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GERMANS STRIKE NEAR CHANNEL

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IMAGINE yourself in the stands at the year's big football game. A tricky surprise play has been sprung. The field is broken—players running in every direction, aimlessly so far as your eye can at the moment detect. Nobody (in the stands at least) is sure who has the ball.

THE allies expected a stabilized war of attack against heavily fortified positions. They got, instead, a war of amazingly swift movement.

MANY excitable people are saying that we should go at once to the assistance of the obviously hard pressed allies—and do it before it is too late.

GENERAL MARSHALL, army chief of staff, testifying a few days ago before the senate sub-committee on military appropriations, said that at present the regular army could put only 75,000 modernly equipped men into the field.

Major H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, told the same committee that of the army's present fleet of 2700 planes perhaps HALF A DOZEN could be modernized.

"BUT," you say, if you are eager to go to war, "how about the navy?"

IF you are wise, you will come to the conclusion that instead of Galahading into somebody else's war we'd better stay at home and prepare to defend ourselves if attacked.

SENATOR CLARK of Missouri estimated the other day that in seven years we have appropriated seven billion dollars for defense and added that we're now appropriating two billions more.

It testimony being given in Washington is accurate, we haven't got much for the seven billions already spent and will do well to see that we GET MORE for the two billions being appropriated.

Border Closed Between Albania, Yugoslavia

SKOPLJE, Yugoslavia, May 21 (AP)—The frontier between Yugoslavia and Italian-held Albania was closed late today by Italian order.

News of the border closing was received here shortly after the announcement in Rome that Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano was leaving for Tirana, capital of Albania, now part of the Italian empire.

Reports filtering across the frontier to Yugoslav military quarters here said the Italian army had speeded up transport of large quantities of war materials across the Adriatic to the Albanian port of Durazzo.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press
May 21, 1915—German airships bombard Przemysl.

MAIN HIGHWAY IN FLOOD AREA BEING RAISED

Detour Plan May Be Out as Crews Speed Fill for Finish in 10 Days

The state highway department Tuesday launched a high-speed construction program on the established right-of-way of The Dalles-California highway near Algoma, where flood waters covered the pavement to a depth of three feet after a dike break last Saturday.

The problem of obtaining right-of-way, it was learned, had showed the start on the detour. Without further delay, the highway department started work on its own right-of-way, raising the old grade above the water level.

Fast Work
It was pointed out that this job requires a fill of 6000 feet, but that it could be completed almost as quickly as the construction of a detour. Two hundred fifty feet of fill had already been installed on the south end by Tuesday afternoon, and work was being rushed from both ends.

One shovel and 10 trucks were in use on the south end, and one shovel and five trucks on the north end. Crews were working two shifts on each end, and it was expected three shifts would be instituted as soon as practicable.

W. E. Chandler, division engineer, said the fill should be finished and traffic restored in not more than 10 days.

Highway officials pointed out that the detour would have saved time in restoring traffic had it been possible to start work on Monday morning. Because of the delay, however, the permanent construction will be finished virtually as soon as the detour would have been constructed, and there will be no loss of money on temporary construction.

The flood, it was learned Tuesday, has caused considerable trouble for the Kesterson Lumber corporation. Kesterson's logging road terminates at the edge of the flooded area, and ordinarily logs are loaded at this point on rail road cars. They are then moved over the Algoma logging railroad to the main line of the Southern Pacific and on into the company's plant at Klamath Falls.

The flood waters washed out the Algoma railroad. Kesterson's arranged Tuesday to reconstruct this railroad grade above the water level, and will rush truckloads of material from the top of the hill into the flood area for this purpose.

7-Year-Old Boy Shot by Mother

MANITOWOC, Wis., May 21 (AP)—Jackie Verlaan, 7, who the police said was shot three times last night by his mother, died in Holy Family hospital today.

Police Lieut. Aaron Peterson said the mother, Mrs. J. H. Verlaan, about 37, was detained. The shooting occurred in the Verlaan home.

Officers Charles Denor and Melvin Reinhardt said Mrs. Verlaan told them: "I've killed my boy. If he doesn't die, you'll kill him for me if you take him away with you, won't you? Because I've got a lot of other people to kill."

Mailing Red Cross Letters



Members of the Junior Red Cross are helping the Red Cross office here these days, mailing out letters to members in the drive to gather funds for war relief in Europe. Shown above, left to right are Vivien Kilrnes, Arlene Searles and Evelyn Nelson.

NAVY SEEKS HUGE AIRPLANE FORCE

10,000 Planes Proposed in Legislation on Defense Drive

WASHINGTON, May 21 (AP) Naval air strength of not less than 10,000 planes and 16,000 pilots to man them was proposed in legislation introduced today by house and senate naval committee chairmen after a conference with President Roosevelt and ranking admirals.

Senator Walsh (D-Mass.) and Rep. Vinson (D-Ga.), the chairmen, announced in a joint statement after the White House meeting that the chief executive proposed to use \$100,000,000 to expand naval aviation facilities and personnel. This amount, the two legislators said, would be taken from the \$250,000,000 emergency appropriation asked for the navy last week by the president, as part of his \$1,182,000,000 emergency program.

In addition to the increase in the number of airplanes and pilots the legislation would authorize the navy to establish and develop naval aviation bases costing \$124,132,000. The additional airbases recommended in the bill, Walsh and Vinson said, are essentially those recommended to congress last year by the Hepburn naval survey board.

Bases listed for construction and the amounts involved included: San Juan, Puerto Rico, \$2,330,000; Coco Solo, Canal Zone, \$12,890,000; Seattle, Washington \$4,670,005; Kodiak, Alaska \$2,012,000; Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, \$5,807,000; Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, \$1,870,000; Wake Island, (Continued on Page Six)

Ellis Holds Lead With 1 Unit Out

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—Rex Ellis of Pendleton led his fellow townsmen, Roy Ritner, 11,247 to 10,391, for the democratic congressional nomination today with 413 of the second Oregon congressional district's 414 precincts tabulated.

PORTLAND, May 21 (AP)—Republican delegates to the 1936 convention and 1940 delegates-elect will meet Thursday to act on a proposal that Ralph Cake, Portland, succeed the late Ralph Williams, national committeeman, immediately.

ONTARIO, May 21 (AP)—Malheur county apparently recorded its first dead-heat race at the voting polls last Friday.

With all precincts tabulated John Molenaar of Ontario and Harry Wells of Vale each had 646 votes for democratic nomination as county commissioner.

FIVE MISSING

PARIS, May 21 (AP)—Three drivers and an inspector were reported missing tonight by the American volunteer ambulance corps, bringing the total to five since the German drive began.

PARTING

NEW YORK, May 21 (AP)—After seven years of married life Jack Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, have agreed to a parting of ways.

Britain Fears Invasion

GERMAN DRIVE BRINGS NAZIS WITHIN RANGE

British Cruiser Sunk as Islands See Darkest Hour of Conflict

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—Loss of the 9550-ton cruiser Edfingham and the minelayer Princess Victoria was announced today by the admiralty on the darkest day of the war for Britain, menaced by threat of nazi invasion.

However, while German mechanized units drove relentlessly toward English channel ports from which invasion could be launched by sea and air on England as it was on Norway, British newspapers appeared with headlines saying: "Enemy attacks beaten off" and "New attacks on Alsne and Rethel repulsed."

Invasion Feasible
"Invation of Britain is perfectly feasible," declared The Daily Express, published by Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production.

War Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons that response to the call for local defense volunteers had been "satisfactory."

Prime Minister Churchill sat behind his predecessor, Neville Chamberlain, now lord president of the council, and Eden at the first session of commons attended by his new ministers.

A British military spokesman declared that "certainly" no large German columns had reached Amiens, although he acknowledged that "a few isolated tanks" may have penetrated there.

The Germans declared they had taken not only Amiens but also Arras and Abbeville in a thrust to within about 15 miles of the English channel.)

The spokesman said the western front battle, however, was "more confused than ever, with everybody behind everybody else's lines."

"Bands of German tanks wandering about living on the country," he said, are thrusting a wide salient into France, but are "becoming more vulnerable to counter attack" and "the French hold many places from which" to deliver such blows.

The new German pressure came as Britain suffered these naval reverses: 1. The 9550-ton cruiser Edfingham was lost "as a result of damage sustained through striking an uncharted rock off the Norwegian coast." It was the first cruiser Britain has reported officially lost since the start of the war.

2. Four British merchant ships totalling 8995 tons and one allied vessel of 316 tons admittedly were sunk "by enemy action" during the week ended May 10.

3. The sinking of the British minelayer Princess Victoria by a German mine with two officers and 31 men missing and feared lost was announced. (In Berlin, the high command reported damaging hits on a British battleship and heavy cruiser off the Norwegian coast as well as destructive air raids on merchant shipping and French war vessels on the Franco-Belgian coast.)

DUKE HURT

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—The Duke of Gloucester, brother of King George VI, was disclosed tonight to be suffering from cuts caused by bomb explosions on the Franco-Belgian front.

Nazis Nearing Coast



White arrow in upper left indicates Abbeville, 12 miles from the English channel, reached by German advance guards Tuesday. Farther up the Somme river is Amiens, captured by the nazis in a drive springing from the forked attack at St. Quentin.

GERMAN BOMBERS SOAR OVER LINES

72 Hours of Blasting in France Opens Road Ahead of Troops

By DREW MIDDLETON
With the British Expeditionary Force in France, May 21 (AP) (Delayed: Passed by Military Censor)—The German air force, sowing death by day and night, has bombed objectives far behind the fighting lines in 72 hours of extensive operations.

(NOTE: This dispatch was written before Middleton returned to London with other correspondents, on orders of the BEF.) At the same time, the raiding planes undoubtedly are aided by spies working with nazi parachute troops, who destroy communication lines, signal fliers at night, gather military information and encourage panic behind the lines by wild rumors of defeat.

Refugees Pack Towns
Until the confused situation on the western front settles into some form of stabilization such operations are expected to continue, with the allies taking what measures they can, where they can, to meet them.

The town in which I am writing is packed with refugees, some Dutch, some Belgian, some French.

Here, as elsewhere, counter-espionage is handicapped by these surges of population. With the entire nation on the move, all a parachutist needs to become a "refugee" is a bicycle, tattered clothes and a forged identification card.

Rumors run through every town. There is wild talk of revolution in Paris, breaks in the defense lines and the land.

Klamath National Guard Officers Win Promotions

SALEM, May 21 (AP)—Appointment of three officers and promotion of two others, all five living in Klamath Falls and being assigned to the 249th coast artillery units stationed there, were announced by the national guard today.

First Lt. George D. Powell was promoted to captain and assigned to command Battery C, organized last month. Second Lt. John F. Olin was promoted to first lieutenant and assigned to Battery A.

All three new officers are former non-commissioned officers of Battery A, and have been appointed second lieutenants. They are: William A. Delzell, assigned to Battery A; and Jack R. Wood and Thurlow V. Wauchope, both assigned to Battery C.

ARMY WITHIN 69 MILES OF CAPITAL CITY

Mechanized Forces Drive Along Somme to Town 12 Miles Inland

By The Associated Press
Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg legions stormed today within sight of the Eiffel tower in Paris, 69 miles away and scored a 25-mile break-through in the west to capture Amiens and Arras in the race to the English channel.

Small detachments of German motorcycle troops also penetrated to the outskirts of Abbeville, just 12 miles from the channel, a spokesman admitted in Paris.

Faults on Meuse
The nazi high command reported the capture of Abbeville. Premier Reynaud of France assailed the French high command for "incredible faults" which permitted German armored columns to inflict "disaster" — total disorganization" on the French army defending the Meuse river front: the gateway to Paris.

Specifically, Reynaud blamed the high command for failure to blow up Meuse river bridges to stall the mechanized German onslaught.

"Miracles"
Dramatically, he cried to a grave-faced French parliament: "France cannot die! If a miracle is needed to save France, I believe in miracles."

Painting a dark picture, Reynaud admitted the Germans had seized Amiens, site of the historic cathedral of Notre Dame, and Arras in the drive to the channel.

"We must take immediate decisions," Reynaud told the French senate, freely confessing that the classical French concept of war had been jarred by swift-striking nazi mechanized raids and parachute troops.

The German high command also declared its forces had smashed their way to Abbeville, 12 miles from the English channel. If true, it would imperil the position of more than 550,000 troops.

City Not to Start Traffic Signals In Near Future

Voters put the stamp of approval on the purchase of a new street sweeper and the installation of traffic lights, but these two features will not be added to city operations immediately.

Mayor Clifton Richmond said Tuesday the traffic signal and street sweeper levy would be made and collected with the 1941 taxes. The street sweeper will cost \$7500, and Klamath's share in the installation of street lights will be the same amount. The state will share the balance, or an additional \$7500 on traffic signals.

Mayor Richmond stated he would discuss the matter of installing signals with the city council and act on recommendations of that body in regard to contacting the state highway department and making inquiries as to immediate construction of the lights.

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