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BRITISH, GREEK TROOPS FLEE CRETE

THE CAPITAL PARADE

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Washington, May 30.—In his historic message to the nation, the president left some things unsaid. He did not tell the people, "I am ready to order the Atlantic fleet into action to clear the sea lanes to Britain." He did not tell the people, "I am ready, if necessary, to order preventive occupation of the Atlantic Islands and Dakar." And he did not tell the people, "By every practical test, we are now at war."

Yet although he did not say these things in so many words, there is no room for doubt that he meant them. Events with their remorseless logic have long called on him to take the great decision. His speech was the solemn utterance of a man who had accepted the logic of events and faced the consequences. And the men close to him, who have seen him groping towards his choice, are unanimous in believing that the great decision has been taken, once and for all, for better or for worse.

THE great decision was not taken easily or lightly. It could not be. Even the Roosevelt of eight years ago who so gallily rode the tempest in the spring of 1933, would hardly have reached such a decision without much pain and heart-searching. The Roosevelt of today is a much mellowed, wiser and more cautious man, worn by a grueling term of office, and taught by harsh experience to consider risks the Roosevelt of 1933 would scarcely have imagined. Before he could settle his own and his country's fate, the president naturally passed through a period of agonizing uncertainty.

The whole story will not be told for many years, but even now some details are known that give an inkling of the atmosphere of the White House in this last month. It is known, for example, that a fortnight ago, when the speech was first scheduled, he had not made up

FORMER KAISER SLIGHTLY BETTER

Berlin, May 30.—(AP)—Slight improvement in the condition of former Kaiser Wilhelm II was reported today as members of the family hastened to the bedside of the 82-year-old World War emperor who is in exile at Doorn, Holland.

A telephone call from Doorn to the Hohenzollern estate here said Wilhelm appeared slightly stronger but that his condition was still serious.

He was stricken several weeks ago with an obscure intestinal disorder, and artificial feeding has been resorted to while physicians sought to diagnose the exact nature of the complaint.

Veteran Motorman Hangs up Gloves

Portland, May 30.—(AP)—John J. Tichenor, who drove a horse car in Salem when Herbert Hoover was in charge of the Oregon Land company's livestock, retired today after 51 years on streetcars.

He maneuvered a horse trolley in Salem from 1899 until the turn of the century when he came to Portland. For 41 years he has clicked the throttle and applied the air to the success of models, ending his career as a Montavilla route motorman-conductor.

OLD MASK ORDINANCE IS FINALLY REPEALED

Portland, May 30.—(AP)—You won't break the law any more if you appear on Portland streets without a mask.

The almost forgotten ordinance, a relic of the 1919 flu epidemic, was repealed yesterday by the city council, along with several other obsolete measures.

FIRST FUGITIVES ARRIVE IN EGYPT, IS BERLIN CLAIM

Remaining Forces Wandering, Demoralized by Artificial Fog Spread by Nazis

By the Associated Press
British and Greek troops were reported fleeing the Mediterranean island of Crete today, attempting to reach Egypt aboard small fishing boats in another Dunkerque.

Axis dispatches pictured allied forces still remaining on the island as wandering, lost and demoralized, in an artificial fog spread by the Germans.

"The first group of fugitive soldiers has already arrived in Egypt," the Berlin radio asserted.

In Full Flight
Hitler's high command declared the British were "in full flight" in the 11-day-old struggle, with Nazi aerial troops already having captured the three principal Crete cities of Candia, Retimo and Canea, the Crete capital.

Groups of British soldiers were reported tumbling along the rocky southern shores of the island, hoping that ships might come to evacuate them. Fishing boats had taken off a few, it was reported.

The German radio said a Cairo broadcast announced that General B. C. Freyberg, commander of British Imperial forces in Crete, had been killed when his plane crashed en route to Egypt.

Transport Sunk
At sea, Premier Mussolini's high command acknowledged that the 17,879-ton Italian liner Conte Rosso, loaded with troops, had been torpedoed and sunk to the south of Syracuse, Sicily. Most of the troops were saved, it was announced.

The fascist high command also reported that the 1,340-ton British destroyer Hereford had been blown up by Italian aerial bomb hits and that so far 229 members of the crew had been rescued, including 26 seriously wounded.

With the conflict fast shaping toward another axis victory, the British stepped up their drive to prevent the rich Middle East oil kingdom of Iraq from falling into Hitler's grasp.

British Imperial troops advanced within five miles of Baghdad, the 4,000-year-old capital of Iraq, after a 15-mile march in the past 24 hours.

Emir Abdul Ilah, deposed regent of Iraq, was said to be following the British columns, ready to establish a new government.

PORTLAND'S VETERANS IN MEMORIAL PARADE

Portland, May 30.—(AP)—Portland's Memorial Day plans today included a parade of veterans' organizations, cemetery rites and a program at the civic auditorium.

Theodore A. Penland, department commander of the G.A.R., will be grand marshal of the parade.

IRAQ PREMIER FLEES TO NEIGHBORING IRAN

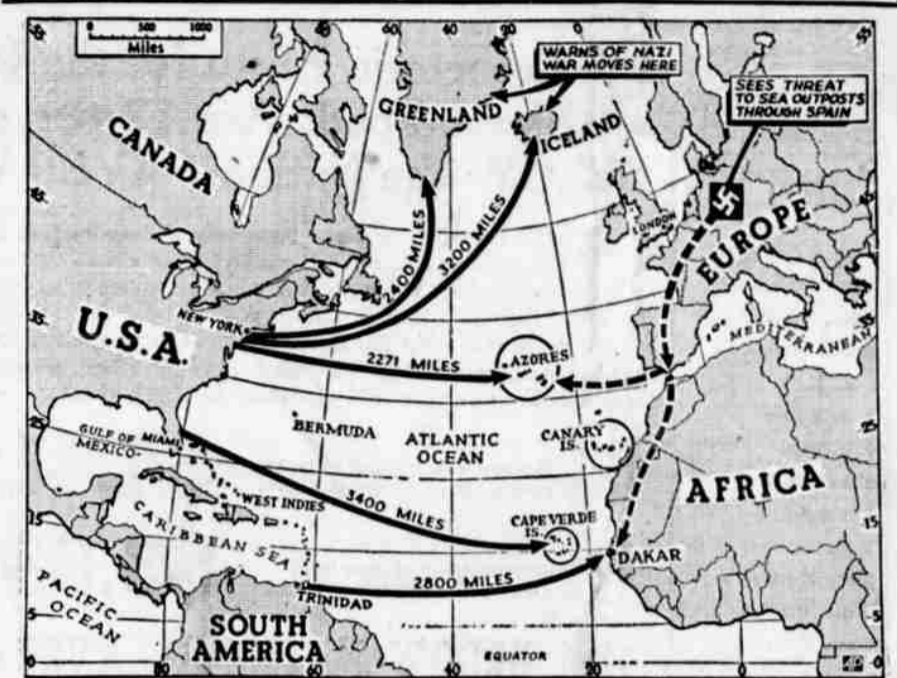
London, May 30.—(AP)—The anti-British premier of Iraq, Rashid Ali Al Gailani, has fled into neighboring Iran, it was authoritatively announced here tonight.

Rashid Ali, in power through a coup d'etat, had been leading Iraq forces against the British since they first opened fire on Britain's Treaty airbase at Habbaniyah, Iraq, on May 4.

BURDIC KEEPS SEAT ON ASHLAND BOARD

Ashland, May 30.—(AP)—Dr. R. L. Burdic won another year on the district 5 school board this week by drawing lots with Chairman Hal McNair for the position.

Western Hemisphere Dangers Cited



President Roosevelt warned the war "is approaching the brink of the western hemisphere itself" in his speech proclaiming a state of unlimited emergency and declaring the control or occupation by Nazi forces of any of the islands of the Atlantic would jeopardize the ultimate safety of the United States. Arrows indicate islands referred to by the president and approximate distances from the U. S. to these islands, athwart main sea communication routes.

Nazi Victory in Crete Brings Flood Of Queries to Analyst MacKenzie

By Dewitt MacKenzie (Associated Press Analyst)
The battle of Crete, in which the Anglo-Greek allies are making what looks like their last desperate stand against death from the skies, fairly bristles with question marks that are being thrown in the direction of this column in handfulls.

What is the fundamental cause of the allied failure to hold the Germans off from this island, which was defended by perhaps 30,000 troops and warships?

Answer: Lack of air-power in the eastern Mediterranean. The Nazi warplanes swarmed the sky like locusts, and there is no effective defense against such an attack except bombing and fighting planes.

What about the story that the British have a large store of new warplanes in reserve in England? Any truth in that?

Answer: My information is that the British do have a reserve. However, we have no knowledge of the type of planes, or whether it would be feasible to use them for long-distance work. It's a safe bet Britain would use any planes available.

What's the answer then—will the Germans be able to continue their victories in the Near East because of this air superiority?

Answer: Nazi air superiority will continue to tell heavily against the allies in the eastern Mediterranean until the British are provided with many more warplanes, especially the long distance type. They are depending largely on United States production to meet this crisis. However, the British presumably will be able to provide a much better air defense in fighting in Egypt close to their air-bases.

Is there any relation between the battle of Crete and the fact that the Nazis have done little bombing of England for nineteen days?

Answer: Definitely. Bad flying weather has accounted for part of the respite, but the oil experts tell us Hitler is so short of gasoline that he must conserve his supplies for such a major operation as the attack on Crete. He hasn't enough gas to keep two big shows running at the same time for any great period. The outcome of the war may hinge on this fact.

If that is so, and if the allies will gain strength as American production gets under full steam, isn't time working against Hitler and for Britain?

Answer: Yes, that's the kernel of the nut. We may easily know the outcome of the war by fall, if the allies can keep afloat that long, their stock will be on the up-grade. Their problem is to keep afloat now.

Sacramento, May 30.—(AP)—Churning cream butterfat, first grade 41½¢; second grade 39½¢.

S. F. Butter
San Francisco, May 30.—(AP)—Butter, eggs and cheese unchanged.

Population density in the delta of the Nile river is 1,500 persons to the square mile.

DEFENSE PLANTS COAST TO COAST PUT UNDER GUARD

Sudden Precautionary Activity Realistic — Anti-Aircraft Guns On Roofs

By the Associated Press
Military and civil guards stood watch today at defense plants from coast to coast, summoned overnight by civilian authorities who spoke of sabotage and military officers who talked only of tactical maneuvers.

Highlighting the sudden activity from New England to California was cancellation of leaves of 14,000 Fort Dix, N. J., soldiers and a "practice alert" at Fort Custer, Mich., was so realistic that officers confessed "it even fooled us."

The war department said at Washington it had issued no instructions of any kind to lead to precautions such as were reported. It said it knew nothing of activities at Fort Dix and Fort Custer but pointed out that post or corps commanders may order "alerts" or "maneuvers" at any time.

Airplane factories and establishments engaged in defense production, it was explained, are under the protection of the FBI and of individual protection forces at most plants.

Anti-aircraft guns were planted at California plane factories. Los Angeles harbor ships were floodlighted, police guards were augmented in several cities and west coast "patriotic bodies" were asked to stand by.

Most spectacular of the military measures was the clamping on Fort Custer, Mich., of a "practice alert" which was so much like the real thing that Battle Creek police took to the streets to warn civilians against armed sentries.

ORDERS PILE UP FOR WEST'S PINE LUMBER

Portland, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—The western pine order file fattened during the week ending May 24, 93 mills reported to the Western Pine association today.

The order was 81,526,000 board feet, compared with 79,974,000 for the previous week and 75,200,000 for the same week last year. In the same order, shipment figures were: 77,178,000 feet, 78,357,000 and 77,497,000; production, 86,333,000 feet, 81,434,000 and 78,008,000.

Berlin, May 30.—(AP)—German outpost boats in the English channel reported a bitter fight with British speed boats last night and claimed to have sunk at least one.

Sgt. York Raps Isolationists In Arlington Cemetery Talk

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—Before the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Sergeant Alvin C. York called today for immediate all-out aid to England, and added "if that means that we have to use convoys, then we should use them."

The tall Tennessee mountaineer who became one of the outstanding heroes of the World War A. E. F. was invited as principal speaker at Memorial Day ceremonies in Arlington national cemetery.

In his prepared address, York struck out at advocates of "isolationism." He declared that "ought to know by now that you can't protect yourself against bullets with an umbrella."

"A United States senator whose favorite bird must be the ostrich," York coupled a reference to "a famous transatlantic aviator." Both, he said, "feel differently than the veterans do about this country's most pressing problems." For the veterans, he said, "liberty is something they fought to keep."

The ceremonies on the green Virginia hillside overlooking the Potomac were preceded by a pa-

War Bulletins

London, May 30.—(AP)—Authoritative sources reported today that British forces had driven to a point within five miles of the Iraq capital of Baghdad.

At the same time another British column moving up the Euphrates river was reported to have reached Lu-qaat, about 250 miles south of Baghdad and 50 miles northwest of Basra.

New York, May 30.—(AP)—Withdrawal of British women and children from Crete was disclosed by a British broadcast today which said they have arrived at a Mediterranean port "with the first batch of wounded to come from the island."

DEFENSE CHIEFS GIVEN HOPE FOR STRIKE DECLINE

By the Associated Press
Although most factories were closed for the Memorial Day holiday, defense production chiefs received cheering news from several quarters today of steps to end industrial strife.

A strike threat was lifted from the Packard Motor car plant at Detroit, walkouts were ended at an Illinois chemical works and a Pennsylvania shell factory, and the Nashville, Tenn. AFL building trades unions named a coordinator to prevent work stoppages on defense projects.

The Packard management offered, and the CIO United Automobile Workers accepted, a new contract providing 8-cent hourly increases for some 11,000 production employes. Packard has \$62,000,000 in armament orders.

Wage increases ended a six-week strike by 900 AFL employes of the Monsanto Chemical company at East St. Louis, Ill. Workers will get an immediate increase of 5 cents an hour, and 2½ cents additional next October.

The strike of 2,000 AFL and CIO machinists at 11 San Francisco bay shipyards continued to hold up work on \$500,000,000 worth of ships.

The national defense mediation board yesterday requested 10,000 striking CIO Pacific coast lumber workers to go back to work, calling attention to President Roosevelt's declaration Tuesday night for an end to strike stoppages in defense industries.

Pendleton, Ore., May 30.—(AP)—Danelle Neilsen, about 25, Colville, Wash., laborer at the Umattilla Ordnance depot, was killed last night when a car crashed against a concrete bridge east of Hermiston.

The parade, starting at 9:30 included the Medford senior high school band and the girls' drum corps, the junior high school girls' drum corps, the sheriff's mounted posse, Boy Scouts, American Legion and auxiliary, the F. O. E. drill team, the Chester A. Arthur chapter of the Women's Relief Corps, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, United Spanish War Veterans, Gold Star Mothers and other veteran, fraternal and civic organizations.

Flowers on Water
At the Bear Creek bridge, flowers were strewn on the water in memory of Americans who gave their lives in the country's service on oceans, lakes and rivers. The Rev. R. W. Coleman gave the invocation.

The Women's Relief Corps and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War was to conduct memorial services in Medford I. O. O. F. cemetery at 2:30.

BEND CLAIMS PORTLAND SNATCHING HER COACHES

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WAR THREAT ADDS SIGNIFICANCE TO MEMORIAL RITES

Commander Canfield of V. F. W. Says Efforts Will Be Wasted If Vigil Relaxed

Emphasizing the "stark realization that we in America are again on the brink of another war," Ira D. Canfield, department of Oregon commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, told a Memorial Day gathering at city park this morning that "should we grow careless in our vigilance over the security of our America, then those men who died at Bunker Hill, at Appomattox, at San Juan, at Chateau Thierry or on the high seas, gave their lives without purpose and their loyalty in vain."

Prior to the park services a long patriotic street parade moved from city park to the Bear Creek bridge and back to the park, as hundreds of persons lined Main street to watch the procession.

"We have promised our soldier dead that we will never be false to their memory," Mr. Canfield said from the flower and flag-bedecked park platform. "Time and again we have pledged ourselves to the task of preserving those ideals for which they gave their lives. This means we have promised militant resistance against any force that seeks to destroy our cherished institutions of democracy."

Mr. Canfield cited the sinking of the British battle-cruiser Hood by a German warship in North American waters as proof that the conflict in Europe "draws ever closer to our shores," and he said that "we have seen the democratic countries of the old world go down one by one under the heel of the oppressor until, in Europe, England alone stands as the bulwark of democracy."

Also on the city park program were the reading of General John A. Logan's first Memorial Day general order, by Miss Ora Cox; delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg address, by Neil Coleman of Medford senior high school; decoration of vacant chairs by representatives of veterans' and patriotic organizations in honor of the memory of departed comrades, three numbers by Mrs. Eva Prentice's accordion band; singing of America by the large audience and the benediction by the Rev. R. W. Coleman.

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