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BRITAIN'S MIGHTIEST WARSHIP SUNK

THE CAPITAL PARADE
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Washington, May 24.—The president has invited William L. Batt to leave the Office of Production Management for a post at the White House as adviser on defense production. He has already added Isador Lubin to his personal staff as adviser on the defense program's economic aspects. The two steps look like a meaningless re-shuffling of existing cards. But a much larger significance is seen in them by men close to the White House, who forecast a gradual but major administrative shake-up.

Both Batt and Lubin are men of ability and prestige and their choice is particularly striking because of their well known beliefs that the defense effort should be both speeded and expanded. If the plan is successfully developed, they will be joined by eight or ten other people of comparable capabilities, all working under the president's supervision and using all of the immense powers of the White House to tighten up the defense program. They will be the president's men, with all the authority and responsibility that the term implies.

The choice of Batt is particularly significant. Formerly the head of the SKF Company of Philadelphia, Batt originally joined the government as a member of Edward L. Stettinius' raw materials division of the old defense commission. When the OPM was organized he went to the production division as deputy chief. In recent months he has gained a reputation in Washington as one of the ablest industrialists recruited for emergency service. Furthermore, he has made very clear that he differs from some of his OPM colleagues who are the apostles of caution in defense preparations. Batt, for some time, has been ready to lose the methods of business-as-usual out of the window.

If Batt is attached to the White House as an adviser on defense production, he will speak with the president's voice on production problems. And if the plan concludes as it is supposed to, the new White House group will give a more vigorous tempo to the emergency effort. Thus, by a circuitous route, the president will have accomplished a transfer of authority, without the unpleasantness of getting rid of those officials who are ineffective.

POSSIBLY the president's intimates are wrong. Possibly the invitation to Batt and Lubin mean nothing. But if they are right, however, the result should be a de-centralization of responsibility. As advisers the president will have gathered effective subordinates on whom he is expected to confer real authority for specific tasks.

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TIRED STATESMEN ADVISED TO WALK
Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The physician who watches the health of the members of congress urged all senators and representatives today to "walk for at least an hour every day, and get in nine holes of golf if possible."

HOOD WITH 1,300 ABOARD, SUNK IN ICELAND BATTLE

Nazis' New Bismarck Hit, Pursued by British Fleet—Lucky Hit Causes Disaster—Of Grave Historic Import.

By the Associated Press
London, May 24.—The 42,100-ton battle cruiser Hood, largest warship in the world, was blown to bits in the waters between Greenland and Iceland today by the new German battleship Bismarck during a battle of grave historic import between the behemoths of the British and German navies.

The admiralty, in announcing this largest single naval loss the British navy has suffered since the war began, attributed it to an unlucky hit in a munitions magazine and expressed fear that more than 1,300 men had been killed.

The 35,000-ton Bismarck received damage and tonight is fleeing, pursued by the remaining British warships, the announcement said.

The German high command, which first disclosed the destruction of the Hood in a special communique, placed the scene off Iceland and said the Bismarck and all the other German forces emerged from the battle virtually unscathed and continued their Atlantic operations. A British battleship was forced to withdraw, the Germans said.

Near Greenland
Greenland, protection of which has been assumed by the United States, and Iceland, now under British occupation, are separated by a 250-mile stretch of water, the Strait of Denmark. It was apparently somewhere near the mouth of this strait, on the edge of the Western hemisphere, that the battle occurred.

The brief British communique shocked the empire during celebration of the 122nd anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth. It said:

"British naval forces intercepted early this morning off the coast of Greenland German naval forces, including the battleship Bismarck.

"The enemy were attacked, and during the ensuing action H.M.S. Hood (Captain R. Kerr) wearing the flag of Vice Admiral L. E. Holland, received an unlucky hit in a magazine and blew up.

It Happened Here

Middleton, N. Y., May 24.—(AP)—An individual who on five different occasions mailed letters which failed to reach destination raised old Ned with postal inspectors. An official investigation was made.

They had been deposited in the city's new green rubbish cans.

JAPAN BRISTLES AT PROPOSAL TO CURB OIL SUPPLY

Blunt Editorial Comment From Tokyo Papers Says 'Dragon Teeth Sown'

Tokyo, Sunday, May 25.—(AP)—A blunt declaration that "any nation will rise in resentment" if her oil supplies are interfered with was carried editorially today by the foreign office controlled Times Advertiser in commenting on Rep. Weiss' (D., Penn.) recent proposals to congress.

Weiss, the paper said, had presented a four-point program designed to block all petroleum and petroleum products from Japan and Japan's possessions.

"The oil question is not one solely related to war," the Times Advertiser said, declaring that petroleum products are "part of the machinery of peaceful development."

Without mentioning by name The Netherlands East Indies, which are Japan's main Pacific source of oil supplies, the editorial said Weiss and others "also are trying to close other fields."

The problem of oil to a nation which has no resources of its own is one of tremendous importance and positive action by the United States is bound to make the present critical situation even more so, the editorial said.

Oil is as essential for import as is silk for export, the paper declared, and any change in the current situation might well be a decisive factor in the Pacific relations of the United States and Japan.

"Japan has a more logical right to Pacific regional supplies than the United States, whose riches in natural resources are so abundant. If America couples control over its own supplies with attempts to control the essentials of other nations, dragon's teeth are sown."

ANGELL OPPOSES FEDERAL GAS TAX

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Rep. Angell (R., Ore.) asked congress this week in extension of remarks in the congressional record not to levy additional federal taxes on gasoline.

The Oregonian said it was necessary to raise more funds, but argued gasoline already was heavily taxed. He said the idea of taxing gasoline to provide funds for road construction originated in Oregon and had been found to be the ideal tax for that purpose. He said the states now taxed gasoline an average of 4.4 cents while the federal government taxed it 1.5 cents a gallon.

Angell said in many states the tax on motor fuel was much higher than the average.

KENNEDY FLOUTS U. S. AS GUARDIAN OF WORLD PEACE

More Facts, Less Slogans Held Need—Official Censor Is Urged.

Atlanta, May 24.—(AP)—Joseph P. Kennedy, former U. S. ambassador to Great Britain, urged tonight that the United States "not be deluded by any claim that self-interest should make us guardians of the peace of the rest of the world."

In an address prepared for the Oglethorpe university commencement exercises, Kennedy said "the crusaders' argument for war is the silliest of all," and asserted that "democracy cannot be imposed by force or otherwise."

"In our very attempt at this colossal crusade," he said, "we would end in failure and disgrace abroad, in disillusionment and bankruptcy at home."

"We cannot divert the tides of the mighty revolution now sweeping Asia and Europe. They were not of our making and they will not be subject to our control, no matter how courageously we strive to subject them."

He also urged the nation to beware of slogans and said this country should not become a belligerent "just because we hate Hitler and love Churchill."

"Facts are what the country needs, not slogans," he said. "What is the state of our own defense? What can we do if we declare war? Where will we land troops? What about Japan? What will be the result of declaring war in terms of our ability to help England?"

"The people who must suffer and give up their lives are entitled to know all the facts before their judgment can be won to the interventionist cause. It is a mockery of liberty to withhold from democratic people the essential facts upon which this, the most awful decision of our times, must be based. We must have the complete candor; we must have the fullest disclosure; we must have the freest debate."

Kennedy said he was "particularly unimpressed by the hysteria which I suspect is consciously stimulated by the idea that we are in danger of military attack."

This country is so situated, he said, that "a direct attack on us would require an armada mightier than the power of man could create."

ACCIDENTAL GUN DISCHARGE KILLS KANE CRK WOMAN

Mrs. Ida May LeeClair, resident of the Kane Creek road near Gold Hill, died Saturday about 7:45 p. m. as a result of a bullet wound in the neck resulting from an accidental discharge of a .22 rifle from which her son, Carl Raymond LeeClair, was removing the bullets, according to County Coroner H. W. Conger.

The coroner reported that LeeClair was seated on the edge of a bed in one room and his mother, holding her granddaughter, was seated on a bed in the kitchen with an open door between the two rooms.

As LeeClair unloaded the .22 rifle the gun accidentally discharged, the bullet striking his mother in the neck and causing instantaneous death. LeeClair immediately ran to the neighbors for help, Coroner H. W. Conger said.

War Bulletins

London, Sunday, May 25.—(AP)—The air and home security ministries issued this communique today: Enemy activity last night was very slight. Before dark a few bombs dropped near the coast of East Anglia which did some damage and injured a small number of people. After dark bombs dropped at one place in west England. Some damage was done and a small number of casualties were reported.

Washington, May 24.—(AP) Asserting that "we face the alternative of conveying now or fighting later," Senator Guffey (D., Pa.) added tonight, "I say, convey now."

In an address broadcast by CBS, the Pennsylvania senator said that the United States could avoid "eventual war with a triumphant, world-conquering Hitler in one way and one way only—by giving Britain the weapons to destroy him."

M'DONALD BLASTS DOUBLE IN TENTH TO BEAT REDDING

Thirdbaseman Alex McDonald's screeching double to the right-centerfield boards in the 10th inning scored Shortstop Del Schroer from first base and gave the Medford Craters a 2 to 1 victory over the Redding Tigers of the Northern California league in an exhibition game at the fairgrounds park last night.

McDonald's payoff blow came with one out and broke up one of the tightest pitching battles ever seen here. Schroer had reached first on a walk.

The two clubs battled from the second inning to the 10th without a score, after the Craters tallied once in the first and the Tigers once in the second.

Willard Smith, young right-hander recently released by Vancouver, B. C., of the Western International league, hurled the entire game for the Craters and gave up five blows while fanning six. Fred Kienle, Redding right-hander, did even better—he allowed the same number of hits, but struck out 18 Craters with a smoking fireball and a sharp curve.

Medford scored its first-inning run on McDonald's single to left, an error by Kienle and two wild pitches. Redding came back in the second to tie the score at 1-1, also on a wild pitch. Wickert reached second when Glenn, Crater rightfielder, dropped his towering fly ball, moved to third on an infield out, and tallied on Smith's wild pitch.

Score: R. H. E. Redding 1 5 2 Medford 2 5 1 Kienle and Roberts; Smith and Slater.

CLIMAX NEAR IN TROOP MIGRATION

En Route With the 41st Division, Modesto, Calif., May 24.—(AP)—Northern and central California literally crawled with motorized troops tonight as the greatest military migration in far west history neared a climax.

Leading a seven-day drive that sent them sweeping south in two great rivers of olive-drab trucks through southwest Washington, Oregon and California, lead vehicles of the 41st and 3rd divisions and IX corps will begin pulling into Jolon tomorrow to set up a camp that will house more than 35,000 soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash.

Next month these troops and California divisions will participate in the biggest war games the west coast has ever seen.

ISLAND SEIZURE URGED IF VICHY REJECTS PARLEY

Friendly Steps First, Then Force if Necessary, Sen. Mead's Plan.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Senator Mead (D., N. Y.) urged Secretary Hull today to undertake "friendly negotiations with the Vichy government for the establishment of American defense bases on the island of Martinique and other French possessions in this hemisphere."

"Should this effort prove futile and should it be the judgment of our government that the interests of this hemisphere are in jeopardy," Mead added in a letter to Hull, "seizure by force should be accomplished without delay."

Acquisition of French island possessions has been advocated by other senators, among them Clark (D., Mo.), and Reynolds (D., N. C.), who have been critical of present administration foreign policy.

Senator Pepper (D., Fla.) who proposed a week ago that the United States seize French islands in this hemisphere, agreed with Mead that negotiations for bases should be undertaken first.

"While we could take Martinique and other French possessions without difficulty," Pepper said, "we should try first to negotiate for bases and then see what happens."

Mead expressed belief that friendly negotiations initiated by this country would "invite the sympathy and support of a large portion of the French population."

"If a proposal to negotiate were rejected by the Vichy government," he told Hull, "such a rejection could hardly be interpreted as anything else than an action taken as a result of extreme pressure from the contemporary continental conqueror."

AMERICA DEFENSE DRIVE YEAR OLD; AWAIT F.D.R. CHAT

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—America's great defense drive was a year old today, with William S. Knudsen, the director of production, asserting that air-plane deliveries had increased 400 per cent in that period, 1,625 new industrial projects had been started and \$15,200,000,000 worth of orders placed.

With the nation's factories now swinging into mass production of planes, tanks and guns, it was apparent too that the defense program was also taking on new directions and objectives. And just where it goes from this point may be indicated by President Roosevelt in a long-awaited fireside chat Tuesday night.

What he plans to say is, of course, a closely guarded secret, but billions will be at their radios listening intently for any indication of his views on the convoy issue, civilian defense and the question of repealing the neutrality act, a proposal that has had strong support from two members of his cabinet—Secretaries Knox and Stimson.

Denver Official Indicted
Denver, May 24.—(AP)—Carl P. Schwalb, city manager of health and charities and administrator of Denver General hospital, was indicted today by a special grand jury investigating the handling of abortion patients at the hospital.

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Seattle	2 9 0
Salveson and Conroy; Barrett and Campbell.	

Cat No Bottleneck

Dallas, Tex., May 24.—(AP)—"Those navy planes at your airport are so noisy they are making a nervous wreck out of my cat," a woman complained via telephone to R. R. Millsap, Hampton airport owner who donated his port as a temporary naval reserve air base.

"I'm sorry," replied the man who astounded naval officers by refusing a single penny's rental, "but your cat is not going to be a bottleneck in the nation's defense program."

KOOZER NAMED AS PACIFIC HIGHWAY GROUP PRESIDENT

State Highway Chairman Addresses Rogue Lodge Meet—Assurances Given

Ralph E. Koozer of Ashland, manager of the Bagley Canning company, was elected president of the Oregon Pacific Highway association at a meeting of that organization Saturday at Rogue River lodge. At this meeting, attended by Henry F. Cabell, chairman of the state highway commission, and other officials of that organization, it was decided to close the Washington, D. C., office June 15 and concentrate the association's efforts on the Pacific coast.

The highway development program in this state is expected to be somewhat affected by the projected cantonments in this city and at Eugene. The McDonald report appropriating \$250,000,000 for strategic and access highways is now on the President's desk and, according to Chairman Cabell, is expected to be introduced in congress within a few days. It is hoped that this defense highway program will relieve the serious bottleneck in highway 99.

In his address before the banquet, Mr. Cabell assured the delegation of representatives from Oregon communities that the Pacific highway has been on all maps of strategic military roadways and will unquestionably receive federal funds when and if the proposed national defense highway program becomes a reality.

A. C. Marsters of Roseburg was selected vice-president for the ensuing year at the Saturday meeting of the Oregon Pacific highway association. Paul B. Rynning of this city was chosen secretary-treasurer and the directors will be Howard S. Merriam of Goshen, retiring president; F. Eakin of Cottage Grove; C. H. Demaray, Grants Pass, retiring treasurer, and one member from each of the courts of the counties identified with the association, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Lane.

In the business session preceding the banquet recognition was accorded Carl Rynearson, secretary-manager, upon the excellent work of his office in behalf of the association at the nation's capital.

Glenn Jackson, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, spoke briefly at the banquet in behalf of the guest group.

NEW MEXICO CITY SWEEP BY FLOOD
Carlsbad, N. H., May 24.—(AP)—This flood-damaged city counted its homeless at more than 14,000 tonight, its dead at no fewer than five, and its lost or wrecked homes in excess of 300.

Carlsbad escaped today a repetition of the destructive flood crests which descended in 15-foot walls of water upon residential sections from the rain-drenched heights of the Guadalupe mountains Thursday and Friday.

Aside from residential losses, Oakland flood damage includes two railroad bridges, unnumbered automobiles, lumber yards, railroad track and the like.

BATTLE OF CRETE STILL IN DOUBT; MALEMI MAIN KEY

Nazis Rain On Isles at Fearful Cost—British Position Better.

By the Associated Press
Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, May 25.—Long-range RAF fighters and big bombers once again helping Britain's "fight-to-the-death" army in the bitter struggle for strategic Crete smashed and slashed today at the parade of German paratroopers still pouring upon the bloody island battleground despite terrific losses.

How the battle would go still could not be determined, as the fighting went into the sixth day, but unofficial reports hinted at some improvement in the defenders' positions since the RAF re-entered the fray.

The main fighting centered at Malemi airdrome, where the Nazis have been attempting to secure a base to land a stronger force. Fourteen Nazi planes were destroyed.

But the situation throughout Crete still was serious for the British, Australian, New Zealand and Greek troops—for the German plane ferry service from the mainland continued without a sign of letting up.

The British recapture of Candia and Retimo gave the empire forces an opportunity to rush reinforcements to men trying to sweep the Germans out of Malemi—the one place where they have managed to establish a foothold.

It was at Malemi that the most intense struggle was taking place and the fate of that one engagement might prove the deciding factor of the Crete-wide battle.

Even as the Germans held off the British at Malemi, their fellows in isolated sections of the island were not so fortunate and were being mopped-up by the British.

Some of the aircraft in the battle—including big bombers fitted out as long-range fighters to augment the fighter forces—flew from Egyptian desert airdromes to engage the Germans.

New York, May 24.—(AP)—The British radio reported tonight that the Germans still were dropping parachute troops widespread over Crete but that the main fighting was centered about the Malemi airdrome, where a "fierce struggle is taking place."

The British radio said British troops hold positions east of Malemi airdrome.

Detachments of paratroopers were landed by air at Candia and at Retimo "but these detachments met the same fate as those dropped at the same places yesterday (Saturday)" the radio added.

"They were decisively dealt with by the allied forces."

"Elsewhere on the island, our troops are mopping up isolated detachments of the enemy."

STRIKERS URGED TO RESUME WORK

San Francisco, May 24.—(AP)—Officials of local unions—except the machinists—today made their first appeal to members of various crafts to return to work Monday at the strike-bound shipyards.

National officials previously had asked their members to resume work. Local heads of the unions sent telegrams and made telephone and personal calls on many of the 4,000 AFL members on the Oakland side of the bay. Declaring the strike by 1,900 AFL and CIO machinists, which tied up more than \$500,000,000 in defense contracts and made 17,000 men idle, to be "unauthorized," local officials said in a statement: "You should return to your jobs in order to keep face with those with whom we have signed contracts. These contracts are sacred and it behooves every trade unionist to keep faith not only with our employers but with the federal government."