; Homer Brewer, Adrian; Boyd Shelton, Halfway; Elden Wengblast, The Dalles; Warren Cooley, Bob Ohling, Willis Buck, Albany; Willis Bailey, Keith Searles, Enterprise; William Rorer, Cottage Grove; Duane Clausen, Wallawa; Frank Trigg, Kenneth Anderson, Myrtle Point; Bill Duff, Pendleton; Richard Baum, Union.

The following chapters were awarded keynote ranking: Adrian, Albany, Amity, Canby, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Dayton, Dufur, Enterprise, Eugene, Lakeview, McMinnville, Myrtle Point, Nestucca, Newberg, Nyssa, Pendleton, Salem, Scappoose, Silverton and Wallawa.

Patrol System By Navy Told

Hemisphere Safety Is Declared Object of New US Action

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Navy Knox Thursday night that "We cannot allow our goods to be sunk in the Atlantic for 'we shall be beaten if they do.'"

The president carefully avoided connecting the extended naval patrol with aid to Britain.

(At Sioux Falls, SD, Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) said the president's remarks today were "just another trial balloon" to see "if the American people will stand for convoys.")

Whether the extended US patrol would relieve Britain and Canada entirely of the task of conveying

BERLIN, April 25—(AP)—Warnings that United States war materials for Britain will be sent to the bottom of the sea as fast as German military power is able to do so—convoys or not—were repeated with increasing emphasis in Berlin tonight.

merchant ships on this side of the Atlantic or perhaps merely increase their warships' effectiveness by warning of hostile warcraft ahead, was a matter of conjecture.

In talking of the increased dangers of attack on this hemisphere, the president declared he was not certain that Greenland was not now occupied partly by hostile forces.

He did not specify the type of occupation of this Danish colony in the North Atlantic only recently taken under American protection but he did say it was not by "fifth columnists." There was no elaboration by him or other officials on the meaning of this remark.

The president said steps were being taken to counteract the occupation he mentioned but he did not say what they were.

President Roosevelt made it clear at the opening of his press conference that he endorsed the words of his cabinet officers who spoke Thursday.

Judge Seeks Leave to Take Army Commission

ROSEBURG, April 25—(AP)—Douglas County Judge Morris Bowker Friday asked Governor Sprague for a leave of absence to serve in the army. He holds a commission of major in the infantry reserve and has been ordered to report May 1 at Fort Lewis under assignment to Ninth army corps headquarters. He has been county judge since 1938.

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