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BOULOGNE HOLDING OUT - SAY FRENCH



Washington, D. C., May 24.—Almost over night the national capital has had its confidence in the allies shaken. Doubt is expressed on every hand that the British and French will win the war. Military officers, who know most about such things, are predicting that England will be drenched with bombs from Nazi planes—and that this is inevitable and unescapable; it may take place before these lines are in type.

With a realization that the allies may take a drubbing and Hitler come out as Mr. Big, members of congress recognize that they have some vital work ahead; decisions to be made which will affect the history of the United States for a generation at least. There is more than a national defense program.

The theory on which the United States has proceeded in the past may have to be tossed out the window. This theory: The British navy policed the Atlantic, enabling the American fleet to be kept in the Pacific. British and French own islands which, if taken over by Germany, would provide air bases from which North, Central and South America can be attacked in a few hours.

Unless the allies can hold out, there is little the United States can do to help "short of war". It is not a question of credits or loans now, it is too late to provide munitions, if England is on its knees by July, as Hitler has boasted. The commission the allies dispatched to the United States to purchase supplies has delayed and haggled for months. This is one reason the allies have not received a greater number of combat planes and bombers.

Now, in alarm, the commission would like to purchase the planes now in use by the army—2600 "first line" aircraft by the first of June. This would

COALITION IDEA RAPPED BY F. D. R.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt stamped as cock-eyed today any idea of a coalition cabinet.

He told his press conference that all speculation about Republicans going into his cabinet for the purpose of having a non-partisan defense administration was a case of barking up the wrong tree.

Such conjecture among politicians had been indulged in ever since Col. Frank Knox, Republican vice presidential nominee in 1936, visited the White House several weeks ago to be followed there Wednesday by Alf M. Landon, who headed the Republican ticket four years ago.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The petite Jane Nealon looking smart and chic in a new, pert bell-boy jacket.

H. Barnhart bringing Rogue River national forest executives novel desk gadgets made by CCC boys.

Fred Stevens losing no time in getting his fire wagon headed back to headquarters, he being in a hurry to resume consumption of the crisp, golden waffles being turned out by the Lady Lions.

Eino Hemmila being kidded about his educational movie "Know Your Money," his teachers being eyed the same week the film played.

ALLIES HURLING INFANTRY MASS AT BOTTLENECK

Mastery of Channel Ports at Stake; Germans at Calais, 22 Miles From Dover

By the Associated Press

The French announced tonight they still held the English channel port of Boulogne against armored columns of attacking Germans.

Allied artillery, too, raked the enemy salient across northern France with a cross-fire in an effort to stem the flow of German motorized forces which have reached the gates of Calais, on the channel 20 miles above Boulogne.

The French announcement followed a British statement earlier in the day that Boulogne fell to the Germans during the night. The German high command had not claimed the capture of Boulogne, but said its troops surged on northward, apparently brushing past the city to reach Calais—only 22 miles from Dover, England.

Channel Is Stake With the mastery of the English channel at stake, the allies hurled masses of infantry against the German salient at its bottleneck, between Cambrai and the river Somme.

It was the first time in the 15-day-old campaign that the two branches of the service in which the allies claim superiority, infantry and artillery, were thrown into full play.

Away to the south, in France, the Germans hailed bombs on the Paris-Rouen railway in an attempt to cut off the French capital from the important harbor of Le Havre.

The trend of battle in the critical struggle for mastery of the English channel veered rapidly north, with the Germans striking hard for the shortest direct jumping-off base for England—at Calais.

Trap Tightened In so doing, Hitler's armored legions simultaneously tightened the steel trap on between 500,000 and 1,000,000 allied troops "pocketed" in northern France and Belgium.

With the success of the German drive to the channel, the nazis jubilantly declared the encirclement of the allies was nearing air-tight completion, and said that a great "destructive battle may occur earlier than was expected."

The Germans also reported the fall of the last allied-held forts in Maubeuge, France, just south of the Belgian border. Journal was declared captured.

Reports reaching German diplomatic sources in Bern, Switzerland, also listed the capture of Montreuil and La Touquet on the channel, and said the

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Retail Sales Gain

Portland, May 24.—(AP)—Portland area retail sales showed healthy gains in most lines this week, Dun's business review said today. For the year, department store business is up 6 to 7 per cent over the same 1939 period.

George VI Says Issue Life or Death

London, May 24.—(AP)—On a black Empire day, with England threatened by the first invasion since 1066, King George VI today accused Nazi Germany of a "long planned scheme to subjugate by force the nations of the world."

The king, in a personal broadcast, called upon his peoples to "keep your resolve unshaken." Speaking gravely, King George told the far-flung empire that a "decisive struggle is upon us."

"The issue is now plain: It is an issue of life or death for us all," he declared.

"Defeat will not mean some brief eclipse from which we shall emerge with strength renewed—it will mean the de-

War Bulletins

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—An official announcement tonight said 2,000 allied planes had been destroyed since May 10. (A British announcement today said the allies had destroyed 1,500 German planes in the same period.)

Cairo, Egypt, May 24.—(AP)—Preachers in Mosques throughout Egypt today told Moslems to be prepared for a "jihad" or holy war, to help the allied cause. Egypt has a military alliance with Britain.

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—Bomb hits on an allied cruiser and a transport vessel off German-held and allies-besieged Narvik, Norway's far northern sea port, were reported today by the German high command.

ALLIED CONCESSIONS SEEN UNAVAILING IN APPEASING IL DUCE

Rome, May 24.—(AP)—Futile allied offers of concessions to Premier Mussolini in the hope of keeping Italy non-belligerent were reported today in Italian quarters.

With Italy observing the anniversary of her entrance into the World War 25 years ago today, unofficial observers said the French secretly offered her special rights in Tunisia, credit facilities through the Suez canal and a free port at Jibuti, French Somaliland. Jibuti is the only rail outlet to Italy's Ethiopian empire.

Britain has been negotiating for an arrangement to lift the allied blockade in the Mediterranean for Italy.

Mussolini, however, was quoted as saying the concessions are "too little and too late."

HAWAII DARKENED FOR WAR PRACTICE

HONOLULU, May 24.—(AP)—Through the territory of Hawaii the only light visible from the air was the glow of molten lava in Mauna Loa, volcano on Hawaii island.

All lights were out the length of the archipelago; there was not an automobile lamp lit; even the lighthouses were dark. For 10 minutes last night, beginning at 8:45 o'clock it was blackout time in Hawaii.

For 10 minutes the territory tasted the tang of warfare; complete as it was possible to be in the make-believe version. In this territory where only one resident out of four is white, the army gave assurance it had provided against fifth column activities. It did not elaborate.

SWEDEN ASKS MORE TO FINANCE DEFENSE

Stockholm, May 24.—(AP)—The Swedish government today asked parliament for a special appropriation of \$31,000,000 to augment defense preparations. A military spokesman estimated Sweden's defense measures now are costing the government about \$50,000,000 monthly.

REDDY DAUGHTER BATTLES ILLNESS IN CHROME RACE

Mrs. Moroney and Brother, Michael Reddy, Fly to Juneau to Beat Deadline

Juneau, Alaska, May 24.—(AP)—Mrs. William Moroney and party, bound for Fairbanks to start fulfillment of a 25,000-ton chromium ore contract for the government, arrived here today from Ketchikan and went to a hotel to await takeoff time for the Fairbanks plane.

Fighting illness, further delays and the deadline on fulfillment of the \$846,000 contract, Mrs. Moroney arrived at Ketchikan last night aboard plane from Vancouver, B. C. She was accompanied by Ralph Mason, mining engineer, who intends to build a laboratory at Fairbanks for testing the ore, Francis Lass, son of the owner of the chromium mine near Port Chatham, 16 miles from Seldovia, and her brother, Michael Reddy, who will start production with a small crew.

Left Hospital Wednesday Mrs. Moroney left a San Francisco hospital Wednesday night, flew to Seattle and took a Vancouver plane in an effort to reach a hospital here last night for treatment. Customs delays at Vancouver and Alert Bay, where the plane refueled, made it impossible. After the plane landed at Ketchikan she went under a nurse's care.

A larger crew will come north June 10 to work at the mine.

Mrs. Moroney, a native of Medford, is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Reddy and the late Dr. J. F. Reddy. Mrs. Reddy died here until a couple of years ago when she moved to San Francisco. The family retains an interest in mining properties in southern Oregon and northern California.

Mrs. Moroney's contract with the government was consummated last winter and friends here had been awaiting news of the start of development work at the mines. Until today, nothing further was heard of the project and Medford friends of the family had wondered what had happened to delay operations.

M'NIDER READY FOR G. O. P. FAVOR

Seattle, May 24.—(AP)—Handford MacNider of Mason City, Iowa, former American Legion national commander, told interviewers here today he believed a Republican president in 1941 would be more likely to keep the United States out of war than would a Democrat.

He asserted he was not in Washington state as a presidential candidate. But, just in case the matter came up, he had a suitcase full of pamphlets entitled "MacNider for President." "What About the American Farmer?" by MacNider, "Iowa's Answer on MacNider" and "MacNider More Than a Provincial Candidate."

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ADMIRAL ADVISES QUICK FORTIFYING OF PUERTO RICO

Island Held Vital Point in Protection of U. S. and Central Or North America

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Legislation to permit unlimited expansion of the army air corps under President Roosevelt's \$1,182,000,000 defense program was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Admiral William D. Leahy said after a defense conference with President Roosevelt today that completion of army and navy air bases in Puerto Rico would make it extremely hazardous for any foreign power to attempt to invade the United States, Central America or northern South America.

The retired former chief of naval operations who is now governor of Puerto Rico said that at the present rate the bases will be finished in two years.

But they could be speeded up, he added, so that they could be of definite service within two or three months.

Navy Air Force Tops While the White House concentrated upon pressing the defense program into the stage of operations, the senate naval committee, considering legislation for expansion of the naval air corps, was told that "we have far and away the best naval air force in the world."

This testimony was given by Rear Admiral John H. Towers, chief of naval aeronautics, whose earlier disclosures about the number of modern fighting planes the navy has on hand had precipitated a dispute among committeemen as to whether such facts should be made public.

Mr. Roosevelt said at his press conference that he understood the 48 state governors meeting in Duluth, Minn., on June 2, would express support for the pledge cooperation with the defense program.

Mr. Roosevelt discussed the meeting yesterday with Governor Lloyd C. Stark of Missouri. The Duluth meeting will be the regular annual conference of the governors.

Business Would Aid Meantime American business leaders, mobilizing their vast resources on the industrial front, pledged the national defense program unreserved cooperation for a task in which they said "our very lives and liberties may be involved."

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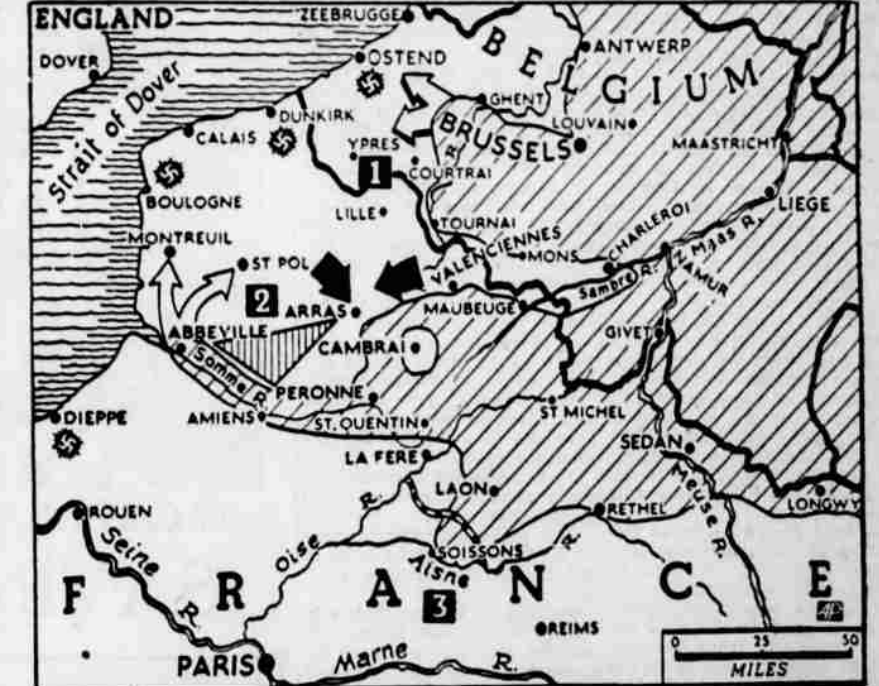
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Major Hot Spots in France, Belgium



Location of major hot spots in France and Belgium are shown on map above. 1—Northern German army expects heaviest fighting at Ypres. 2—Triangle where allied pressure is retarding invaders in Arras area. French claim Arras recaptured (dark arrows indicate allied attacks). 3—Germans claim advance toward Soissons on Paris front. Cambrai (circle) continues to be scene of heavy fighting. Swastikas locate channel ports bombed by Nazis. Open arrows indicate probable German advance beyond admitted lines.

TROTSKY INJURED DURING ATTACK BY STALINIST GROUP

Mexico City, May 24.—(AP)—Leon Trotsky was attacked today by a group of 30 or 40 men who fired into the famous Russian exile's bedroom. He was slightly injured by flying glass.

Trotsky came to Mexico in 1937 after the wandering exile that followed his falling out with the powers of the Soviet Russia he helped to build as one of the leaders of the October, 1917, revolution.

Lately he has lived in a walled-in house in the village of Coyacoacan, Mexico City suburb.

One of Trotsky's secretary-guards, Sheldon Harte, was missing after the attack, during which assailants gained entry to the grounds, took two motor cars, and broke down several doors. A fellow guard said Harte was "kidnaped."

A secretary who said he spoke with Trotsky's authority declared the "attack was personally directed by Joseph Stalin." The former Soviet War lord has been a critic and enemy of Stalin.

RED CROSS ASKS REASONABLE SUM

Solicitation was tightened up in Medford today as the Red Cross campaign committee worked to place Jackson county among the first in the state to raise their quotas of funds for the aid of suffering people in the European war zones.

Medford solicitors, working under the five members of the executive committee, are asking that each person contacted give a reasonable sum in proportion to his means.

More rural districts were being organized to help in the drive, first Red Cross campaign here since 1923.

ROCKEFELLERS GIVE RED CROSS \$100,000

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—A \$100,000 contribution from Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and their five sons brought to \$2,128,176 today the amount contributed toward the \$10,000,000 Red Cross war relief drive begun May 10.

Underground City Provided For Berliners' Protection

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—It has been revealed that a great underground city, large enough to shelter 2,500,000 people has been built secretly under the German capital of Berlin.

The underground network of rooms has hospitals, police stations, food warehouses, and astounding provisions to ensure, insofar as possible, normal life under prolonged air raids.

Some of the passages lead out to the wooded suburbs where the people would be comparatively safe from air bombing.

The underground city has its own power plant, and a pump for the utilization of artesian wells in case the main water-pipes are cut.

PICKERS LACKING FOR BERRY CROP

Portland, May 24.—(AP)—A half-million dollar strawberry crop, ripening rapidly in warm, dry weather, faced serious damage today for lack of pickers.

State employment director L. C. Stoll, who carried the berry industry's appeal to Multnomah and Washington county workers, reported 30 pickers showed up in Cornelius yesterday but 5000 were needed. Ten thousand pickers are necessary to cover the huge producing area.

NO RECOUNT IS BILLINGS' WISH

County Commissioner Ralph Billings, defeated in the Republican primary for the county judge nomination by Assessor J. B. (Blin) Coleman, by a margin of 14 votes, in the official count, announced today:

"I am not sponsoring any recount, and hope there won't be any."

Germans Abandon Flame Throwers

Paris, May 24.—(AP)—The German columns which are crunching to the English channel through a 30-mile corridor have discarded the flame-throwing tanks which they used to cut through the fortifications of the Reuse river in northern France last week, military reports said today.

Instead, they are using tanks equipped with machine-guns. The flame-throwers had only a 70-yard range.

JACKSON CODDLING ALIENS IS CHARGE

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Senator Bridges (R., N. H.) proposed today that congress forbid aliens to carry, own, buy or sell any implement of war, and Senator Reynolds (D., N. C.) asked for a \$50,000 senate investigation of "fifth column" threats to the national defense.

Their proposals, together with an attack by Representative Thomas (R., N. Y.) on Attorney General Robert H. Jackson, followed a junction of forces between congress and government agencies to uncover and destroy subversive activities.

Bridges' bill would provide deportation and a fine of up to \$10,000 for violations. Reynolds offered a resolution to set up a three-man inquiry.

Representative Thomas asserted in a statement that Jackson had been a "chief coddler" of foreign agents.

FRENCH BLOW UP LOCKS ON RHINE-RHONE CANAL

Basel, Switzerland, May 24.—(AP)—French army engineers blew up scores of locks on the Rhine-Rhone canal today, flooding hundreds of square miles of territory on the French side of the Rhine.

The canal runs from Strasbourg to Basel, and the locks formed a vital part of the Maginot line defenses.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—The Young Republican club of New York, which last March endorsed Thomas E. Dewey for the presidential nomination and later reaffirmed the endorsement, will meet tonight to consider a proposal to switch its allegiance to Wendell L. Willkie.

BASEBALL

Table with 2 columns: American League and National League. Rows for Detroit, Chicago, and other teams with their respective scores.