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BRITISH AIRMEN SCATTER ATTACKERS

FURIOUS BATTLE SEES MANY NAZIS PLANES DOWNED

R. A. F. Member Says Foe Seemed to Come From All Directions; Many Witness

By the Associated Press. London, July 24.—(P)—A furious battle involving 60 planes was fought over the Thames estuary today when Germans attacked a merchant convoy and were scattered by a swarm of British fighters. British communiques said six of the German planes engaged in that attack were shot down and three others were shot down in raids over the north-west coast and southeast Scotland—nine in all.

The air ministry said four were shot down in the south-eastern raid by fighters and one by anti-aircraft, while another report said a sixth plane was forced into the sea in a subsequent chase.

A witness of the battle over the Thames estuary, a youth who had just joined the Royal Air Force, said "the planes seemed to be coming from all directions. There were 50 or 60 at one time and as they whirled around it was difficult to distinguish British from German. It was so thrilling that watchers forgot their own danger from flying bullets and stood peering into the sky."

Bomb targets last night included aircraft factories at Gotha, Kassel and Wenzendorf, oil depots at Hamburg and Gelsenkirchen and railways, anti-aircraft batteries and airdromes elsewhere in Germany and the Netherlands.

Bombers attacked patrol boats in Dunkerque harbor, France, yesterday afternoon and oil tanks at Flushing, the Netherlands, and docks at Amsterdam, during the night.

One plane failed to return and two German planes were reported shot down. Assailed at home by new Nazi aerial attacks, Britain rushed troop reinforcements today to guard her Mediterranean stronghold of Gibraltar—vital link in the life-line of empire—under threat of German assault from the rear.

Recent dispatches have told of German soldiers filtering into Spain, possibly to attack the vast rock bastion from behind in a coordinated siege with Italian naval and air forces.

British transport ships disembarked Canadian and Australian troops to bolster the fortress garrison, and also brought huge stores of foodstuffs and war supplies—anti-aircraft guns, planes and artillery.

Vichy, France, July 24.—(P)—Former Premier Edouard Daladier, whose government declared war on Germany last fall, was confined within the city of Marseille today under orders of the new Petain-Laval regime, marked for "investigation" and possible punishment for alleged responsibility for France's entry into the conflict and for her defeat.

Hull Welcomed in Cuba



Secretary of State Cordell Hull (right) is shown being presented to President Federico Laredo Bru (center) of Cuba at a reception given in the presidential palace in Havana in honor of delegates to the inter-American conference. The conference of 21 American republics opened for discussions of economic and diplomatic solidarity in the western hemisphere.

JAPANESE SPOKESMAN DENIES ANTI-YANKEE ATTITUDE FOSTERED

Shanghai, July 24.—(P)—A Japanese embassy spokesman today described a series of incidents involving United States citizens since July 7 as "an unfortunate coincidence from which it cannot be concluded that Japan is adopting an anti-American attitude."

Declaring at a press conference that "it is the duty of newspapermen to keep calm and cool," he said telegrams sent to President Roosevelt yesterday by five American newsmen—who urged retaliatory acts against Japan unless Tokyo acted to restrain Japanese elements in Shanghai—gave a false impression that anti-American sentiment was growing among Japanese.

The correspondents called the embassy spokesman's attention to a proclamation issued by Japanese residents of Hangchow saying: "Since the atrocities committed by American marines at Shanghai July 7, the American government has tried to avert its responsibility. This hostile attitude can never be tolerated. We want to warn Americans that if they don't withdraw from Asia forthwith, Japan will take necessary steps."

One correspondent asserted that persons attending the mass meeting at which the proclamations were drawn up were transported by Japanese army trucks.

FAREWELL PARTY IS GIVEN FOR STARKEYS

Seventy-five guests were present at a party in the Free Methodist church last night honoring the Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Starkey. The Rev. Starkey, pastor of the local church for the past three years, has been appointed to the pastorate at Albany and with Mrs. Starkey, will leave here next Monday.

The Rev. R. H. Poet, pastor of the Free Methodist Central church in Portland, has been named to succeed the Rev. Starkey here.

Claims Kill Cats San Francisco, July 24.—(P)—The death of three cats which were fed parts of claims taken from the Pacific ocean led to a quarantine on claims extending along the shoreline of San Luis Obispo county today.

MORSE OPPOSES BRIDGES OUSTER

Eugene, July 24.—(P)—Wayne L. Morse, Pacific coast waterfront labor arbiter, disclosed his opposition last night to the congressional bill to deport Harry Bridges, longshore leader and California CIO director.

Morse explained his opposition in a letter to Senator William H. King of Utah, copies of which he sent to Bridges and Miss Eleanor Fowler of Washington, D. C., chairman of the "Bridges defense committee."

The committee asked for his views. The arbiter said "I do not know of a more fair-minded, competent judicial officer than Dean (James) Landis of Harvard," who exonerated Bridges at a special deportation hearing of charges of communism and opposition to the American system of government.

VETERANS URGE LESS RED TAPE

Newport, July 24.—(P)—Elimination of red tape delays in the preparedness program was demanded in a resolution passed yesterday by the United Spanish War Veterans of Oregon.

The veterans nominated Judd Stauffer of Eugene for department commander without opposition.

The U. S. W. V. fun organization, Military Order of Serpents, elected Francis M. Rich, Portland, grand gugu grandissimo. Among other officers: Sam Richmond, Eugene, grand daddo; J. P. Howard, Eugene, and John Simmons, Klamath Falls, S. and S. K. O. Hugh MacDonald and Stauffer, both Eugene, were among delegates picked for the supreme convocation.

TOBACCO FIRMS CITED IN TRUST

Washington, July 24.—(P)—The justice department announced today that it had filed criminal charges under the Sherman anti-trust act, at Lexington, Ky., against eight major tobacco companies, 26 other corporations and 33 individuals.

Exemption for Those With Dependents Promised at Conscription Act Hearing

GOLD HILL BOYS FIND DAD'S BODY HANGING IN TREE

Arthur E. Shoemaker, 52, Missing Since Thursday Suicide—Was War Hero

Despondent because of a long illness, Arthur E. Shoemaker, 52, of Gold Hill, a World War veteran, took his own life last Thursday afternoon by hanging, the body being discovered Tuesday afternoon by his two sons, on top of Beacon hill, about three miles north of Gold Hill.

County Coroner Frank Perl said the two young boys, Delbert Dwan and Arthur, Jr., came across the body of their father, hanging from a tree about three-quarters of a mile up the steep slopes of Beacon hill, atop of which is an airplane beacon.

The discovery, Coroner Perl stated, came as the two boys were playing on the hill. After finding their father, they immediately ran home and the coroner and local authorities were notified.

Was Despondent. The coroner said he learned that Shoemaker left home at 1 p. m. Thursday in a despondent frame of mind, and that although his family was worried about him when he failed to return, and carried on a search, they didn't believe his disappearance was serious enough to warrant notifying authorities.

Perl said no further investigation would be made, as it was held certain by state police and the sheriff's office that Shoemaker's death was caused by suicide.

Arthur E. Shoemaker was born in Eaton, Ind., on March 22, 1888. He had been a resident of Gold Hill for the past six years and before his death was employed by the Beaver-Portland Cement company. He was a barber by occupation and followed that line of work during his off hours.

In Big Engagement. He served in the World War as sergeant of company H, 338th infantry, 80th division, after having enlisted April 29, 1928, at Grand Rapids, Mich. He participated in one of the largest engagements of the war, the operation of the second army against the Germans between the Meuse and Moselle rivers, from November 9 to November 18, when the Kaiser's legions launched their final desperate drive to win the war. He was honorably discharged in November, 1918.

Survivors are his wife Lela V., his two sons and two daughters, Mrs. C. L. Walker and Elizabeth Jane Shoemaker, all of Gold Hill. He was a former member of Klamath Falls post D.A.V.

Funeral services will be held at the graveside in Rock Point cemetery, Gold Hill, at 11 a. m. Thursday, the Medford post, D. A. V., in full charge. A salute will be fired over his grave. The Perl funeral home is in charge of arrangements.

Swimmer Drowns Seaside, July 24.—(P)—The body of John Mulford, 50, of Portland, victim of a pre-dawn swimming party Sunday, washed ashore last night. The body was recovered at almost the exact point where the tide brought in two other surf victims in the last three months.

Fairbanks, Alaska, July 24.—(P)—After wandering for two days in the wilderness when their plane was forced down, John Hood of Elgin, Ill., and Clyde Stevens of Los Angeles were rescued yesterday by fellow pilots. They were hungry and in latters when found.

ANTI-THIRD TERM ORGANIZATION IS SEN. BURKE'S AIM

Nebraskan Claims Many Long-Standing Democrats Promise Support in Move

Washington, July 24.—(P)—Senator Burke (D-Neb.) said today he was forming an organization to oppose a third term for President Roosevelt lest Mr. Roosevelt's reelection destroy "one of our most cherished traditions and one of our strongest defenses against dictatorship."

"Many prominent Democrats of long standing, both in and outside of the party organization and many voters without definite party affiliation, have promised their support and co-operation in the work of such an organization and have insisted upon prompt action," Burke said in a formal statement to the press.

Support Urged. The senator, who recently was defeated for renomination in Nebraska's Democratic primary, previously had disclosed that he would support Wendell Wilkie, the Republican presidential nominee.

Senator Burke urged "all men and women who believe in the principles of our government, all who look with distrust and suspicion upon the extension of personal government throughout the world, to join men in carrying this issue to every voter in our nation."

"This attempt at self-perpetuation in the office of the presidency is on the same level with the unsuccessful attempt to make the supreme court subservient and subordinate to that office and it will be fought on principles without regard to party."

FELLER STRUCK BY PITCHED BALL

Cleveland, July 24.—(P)—Bob Feller, Cleveland's star pitcher, was struck in the face by a ball thrown in pre-game practice today. Feller was taken to the clubhouse and his face packed in ice, but club officials expressed belief the injury was not serious.

The ball was thrown accidentally by Keith Monroe, a Cleveland sandlot player who was working out with the Indians, members of the team said.

F. R. Leaving Lofty Pedestal Willkie Tells Utah Crowd

Salt Lake City, July 24.—(P)—Wendell L. Willkie told a press conference today that President Roosevelt "is climbing down just slightly from his lofty pedestal" as the campaign progresses.

Willkie spent most of the morning reviewing a lengthy parade celebrating Pioneer Day. Accompanied by Mrs. Willkie, the nominee sat under a blazing sun and applauded the scores of floats which passed before him.

The Republican candidate for president told reporters he had little to add to his previous statement regarding President Roosevelt's attack on his Democratic supporters.

BASEBALL

Table with columns for American League (Washington, Detroit, Hudson, etc.) and National League (Chicago, Boston, etc.) with R, H, E statistics.

CONFEREES EYE PLANS TO FIGHT 5TH COLUMNISTS

Havana, July 24.—(P)—An imposing array of proposals to combat fifth column activities and build defense were offered to the Pan American conference today by the United States and various Latin American delegations.

The United States delegation proposed inter-American machinery to suppress firmly the activities of any group acting upon orders from abroad designed to produce international disorder or establish regimes not acceptable to the American way of life.

A convention binding western hemisphere nations into a strict pact against recognizing any regime established by exterior violence in the Occidental world, was proposed.

The number of projects submitted amounted to 12—many of them defense measures. It was learned that the United States delegation had given increasing attention to the possibilities of subversive activities being directed within American nations under the protection of diplomatic immunity.

RUMANIA CONFISCATES BRITISH OIL COMPANY

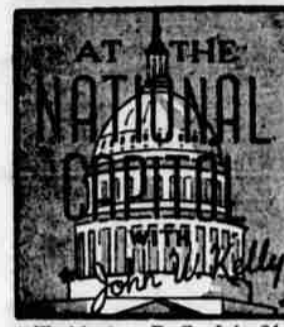
Bucharest, July 24.—(P)—The Rumanian government today confiscated the largest British oil company in Rumania.

The confiscated concern was the Astra-Romana oil company, which is jointly owned by British and Dutch interests. Oil Commissioner Gheron Netta appointed one of his deputies to run the company for the government.

GLASS EYEBALLS USED ON ACTOR

Hollywood, July 24.—(P)—With bloodshot eyeballs of glass glued to his own orbs and a rounded stomach of rubber strapped across his middle, Orson Welles, the man from Mars, stepped before the cameras today to confound the wisecracks who said he'd never find the time to make a movie.

The 25-year-old Welles was playing the part of a 70-year-old man in a drama of the silver sheet written, produced, and directed by him for a fee of \$150,000 cash, in advance. Cameras began to grind almost exactly one year after he arrived in Hollywood with appropriate fanfare as the youngest triple-threat man in movie history. Film being shot was for testing purposes; formal start of his picture is scheduled for August 1.



AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

Washington, D. C., July 24.—There are plenty of rumblings in both new deal and Republican camps and preliminary sparring before Wendell Wilkie "meets the champ." This is not going to be a baby-kissing campaign. Some sturdy blows will be exchanged between the principals and at this time the prospects are that it will be a close decision—no landslide.

Mr. Wilkie is criticized by well-wishing Republicans for his penchant for wise-cracking, for his sounding off extemporaneously, for conducting himself as though he is running for sheriff and not the high office of president. New to the spotlight, Wilkie has offended important Republicans by ignoring appointments with them to pal around with political reporters and cameramen. The press boys like Wilkie, just as Franklin D. Roosevelt won them in 1932, and Wilkie is ready to make copy for them any time, day or night, which is not always the part of wisdom.

It is natural that Wilkie, long a utility executive, should be the guest of people in Colorado who are in the utility business, but this is arousing criticism. Sometime in the campaign Wilkie must clarify his views on public power. He must say that in the west where the great government dams are located—Bonnevile, Grand Coulee, Fort Peck, Shasta, Boulder, etc.—water power is a natural resource, for there is no coal or oil in the region and the power is required if there is to be industrial development.

Mr. Wilkie must meet this question frankly and freely. His running mate, Oregon's Charley McNary, has been identified with all of these power dams. McNary's stand and record on

LEMERY PICTURES SHOWN ROTARIANS

Dr. Charles W. Lemery entertained the Medford Rotary club with moving pictures of his recent trip to Havana, Cuba, as a feature at the Tuesday luncheon-meeting of that organization. The moving pictures in colors were taken by Dr. and Mrs. Lemery when they attended the convention of Rotary, International in the Caribbean metropolis.

The trip was made entirely by air and the moving pictures included many excellent aerial views.

Rev. Herald Gardner also discussed the German aims for future world domination in a brief talk preceding the motion picture program. Don Bagley was program chairman and introduced the speakers.

AUTO THIEF SENTENCED

Roseburg, Ore., July 24.—(P)—Melvin C. Carmichael, 19, brought to this city Monday from Yreka, Cal., to answer a charge of auto theft, pleaded guilty in circuit court today, and was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS Cappy Joseph Scobey covering a lot of ground in his CCC duties and picking up interesting news items on the fly. Oregonian Fred Colvig of the Oregonian foresaking a metropolitan vacation in San Francisco to return to his southern Oregon haunts for a more serene sojourn and a bit of quiet fishing. Fred Stevens keeping in trim on the fire department's tennis court.