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High 28; Low 10  
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Season to date . . . . .2.21  
Normal precipitation . . . . .3.47  
Last year to date . . . . .4.34



# BRITISH CAPTURE MORE TROOPS

## In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE air is full of rumors today.

The Duke of Windsor leaves Miami in a U. S. navy plane, for an undisclosed destination, but his aide announces that he "expects to be back soon."

It is rumored that he is to be the new British ambassador to the United States and that he is flying down to the Caribbean to talk it over with FDR.

### RUMOR No. 2:

Hitler and his foreign minister, von Ribbentrop, are said to have left Berlin for an "undisclosed destination," believed to be a meeting with Mussolini. If so, it would be interesting to have an eye to a knot-hole while the meeting is in progress.

HITLER—small, ascetic, sour-faced, dyspeptic-looking; but undoubtedly possessing some compelling personal magnetism of his own. Mussolini—pompous, chin-jutting, chested like a pouter pigeon; physically organized, one would say, to DOMINATE men like Hitler.

Yet, if it were possible to look through a knot-hole at their meeting (if they are having one) the sight that would undoubtedly meet the eye would be the small, sour, ascetic Hitler laying down the law to the pompous, chesty Mussolini.

Hitler, so far, HAS PRODUCED. Mussolini hasn't. In the dictator business, producing is all that counts.

HITLER, Mussolini, Stalin—dominating Europe, holding in their hands the lives and the fate of millions of people, despots if ever despots lived. (As long, that is, as they can ride the whirlwind.) All men of humble origin.

Whether they did or not, all MIGHT have warmed their bare feet where the cows had lain. Europe has its success stories, too.

SUCH success stories are not new in the old world. Maximin, a rude, Thracian barbarian of enormous size, be-sought the Emperor Severus for permission to wrestle with the Roman soldiers, vanquishing 16 of them in succession. When the emperor galloped away, Maximin ran beside his horse.

After a considerable distance, Severus drew up and said to him: "Thracian, art thou disposed to wrestle again after the race?" Maximin answered: "Most willingly, sir."

So he overthrew six more of the best the Roman army could produce and was given a golden collar as a reward.

MAXIMIN, ignorant and unlettered, crude and boorish, rose to high command in the Roman army. In time the army (as was the pleasant custom in ancient Rome) murdered the emperor and set Maximin up in his place.

The pages of history are literally cluttered with adventures like Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin.

Great as they were in their day, as such greatness goes, they are FORGOTTEN NOW.

### ENLISTMENTS UP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The navy said today enlistments during the week ended December 6 totalled 2228 compared with 2169 for the preceding seven-day period.

### 25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Dec. 13, 1915—Turkish batteries hit two allied cruisers; French submarine sinks Turkish transport, Rehid Pasha in the sea of Marmora.

## COLD CHALKS UP TWO-YEAR RECORD HERE

Mercury Drops to 10 Degrees; Tulelake Gets Below-Zero Weather

TEMPERATURES	
Klamath Falls	10.
Tulelake	1 below.
Bend	2 below.
Lakeview	8.
Grass lake	0.
Clear lake	0.
Portland	27.
Medford	22.

A two-year record was broken early Friday morning when the mercury fell to 10 degrees above zero in the city of Klamath Falls, and as low as 1 degree below zero in the Tulelake section. It was an even zero at Clear lake, according to the US weatherman's report.

Last winter the mercury fell to 16 degrees above zero on Christmas day and again on January 14, the coldest days of the year. During the year of 1938-39, the coldest day occurred February 9, 1939, with a temperature of 9 degrees.

At Grass lake, southeast of Klamath Falls, the minimum was exactly zero in the early hours of Friday morning. The forecast was for continued cold and clear, with fog in the valley.

Coldest places in the state was Bend where 2 degrees below zero was the report. At Burns the thermometer registered 7 above; Lakeview, 8; Pendleton, 16; Medford, 22; Eugene, 14; Portland, 27; Roseburg, 20, and Salem, 24. More moderate weather prevailed along the coast.

Klamath skaters were enjoying ponds and canal stretches covered with heavy sheets of glassy ice. No snow had fallen to cover the ice and this week-end hundreds of ice skaters were expected to take advantage of the sport.

By The Associated Press  
It was winter by the thermometer if not by the calendar in a wide area of the nation today. Winter does not make its official debut for more than a week but wintry weather prevailed over the Great Plains and upper Mississippi valley.

"Much Colder"  
Sub-zero temperatures marked the progress of a cold wave across Montana, The Dakotas and Minnesota. A low of 25 below was reported yesterday at Warroad, Minn.

"Much colder" was the forecast for most of the central states today and the eastern states tonight. Warmer weather was predicted for the weekend.

Snow Falls  
The weather bureau warned shippers against temperatures of 5 to 15 below in the northwest and west, zero to 10 above in the north, and 10 to 20 above in the south and east.

Snow blanketed the plains states, Rocky mountain region, portions of the lake region and the upper Mississippi valley while rain pelted the gulf states, Ohio valley and the Appalachian region.

A gale whipped fresh snow into deep drifts in Colorado mountain areas but major highways were open. The snow fall in Colorado ranged from four and a half inches at Denver to 16 inches at Telluride, a mountain mining town which was hit by a blizzard shortly after noon yesterday.

A seven inch fall at Beaver, in (Continued on Page Two)

Heavy Shopping Day in Prospect Here Saturday  
Merchants were anticipating the heaviest day of the holiday season Saturday and with stocks in excellent condition and weather favorable to shopping, the business district will probably be a beehive of activity.

## They Open 1940-41 Pelican Hoop Season Tonight



These five rangy Pelican basketballers were selected by Head Coach Dwight French to start against Yreka on the Californians' home-floor tonight as Klamath Union high school blows the lid off the 1940-41 hoop season. They left at noon Friday for Yreka on a traveling squad of 10. From left to right: Marion Reginato and Bob Erlanson, forwards; Pat Moses, center; Jim Bochi and Eugene Love, guards.

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## ITALY DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN LINES

Egyptian Retreat Not Expected to Continue Into Libya

ROME, Dec. 13 (AP)—The Italians expect to defend their lines in Albania and Libya all winter, come what may, usually well-informed sources said today.

The British aim in their Egyptian offensive, these informants said, is believed to be to push the Italians back behind the Libyan frontier without any intention of attempting a drive into Libya itself.

(There are indications, however, that the British may intend to drive on into Libya once the Italians are off Egyptian soil.)

No Armistice  
Any possibility of an Italian armistice with Greece was authoritatively discounted. They pointed to Premier Mussolini's Nov. 18 declaration that he would "break Greece's back, whether in two months or 12," as precluding an armistice.

A battle is raging between British and Italian forces in a desert sandstorm between Sidi Barrani, Egypt, and the Libyan frontier, the Italian high command reported today.

Italian warplanes, joining the battle in support of ground troops, were said to have bombed and set fire to "enemy units," presumed by observers to be British warships engaged in shelling the fascist forces from positions off the Egyptian coast.

Reward Posted For Finding of Medford Fliers

MEDFORD, Dec. 13 (AP)—The Medford Flying club, through Chester Hubbard, its president, announced Friday the posting of a \$250 reward for the finding of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walbert, missing Medford couple who disappeared after taking off in a Piper plane from this city two weeks ago on a trip to Portland.

The reward is limited to a thirty day period, and will expire January 13 next, Hubbard said. The money is on deposit in a Medford bank. The board of directors of the flying club will have charge of the distribution of the reward, and settle claims in the event of more than one claimant.

Hubbard said it was the belief the offering of a reward would spur trappers, hunters, skiers, and hill residents to make thorough searches of the wooded areas, which could not be accomplished by air hunts. Hubbard stressed the point the reward was for the finding of the Walberts—not the plane.

The Walberts were members of the flying club.

WAREHOUSE BURNS

PRINEVILLE, Dec. 13 (AP)—A fire that destroyed the Ochocho national forest warehouse here yesterday consumed practically all the forest fire-fighting tools of the district. Firemen prevented the flames from spreading to nearby machine shops and truck sheds.

## Fresh Arms Fail

### GREEK ATTACK PRESSING ON ALBANIA PORT

Slashing Advance Threat to Second Italian Coastal Base

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (AP)—Fresh Italian troops thrown into the battle in Albania were reported today to have failed to halt the slashing Greek advance against heights surrounding the coastal town of Chimara, north of captured Porto Edda, despite desperate resistance.

Here and elsewhere the Greeks said that the Italians were replacing large units with new troops but that the latter were no more successful in checking the Greeks. Especially large Italian concentrations were declared thrown into the fight along the coast in a desperate effort to halt the Greeks.

Take Initiative  
One dispatch from the front said that after the Greeks repulsed fascist counter-attacks at various points "the initiative along the entire front passed once again to Greek troops and the enemy is continuing to retreat."

"At many places the Italian command replaced entire units with fresh forces at the cost of many sacrifices because the morale of the older forces was seriously impaired and they were considered unfit for further fighting," this dispatch went on.

Italian Doubts  
"But even these new Italian forces received serious blows and there already are many prisoners from these new units."

Captured Italian officers were said by the Greeks to have expressed doubt of Italy's ability to continue the struggle after the likely fall of Klisura Pass, where they had hoped to check the Greek advance toward Tepeleni, road junction 20 miles north of Greek-held Argirocastro. Klisura is 10 miles northeast of Tepeleni.

"This statement coincides with other reports of internal dissensions in Italy," the Greeks said, "and a situation has developed creating insurmountable difficulties for the Italians who are trying to find a way out."

On the other hand bad weather hinders not only their activity but also Italian transport.

"The Italians are putting up stiffer resistance in the mountainous area northwest of Mogradet, on the northern front, but according to latest reports they have begun to give way."

Youngster Canny In Money Matters

WESTSIDE—Six-year-old Joe Riggs owns a two-year-old, half race-horse, half pinto mare he broke himself and with which he led Lakeview's Roundup parade early this fall. Wednesday he was telling his schoolmates he had been offered \$100 for her.

"Why didn't you take it?" someone asked.

"Oh, I figured the horse would last me longer," was Joe's reply.

Novarro Hurt In Auto Wreck

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 13 (AP)—Ramon Novarro, 41-year-old screen actor, was seriously injured early today in an automobile accident.

Physicians at Hollywood police hospital, where he was taken, said he suffered undetermined chest injuries, concussion of the brain and cuts.

### Doffs Robes



Because members of the "I Am" movement, on trial before him at Los Angeles on mail fraud charges, believe black and dark colors exercise malign influences, Federal Judge Leon Yankwich doffed his regulation black judicial robes (top) and took the bench in a lighter business suit (bottom). . . . I could function just as well in a bathing suit."

QUET DAY FOLLOWS SHEFFIELD ATTACK

German Air Force Dumps Explosives on Famed Cutlery Capital

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Screaming sirens warned Londoners to shelter tonight after a day in which the government announced not a single bomb was dropped anywhere in England from dawn to dusk.

The bombless day—a rare one since the air siege of these islands began—was in sharp contrast to last night when Sheffield, great steel center in the north of England, drew a large-scale Nazi raid.

The city and the area surrounding it were acknowledged by the air ministry to have been the special targets of the Luftwaffe many hours after the objective had been identified only as a town in the north.

Casualties "Low"  
A number of buildings were destroyed and roads damaged or temporarily blocked, the government reported.

From early last night until early today, large formations of raiders scattered incendiary, high explosive and delayed-action bombs on the city.

Exchange Telegraph, British news agency, said raiding planes machine-gunned firemen as they fought the blazes. Most of the fires were extinguished quickly, but some of the larger ones burned for hours.

The total killed and injured, Exchange Telegraph said, "While considerable, was amazingly low considering the consistency and weight of the raid."

CAMOUFLAGE

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Fred Haldeman of Portland, state game department field man, drove by his home three times yesterday to find it. His wife promised to let him know the next time she had it painted during his absence.

## DESERT DRIVE STILL ROLLING TOWARD LIBYA

Assault on Italian Colony Not Yet Decided, Cairo Report Says

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP)—The number of Italian captured troops has been "increased by several thousands" over the 20,000 previously announced, a communique reported today from the western desert front.

Five generals are among the captives, the communique said.

NEEDS HELP ABOARD A BRITISH DESTROYER OFF THE EGYPTIAN COAST, Dec. 13 (AP)—A radio message picked up today by this warship from the officer of a British tank taking part in the offensive beyond Sidi Barrani said:

"I am in the middle of 500" infantrymen, all with their hands up but can not hold them much longer. Send infantry quickly."

It added that British patrols all along the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan frontier are continuing to inflict casualties on the Italians.

May Enter Libya  
The British victory at Sidi Barrani has broken any immediate threat to the Suez canal, British military quarters said today, as Britain's forces were reported still rolling forward with growing momentum in the western desert.

There was no indication yet how far the British intend to press home the advantages they have won or whether they will try to push across the Libyan border into Italian territory. But they were reported still progressing, taking an ever-growing amount of material and captives.

In three days British forces were said to have smashed what Italian Marshal Rodolfo Graziani laboriously built up in as many months.

Resounding Effect  
Operations were said to be going ahead so fast that communications could not keep pace, but Cairo and Alexandria buzzed with reports that the Italian forces were in headlong retreat.

The blow, coupled with Greek victories in the Albanian campaign, was expected to have resonating effects throughout the Near East.

CAIRO, Dec. 13 (AP)—British RAF bombers and fighting planes blasted Italian bases, ammunition dumps, troops, communications and grounded aircraft in the 5-day-old battle of Egypt, the British middle east command reported today. More than twelve Italian airfields were said to have been bombed.

Striking throughout last night and yesterday, the air ministry said, the RAF attacked Italy's main war base of Tobruk, on the Libyan coast, and "completely gutted" hangars at El Adem airdrome near Tobruk.

Heavy raids were also made on Bardia, about 15 miles inside the Libyan border, the ministry said, and bomb-hits set off a violent explosion in a "stores dump which resulted in flames rising to a thousand feet."

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