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Last year to date7.01



BRITISH DESTROY NARVIK FLEET

Planes Lead Fight

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
WORTH-READING dispatch from Miami (Florida):
"Sunburned, mosquito-bitten and disillusioned, nearly half of a pioneering band of Californians have abandoned their search for an 'ideal existence' on a remote island in the British West Indies."

WORTH remembering in this connection:
The founders of America set up a system that, compared with what they left behind in Europe, has proved to be well-nigh ideal. But it took them MORE THAN A MONTH TO DO IT.

MORAL:
This America of ours, which most of us love, has been 400 years in the making. Those who think they can improve on it IN A MONTH are plain 'saps."

ANOTHER moral:
If you're setting out to make an ideal existence for yourself, you'd better stick to your OWN HOME COMMUNITY.
If you'll be decent, honest, industrious and fair, dealing with your neighbors as you want them to deal with you, you'll come about as close to an ideal existence as it's possible to get.

CONCLUDING crack:
This hoped-to-be-perfect tropical island of East Calicos was found by the Utopia hunters to be overrun with wild jackasses. No different after all, you see, from Southern California.

DIES (of the un-American activities committee) says he has information that Russia and Germany are plotting to bring on a revolution in Mexico and set up a puppet communist government on the doorstep of the United States. Russia, he adds, is keeping alive for use in this planned-for Mexican upheaval the same organization that functioned in the Spanish civil war. It sounds weird and nutty. But talk of overnight seizure of Denmark and Norway would have sounded weird and nutty a few months ago.
What a world!

City Census to Be Ended Monday

Katherine Nelson, district census supervisor, said Saturday that all first calls in the city census work are to be completed by the evening of April 15, Monday.
She asked that individual forms, left by census takers when they are unable to find citizens in, be turned in by that time.
" There was an excellent response, she stated, to the chamber of commerce effort to put the census agents in touch with persons who had not been counted."

SENTENCE PASSED

Harry Kriss, charged with larceny in connection with the robbery of M. H. Wampler's cabin on Upper Klamath lake, was sentenced to two years in prison Friday by Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst. He pleaded guilty.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press
April 13, 1915 — Allies improve their positions on western front in minor engagements.

French Halt Attack Along Western Front

PARIS, April 13 (AP)—The French high command announced tonight that German infantry attacking under a violent artillery barrage east of the Moselle, near the frontier with Luxembourg, were cut down by the French.
The attack coincided with sharp encounters at scattered points along the land front between Luxembourg and the Vosges.

Barbed Wire
The high command said that French barbed wire held the waves of enemy attackers. Casualties were not determined immediately.
The high command's communiqué said:
"The day was marked by a sharp renewal of activity of contact units. To the east of the Moselle, an enemy attack prepared and supported by heavy artillery fire completely failed. The enemy was unable to force the entanglements and had to fall back. More to the east, encounters between reconnaissance units turned to our advantage. Between the Saar and the Vosges, a raid by us succeeded."

An earlier communiqué reported the repulse of a German raid on a Rhine island yesterday and other minor activity.

SEDITION TRIAL DEFENDANT DIES

One of 17 Found Hanging in New York Basement; Act Termed Suicide

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—The body of Claus Gunther Ernecke, 38, German-American bondsman accused with 16 other men of plotting to overthrow the United States government, was found hanging today in the basement of a Brooklyn apartment house.
Police, who listed the case as a suicide, said a note was found with the body but its contents were withheld.

Search Underway
A wide search had been underway for Ernecke since his disappearance yesterday, two weeks after the trial of the alleged seditious conspirators started. His \$7500 bail was ordered forfeited when he did not appear in court.
Detectives said Ernecke apparently had gone to the apartment house basement, around the corner from his home, on Thursday afternoon and hanged himself. Medical examiners said he had been dead at least 36 hours.

Federal Judge Marcus B. Campbell said yesterday the trial of the other defendants would be resumed Monday regardless of whether Ernecke was found. Informed today of Ernecke's death, the judge declined comment.

George Jessel Marries Show Girl

DETROIT, April 13 (AP)—George Jessel, 42-year-old comedian of stage and screen, and Lois Andrew, 16, New York show girl, were married here today with James H. R. Cromwell, United States minister to Canada, acting as best man.
Cromwell explained he was on route from Ottawa to St. Thomas, Ont., when his airplane was grounded at Detroit by bad weather, and he met Jessel whom he described as an "old friend."

Jessel has been married and divorced twice. His first wife was Florence Courtney; his second, Norma Talmadge.

NAZIS ATTACK SEA BLOCKADE ALONG COAST

British Attempt to Dislodge German Outposts From Norway Cities

BERLIN, April 13 (AP)—The German high command announced tonight that two British submarines had been sunk in the North sea by German battle planes which surprised them just as they rose to the surface.

The same high command announcement said the German air force lost five planes in yesterday's bitter air battle over the Norwegian port of Bergen, revising upward its previous figure of two.
The Germans claim the British lost 10 planes in this encounter.

York Sunk
DNB, the official Germany agency, meanwhile said it was assumed that Britain's 8250-ton eight-inch gun cruiser York—which reports abroad said had been sunk—was the vessel the Germans reported hit twice and incapacitated two days ago.

The high command communiqué of yesterday had said only that a heavy cruiser had been "struck by two bombs and incapacitated" the day before and that a British aircraft carrier was "severely damaged by being squarely hit by heavy caliber airbombs."

Meanwhile German sources reported that the German positions in Norway were being strengthened by the hour, with reinforcements reaching Oslo "in large numbers" and with German heavy artillery reaching Trondheim to strengthen the coast defenses.

German occupation troops east of Narvik, far northern Norwegian ore port, have taken possession of the rail line to the Swedish border, DNB said.
LONDON, April 13 (AP)—British warplanes bombed the German-held southwestern Norwegian coast today.

'Ideal Existence' Ended by Sunburn, Mosquito Bites

MIAMI, Fla., April 13 (AP)—Sunburned, mosquito-bitten and disillusioned, nearly half of a pioneering band of Californians have abandoned their search for an "ideal existence" on a remote island in the British West Indies.
Little more than a month after forsaking civilization to colonize East Calicos, 700 miles southeast of here, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Lawrence returned yesterday with word that nine of the original 19 had left the island.

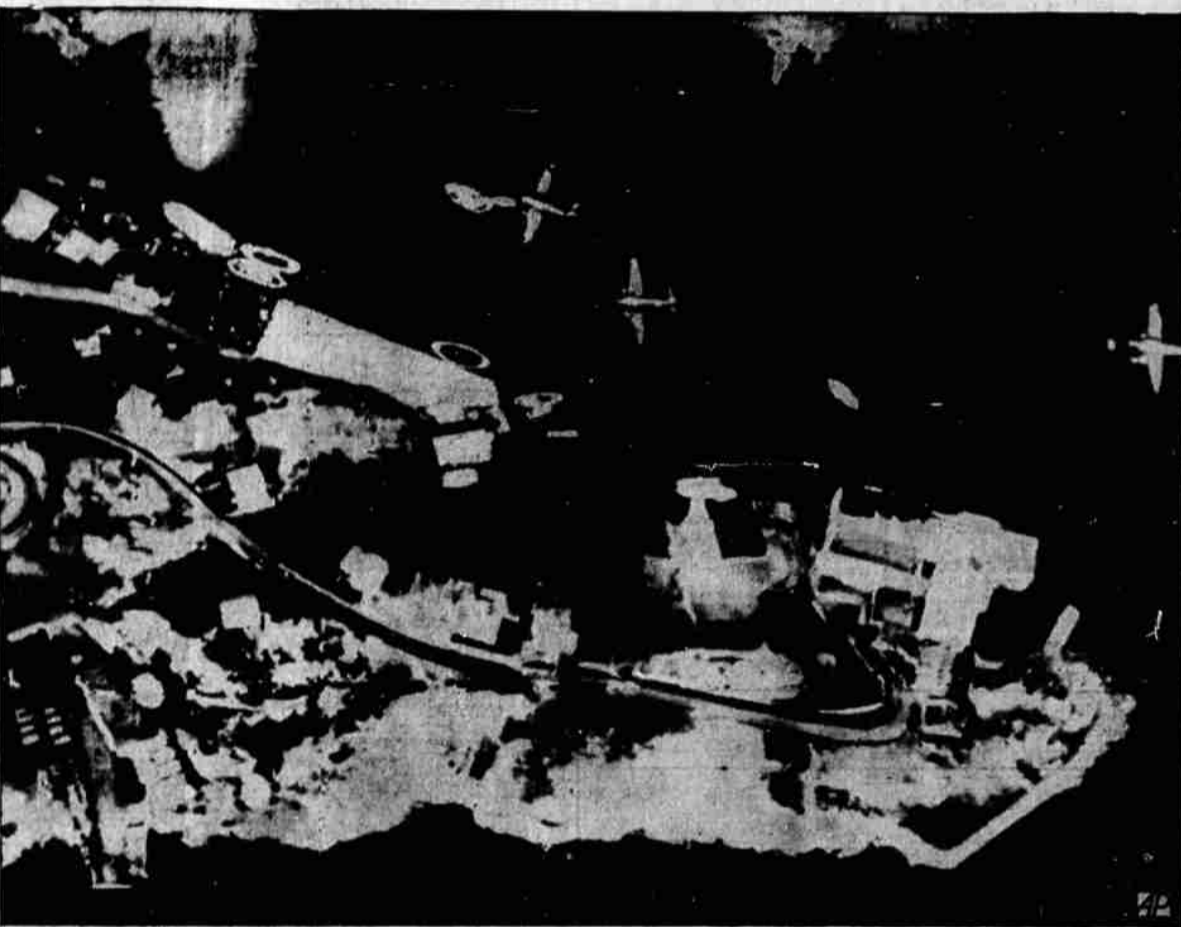
Lawrence, a former San Francisco salesman, leaned across the rail of the motor vessel Monarch of Nassau and kissed the dock as he reached the mainland. Later he danced a jig.
"I'll never go back," said Mrs. Lawrence. "I've had enough."

The couple, reluctant to explain details of their experience, said R. C. Irvine, leader of the group, and his family also had deserted the island which they found overrun with wild jackasses. The Lawrences declined to discuss reports that there had been dissension among the colonists.

Magazine Page

Starting today, the Saturday Herald will carry a full magazine and photograph page, made of local pictures and feature stories, as well as selected material of this kind from outstanding press services.

Picture Backs Up British Claim They Bombed Bergen



This aerial view made from a British airplane shows, according to a British approved caption, four seaplanes moored in the harbor of Bergen during a royal air force raid on this German-held Norwegian city. The white blob at upper left is described as a falling bomb. This picture was radioed from London to New York.

RUMANIA REFUSES TO SUPPLY NAZIS

Embargo on Shipments Expected to Provoke Severe Protest

BUCHAREST, April 13 (AP)—Fears that German-Rumanian trade relations are rapidly nearing a crisis were expressed here today as Rumania suspended the loading of freight cars for the reich preliminary to imposing an embargo on export of commodities needed for domestic use.

The suspension of car loadings followed swiftly Germany's action in banning export of a long list of articles to Rumania—among them metallurgical coke, which is vital to the Rumanian ore industry.

Loading Suspended
Loading of Danube river oil barges was suspended for several days, but Rumanian authorities said that high water at Giugiu was responsible. German trade quarters called this explanation a "pretext."

Official sources said the economic council of the Rumanian cabinet was drafting a list of raw materials which would be embargoed on the ground they are needed for internal consumption.

It was expected generally that this action would be followed by stiff demands from Germany—perhaps insisting that Rumania cut her trade with the allies and (Continued on Page Six)

Semon, Fatland Speak Out On Fair Appropriation Vote

Representative Henry Semon of Klamath Falls, and House Speaker E. R. Fatland of Condon, made public statements Saturday replying to the criticism that followed their action as state emergency board members in voting against a \$40,000 appropriation for Oregon's exhibit at the San Francisco fair.
The two members of the house voted, specifically, against a \$16,500 appropriation for the emergency fund, which was to be matched with other money from the state highway funds, plus a \$7000 carryover from last year's exhibit, to make a total of \$40,000. Their votes defeated the appropriation.

Sweden Strengthens Defense As Norway Battles Germans

STOCKHOLM, April 13 (AP)—Sweden made urgent preparations today to fight, if necessary, in defense of her neutrality while German troops and warplanes strengthened the Nazi hold on Norway.

Along the southern Swedish coast, airfields were packed with parked taxicabs and other automobiles to prevent airplanes from landing.

Throughout the country, bomb shelters hastily are being constructed and vehicles are being converted for burning charcoal in order to save precious gasoline.

In Norway, meanwhile, a German force broke through Norwegian defenses between Moss, 35 miles south of Oslo, and Hølen, 10 miles closer to the capital. Since the Germans were advancing toward Oslo they were presumed to be newly-landed troops pushing up the shore of Oslo fjord to join the invaders' expeditionary army.

Advices reaching here said the German advance caught the Norwegians by surprise and they had no time to meet it.

Defense troops, holding positions along the narrow fjord, had established a semi-circular line from Moss to Hølen, east of Mys northward, east of the river Glommen and lake Oeren to Romerike, thence southward to Tyri fjord and Vikesund, which is about 30 miles west of Oslo.

Fortifications were being

Klamath Students Rated in Music

GRANTS PASS, April 13 (AP) More than 200 musicians competed today in the southwestern Oregon band and solo contests here, in instrumental and band divisions. Schools participating were Klamath Falls, Malin, Medford, Jacksonville, Ashland, Marshfield, North Bend and Grants Pass.

In the instrumental contests Saturday morning, ratings of superior included: Piano, Lloyd Pearson, Klamath Falls; violin, Louise Burton, Klamath Falls.

The ratings of excellent included: French horn, Joseph Schmoll, Klamath Falls; cornet, Victor Vasak, Malin; trombone, George Burton, Klamath Falls. (Friday's ratings on page 3.)

Mayor Sentenced In Idaho Killing

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, April 13 (AP)—Duncan McD. Johnston, 40-year-old former mayor of Twin Falls, was today sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of George L. Olson, Salt Lake City jewelry salesman.

Olson was found shot to death in his automobile, parked by a hotel, in May, 1938. The state contended part of Olson's samples were found buried in Johnston's jewelry shop. Johnston was convicted and sentenced to life but last Jan. 13 was granted a new trial by the Idaho supreme court.

Allies Granted New Bomb Planes

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP) Great Britain and France were given official permission by the war department today to place orders for a new model Douglas attack bomber believed to be the world's fastest of the type.
It was the fourth type of army plane released for sale abroad under the administration's relaxed export policy.

DIES REPORTS RED PLOT IN MEXICO

Russia, Germany Claimed Planning Puppet State in North America

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP) Rep. Dies (D-Texas) said today he had information that Russia and Germany were plotting to bring on a revolution in Mexico and set up a puppet government on the door-step of the United States.

The house investigator told newsmen that communist Russia was keeping alive, for use in a Mexican upheaval, "the same organizations" which functioned in the Spanish civil war.

This information, the Texan declared, constituted one of the reasons why his committee on un-American activities was questioning veterans of the Abraham Lincoln brigade, an organization of Americans who fought for the Barcelona government in Spain.

Dies said that 5000 to 6000 Americans were recruited by communists for the brigade and that a military force of similar strength "might turn the decision" in Mexico. He was informed, he added, that communist organizations in the United States were prepared to begin a new recruiting drive for a Mexican coup.

Shrine Dance Staged Tonight

Several hundred Klamath residents will dance tonight in order that boys and girls of the Pacific northwest may walk.
The annual Shrine ball will be given in the armory with Archie Legg's band from Yreka providing music and special entertainment.

J. Fred Flock, dance chairman, reported an excellent sale of tickets with more than \$500 turned over to the committee before the dance Saturday night. The public is invited to attend the affair, all money going to the Shrine hospital for crippled children in Portland.

SEVEN GERMAN VESSELS SUNK INSIDE FJORD

Three British Ships Suffer Damage in Raid on Norway Harbor

LONDON, April 13 (AP)—Led by the great battleship Warspite, the British fleet today penetrated the fjord of Narvik, Norwegian ore port, and sank seven German destroyers, the admiralty announced tonight.

German soldiers were believed to have fled from Narvik over the hills.

Three British destroyers were damaged slightly, with loss of life believed to be small.

It was the second British naval attack on Narvik. The first was Wednesday, when two British destroyers and at least one German destroyer were sunk.

The admiralty stated:
"Since the attack upon German destroyers in Narvik on Wednesday by the second destroyer flotilla, this flotilla, with reinforcements, has been blockading the enemy in Narvik fjord. Sail into Fjord."

"This morning at about noon H. M. S. Warspite, accompanied by a strong force of destroyers using minesweeping and other appliances, advanced up the fjord to attack the German destroyers, some of them already damaged, who were sheltering in the harbor, and also to engage any shore batteries which might have been erected.

"According to reports which have been received from the commander in chief, Vice Admiral Whitworth, holding the flag in the Warspite, command of the attack, which was extremely successful.

"Enemy opposition was not found to be remarkably severe. Others Flee

"A field howitzer which had been mounted ashore was put out of action by the fire of H. M. S. Cossack.

"Four German destroyers were shattered and sunk in Narvik bay.

"Three others fled up Rumbahs fjord, a small inlet eight or nine miles long behind Narvik town.

"These also were pursued and destroyed.

"At the moment of issuing this communiqué, the admiralty is not precisely informed as to conditions in Narvik town.

"Parties of men, possibly German soldiers, have been seen escaping from it over the hills, and further details are awaited.

"No estimate can be made at present of German losses in personnel, but the seven destroyers sunk must have counted over 1000 men.

"The admiralty has signaled congratulations to Commander-in-Chief Admiral Sir Charles Forbes, to Vice Admiral Whitworth, and to the officers and men engaged in this vigorous, daring and skillfully conducted attack, which may well tend to clarify the situation on this part of the Norwegian coast.

"Operations are still proceeding."

47 YEARS

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP) Justice Frank Murphy, newest member of the supreme court, is 47 years old today.

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