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CHAMBERLAIN WINS CLOSE VOTE

F. R. Wins In California

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CALIFORNIA Democrats give the Roosevelt third-term delegate slate a three-to-one lead over all opposition—the opposition including a Garner ticket, a miscellaneous radical aggregation sponsored by Lieutenant Governor Patterson and a “ham and egg” movement.

The Roosevelt slate beat the Garner slate six to one.

THE California primary confirms, if confirmation were needed (which it wasn't), that FDR will hold the Democratic convention in the hollow of his hand and will personally decide whether we are to have our first real, grass-roots test of the third-term precedent.

DON'T entirely overlook this fact: Republicans in California, where the Republican party is locally in disrepute, with no contest to stir their pulses and get them out to the polls (California's Republican delegates being unpledged), with no jobs at stake (Republican job-holders in California being scarce than Florida real estate men), with no particular reason for going to the polls and the usual number of reasons for staying at home when a vote doesn't mean anything anyway, still cast about 35 per cent of the total vote.

VERLIN SPENCER, a South Pasadena teacher, aged 38, blowing his top when his contract fails of renewal, cuts loose around the school with a pistol much as a raiding German airplane opens up with its machine guns.

When the smoke clears away, four are dead and three badly wounded. He then turns the gun on himself, but as these words are written is still alive.

THE whole affair is startlingly like that of the Greek waiter back in Ohio, who went berserk when his boss turned down his request for a loan.

IMPERFECT brains, in both cases, were responsible. What are we going to do about imperfect brains?

If you can answer that question, definitely, logically and convincingly, you're too good for private life and your government seriously needs your services.

Retire After Long Service



John Houston, J. W. Kerns and Henry Semon, left to right above, retired from chamber of commerce directorships Wednesday after long service. The retirement is in conformity with a recently adopted chamber by-law that directors can serve only three consecutive terms. All three retiring directors favored the rule. Houston has served six years, Kerns 16 years and Semon seven years.

Congress Hears Demands for Increases In U. S. Defense

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—New demands that congress build up United States defenses coincided today with a surprise announcement that the battle fleet would remain in mid-Pacific.

The news that the fleet would stay in the Hawaiian area instead of returning on schedule to its west coast bases came at a moment when fears ran high in diplomatic circles that the European war might explode anew with lightning thrusts into the Netherlands or other neutral countries.

Emergency Planned
The Netherlands legation here underscored the gravity of the situation abroad by disclosing that Dr. A. Loudon, minister to the United States, had been appointed to act as general ambassador for all Dutch officials in foreign countries “in case of emergency.”

Two Appraisals
The fleet announcement shared attention with national defense appraisals which came late yesterday from Bernard Baruch and James W. Gerard, two men high in America's world war councils.

Baruch, New York financier who headed the war industries board in 1917-18, wrote a senate committee studying an army appropriations bill that the United States was “inadequately prepared even for defense.”

Calling the western hemisphere the richest prize in the world, he declared: “Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan, with their giant and well trained armies would not hesitate for one minute, if they should win, to find some reason for coming here.”

Dorris Assessor 'Bulldogs' Pet Deer In Fight for Life

DORRIS — Dorris and Butte Valley might have been minus an assessor this past week if it hadn't been for the quick thinking of said assessor and the proximity of deep water in Butte creek. It all happened along the shore of Butte creek in the Jess Ward field.

GARNER LOSES 6-1 BUT WINS TEXAS VOTES

Bankhead Gets Support of Home State Delegation in Alabama Primary

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8 (AP)—Returns from 12,870 out of 13,511 precincts in the California presidential primary:

Democratic: Allen 86,897. Garner 109,826. Patterson 47,501. Roosevelt 708,249. Republican, 12,775 precincts: Seawell (unopposed) 524,870.

By The Associated Press
Roosevelt third term supporters added the big California delegation to their growing forces today as a result of a democratic primary sweep.

While the Roosevelt candidates were carrying virtually every California county, Vice President Garner won the vast bulk of the delegates chosen for the Texas state democratic convention and Speaker Bankhead (D-Ala.) was given favorite son support by the 22 national delegates elected in Alabama.

These developments highlighted election activity yesterday in six states. Only one senatorial race was involved. Florida led for democratic renomination, but apparently will be forced into a run-off primary against Bernard MacFadden, magazine publisher and new deal critic.

Garner Votes
Despite the one-sided Roosevelt victory in California, two Garner delegates may be among the 44 going to the Chicago convention. There were two vacancies on the third term slate, and election officials said that the two highest candidates on the next ticket—the Garner one—would be designated to fill them.

Running third was an uninvited “ham and eggs” pension delegation, and fourth was a so-called liberal-left wing group headed by Lieut. Gov. Ellis Patterson, who had bolted the Roosevelt.

Germans Report Air Attacks on British Troops
BERLIN, May 8 (AP)—German airmen were reported today to have made “successful” raids on marching columns of allied troops near Narvik, far northern Norway, and to have scored new bomb hits on two British cruisers.

The reports were given out by the German high command whose daily communiqué follows: “Another German air attack on enemy naval vessels outside Narvik was carried out. Two cruisers were hit.

“Enemy positions and marching columns were successfully bombed. One English chaser (pursuit plane) was shot down in an air fight east of Narvik.

Thirty



Webb Miller, veteran war correspondent and European news manager for United Press, who was killed in a railroad accident in England Tuesday night. Miller's by-line has topped big war news and other important stories for 25 years.

NOTED WAR WRITER DIES IN ENGLAND

Body of Webb Miller Discovered Beside Rails; Accident Blamed

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Webb Miller, American journalist, was found dead today on a railway near Clapham Junction station, southwest London. It was believed he fell from a train shortly after it pulled out of the station.

Miller was European news manager for The United Press associations.

He attended yesterday's historic debate in the house of commons on the Norwegian campaign and left last night for his home in the country after filing his cable report. Acquaintances said he appeared in “excellent health.”

Fall From Train
Miller's body was found on the railway right of way at about 5:15 a. m. but it was believed the accident which caused his death occurred about 9 o'clock last night.

A hard blow on the right side of the head, apparently sufficient to cause death.

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E.
St. Louis 8 11 1
Philadelphia 10 13 1

Kramer, Niggeling (5), Cox (7), Trotter (8) and Swift, Susce (8); Ross, Heusser (7) and Hayes.

R. H. E.
Cleveland 10 14 0
New York 4 9 1

Smith, Milnar (8) and Hensley; Breuer, Donald (6) and Dickey.

EUROPE'S WAR NERVES FRAYED IN SOUTHEAST

Pope Voices Fears; Netherlands Prepared as Hungary Quizzed

By The Associated Press
An aroused British labor party demanded the downfall of Prime Minister Chamberlain's government with a “no confidence” motion in the house of commons today as war nerves frayed even more sharply through southeast Europe.

Pope Pius XII voiced his fears that the conflict now stalemated on the Siegfried-Magnot line and sputtering in arctic Norway was doomed to spread, and across the Adriatic sea from Italy, Yugoslavia dreaded the possibility of a double-barreled onslaught from the Rome-Berlin axis.

In great suspense over the “increasingly uncertain” international situation, the Netherlands tightened her defenses to the utmost following the cutting off of telephone communications with the outside world during the night.

Rumors Thick
Rumors and reports flew thick and fast about what might be impending for the little low country.

A New York source, closely in touch with Europe, said there were reports of one column of German troops moving toward the Dutch border from Bremen and another from Düsseldorf, near the Netherlands northeast coast and Arnhem, 90 miles southeast of Leeuwarden.

This source pointed out the troop movements might merely be feints to mask other German moves. The destinations indicated would be valuable air bases for Germany.

Move Denied
Official German sources, however, denied emphatically that German columns were advancing toward the Netherlands frontier.

Southeastern Europe was stirred by reports that Germany had asked Hungary for a right-of-way through her territory for Nazi troops.

At the same time it was said Great Britain was conducting a strong diplomatic campaign to bring the Balkans together in a defensive alliance against any “aggression.”

New War Zone
It all lent weight to the growing impression in the Balkans that the European belligerents may have decided on that area as a place to fight out their war.

The official Hungarian news agency, which carried the report of the German request for unhindered passage of her troops through Hungary, added that the report was not verified thus far.

Utro, Sofia newspaper regarded as the Nazi mouthpiece in Bulgaria, carried a Berlin (Continued on Page Eight)

Britain Puts Question up To Hungary

BUDAPEST, May 8 (AP)—Great Britain was reported in diplomatic quarters tonight to have asked the Hungarian government to state its attitude toward any German move to send troops through Hungary.

Following published reports that Germany had requested such permission, these sources said British Minister Owen St. Clair O'Malley had asked Hungarian Premier Count Pal Teleky to declare his country's stand.

No Answer
Teleky refused a definite answer, according to these informants, saying Hungary's attitude would depend on circumstances when and if Germany got ready to move.

O'Malley was reported to have offered support of the British army and air force if Hungary chose to resist any German attempt to march through.

Bulgaria appeared to be the key to any British plan to unite the Balkans in a defensive war. Bulgaria, most of all, has balked at any such alliance. She was a German ally in the world war.

The British ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, was in Sofia and said to have made a high offer for Bulgarian adherence to a defensive system.

CHURCHILL BLAMES LACK OF AIRPLANES

War Chief Explains Failure to Meet German Thrust in Norway

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Winston Churchill, trump card defender of an imperiled Chamberlain government in the closing hours of house of commons debate on war policy, declared frankly tonight that “one of the causes of our difficulties (in Norway) was that we had failed to achieve air parity with Germany.”

Air parity is considered vital to Britain's security, he said.

This was one reason why Britain did not take the initiative, he intimated.

War Must Wait
“Our numerical deficiency in the air—despite our superiority in both men and materials—has condemned us and will condemn us for some time to come to a great deal of difficulty and suffering and danger which we must endure with firmness until more favorable conditions can be established—as assuredly they will be.”

Churchill said the reason why a big ship was not sent to Narvik in the first attack by five destroyers was because the only ship available was a battle cruiser and “we thought it would be a great damage to the fleet if we lost a battle cruiser.”

The admiralty waited until it (Continued on Page Eight)

CABINET PUT ON BLOCK BY WAR CRITICS

Confidence Vote Follows Vigorous Attack by Former Premier

LONDON, May 8 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain's government was saved tonight by a house of commons vote of confidence, 281 to 200, at the end of the war's most violent debate on the conduct of hostilities.

After two days of turbulent argument, the old prime minister mustered his majority against a labor motion of censure, stemming from the failure of the allied campaign in central Norway.

Winston Churchill, accepting “fullest responsibility” for the defeat in Norway and warning the nation it must suffer still more because of Britain's inferiority in the air, closed the debate.

Slim Victory
It was the heaviest commons vote of the war, although far short of the maximum of 613 members of the house.

It likewise was the slimmest government majority on any important issue since the hostilities began.

Had Chamberlain been defeated, he would have had no alternative but to quit.

He had accepted, even “welcomed” the labor challenge.

The vote showed the depth of the rift between Chamberlain's government on one hand and the labor-liberal opposition and conservative rebels on the other.

These later were incensed over the allied failure in Norway and by ministerial explanations that it was wise to flee the central part of that country before overwhelming German air and land superiority.

Labor members, who hadn't expected their vote of censure to carry anyway, burst into the song, “Rule Britannia,” after the close vote was announced.

Others booed and shouted: “Resign!”

The labor opposition demand that the house of commonsoust the Chamberlain government, instantly accepted by the prime minister as a challenge to a test of votes, was supported today by David Lloyd George.

Lloyd George, who led Britain in the World war, vehemently denounced the Chamberlain administration for “unintelligent” and “half-hearted” leadership.

In one of the tensely dramatic (Continued on Page Eight)

Dr. Rankin Returns Here in June as Welfare Physician

Klamath county will again have the services of a county physician for welfare work, starting June 10, it was decided Tuesday at a meeting of the county welfare commission.

Dr. Fred D. Rankin, formerly employed as county physician, has again been secured to fill that capacity and will return to Klamath county after an absence of several months. Fred Peterson, head of the welfare commission, announced Dr. Rankin will be back on the job June 10 and that his offices will be in the county health unit.

Since leaving here shortly before Christmas, Dr. Rankin has been in Washington, D. C., where he was employed as an assistant medical officer in the government printing building.

Absentee Voters Surprised By Ballot on City Measures

By MALCOLM EPLEY
Surprise of Klamath citizens handed municipal ballots when calling at the county clerk's office for absentee voting is indicative of the general public indifference to the two city measures to be on the ballot May 17.

“What's this?” is the usual remark of the voter, when given the municipal ballot carrying the titles for the levy measures to finance traffic signals and a new street sweeper. Of the 90 citizens who have already done their absentee voting, many are from city precincts, and many of these were obviously unaware that there is going to be a vote on municipal issues.

Each of the city measures calls for a one-mill special levy for one year. One would provide funds for installing street signals at Main and Ninth, Main and Eighth, Main and Seventh, Main and Sixth, Spring and Sixth, East Main and Sixth and Klamath avenue and Sixth street. The other would finance purchase of a new street sweeper, replacing an old piece of machinery which city officials assert is obsolete and worn out.

State Senator Rex Ellis swung into Klamath Falls Wednesday on his campaign for the republican nomination for congress. He said he will get around as far as he can, but he said he is afraid he will not get to see all his friends before he is forced (Continued on Page Eight)

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25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

May 8, 1915—Germans advancing in Russia gain thousands of square miles.