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Tuesday's official high 88



BRITAIN FAVORS U. S. ALLIANCE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THERE is material for serious thought in this dispatch from London today:
"Unofficial but well-informed sources indicated today that the British government is SEEKING A MILITARY ALLIANCE with the United States."

No entangling alliances is one of our traditions. No third term for any President is another.

Are we getting ready to throw them ALL OVERBOARD?

THE London dispatch (Associated Press) continues:
"The plain truth of the matter," said a neutral diplomat, "is that neither Great Britain nor the United States has a powerful friend left anywhere in the world. It behooves them to get together and make the best of the sorry situation."

GERMAN tactics in the air attack on Britain appear to be changing. Instead of massed formations of planes they are now sending over large numbers of LONE bombers, which dive from the clouds, drop their bombs and run.

ON the African front, the British abandon Somaliland to the Italians as they indicated at the start they would probably do.

The British hope is to retain control of the Mediterranean, thus shutting off supplies from the Italian forces in Africa and ultimately forcing them out.

BOTH sides (British and German) have declared blockades on each other. Hunger, so far, hasn't played a large part in the war, but there is plenty of expectation that it will force the winter is over.

GREEK ITALIAN tension is getting tighter. A Greek "spokesman" says: "We'll not be caught by surprise if Greece is invaded." Virginia Gayda, Italy's chief breast-beater, declares: "Italy and Albania are ready to defend Albania against the Greco-Italian plan of offense."

What does it mean? Well, such talk usually means MORE WAR.

O'Mahoney Wins Wyoming Election

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 21 (AP)—By a 10-to-1 walk-a-way, United States Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney won democratic renomination in yesterday's Wyoming primary election and Frank O. Horton, republican house member, was renominated by a 6 to 1 majority.

By contrast, John McIntyre, Douglas attorney, and Dr. J. C. McHenry, Gillette physician endorsed by Townsend pension supporters, wrestled in a hot contest for the democratic nomination for Wyoming's single house of representatives seat.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press
Aug. 21, 1915—Great battle rages along the Gallipoli front. Bulgaria mobilizes on Turkish frontier. Venizelos becomes premier of Greece.

Italians Threaten Greece

SUCCEEDS WALLACE



Claude R. Wickard of Indiana, present undersecretary, nominated by President Roosevelt to succeed Henry A. Wallace as secretary of agriculture.

WILLKIE ATTACKS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Organization Faulty, Inadequate, Delayed, Candidate Says

RUSHVILLE, Ind., Aug. 21 (AP)—Criticizing the administration defense program as "hopelessly inadequate, delayed, and improperly organized," Wendell L. Willkie suggested today that he and President Roosevelt debate the issue during one of the chief executive's visits to pre-pendence projects.

Mr. Roosevelt should tell us how much (military equipment) is on hand, and how much on order," the republican presidential nominee said in a statement.

Invitation Renewed

Willkie's proposal followed a renewal of his invitation that his democratic opponent meet him in "public discussion" on all campaign questions. The renewal was made at a press conference yesterday after Mr. Roosevelt had turned down the original challenge by saying conditions made it obvious he could not campaign.

Then Willkie issued the statement about defense as a supplement to his remarks to reporters.

A debate during a preparedness inspection trip, the nominee declared, "won't waste" any of the president's time.

"He probably would be making a speech anyway," Willkie added, "and it would just give me the privilege of making a speech at the same time, and then each could reply to the other."

Willkie plans to leave tonight or tomorrow for a weekend trip to New York.

The nominee had a quiet morning and afternoon yesterday, but appeared unexpectedly at a joint (Continued on Page Eight)

British Firm Sells Oil to Japanese

HOUSTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—The Chronicle today said "the Houston oil industry buzzed with reports that two British-controlled companies were selling to Japan petroleum products recently embargoed by the United States."

The Chronicle said one executive asserted "when the United States stopped American oil companies from shipping aviation gasoline and other products to Japan, these two international oil companies, one controlled directly by the British government, stepped in and began supplying the Japanese market."

ATHENS CALLS UP RESERVISTS FOR DEFENSES

Fascist Press Attacking Alleged Mistreatment Of Albanians

By The Associated Press
BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 21 (AP)—Italian troops were reported massing along Greece's western frontier today as the Greek government, beleaguered by the fascist press for alleged mistreatment of Albanian minorities, strengthened its defenses by placing more reserves under arms.

The call to the colors was the third issued in a week of growing tension in relations with Italy.

Not Confirmed

Prime General John Metaxas conferred at length last night with King George II, but no explanation for the sudden increase in the nation's armed forces was given and official circles declined to comment on the reports of Italian troop concentrations.

"Reports abroad can neither be confirmed nor denied," a spokesman said.

Usually well informed sources here, however, said they had information that Italy was massing considerable numbers of troops, including at least one armored division, in Albania opposite the Greek border.

Italian Claims

The fascist press has been hinting strongly that Italy would make territorial demands on Greece for the Ciamuria frontier region on the ground it is rightfully part of Albania, which Italy annexed in 1939 after her Good Friday invasion.

(In Rome, the official Italian news agency, Stefani, renewed attacks upon Greece last night, charging Greek authorities with hiring assassins to terrorize Albanians in Ciamuria and declaring the Albanian "action to ban the criminals.")

Italian diplomatic representatives also have been pressing Greece to repudiate Britain's guarantee of her independence and have said flatly Greece must be prepared to enter Italy's sphere of influence.

ATHENS, Greece, Aug. 21 (AP) The Greek army cancelled all leaves for officers and men today and a responsible spokesman said "we will not be caught by surprise if Greece should be invaded."

In the third move to strengthen the army within a week, the government called to arms several thousand men of a number of military classes.

BASEBALL

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REFUGEE BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP) The house completed congressional action today on legislation to permit the use of American vessels to transport refugee children from the European war zone.

Nazis Switch To Solo Plan In Air Raids

LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Germany's airforce blanketed England with scattered solo raids today, striking its heaviest blows in the southeast, where one coast resort was bombed twice in the early afternoon.

Three nazi bombers were shot down by British fighters, and a fourth was believed to have plunged into the English channel.

Almost constant patrols of spitfires and hurricanes were kept in the air as reports indicated a change in German tactics from mass raids to scattered "sneak-in" attacks by individual bombers.

Late today a lone raider attacked a town in the southwest and dropped a bomb which destroyed a house, causing three casualties, including one fatality.

The heaviest of these attacks, which the British said were modeled on "hit and run" tactics, was concentrated on the southeast coast, but numbers of solo raiders also were reported over the midlands, the Welsh coastal areas and northeast England.

The greatest damage was reported from the industrial midlands, where several bombs hit a thickly-populated residential and shopping area, killing one woman and injuring several others.

CONSCRIPTION OF WEALTH PROPOSED

House Rejects Scheme to Delay Draft Until War Declared By U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP) The house military committee rejected today a proposal to amend the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill to defer actual drafting of men for military service until the United States was at war.

Chairman May (D-Ky.) said the committee rejected the amendment by a vote of 15 to 3.

The proposal to make a draft operative only after a declaration of war first gained widespread attention yesterday when it was put forward in the senate by Senator Walsh (D-Mass.) who said he would offer it formally as an amendment later.

In the senate today Walsh joined in debate over the draft bill pending there with the charge that airplane manufacturers were delaying acceptance of government contracts for warplanes because they were receiving 18 per cent profit on foreign orders.

Supporting an amendment by Senator Lee (D-Okla.) to "draft" wealth as well as manpower, Walsh asserted that industrial leaders were now "knocking at the door" of the senate in an effort to obtain repeal of airplane and ship profit limitations.

"How can anybody vote to conscript manpower when the manufacturers of airplanes and ships insist that they would have the same profits as in peacetime?" he shouted.

Soviet Offers Prizes for Gold

MOSCOW, Aug. 21 (AP)—A Soviet gold-rush open to all citizens was encouraged today by the people's commissariat of non-ferrous metallurgy.

It offered prizes of 3000 to 200,000 rubles nominally (\$600 to \$40,000) for the discovery of gold or platinum fields and a share in the exploitation of mines.

PLANE SURVEYS FIRE DANGERS IN TIMBERLAND

Swan Lake Fire Threatening to Break Away, Airmen Report

An airplane survey of the smoking Klamath Indian reservation disclosed an incipient break-away by the huge Swan lake fire, which has already blackened 8000 acres.

Lines appeared to be holding on other sections of the reservation's far-flung fire front, according to G. S. Kephart, reservation forest supervisor. He made the plane trip in a Spokane ship, accompanied by Thomas Carter, Yakima reservation forest supervisor, and a special officer from the Yakima agency.

Supervisor Kephart said the Swan lake fire in such rugged terrain as to make suppression impossible so long as the weather continues in its present stage. It is not possible to establish a line that will hold, and spotting is constantly nullifying the hard-won gains of the big force of men on this blaze.

Kephart reported the Black hills fire north of Beatty and the Wilson point fire east of Kirk were being held in check when the plane passed over.

The airplane party, however, sighted a new fire in Long Bell timber northeast of the reservation. Men in automobiles were moving along forest roads towards this blaze, which had just started and was said to be in a dangerous location.

The plane was sent here by the Spokane regional office of the Indian service. Fire conditions on the Klamath reservation are said to be the worst on record at this time. Seven hundred men are now fighting fire there.

Klamath Forest Protective association officials here reported fires in association areas well in check, but said that weather conditions are so uncertain "anything can happen." Predictions of thunder storms had the foresters in a jittery condition as they kept in close touch with lookouts and crews in the field.

One hundred and fifty men and motorized trenching equipment estimated a 2000-acre fire six miles east of the twin northern Klamath county towns of Gilchrist and Crescent.

Calm weather supported the crews' confidence that the lines would be held.

Shevlin-Hixon Lumber company, Gilchrist and forest service timber were in the path of the flames but the commercial loss was not great. Forest authorities said the course of the blaze was "man made."

Visibility had improved considerably today in the central Oregon district.

American Ship Past Danger Zone

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21 (AP) The state department said today the refugee ship American Legion was about 400 miles west of the British coast line and thus well out of the area which Germany had described as high-ly dangerous.

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 21 (AP via Radio)—The newspaper Dagens Nyheter reported from Oslo today that Crown Prince Olav intends to board the United States army transport American Legion, now en route to the United States from Petsamo, Finland, with American refugees as soon as the ship reaches the vicinity of England.

The paper declared also that King Haakon and members of the former Norwegian government may board the vessel.

BRITISH STRIKE BACK



How the British are striking back at Germany on far-flung fronts is shown in this picture received in New York by clipper plane, on which the caption, approved by the censor, says: "Just received from Sweden, this picture shows a column of smoke above the quay at Bergen, Norway, after bombs from a British dive bomber found their mark on the German cruiser Konigsberg as she lay in harbor."

Trotsky Near Death After Pickax Blow

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 21 (AP) Leon Trotsky, at the point of death from a pickax assault, was quoted tonight as murmuring to his secretary that "this time it is the end" and that he was sure his assailant "was a member of the OGPU (soviet secret police) or a fascist — most likely the OGPU."

The one-time Russian war minister had a wound in the skull which exposed his brain and a fracture at the base of the skull. Two other blows from the ax injured his right shoulder and his right hip.

Surgeons operated on Trotsky last night, a few hours after he was set up in the office of his home in nearby Coyocacan.

Gen. Jose Manuel Nunez, federal district police chief, said "there are hopes of saving his life." But the Russian, who escaped unharmed as a machine-gun band invaded his residence May 24, was given few chances to live. Oxygen was administered.

Police said the "friend" who attacked Trotsky gave his name as Jacques Mortan Vandendriehd, 36, native of Teheran, Iran. He studied in France and became a subject of Belgium.

He said he was a newspaper writer, but so far as could be learned he had no journalistic connections in Mexico.

He had known Trotsky a year, frequently visited the walled-in, well-fortified Coyocacan estate, and often dined privately with Trotsky while the two discussed political ideas.

Police said Vandendriehd confessed, saying political opinions Trotsky recently expressed so angered him that he decided to kill the Russian. He expressed regret and said he hoped he would be put to death, police said.

Luzon Typhoon Takes Eight Lives

MANILA, Aug. 21 (AP)—A typhoon that swept northern Luzon island caused at least eight deaths, destroyed hundreds of houses and flooded large crop areas, said belated reports received here tonight. The storm passed into the China sea yesterday.

NATIONS HAVE NO FRIENDS IN WORLD, CLAIM

Basis for Settling Far East Situation After War Under Study

By DREW MIDDLETON
LONDON, Aug. 21 (AP)—Unofficial but well-informed sources indicated today that the British government is seeking a military alliance with the United States.

Canadian-American discussions on mutual defense are considered in these quarters to be the opening wedge in a British effort to obtain a full military accord between the United States and Britain.

No Friends Left

As envisaged now, such an alliance would embrace the defense of Canada and other British possessions in the western hemisphere and, perhaps even more important, "would form the basis for common diplomacy in the far east at the conclusion of the European conflict," as one informant put it.

"The plain truth of the matter," said a neutral diplomat, "is that neither Great Britain nor the United States has a powerful friend left anywhere else in the world. It behooves them to get together and make the best of the sorry situation."

Official sources were reluctant to comment on the talks between President Roosevelt and Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, which resulted in a decision to establish a joint defense board, but satisfaction was evident.

Logical Progression

There were reports here that the conversations progressed to the hypothetical naval defense of Canada and the United States in the event the British fleet were lost, and aerial defense not only on the seaboard but from United States bases on the Pacific such as Sitka and northern Alaska.

"It is a logical progression from these talks to a military alliance with Great Britain," said one reliable person. "I think we may regard the present Canadian-American talks as similar to those which, in the early nineteen hundreds, preceded creation of the entente cordiale between France and his majesty's government."

Official British reluctance to comment may be explained by the presence of public opinion in England that a non-belligerent United States is more valuable to Britain than an America at war. In the latter event, these persons reason, the United States would have to use most of her planes and munitions for strengthening her own Panama and Atlantic defenses, instead of letting Britain use them.

This group probably is far more powerful than the smaller and more vocal body, including a sprinkling of American expatriates, who are calling for immediate American intervention against Germany.

Indeed, there are evidences that the activities of the second group are embarrassing the British government in its efforts to obtain war supplies from the United States. These activities, it is feared, are arousing isolationist sentiment in America by what one member of parliament describes as "short-sighted and arrogant tactics."

Gunsmith Charged With Manslaughter In Silverton Case

SILVERTON, Aug. 21 (AP)—L. B. Robinson, Rickreall gunsmith, appeared today before Justice Alf O. Nelson and was given until 2:30 p. m. tomorrow to answer a charge of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the death near Salem last night of Joseph Williams, 52, Salem battery service man.

Robinson, who asked the case be continued 24 hours, is being held in lieu of \$5000 bail. Deputy Sheriff L. L. Pittenger said Williams died late yesterday after an altercation with Robinson.

Pittenger quoted four witnesses as saying that Robinson struck Williams on the head with a gun. The altercation took place alongside a highway south of here, where the men were discussing details of a gun trade.

The witnesses added that Robinson started to drive away and Williams jumped on the car's running board, the officer said. The automobile smashed into a pergola.

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