

In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

THE sinking of the Bismarck which fills the news today (Tuesday) almost to the exclusion of everything else, is for the British a psychological victory of the utmost importance.

It AVENGES the sinking of the Hood, and thus bolsters the ages-old tradition (a part of the fiber of every Englishman's be-

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ing) that the British fleet can't be monkeyed with. Its effect on British morale is incalculable.

THE story of the whole action involving the Hood and the Bismarck is emerging slowly today from the mists of censorship.

The Bismarck and her lesser satellite, the cruiser Prince Eugen, were first sighted on Saturday by British scouting planes at Bergen, Norway. They were seen again as they were passing through the Strait of Denmark, between Iceland and Greenland.

Apparently they were heading out into the Atlantic to raid merchant shipping.

HEAVY British naval forces were at once dispatched to intercept them, and in the first skirmish after contact was established a lucky salvo from the Bismarck found a weak spot in the Hood's armor and blew up her magazines, sinking her.

IN the ensuing confusion, the Bismarck escaped into the fog and was lost for several hours. Then an American-made scouting plane from the British fleet located her.

Quoting the language of the official British communique, "planes from the carrier Ark Royal struck the first telling blows and later other torpedo-carrying planes from the Ark Royal and UNITS OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET gave her the coup de grace." (Coup de grace means literally "grace blow"—the blow with which the bull fighter finishes the bull.)

The Bismarck is said to have been slowed down to a speed of about eight knots after hits from two aerial torpedoes from planes launched from British warships.

A FURTHER dispatch asserts that: "The cruiser Dorsetshire rammed home torpedoes that finished off the Bismarck after she had been shelled into helplessness by British heavy ships and destroyers."

AS yet the important question as to whether the Bismarck was destroyed by planes or warships is not fully clear—probably won't be for some time. Too many important issues are involved for snap judgment to be taken. At least the planes involved in her destruction were operating as UNITS OF THE BRITISH FLEET—not as an independent attacking force.

THE issue of airplane vs. warship remains indecisive in the eastern Mediterranean on the basis of the dispatches.

The British admit the loss of two cruisers and four destroyers in the battle of Crete and DAMAGE to two battleships and "several other cruisers." But they assert that NO SEABORNE German forces have been landed on Crete, whereas reinforcements are reaching the allied (British-Greek) garrison there.

This indicates that in spite of severe losses the British fleet there has given a good account of itself.

AS to Crete, the British admit that German air-borne reinforcements continue to arrive, and the weight of this attack has grown from day to day. London says this (Tuesday) morning: "At this moment the issue of magnificent resistance hangs in the balance."

SO much for today's (Tuesday's) news. Tomorrow's (Wednesday's) news will all revolve around what President Roosevelt says in his long-awaited speech tonight.

Some spots in Chile have as much as 216 inches of rain a year.

The lids of the chamberlain's eyes are fused together, leaving an opening no larger than the pupil.

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By JOSEPH ALSOP and ROBERT KINTNER

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state of the isolationist movement, have aroused comment in other directions. Particularly, fair-minded persons in every city where they have been held have noted with distress the extremely high proportion of men and women with obvious Communist or Bundist affiliations among the honest pacifists and old-fashioned little-America advocates in attendance.

The meetings are known to be part of a carefully laid plan of campaign. The chief members of the America First Committee and their political allies have conferred constantly and regularly. In some cases the alliances are public. In others, as when Henry Ford was discovered to be giving facilities to Colonel Lindbergh and Senator Wheeler for answering their mail, the link has not been disclosed. But it can be taken for granted that the isolationist high command is acting as a unit... how long?

THE reason for this is very obvious. Not long ago the Saturday Evening Post, the most important isolationist publication in the country, sharply changed its policy. In an editorial regretting but recognizing that the country was in the war by every practical test, the Post declared that so long as a nation was at war, it was the duty of every citizen to support the war effort. The Post's step was both sensible and honorable. The Post's editorial explanation set forth facts which it is time for the isolationist leaders to consider.

For the country is at war by every practical test, and, as that is so, the isolationists' campaign can have only one of two objectives. Either it is intended to obstruct the war effort, and insure a German victory, or it is intended to further the ambitions of the men participating in it after the war is over. When Senator Wheeler and Colonel Lindbergh clamored for the President to force a peace, they virtually confess the first objective. For peace now would mean making Germany master of the world. As for the second objective, one of the favorite isolationist doctrines is that it will be easy to make a deal with Germany when the war ends. The implications of this assertion are not altogether pleasant, since this administration cannot conceivably negotiate with success with the Nazi reich, and since the normal political process will keep the President in office for almost four years more.

The isolationist leaders seek to excuse their policy by announcing they will support the war effort when war is formally declared, while simultaneously foreclosing the President from any resort to congress by frankly threatening an interminable filibuster. Probably they will be frustrated before long, as the country comes to realize its true situation, and pulls together to deal with it. But meanwhile, the isolationist high command would serve both the country and themselves if they paused a moment from their propagandizing and oratory to consider the example of the Post.

teria of excitement the disinterested anti-war party in the country. The polls do not show that they have been making numerical gains. On the contrary, the recent Gallup survey showing a supporting majority for active shipping, protection actually indicated that the isolationists have been losing ground among the masses of the people. But while losing ground numerically, they have been gaining in the sense that they have been welding together a small but very violent minority group, ready to go any lengths in opposing the President.

"How long will they keep this up?" is the question being asked here. The question is being asked not because there is any desire to limit the freedom of the isolationists to express themselves. The Communist leader, Harry Pollitt, can still say what he wants and speak where he pleases in Britain. Obviously, the Wheelers, the Lindberghs, the Clarks and their friends should have the same freedom here. But at the same time, a great many people are beginning to wonder whether the isolationists are not now laying themselves open to charges of serious irresponsibility.

THE double result of the isolationist campaign is to give courage and coherence to their natural supporters among the bundists and left wing groups and to arouse to a sort of hysterical explanation set forth facts which it is time for the isolationist leaders to consider.

THREE DRAW FINES ON AUTO CHARGES

LeRoy W. Bedingfield of Trail, charged with driving an auto without muffler, and passing another car with insufficient vision ahead, was scheduled to appear in justice court today.

Roy K. Byrd of Medford, charged with violation of the basic rule, by speeding on North Riverside, was fined \$5 and costs in justice court yesterday.

Eugene E. Montgomery, Ashland, was fined \$2.50 and costs for having an improper license. He was hauling oyster shells from Ashland to a local milling firm under a pleasure car license instead of a truck license.

Harry M. Beesley, charged with an overweight load under his PUC permit was fined \$10 and costs.

COOPER SENTENCE SLATED THURSDAY

John A. Cooper, former resident of Central Point, entered a plea of guilty to rape of a daughter, before Circuit Judge Herbert K. Hanna yesterday. Sentence was set for tomorrow. Cooper was returned from Portland the first of the week by Sheriff Syd I. Brown. According to District Attorney George W. Neilson, Cooper made

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