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BRITISH LAY SIEGE TO TOBRUK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IN Sofia (Bulgarian capital) the odds today are four to one that the Germans will move into Bulgaria within the next few days. Then will come the show-down.

IN Berlin, German sources questioned by Louis P. Lochner, Associated Press correspondent, reply: "German-Russian relationship continues in its stability, comradeship and friendship as laid down in formal and informal documents."

In Bulgaria, the communist party distributes leaflets saying that "soviet Russia will not permit a single German soldier to set foot on Bulgaria."

In northern Turkey 400,000 soldiers are reported massed, ready, Turkish sources say, to march into Bulgaria from the south if the Germans march in from the north.

Stalin, meanwhile, SAYS NOTHING.

ABOUT the only conclusion that can be drawn with any degree of accuracy is that a poker game of considerable importance is going on in the Balkans.

ITALY'S high command, reporting belatedly the fall of Bardia, says: "Our losses were heavy in material and men—fallen, wounded and missing."

A semi-official Italian statement adds: "The world must consider Bardia as a GLORIOUS PAGE in Italian arms."

That is to say, the operation was a success, but the patient died.

THE semi-official Italian statement continues:

"The fascist sacrifice garrison at Bardia was opposed by 250,000 British troops supported by great armored units, not less than 1000 planes and the entire Alexandria fleet."

According to the Italians, the British are pretty strong.

WHEN any government, in these days, says ANYTHING, one immediately asks: "Why was that said?"

The answer in this case is fairly plain.

Mussolini's fascist crowd, fearing the effects of recent defeats on the Italian people, is trying to AROUSE THEIR SYMPATHIES by painting the heroic struggle of the Italian armies as a waging against superior odds.

If that is true, it is a roundabout confession that Mussolini is worried about what might happen at home.

THE British take Bardia and, hardly pausing in their stride, push on to Tobruk, the next Italian strong point to the west in Libya. They are reported to have their eyes on Bengasi, still farther to the west and today's (Tuesday's) dispatches mention that Tripoli is under heavy British air bombardment.

With Tobruk, Bengasi and Tripoli taken, Italian Libya would be gone. West of Italian Libya lie French Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco.

THERE is at least a possibility that something drastic MIGHT happen in Africa, and this possibility is the card up old Marshal Petain's sleeve.

That it is a fairly good card is indicated by the fact that Hitler hasn't yet cracked down on what is left of France.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 7, 1916—Allies complete fortifications at Salonika. Montenegrins beat back Austrian attacks.

Turks Face Nazis

TROOPS AWAIT RUMORED PUSH INTO BULGARIA

Reports Indicate Moslem Army May Advance to Meet Germans

SOFIA, BULGARIA, Jan. 7 (AP)—Bulgaria, hemmed between a big German army across the Danube in Rumania and reportedly growing Turkish concentrations across her southern frontier, was reported today to have massed almost all her troops to the south—facing Turkey.

Across the southern border, in Thrace, 400,000 Turkish troops were reported ready for any eventuality. Turkish sources asserted that if the nazis crossed the Danube, the Turks would march into Bulgaria to meet them.

Nazis Doubt German sources, however, expressed doubt the Turks would cross the frontier in such an eventuality and predicted, instead, they would remain in their Thracian forts on the defensive.

Bulgars waited and hoped their country would not be made a battlefield, but some of them commented, "What we hope doesn't count."

Odds 4 to 1 The odds in Sofia still were given as about four to one that the Germans would move in—perhaps in a few days, perhaps not until spring.

The Bulgarian high command figuratively shrugged its shoulders, granting leaves to many officers and men of its army for the Greek orthodox Christmas.

Face Turkey Although Bulgaria's war strength has been estimated at about 500,000 men, only about 100,000 are under arms. A few of these are along the Greek and the Yugoslav frontiers. Fewer still are across the Danube from the Germans in Rumania. Most of the rest face European Turkey.

(The Anatolia agency reported from Ankara today that the Turkish assembly approved a law extending by one year the military service of classes now under arms.)

(Turkish Premier Refik Saydam told the assembly last night that the Turkish foreign policy was aimed to secure "safety of the nation . . . in complete reliance upon our allies.")

Authoritative sources in Sofia have said for weeks Bulgaria's only hope of keeping the Germans on the Rumanian side of the Danube is that soviet Russia might oppose a German move across Bulgaria toward the Greek frontier of the Dardanelles.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Jan. 7 (AP) Premier Bogdan Philoff returned today from a visit to Vienna made, according to official explanation, for consultation on a stomach ailment.

There have been reports, however, that he saw German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop during his stay in Germany.

A foreign office official who traveled with him said Philoff first learned of rumors of an impending Bulgarian crisis following German troop concentrations in Rumania when his train reached the frontier.

DISCLAIMED

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (AP)—German officials disclaimed today any responsibility for bombs dropped near Dublin the night of Jan. 2-3, but said it was possible that German planes might have flown over neutral Ireland (Eire) the night of Jan. 1-2, authorized sources said.

Baltic Ships Snag Soviet, U. S. Accord

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Eleven small ships which still fly the flags of Baltic republics "absorbed" by soviet Russia remain one of the major obstacles to more friendly relations between Moscow and Washington. The ships have been tied up in American harbors ever since their home ports in Europe passed into Russian control.

Cordial Basis

Authoritative sources disclosed today that—aside from the question of what, if anything, to do with these ships—diplomatic relations between the soviet and the United States were on a more cordial basis than they have been in years.

Since the United States still recognizes Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia as independent republics, however, it has refused to turn over to soviet Russia the Baltic nations' ships which sought safe havens in American ports.

Russia is badly in need of merchant shipping and wants the vessels but none of the negotiations, here or in Moscow, has yet established a basis for an acceptable solution to the problem.

GREEKS PRESSING AGAINST VALONA

Destroyers Bombard Port on Adriatic Without Resistance, Claim

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Greek ministry of marine announced tonight that a squadron of Greek destroyers had penetrated the Gulf of Valona, Albania, and shelled the Italian-held town with 60 rounds of ammunition. No Italian craft were sighted, the announcement said.

After the shelling, the squadron returned to its bases in leisurely fashion, it was stated.

The action occurred Sunday night, the communique said, and destroyers were under the command of Rear Admiral Cavadias.

ATHENS, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Greeks reported new gains today both in the coastal sector and north of Klisura and said the Italian hold in the Tepeleni-Klisura region of Albania was weakening.

An advance northeast of Chima, dispatches from the front said, threatens to cut the Italian communications between Tepeleni and Valona, the Greeks' next major objective in southwestern Albania.

North of Klisura, they said, capture of a 5500-foot height gave Greek forces command of a large area to the rear of Italians still holding out around the town. The peak is near another 4500-foot height reported taken the day before in that zone, where the Italians admittedly are putting up strong resistance.

Aircraft Plant Strike Slated

FARMINGTON, N. Y., Jan. 7 (AP)—A strike of workers engaged in aircraft production at the ranger engineering division of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane corporation has been called for Thursday night.

By a unanimous vote, 212 union workers last night decided to lay down their tools at 7:45 p. m. Thursday should negotiations fail between the aircraft company and local 661, aviation division of The United Automobile Workers (CIO). The company employs 240 men.

The threatened strike was authorized on the heels of the signing of a \$1478,000 navy contract by the Fairchild firm.

TIM BROWN'S WILL BROKEN BY DECISION

Supreme Court Rules Old Indian Planned to Return for Money

SALEM, Jan. 7 (AP)—Tim Brown, half-breed Indian more than 80 years old who lived on the Klamath Indian reservation, won't be able to enjoy his \$29,000 estate when he comes back from the happy hunting grounds.

The state supreme court, reversing Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview, gave the entire estate to Tim's aged sister, Emily Weeks.

When Tim died June 21, 1938, Tim left a will, "signed" with his mark and his thumb print. Although he was illiterate, he was a shrewd cattle man and "could deal at arm's length with his white brother in the cattle business. But in other matters, he was as helpless as a child," Justice Harry Bell's opinion today said.

He left 80 acres of land to a nephew and the bulk of the estate to J. C. O'Neill, his attorney, who drafted the will; and to Frank J. Schmitz, who operates a general store on the reservation at Beatty. Schmitz and O'Neill were to share equally.

"We think," the supreme court opinion said, "the intended to leave his property in trust with the defendants (O'Neill and Schmitz), x x x in keeping with the belief of many old Indians, Tim believed that when he died he was going on a long journey to the happy hunting grounds and that some day he would return to enjoy his estate."

Tim didn't leave anything to his aged sister, although he had much affection for her. The real (Continued on Page Two)

Pacific Slope Facing Further Bad Weather

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 7 (AP) The Pacific slope was in for more bad weather today, with rainstorms whipping the coastal regions and heavy snow falling in the mountains.

Storm warnings flew from Port San Luis, Calif., north to Cape Flattery, Wash., because of "very disturbed weather conditions" centering about 500 miles off the Washington coast.

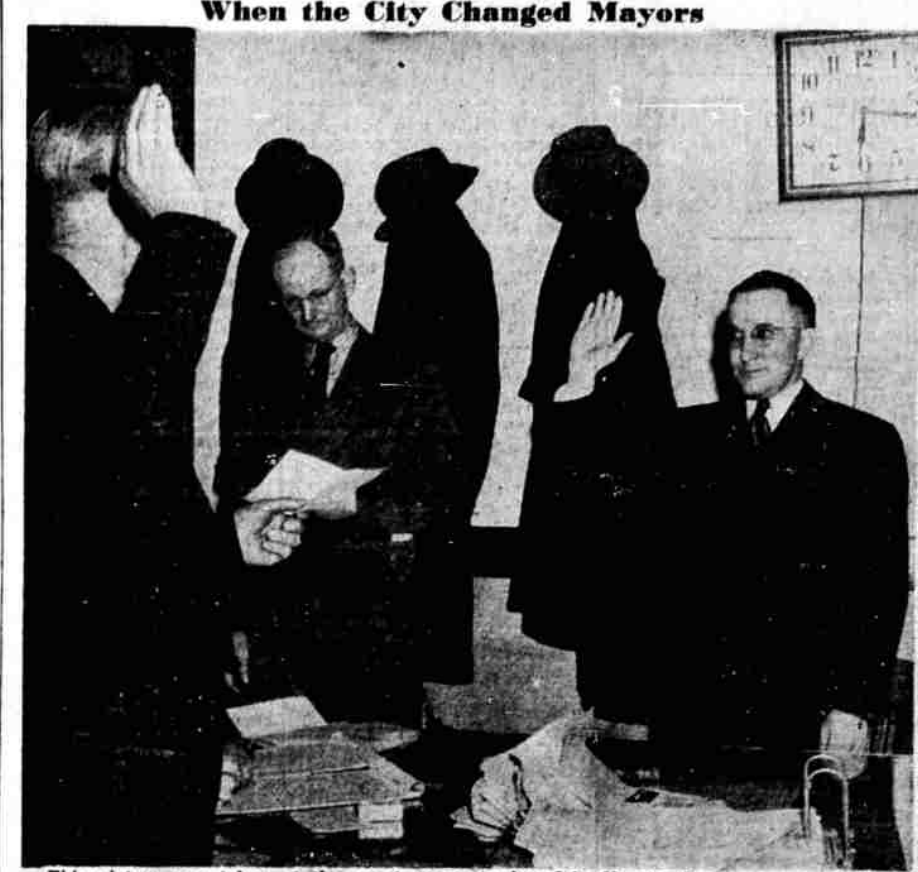
Beyond that, the weather bureau had reports of another storm, 2000 miles at sea, and heading for the coast. It was expected Thursday. As far as the weather bureau could see, there was no indication of a lull in the storm. In San Francisco last night at dinner time 27 of an inch of rain fell in ten minutes—15 of which fell in half that time.

Gales along the coasts of northern California, Oregon and Washington reached a velocity of more than 50 miles an hour at times yesterday when the storm struck inland. The high winds caused some damage in the San Francisco bay region.

A blizzard in the Mount Shasta area and deep snow in the Sierra marked the passage of the disturbance into the mountain country.

Bund Members Face Race Count

NEWTON, N. J., Jan. 7 (AP) Sussex County Judge John C. Losey upheld today the constitutionality of New Jersey's "race hatred" statutes and set January 31 for the sentencing of Wilhelm Kunze, national German-American bund leader, and eight bund associates on indictments charging them with "promoting hatred against people of the Jewish religion."



When the City Changed Mayors

This picture was taken at the exact moment when John Houston became mayor of Klamath Falls Monday evening, with the photograph even including a time record by the clock on the council chamber wall. Mayor Clifton Richmond, center, has just stepped aside and Police Judge Leigh Ackerman, left, was administering the oath to the new mayor when the camera snapped.

Army Engineers Envision Early Work on Airport in Confab With City Officers

Methods of keeping up Klamath Falls' end of the airport development program were being considered by city officials Tuesday after a visit here by members of the army engineers and civil aeronautics authority staffs Monday and Tuesday.

Colonel C. R. Moore of the army engineers envisioned early work on the Klamath port when he said that "by next fall you should have a very useful airport here." With Colonel Moore on the trip here were W. F. Cummings of the engineers' staff, and Kenneth (Si) Perry and George Johnson of the CAA.

Contract Work.

If the way is cleared as expected, it is believed contracts will be let in the late winter or early spring. The government men indicated definitely that they planned to handle the work through contract rather than the WPA.

The CAA has an allocation of \$254,000 for the Klamath port. The immediate plan is to build two runways, one northwest-southeast and the other northeast-southwest. These will have asphalt surfacing on macadam base, each 150 feet wide.

More Land

The proposed runways can be constructed on the airport holdings now owned by the city, but it was stated that ultimate development of the port will probably necessitate acquisition of more land. That is one matter now receiving the attention of city authorities.

The CAA development will also include installation of lights, drainage and leveling, and the moving of a power line. If it is necessary to operate the

American Held in Prison Camp in Germany, Report

BERLIN, Jan. 7 (AP)—Captain Charles Davis Morgan, 56, United States citizen and college days friend of President Roosevelt, is in a German prison camp, the United States embassy disclosed today.

Morgan, whose wife, Louise Warfield Morgan of Baltimore, is a cousin of the Duchess of Windsor, was captured early in June while fighting in the British army in the battle of Flanders, the embassy said.

Morgan's case has been carried to the White House by various friends, it was disclosed, but under international law he is factually a British soldier because he joined the British forces and took part in combat.

NEW OFFICIALS TAKE CITY REINS

Mayor Houston Chairman of Civic Banquet; Staff Presented

A new administration took over the reins of Klamath Falls Monday evening, amid ceremonies that emphasized progress of the past four years and cooperative effort for a new quadrupling of constructive achievement.

John Houston, as dynamic and enthusiastic as in his yell king days at the University of Oregon, sparked the evening programs as the incoming mayor of the city. At the city council chambers Houston received the gavel from retiring Mayor Clifton Richmond, and after the newly elected officials were sworn in a big civic dinner was held at the Willard hotel with the new mayor as master of ceremonies.

At the civic dinner, Mayor Houston introduced the city's elective and appointive officers, as well as the members of boards, committees and commissions, and (Continued on Page Two)

Richmond Raps 'Reformers' In Final Report to Council

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A parting shot at "long-haired, frock-coated, sombrero-attired self-styled reformers" was fired by retiring Mayor Clifton Richmond in his annual report to the city council, read at the final council meeting of his administration Monday night.

After giving a detailed report of the city's financial condition and warmly praising city officials for their work during his term of office, the outgoing mayor released a blasting refutation of what he termed "silly and ridiculous" assaults on the city's good name.

"Take Them Off"

"Even Boss Pendergast of far away Kansas City, Missouri, has been mentioned as one of our overlords of crime," the mayor said. "Personally, I very much doubt if Mr. Pendergast knows there is a city by the name of Klamath Falls on the map, unless he has heard of it through unfavorable publicity given this city by ridiculous and silly accusations."

While no names were mentioned, it was observed that former Circuit Judge Edward B. A. Hurst has mentioned Boss Pendergast in public charges that Klamath Falls has been over-ridden with racketeering. Judge Ashurst also frequently wears a sombrero and frock coat.

The barbed comment in Richmond's final report provoked broad grins on the faces of the officials assembled at the council chambers. If it reaches Judge Ashurst, however, it will be either by long distance communication or in the somewhat distant future, for the ex-judge had left Monday for Arizona for a three-months' vacation after relinquishing his office to David R. Vandenberg.

DESERT FORCES DRIVE ONWARD AFTER ITALIANS

Quick Defeat of Libyan Army Apparent Aim of Swift March

By The Associated Press British desert troops, carrying on a rapid-fire offensive against Italy's North African Empire, were reported today to have reached El Adem, the airport for Tobruk, 80 miles from the Egyptian border.

El Adem is only 15 miles south of Tobruk.

Abandonment of the airport and the apparently unmolested exploits of British armored units scouting around Tobruk would indicate that Fascist Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's forces have no immediate intention of rallying forth to meet the British advance.

Reaffirmed An RAF communique said the troops captured 40 damaged Italian warplanes at the airport, which had been abandoned by fascist soldiers apparently falling back for a major stand at Tobruk.

The swift advance into Libya came as Premier Mussolini's cabinet, meeting with Il Duce in Rome, "solemnly reaffirmed" Italy's fidelity to the alliance with Germany and her determination to fight on.

94,000 Eliminated British official quarters estimated 94,000 Italian troops have been knocked out of the desert campaign—killed, wounded, captured or missing, in the past 28 days—including 70,000 taken prisoner.

Earlier, the British announced that advance mechanized units of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell's army of the Nile were "now in contact with the outer defenses of Tobruk" and that "operations are proceeding satisfactorily."

It was becoming increasingly evident that, instead of waiting to consolidate gains after the capture of Bardia, the British plan a whirlwind campaign aimed at driving the Italians out of North Africa as quickly as possible.

Britain Raided German daylight raiders, shielded by low-hanging clouds, launched a series of scattered attacks on Britain from London to Liverpool.

Casualties were reported in an unidentified midlands town, and London's millions were kept under alarm for more than three hours this afternoon. The southeast coast was also attacked.

After a two-day delay, Mussolini's high command finally acknowledged the fall of Bardia, ending a siege in which "our troops for 25 days wrote sublime pages of courage and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

Heavy Losses "Heavy also were our losses in material and men—fallen, wounded and missing," the fascist communique said.

A semi-official Italian statement declared "the world must consider Bardia as a glorious page in Italian arms."

The fascist "sacrifice garrison" at Bardia, the statement said, was opposed by 250,000 British troops supported by "great armored units," not less than 1000 planes, and "the entire Alexandria fleet."

The statement asserted that the Italian garrison shot down 53 British planes, sank two warships bombarding the stronghold, sank a steamer, and badly damaged a destroyer, torpedo boat, gunboat and monitor.

In London, Food Minister Lord Woolton acknowledged that the siege-girt island kingdom is suffering from a meat shortage (Continued on Page Two)

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