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BRITISH WAR LEADERS ASSAILED

Hatch Bill Revived

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CHAMBERLAIN, defending his war leadership, gives the house of commons two reasons for the failure of the British adventure in Norway:

1. Inability to secure air-dromes from which fighters could be operated.
2. Too rapid arrival of German reinforcements.

HE could have summarized these reasons more briefly thus:

"Hitler was just TOO GOOD FOR US."

PUT aside your prejudices for a moment. Look at the German occupation of Norway purely as a military enterprise. You'll have to admit that it was brilliantly planned and almost flawlessly carried out. (Morally, it was indefensible; but war and morals have little in common.)

THE Associated Press, reporting today's (Tuesday's) dramatic session of the commons, says:

"When Chamberlain started his speech, members of the government majority showed by their cheering that they intended to support him. But, by the time he had finished, the cheering had waned perceptibly and the speaker frequently had to call the house to order."

That tells the tale. Chamberlain, in effect, says: "We missed the boat again." Obviously, Englishmen are wondering how often the boat can be missed without disaster.

DON'T jump to the conclusion that Hitler, undoubtedly brilliant and so far unbrokenly successful, has won the war.

Hitler's occupation of Norway is no more brilliant than Napoleon's amazing march from the English channel across half of Europe in a few days and his smashing of Austria with a succession of swift, well-planned and faultlessly executed blows.

Napoleon lost in the long run. Up to Gettysburg, the North was hopelessly outgeneraled and outfought, but it won in the end.

AGAINST Napoleon, however, the British found Wellington, and against Lee the North found Grant. It's hard to escape the conclusion that the British will have to find someone who can cope with Hitler. It doesn't look as if Chamberlain can.

CHAMBER ELECTION

Election of chamber of commerce directors, as announced last Tuesday, shows the new directors as follows: H. P. Bosworth, E. A. Geary, Robert Thompson, Frank Jenkins, Marshall Cornett, T. M. Medford, E. H. Balsiger.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

May 7, 1915—German U-boats sink British liner Lusitania off Irish coast; more than 1000 lost, including 142 Americans; indignation sweeps United States.

Edison Says British Fleet Not in Danger

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—United States naval experts were said by Secretary Edison today to believe that Germany will not be able to destroy or even "seriously damage" the British fleet by aerial bombardment despite her superiority in the air.

The chief of the navy department also told the senate naval committee that cooperation between aircraft and surface vessels of the American fleet was much closer than had been displayed by British aircraft and ships in the Scandinavian campaign.

If the British fleet had received more support from aircraft, he asserted, it would have been able to cover allied landing operations in Norway much more effectively. But it appeared, he continued, that the British had lacked either sufficient planes or planes of the right type.

Despite the advancement made in aircraft, Edison declared, the navy expects the battleship to remain "the backbone of our first line of defense" for many years to come and he predicted that improvement in battleship design and advances in defense tactics eventually would wipe out the advantage aircraft now hold over surface ships.

FOUR SHOT DOWN BY MAD TEACHER

Deposed Principal Runs Wild With Target Gun at Board Meeting

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif., May 7 (AP)—Death hovered near today for two critically wounded survivors of a deposed school principal's bullet-spewing target pistol that cost the lives of four other educational authorities.

Slain were George C. Bush, 62, for 35 years superintendent of schools here and in nearby San Marino; John E. Alman, 50, principal of the South Pasadena-San Marino high school for 25 years; William Spear, 43, business manager of the combined school district, and Victor V. Vanderlip, 45, manual arts and printing instructor at South Pasadena junior high school.

Hospital authorities described as critical the condition of high.

Coyote Terrifies Camp Dwellers in Butte Falls Area

MEDFORD, May 7 (AP)—A mad coyote terrified residents of "Old Camp No. 1," a small settlement near Butte Falls, before the varmint was shot from a house by C. M. Conley. Seven or eight families, and a number of children live in the place, and the crazed wanderings and wild barking of the beast caused great excitement for a time.

The coyote, a full-grown male, invaded the home of Conley before frightened away, and then started a wild circuit of the neighborhood, sending women and children to cover behind locked doors.

Conley, armed with a rifle, mounted to the roof of his house, the better to observe the coyote. When the animal raced again into his front yard, Conley shot and killed it.

Deputy Sheriff William Grenbreyer called to the scene, said the head of the coyote had been sent to Salem to determine if it had rabies. The deputy said all signs indicated this was the case.

FURTHER STUDY GIVEN POLITICS PLAN BY GROUP

Action Follows Attempt to Get House to Call Measure to Floor

WASHINGTON, May 7 (AP)—The house judiciary committee voted 14 to 11 today to revive the Hatch political practices bill and give it further consideration.

The motion that the committee reconsider its previous action on the legislation was made by Representative Murdock (D-Utah).

The vote revoked the committee's 14 to 10 decision last Wednesday to table the measure. In contrast to the previous action when the vote was secret the roll call today was announced.

All members of the committee voted except Chairman Sumners (D-Tex.), who said he planned to address the house on the measure late today or tomorrow.

Dempsey Drive
The committee's resurrection of the measure came after Representative Dempsey (D-N.M.) had led a movement in the house either to force some such action or else have the house itself lift the measure from the table and bring it up for action.

The bill, which would extend to state employees drawing federal funds the political regulations now applied to federal employees by the Hatch law, enacted last year, won President Roosevelt's unqualified endorsement last night. Dempsey said this enhanced its chances of house passage. It already has won senate approval.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters on his Washington-bound train that he hoped very much the bill would be brought before the house, voted on and passed.

Company Unions Win Court Favor

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7 (AP)—The United States circuit court of appeals today upheld the right of company unions to bargain with employers and to be represented in national labor relations board hearings.

The decision affirmed a previous ruling of the court in the case of the Sterling Electric Motors, Inc., of Los Angeles. Today's opinion denied a rehearing requested by the labor board and rejected an NLRB petition for enforcement of its order that the company disestablish a company union.

Women Look Over Jail



Members of the Klamath branch, League of Women, paid an unofficial visit to the city jail Monday afternoon to conditions in the town bastille, and also to make inquiries into facilities provided for women prisoners. Larry Bergmann, officer, is conducting the group on a tour, part of which is shown in this picture at the door of the cell reserved for the jail has been condemned by successive Klamath grand juries as being insanitary and inadequate.

DEWEY GETS MORE PRIMARY SUPPORT

Idaho, Maryland Ballots Help Attorney; Other States Voting

By The Associated Press
Twenty-four republican convention delegates from Maryland and Idaho were enrolled under Thomas E. Dewey's banner today, while California democrats were registering their third term views in a complicated primary election.

Dewey delegates led an unstructured slate by more than seven to one in Maryland's republican primary yesterday. At the same time the Idaho republican convention broke tradition and voted 133 to 68 to instruct its eight delegates to support the New York district attorney.

Four States
Maryland democrats, with no presidential aspirant running on their presidential ballot, renominated Senator George Radcliffe, one-time business associate of President Roosevelt, by nearly a two to one margin over National Committeeman Howard Bruce.

In the California democratic primary, four delegate slates were entered. One was pledged to President Roosevelt and one to Vice President Garner. Two others, one of which was led by "ham and egg" pension forces, were uninstructed. One (Continued on Page Seven)

driven off the highway to the Hromada road. When they learned he was not there, they assumed that when he left the highway and disappeared into the gloomy and forbidding looking woods next to the lake, that he had by accident driven his car into the lake. They feared that his sounding the siren was a call for help.

A searching party led by Roy Temple, who had that day only climbed Diamond peak, an 8000-foot snowcapped mountain, was organized. To make matters worse, Temple, trying to cross the lake in his motorboat, found when half way across the lake that the gas tank had gone dry, which necessitated their rowing across the lake. An unfruitful search was made for Berle.

Two Injured In Wrecks at Same Time

Two automobile accidents which occurred at approximately the same time on the same highway in the morning, sent two motorists to the government hospital at Klamath Agency. Neither was seriously hurt.

Watkin Davis, 37, of Klamath Falls, was driving a 1935 Buick when he struck a tree, and Henrietta John, 22, of Klamath Falls, was driving a 1935 Buick when she struck a tree. Both were injured and taken to the government hospital at Klamath Agency. Neither was seriously hurt.

British Drive Nazi Fleet From Narvik Waters

LONDON, May 7 (AP)—Heavy losses by Germany's merchant marine in the Norwegian campaign were reported today by the British admiralty while naval sources indicated the British navy had driven all German warships from the waters around the besieged Norwegian port of Narvik.

The admiralty declared that the Nazi merchant shipping had lost 300,000 tons since April 1, most of it in the operations around Norway. This figure includes transport and supply ships used by Germany to reinforce shock troops rushed to Norway by huge planes. Another source estimated Germany has lost over 600,000 gross tons of merchant shipping since the war's start.

Nazis Scold Allies

PRESS CLAIMS ATTACK PLANS LAID IN EAST

Britain Denies Charges as Berlin Claims Norway Success

BERLIN, May 7 (AP)—Charges that the allies would be prepared for "ordered action" in the Near East, about May 15, were reported today on the basis of a purported telephone conversation between British Prime Minister Chamberlain and French Premier Reynaud.

(Official circles in London called the story fantastic and a French communiqué said it contained "purely lying allegations" both of the reported telephone conversation "which never took place" and the intentions attributed to the allies.)

Cruiser Hit
The German high command, meanwhile, reported land, sea and air triumphs for the past 24 hours in Norway. Its communiqué said German bombers had hit another British cruiser and a big Sunderland flying boat off Narvik, Norwegian iron ore port in which a German garrison is besieged. German pursuit planes shot down two British craft in "an attempt by the British to fly over the German (Helgoland) light," it said.

The communiqué reported an enemy submarine sunk in the Skagerrak by "a flotilla of submarine chasers."

Its announcement that German troops have reached Mosjøen in a northward drive from Namsos and Grong, meant that the Germans have covered about one-third of the 300 miles to Narvik, supposedly on the heels of allied detachments cut off from the main expeditionary force withdrawn last week from central Norway.

The controlled German press splashed the story of the alleged conversation between the two allied war leaders.

The account did not disclose how Germany could have obtained a record of any Chamberlain-Reynaud conversation but it was specific in saying that the two allied leaders talked for just 15 minutes, starting at 10:10 p. m. Central European time, April 30.

Tommies Tell Of Retreating Before Nazis

A NORTHERN PORT, England, May 7 (AP)—Battle-weary allied troops disclosed today they were so short of explosives as they retreated up the Gudbrands valley in central Norway that they used depth charges from warships to blow up the bridges behind them and slow the German advance.

This sidelight on "the road back" was unfolded as the thousands of soldiers who clattered ashore here from transports yesterday settled down in temporary quarters after a proud welcome from General Sir Edmund Ironside, chief of the imperial defense staff.

After four days' rest and good food at sea, the morale of the men appeared good and there were no outward signs of recent terror even on the downy faces of the youngest troopers, some of whom are just out of their teens.

They all were cheerful and some were even a bit cocky, but (Continued on Page Seven)

WAR PREPARATIONS ADVANCE IN EAST

Mediterranean Area Becoming Armed Camp; Slays Eye Border

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 7 (AP)—Fervid preparations for defense against modern war hit a higher pace today in the land of the Pharaohs. The entire Mediterranean area was fast becoming an armed camp.

British official circles hinted broadly that any future change in Italy's status as a non-belligerent ally of Germany could be expected within seven days.

Blackout
A twentieth century blackout was ordered for this ancient land. The government posted police and troops to enforce compliance with practice air raid warnings starting at noon tomorrow.

BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	11	18	0
Pittsburgh	9	15	2
Piechota, Strincevich (1), Earley (3), Javery (7), LaManna (8), Smith (8), and Lopez; MacFadden, Bauers (3), Lanning (4), Lanahan (5), and Davis.			
	R.	H.	E.
New York	6	9	1
Cincinnati	7	12	0
Lohrman, Joiner (6), Brown (7), Vandenberg (8), and Danning; Turner, Beggs (8), Barrett (8), Riddle (9), and Lombardi.			

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	1	5	1
Chicago	0	4	1
Pearson and Warren; Passeau, Olsen (9), and Tord.			
	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	4	13	0
Boston	6	8	0
Naymich, Allen (3), Dobson (7), Harder (8), Eisenstat (8), and Hemsley; Grove, Hash (8), and Desautels.			

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	4	12	1
New York	2	9	1
Newhouser, Benton (9) and Tebbetts; Sundra, Hildebrand (7), Grissom (9), and Dickey.			
	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	9	0
Philadelphia	3	5	4
Knot, Appleton (7), and Tresh; Turner (7); Caster, Beckman (4) Heusser (8), and Brucker, Hayes, (5).			

CHAMBERLAIN DEFENDS ACTS WITH WARNING

All Fronts Tense, Chief Tells Critics; Powers Given Churchill

LONDON, May 7 (AP)—An angry opposition cried out in the house of commons today for "different people at the helm" after Prime Minister Chamberlain, frankly admitting failure of Britain's central Norwegian military adventure, had defended its start and result with the plea: "I believe it was right."

In the most violent parliamentary debate since the war began, the old prime minister and his war cabinet were branded as "failures" by Clement R. Attlee, the labor opposition leader. He said they had been "missing buses since 1931."

Attack Expected
Chamberlain, who is expected to keep his grip on the government despite the storm of parliamentary abuse, confessed the allied troops had to be withdrawn from mid-Norway because they could not get air-dromes for fighting planes and because the German reinforcements came up too fast.

He warned again that Britain must be prepared even for attack "in the most violent form" against Britain herself, and he announced the appointment of Winston Churchill to supervise military operations from day to day.

Moved Up
Previously Churchill had been head of a committee of defense ministers in the cabinet. Now he will work directly with the chiefs of staffs of army, navy and air force themselves.

After Attlee had exploded his attack, Sir Archibald Sinclair, the liberal opposition leader, assailed the situation "in which he had to accept defeat in Norway" and attacked the government's ill-founded boasting.

It was the first day of a two-day debate on the Norwegian reverse.

Cheering Dies
The designation of new powers for Churchill, merely an extension of the ones he had before, was the only definite proposal Chamberlain made to alter the course of war policy—aside from his reiterated determination to prevent dispersal of Britain's armed forces at a time when the war may spread to any front.

When Chamberlain started his speech, members of the government majority showed by their cheering that they intended to support him. But by the time he had finished the cheering had waned perceptibly and the speaker frequently had to call the house to order.

Once, Chamberlain had to sit down for a moment.

Grave Reverses
Even some of the government members cheered when Sir Archibald declared Britain was failing to drive forward with "ruthless and far-minded energy" in all departments, and said:

"Time is not on our side" (Continued on Page Seven)

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