

# In The Day's News

By Frank Jenkins

**TODAY'S (Thursday's)** dispatches indicate that Italian forces have been landed on the eastern end of Crete, thus putting the British-Greek defenders between the jaws of a vise. The Germans are reported to have captured Suda Bay harbor, giving them a landing place for troops and heavy equipment such as tanks.

**A REPORT** from Italy asserts that hundreds of little Greek sailboats loaded with German troops have been safely escorted to Crete under the guns of Italian warships, indicating (if true) that the British fleet has been driven from Cretan waters.

This indication is strengthened by a dispatch from Alexandria yesterday saying that a part of the British fleet had arrived at the base there.

**BARRING** a miracle (and miracles have been few and far between in this war) Crete is lost to the British. What remains is merely a matter of time and detail.

**HOW** did it happen? It is the same old story, beginning in Poland and running through all the German conquests since.

The Germans had ALL THE AIRPLANES THEY NEEDED and their opponents didn't.

**THIS** writer, having no inside sources of information, can only guess. But this seems a fair guess as to what has happened in Crete:

The British, lacking air strength, undertook to defend Crete with their Mediterranean navy (supported, but inadequately, by the air arm of the fleet).

The result is history. The adequate German air force first landed enough parachute troops to seize a foothold. Then it drove the scanty British air force from the island, meanwhile pouring in reinforcements steadily from the air.

After that it attacked and apparently mastered the defending British fleet, which was inadequately supported in the air.

**THE** military lesson of Crete (guessed at from incomplete and heavily censored data) is this: Only airplanes can successfully fight airplanes.

**THE** lesson is heeded—NOW! Two days ago, President Roosevelt allocated an additional three billion dollars, most of it to be spent for planes. Today (Thursday) Secretary of War Stimson discloses a plan to train 8,000 British fliers in this country, beginning June 7. If it had been heeded years ago, when Colonel Lindbergh warned Britain, France and U. S. of the immensity and completeness of German preparation for air war, the history of the world in this present era might have been changed.

**A FEW** side issues at this point:

Germany and Italy are reported to have relaxed the armistice regulations to permit France to build up a continental air force for the "defense of her empire."

Defense against whom? Certainly not against the Germans, who are permitting her to strengthen herself. One must conclude that she is getting ready for Britain and for United States.

**A** **NOTHER** sidelight: The German ambassador conferred for an hour this morning with Jap Foreign Minister Matsuoka in Tokyo. Immediately thereafter, the BRITISH ambassador talked with him for an hour.

The seat Japan is sitting on is getting hotter by the minute.

Redmond, Ore., May 30.—(P)—Joseph K. Carson, Jr., ex-mayor of Portland, delivered the principal Memorial Day address here today.

## SOCIETY And Clubs

### Club Holds Dance Preceded By No-Host Dinner

Members of Lively Rogue Dancing club enjoyed a dancing party at the K. of P. hall Wednesday evening. The decorations carried out a patriotic theme. Joe Marshall was chairman of the evening, assisted by Mrs. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duff and Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hoselton. Music was furnished by Whipple's orchestra.

Preceding the dance a group of the members held a no-host dinner at Burgoyne's. Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duff, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Schino, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zacharisen, Dr. and Mrs. George S. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ogle, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Muncy, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Proctor, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Hoselton and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Latham.

### Pro-America To Hear Official

Pro-America will hold a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Holland Wednesday rather than Monday as previously scheduled, according to an announcement by Pro-America officers today.

At that time Mrs. Roy T. Bishop of Portland, state president, will be in Medford to address the entire membership. All members are urged to be in attendance.

### Past Matrons Club To Hold Luncheon

Past Matrons club of Reames chapter, O.E.S., will hold a meeting Monday at 12:30 at the Masonic temple. Luncheon will be served with Mrs. Georgia Holloway as chairman. Officers of Reames chapter will be special guests.

### WORLD WAR SHELL MAKERS BACK ON JOB

Ogden, Utah (U.P.)—Fourteen men, who helped assemble shells for the World War and then separated to enter private businesses, have been reunited by the threat of U. S. entrance into another war.

All of the members of the group were employed at the great shell assembly plant in Parlin, N. J. All were friends. After the 1918 armistice, they scattered to other cities and other states.

Recently the federal government began construction of a shell factory at Burlington, Ia., and officials began looking around for experienced workmen to staff the plant. From New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York and California the World War munitions workers answered the call, and were sent to the Ogden ordnance depot for training in modern techniques.

Now, the number of ex-Parlin employees totals 14—and most of them had not seen each other since their separation in 1918.

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### SCHMELING NOT DEAD IN CRETAN INVASION IS CLAIM OF NAZIS

Berlin, May 30.—(P)—Max Schmeling's own words were quoted in the German press today to relate his part in the Nazi invasion of Crete after reports that he had been killed were officially spiked.

An interview with the former heavyweight champion by Siegfried Kappe, a German Luftwaffe reporter, told how Schmeling had wandered alone half a day in the Crete wilderness after becoming separated from his companions, then rejoined them and helped capture a strategic coastal road.

The official denial of Schmeling's death said he was in an air force hospital with a minor attack of a tropical disease.

(A New Zealand ambulance driver, arriving at Alexandria, Egypt, from Crete, said yesterday Schmeling had been captured

### CATHOLIC SCOUTS THEME OF MEET

Further expansion of the Boy Scout program among Catholic churches and among boys of Catholic faith will be principal theme of the annual meeting of the Catholic Committee of Scouting for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon which opens this afternoon at Hotel Medford, according to Kenneth Wells, local scout executive. Sixteen men will be in attendance from western Oregon for the two day business meeting.

The committee is under chairmanship of Alfred J. O'Brien of Portland with Rev. Martin Thielen of Portland as scout chaplain. Men will be in attendance from Portland, Canby, Salem, Gervais, Eugene, Marshfield, and Medford.

### LINDBERGH CONTENDS ROOSEVELT HIMSELF SEEKING DOMINATION

Philadelphia, May 30.—(P)—Charles A. Lindbergh contends it is President Roosevelt himself who advocates world domination and declares: "If we attempt to follow a policy such as the president suggests, we will start a war between the hemispheres that may last for generations."

An estimated 15,000 packing the arena and overflowing into the street for an America First Committee rally against war last night and thousands cheered the flier's assertion that: "This country is not going in to a foreign war. There is no question of our unity—it is the will of a majority of our people. We will stay out of war."

Lindbergh drew shouts of "no" from the heavily policed crowd with statements that interventionists "have told us that

### METHODISTS TO HOLD DAILY BIBLE SCHOOL

Following the custom of past years the First Methodist church will conduct a daily vacation Bible school, beginning next Monday at 9:30 a. m. The school will be free to all children. Mrs. Donna Taylor will be in charge. She has secured several able assistants. The usual picnic will be given for the group on Saturday, June 14.

we might even have to convoy ships." There were prolonged booes on two occasions as he referred to President Roosevelt's bedside chat.

Few of the important buildings in Berlin are more than 100 years old, most of the city's development having come about in the past century. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

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