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NAZIS ASSAIL AID TO BRITAIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TO us, this Berlin dispatch is today's (Saturday's) most significant war development:
"The question of continued peace or possible war between Germany and the United States hangs in the balance as the German government awaits reaction to the Cross shipping proposal, an official (nazi) foreign office intimated today in a solemn press conference."

(RONALD H. CROSS, British minister of shipping, said in London Friday that "assignment of a certain number of enemy ships now in U. S. ports and addition of U. S. ships to the British service "are the only ways I can see for replenishment of any consequence.")

THAT is to say, turning over to Britain enemy (German) ships now interned in U. S. ports and adding to them AMERICAN ships for transporting American war supplies to England is the only way Minister Cross sees for this country to aid MATERIALLY in breaking the German submarine blockade of Britain.

The Germans, you see, set a lot of store by this blockade.

SO far, we've hugged to our bosoms the delusion that we can enable Britain to defeat Hitler by "measures short of war."

Maybe we can. We're unquestionably committed to TRY. But it is this writer's opinion (and has been for some time) that it will be well for us to give some thought to what will happen if SOMETHING SLIPS.

Measures short of war don't fall entirely within our own discretion.

THE present situation is something like this:

A is squatting behind a rock shooting at B. B is squatting behind a rock shooting at A. C is passing up guns and ammunition to A, but doing no shooting.

That is to say, C is employing measures short of war.

But suppose B, recognizing the implications of the situation and getting a little hot under the collar, TAKES A POT SHOT AT C.

What then will be C's position? Will he be in the ruckus, or won't he?

(IN the hypothetical situation here suggested, A is Britain. B is Germany. C is the United States.)

WE've put our hands to the plow. We can't turn back. There are few signs that the people of the United States WANT to turn back.

But at least it will be well for us to look the situation squarely in the face, recognizing all its implications and all its possibilities.

Harboring delusions is dangerous at any time and doubly dangerous in critical times such as the present.

THIS dispatch from Vichy is also interesting:

"Informed sources asserted today (Saturday) that Fernand de Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, acting on orders of French Chief of State Petain, delivered to the Germans in Paris today France's refusal to make any changes in its cabinet or TAKE BACK the ousted Pierre Laval."

Petaim still has some confidence in that card up his sleeve. (The card is Weygand in Africa.)

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Dec. 21, 1915—Italian forces occupy Durazzo.

NEW DEFENSE BODY HANDED FULL POWERS

Coordination of Industry For Arming America Up to Officials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Asserting the war crisis "cannot be terminated by any methods of appeasement," the new defense high command called upon United States citizens today to "roll up their sleeves" and concentrate upon swiftest possible defense production.

A statement issued under the name of William S. Knudsen, after the group's first meeting, asked the people to "recognize the full gravity of the crisis which called this organization into being."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Four men personally selected by President Roosevelt as a defense "high command" shouldered the concentrated responsibility today of arming America.

To the new organization—to be known as the office for production management for defense—the president late yesterday named William S. Knudsen and Sidney Hillman of the present defense commission, War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox. Knudsen will be director.

Follows Demands
Although the present defense advisory commission will be retained, it was expected that the new board would take over most of its duties, leaving the seven defense commissioners to coordinate the civil life of the nation with the activities of the new board.

Mr. Roosevelt's decision to create the new office, under authority of the 1939 government reorganization act, followed widely-voiced demands for a greater centralization of authority in defense matters.

Prospects were that the new set-up would be functioning by Jan. 1. The president said that about 10 days would be required (Continued on page two)

Navy May Ask for Enlistment Boost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) The navy, rushing construction of a two-ocean fleet, was reported authoritatively today to be planning to ask congress for a substantial increase in its enlisted strength.

The expanded navy will require between 400,000 and 500,000 seamen, exclusive of the marine corps, but spokesmen declined to say whether congress would be asked at the coming session to authorize the entire number. Some congressional sources said, however, that ranking navy officials favored getting the necessary legislation enacted so as to save time in event of an emergency.

On Dec. 1, the navy had 166,388 of its 191,000-limit of enlisted men, and officials said the total was rising every day.

Work on New Powder Plant Rushed to Offset Shortage

By EDWARD E. BOMAR
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP) Defense officials reported today that the army had forestalled a perilous shortage of ammunition by speeding a new \$50,000,000 smokeless powder plant toward completion.

Under war department pressure, two of six projected production lines at the new Charlestown, Ind., plant are expected to be finished early in the spring, two months or more ahead of schedule.

Double Supply
These limited facilities alone, by authoritative estimates, will more than double the nation's existing capacity to supply powder to the army and navy. Until they are put into operation, the capacity to replace limit D



CHRISTMAS GIVING—Rodney Murray, left, and Bob Riggs, proudly display a part of Roosevelt school's contribution to the Hi-Y Christmas Benefit program.

KIRK INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Nine True Bills Brought In Following Week's Investigation

Nine true bills, including an indictment for first degree murder against Joe Kirk, Klamath Indian, and four not-true bills were returned to Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashurst Saturday following a week's investigation by the Klamath county grand jury.

Kirk was indicted on information submitted on the fatal shooting of Leonard John, another Klamath Indian, after an all-night drinking party at Bonanza, John died of a bullet wound in the chest.

Other true bills included indictments for involuntary manslaughter (Continued on Page Two)

Gift Replaces Dog Killed By Bridge Tumble

TACOMA, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Cocker void in the Leonard Coatsworth household was filled today by a 6-week-old puppy, complete with bed, blanket, comb and flea powder.

The puppy, donated by a Richmond, Va., dog lover, arrived here yesterday to be met by Coatsworth, Tacoma newspaperman, and his 16-year-old daughter, Gerry, who had stayed away from school to purchase supplies for the pup's every need.

Coatsworth lost his beloved Cocker, Tubby, when he was forced to abandon his automobile on the Tacoma narrows bridge while the huge span was disintegrating. The terrified dog refused to leave the car and went down with it when the bridge fell into Puget sound.

MURDER CHARGE PORTLAND, Dec. 21 (AP)—A first-degree murder charge was filed against Mrs. Julia Carlson, plump, middle-aged widow, yesterday in the slaying of her admitted lover, Paul Notzold, 52.

reserves is so low as to cause official concern.

Just four substantial producers of the type of smokeless powder used in shells have supplied the peacetime needs of the army and navy for years. One of these, the Hercules plant at Kenilworth, N. J., was damaged by an explosion this fall.

The others are the army's plant at Picatinny, N. J., the navy's Indianhead, Md., arsenal, and a Du Pont plant in Delaware.

To multiply many times their combined normal recorded output of about 25,000,000 pounds a year, the war department is building huge plants at Charlestown and at Radford, Va. It contemplates two more, but none was scheduled to attain (Continued on Page Two)

Four Killed, Three Hurt in Twin Crashes

SALEM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Two automobile collisions, one involving an ambulance carrying persons injured in the first crash, killed four and gravely injured three others last night on the Hazel Green-Silverton highway, 11 miles east of here.

The dead are: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Crites of Scotts Mills; Arph Clayton Winn, 37, of Turner, and a woman tentatively identified as Mrs. Tilly Vallet of Scotts Mills.

William Winn of Turner, Mrs. Champ C. Shepherd of Salem and Darline Crites, 3, of Scotts Mills, were injured.

Ambulance Wrecked
State Police Sergeant Farley Mogan said automobiles believed to have been driven by Crites and Arch Winn collided, killing Winn outright. Crites died a short time after reaching a Silverton hospital.

Mogan said an ambulance bearing Mrs. Crites and Mrs. Vallet crashed with a car driven by Champ Shepherd, knocking the Shepherd car into a ditch, where it caught fire. The women were rushed to a hospital in a first aid car but were pronounced dead upon arrival.

The officer said investigation did not show whether the women were dead before the second accident. Shepherd was severely burned in the fire, he reported.

No Plans Taken In Robbery of Shipyard Agent

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 21 (AP) The New York Shipbuilding corporation announced today that a brief case containing "production schedules" was stolen Thursday from one of its employees, Walter Keefer, at a restaurant near Schenectady, N. Y.

Fred Cornell, the corporation's public relations representative, said the brief case contained "no blue prints, ship construction plans" or other matter of "military value."

Previously New York state police had reported that they understood the stolen papers were plans for "construction of naval vessels." The corporation holds more than \$500,000,000 worth of navy contracts.

Cornell said Keefer was employed as an "expediter"—to speed up production of materials needed in connection with ship construction—and was returning from a conference with General Electric officials when the theft occurred.

"He carried absolutely no blue prints or shipbuilding plans," Cornell added.

Santa Claus Clan Plans Completed

Plans for the Santa Claus Clan's annual Christmas dinner and party for children were completed Saturday. The event will begin at 1 p. m. Sunday at the armory.

Anyone knowing of a child needing transportation is asked to call 7000 and the child will be called for.

FALL OF BARDIA IMMINENT, CLAIM

British Smash at Italian Defenses, Bomb Lines Of Retreat West

By The Associated Press
CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 21—While British bombers, artillery, and warships were reported battering beleaguered Bardia today in an effort to smash a path through the Italian defenses, a general headquarters communicate announced British troops had captured an additional 900 prisoners and were "clearing" the areas to the northwest and west of the eastern Libyan base.

The British forces in the western desert, "which continue to be reinforced," also have taken four guns in their mopping-up operations, the communicate reported.

Sudan Activity
In addition, patrols along the Sudan frontier were said to be carrying on "their aggressive activity."

As the British closed in on Bardia, large units of the trapped fascist forces were said to be trying desperately to slip through the ring of steel around their eastern Libyan base under cover of darkness and the pall of smoke and dust hanging over the town after five days of bombardment.

It was believed in some British circles that such units—if any got through—would try to join Marshal Rodolfo Graziani at Tobruk for a new stand 75 miles west of the Libyan-Egyptian frontier.

From all sides British guns were thundering at the 17-mile (Continued on Page Two)

Two-Year Contract Ends Waterfront Problems in S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (AP) Pacific coast stevedore labor problems apparently have been solved for a critical period of the national defense program by the signing of a new two-year working agreement.

Meeting under conditions just a little short of back-slapping friendliness—a strange situation on the often embattled waterfront—representatives of the Waterfront Employers' association and the CIO Longshoremen yesterday put their names to a contract covering 13,000 men.

An employers' spokesman, L. A. Lapham, said shipowners were satisfied with the terms.

Harry R. Bridges, CIO Longshoremen's president, called it a good contract for both sides and said it represented a fundamental gain for the union in that workers were given protection against money and employment losses although employers were permitted to introduce labor-saving devices.

The national defense situation, requiring an uninterrupted flow of sea-borne materials, obviously figured greatly in reaching an agreement which for the first time will run for two years, instead of one.

RAF Raids Berlin

PLANES CROSS ADRIATIC FOR ITALIAN STAB

Explosions, Fires Seen In Axis Cities; Greek Drive Nears Towns

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—British raiders touched off "many explosions and fires" in a Berlin airplane engine factory last night, struck damaging blows at the industrial Ruhr and "invasion ports" and attacked nazi gun positions along the English channel, the ministry of information reported today.

At the same time the admiralty announced "fires were seen to have been started" in a raid by planes of the fleet air arm on three cities in the Italian Dodecanese islands off the Turkish coast Dec. 17.

Hit Factory
The ministry said the RAF, employing large forces of bombers in "successful and extensive operations," scored hits on the Berlin engine factory and "other parts of the target area" and that the fires which resulted were "stimulated" by a subsequent attack which also started new blazes.

"Particularly good results were obtained from the raids on the invasion ports of Ostend, Antwerp (both in Belgium), Le Havre (France) and Flushing (the Netherlands)," said the information ministry's statement.

Boulogne, France, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands, also were reported bombed.

The admiralty announced today that the fleet air arm had attacked Rhodes, Stampalia and Scarpanto Dec. 17.

The report said "fires were seen to have been started in the three cities, in the Italian Dodecanese islands off the Turkish coast, but added that weather conditions made observation of bombing results difficult.

ATHENS, Dec. 21 (AP)—British royal air force bombers based on Greek soil were reported today to have carried out "successful attacks" on oil tanks and (Continued on Page Two)

Rain Ushers in Winter Season

Springlike weather, even a hint of April in the showers, ushered in the first day of winter, December 21. At least the calendar gave Saturday as winter's first day but outside of that you'd never know it.

The mercury rose to 47 degrees Friday, and left .18 of an inch of moisture on the ground. Minimum temperature Saturday morning was 41 degrees.

Forecast was for rain or snow throughout the basin.

Bottle Caps Decorate Tree For "Bread and Milk Lady"

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Children's Bread and Milk House has a Christmas tree with decorations that are different.

In place of the usual tinsel and lights, its boughs are strung with white and green milk bottle tops, each bearing a name in childish scrawl.

Good Will Symbols
Youngsters used the finest good-will symbols they knew to decorate the tree for their "Bread and Milk Lady," Mrs. Lida Thompson Byrne.

Mrs. Byrne isn't wealthy but a few friends aid her philanthropy and when she rings a bell every noon ragged, hungry children come scampering.

They receive only bread and milk. "It's the only food many of

Berlin Asks U. S. Recall Paris Envoys

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (AP)—The German government requested the state department in Washington today to recall Cecil M. P. Cross and Leigh W. Hunt, secretaries in the United States embassy in Paris, and Embassy Employee Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, on the ground they helped an unnamed British officer who escaped.

An official announcement stated that the United States government had heeded the German request and had informed the reich government that it had started investigations.

The announcement said Mrs. Deegan supported the English officer in an effort to enable him to flee. German authorities' investigations in Paris disclosed that Embassy Secretaries Cross and Hunt also were involved, the announcement asserted.

Furthermore, Cross was charged with having hidden for months in the embassy building an unnamed English citizen in the employ of the secret service.

The agent finally was arrested outside the building, the announcement declared, and confessed espionage against Germany.

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FRANCE REJECTS GERMAN DEMANDS

Petaim Refuses to Take Laval Back, Oust Others, Report

VICHY, France, Dec. 21 (AP) Informed sources asserted today that Fernand de Brinon, French ambassador in German-occupied Paris, acting on orders of French Chief of State Philippe Petaim, delivered to the Germans in Paris today France's refusal to make any changes in its cabinet or take back the ousted Pierre Laval.

Petaim agreed, as requested by Otto Abetz, German ambassador to Paris, to replace General de la Laurencie as delegate-general of the Vichy government in the occupied zone, with Fernand de Brinon, these sources said.

Other demands, including the ouster of Minister of Interior Marcel Peyrouton and Minister of Justice Raphael Alibert, were said to have been rejected.

Paul Baudouin, secretary of state for the presidency of the council, received German correspondents today, it was learned, and told them "collaboration" was not an issue in Laval's resignation, but that Laval had lost Petaim's confidence because of his methods of working.

"Our interest is extraordinary," he continued, "because in an increasing manner one nation (meaning Germany) has shown restraint to the point of self effacement, while on the other side there has been a (Continued on Page Two)

Premier Appoints New Jap Ministers To Soothe People

SHANGHAI, Dec. 21 (AP)—Japanese Premier Prince Koye's appointment today of new Japanese ministers of justice and home affairs is believed by Shanghai observers to have been motivated largely by the Japanese people's increasing uneasiness over their government's military alliance with Italy and Germany.

Dissatisfaction with Japan's commitments has been gaining momentum since early this month, and reports were current two weeks ago that the Koye government might fall as a result.

However, it was understood political leaders were loath to permit a complete change in government because of a fear this would accentuate the public's misgivings. Therefore it was decided to "strengthen" the present cabinet through the addition of Baron Kichiro Hiranuma as home minister and Lieutenant General Heisuke Yanagawa as minister of justice.

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