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High 34; Low 28
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PLANES WRECK BRITISH WARSHIP

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
A THIN straw appears in the war winds today.
The Germans (apparently with little aid from Italy) launch fierce air attacks on British convoys in the Mediterranean. The British admit two warships damaged and one (a cruiser) sunk.
Hitler is moving belatedly to give his badly battered pal some help in Africa.

MEANWHILE the British are reported to be preparing the final attack on Tobruk, hoping to finish off that job before German help can arrive.

ANOTHER straw:
The British aircraft carrier Illustrious beat off a seven-hour attack by German dive bombers and torpedo-carrying planes and although badly battered made port for repairs.
Whether the warplane can finish off the warship remains an unsettled question.

THE lesson of the war so far is that adequate land forces, adequate naval forces and adequate air forces are necessary for sustained and decisive attack or defense.
Hitler, possessing ample land and air forces but lacking a navy, hasn't yet been able to knock Britain out.

THIS dispatch from London is interesting:
"Britain's slowly evolving defense against NIGHT air raiders was credited today (Thursday) with bringing two German bombers down in the London area."
Night bombing is so far the unsolved riddle of the war. The side that first develops a successful defense against it will gain a tremendous advantage.

SINCE war began, new weapons have called for new defense—and vice versa.
Body armor was the answer to the bow and arrow. Gunpowder was the answer to body armor. The armor-piercing shell was the answer to armored warships, and THICKER AND HARDER armor the checkmate to the armor-piercing shell.
In DAYLIGHT, the answer to the warplane is more and BETTER warplanes. The answer to the bomber that flies at night hasn't yet been found.

HERE'S one for the book:
Badminton, one of our fastest-spreading sports, is threatened by the war. Up to now the tail feathers for the silly-looking ball it is played with have been made from the wing feathers of Balkan geese. Thanks to the war, we're getting no more Balkan goose feathers.
The feathers of Chinese geese might work, the experts tell us, but goose feathers aren't coming from China either.

ABSURD? Of course. But it goes to show how war DISRUPTS EVERYTHING.
So does smallpox, for that matter.
But we've made progress toward CONTROLLING smallpox.

Italian Prince Made General

ROME, Jan. 16 (AP)—The promotion of Crown Prince Umberto to the rank of general of the army was disclosed today in an exchange of telegrams between Premier Mussolini and King Vittorio Emanuele.
The prince served as commander of forces in the west which fought against France and prior to that was an inspector general of infantry.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press
Jan. 16, 1916—Heavy battle in the Caucasus. Turks retreat to Erzerum.

STIMSON SAYS AIR INVASION MENACES U. S.

Defeat of British Navy Would Lay America Open, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Secretary Stimson objected today to writing into the lend lease bill any prohibition against releasing American ships to Britain or any other nation because he said he could "foresee conditions" which might make it desirable that the navy be "transferred."

He stated his position to the house foreign affairs committee before which he appeared in support of the administration measure.

"Great Danger"
He also told the committee in response to a question by Rep. Fish (R-N.Y.) that "I think we are in very great danger of an invasion by air in the contingency that the British navy should be destroyed or surrendered."

At a subsequent point in his testimony Stimson told the committee he could "foresee conditions under which the navy could be transferred under conditions very advantageous."

He made that statement when Fish asked whether the war secretary had any objection to putting into the bill a prohibition against giving away any part of the United States navy. Under the lend-lease bill as presently drawn, warships could be turned over to the British on whatever terms Mr. Roosevelt found acceptable.

Naval Matter
Stimson replied to Fish's inquiry with the explanation that the question was one for the secretary of the navy to answer, but that he personally would object to such a prohibition because he could envision an "advantageous" transfer. He did not describe conditions under which that might occur.

Fish started the questioning by asking whether the secretary thought that, with this country's naval strength, any foreign nation could invade our shores.
"Not now, probably not," Stimson replied slowly.
"Any time this year?" Fish pressed.
"I wouldn't dare say any time this year."

Could Hold Out
Fish then raised the question whether the United States army could repel a force of 50,000 troops should they be landed.
"I think they probably could, if the gentleman means a land invasion," Stimson responded, adding that he thought that air forces would accompany an attempted invasion by infantry.
"Is there any airplane built which could span the Atlantic, drop bombs here and return (Continued on Page Two)

Alaskan Fliers Make Trial Of "Hot Undies" in Flight

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Jan. 16 (AP)—The captain and his crew flew toward the north pole yesterday in nothing but their underwear, and were cozy and comfortable, thank you.
It was a test of the newest wrinkle in Arctic clothing for U. S. army fliers at the experimental northern flying station here: "Electric underwear." In the privacy of a bomber, there was nothing shocking about it.
No Shivers
Clad only in the new garments—except for head, hands and feet—Major Dale V. Gaffney, Ladd field commander, and his crew flew a big four-motored Boeing bomber 1500 miles through the Arctic's sub-zero air lanes without a shiver or a short-circuit. The flight took them close to 300 miles north of the Arctic circle, to Point Barrow and Point Hope on the circular flight.
The primary purpose of the 74-hour flight, at a 200-mile average, was to test the new "hot undies," air corps officers said. The airmen also carried zipper-equipped jumper garments for external use in case of emergency. They wore felt and leather gloves, also wired.
The heat in the electric undies is provided by tiny coils interwoven in the garments. The warmer plugs into the circuit beside his seat, just as simple as plugging in an electric bottle warmer at home.
Recent test flights have been at 7000 to 10,000 feet elevation, where the temperature normally runs between 20 and 30 below zero. The officers did not report the temperature in the bomber. It was 15 below zero at the air base.

Stark Drama in Holdup--Death Strikes on Fifth Avenue



An alert photographer was on the job in New York City when two gunmen shot and killed a policeman, a merchant and probably fatally wounded a taxi driver after a \$600 holdup. Here are two dramatic sequences from the scene. Left, Policeman Edward Maher draws his gun rushing to holdup scene. A few seconds later he lies dead on the sidewalk (right background), shot by a bandit. In the foreground, Leonard Welsberg, wounded taxi driver, sprawls on walk while spectators struggle with bandit (arrow) over the officer's body. (Copyright, 1941, by the News Syndicate, Inc., from Acme Telephoto).



In a scene more reminiscent of the wild west than Fifth Avenue, New York, George Baxter, doorman for a department store, has a toehold on Angelo de Stefano, holdup bandit who just a few minutes before killed a policeman. Other spectators hold weapons dropped by gunman during a holdup and wild chase. (Copyright, 1941, by the News Syndicate Co., Inc., from Acme Telephoto).

SAN DIEGO STRIKE PARLEY DEADLOCKED

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 16 (AP)—Draft officials were informed today that in the event of a walkout at the Ryan Aeronautical company plant here, strikers eligible for selective service would be subject to reclassification.
USNR liaison officer attached to state draft headquarters, told local boards that workers placed in a deferred class because of their employment in the airplane factory would not be en- (Continued on Page Two)

Legislature Gets Measures To Extend Compensation Law

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 16 (AP)—Preparing to adjourn this afternoon until next Monday, the legislature received today the first of the controversial measures to amend the unemployment compensation law.
The bills, introduced in the house by Rep. Phil Brady (D-Multnomah), would increase the maximum benefits from \$15 to \$24 a week for 20 weeks, instead of 16 weeks; reduce the waiting period for benefits from three weeks to one week; and repeal the merit rating provision under which employers who dismiss few employees would make smaller contributions.

Fight Expected
The bills are expected to develop a clean-cut fight between employers and labor. Governor Sprague urged that the merit rating system be given a trial.
The house passed unanimously and sent to the senate the resolution congratulating President Roosevelt on his reelection, and asking that congress, as well as the president, shall lead the nation through the foreign crisis.
Rep. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Multnomah), one of the sponsors of the resolution, introduced another today praying for the "speedy and complete recovery" of Senator Charles L. McNary, now recuperating from pneumonia in California. Neuberger failed in his motion to place the resolution on final passage today. Speaker Robert S. Farrell Jr., sending it to the resolutions committee.

New Plan
A new plan to reapportion the house, under which each county would have at least one representative and Multnomah coun-

ty's delegation would remain at 13, was prepared today for introduction by Rep. E. W. Kimberling (R-Grant).
Under the existing system, several counties are in joint districts with one representative for three or four counties.
Counties which would have more than one representative are: Washington 2, Multnomah 13, Clackamas 3, Marion 4, Linn 2, Lane 3, Jackson 2, Klamath 2, and Umatilla 2.

Amendment
Kimberling said he would sponsor a constitutional amendment to make his reapportionment plan possible. The constitution now provides that the legislature be apportioned according to population.
The group favored maximum speed limit laws for cities and publication by the state of automobile registrations. Members also discussed a retirement plan and allocation of liquor license fees to aid police work.

Nazi Base Flames

HEAVY RAIDS BY RAF HIT AXIS CENTERS

German Raids on England Spread Over Wider Range, Report

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—British bombers left the main base of the German North sea fleet "a waste of flame" in a four-hour attack overnight on Wilhelmshaven which exceeded any yet made on that port, the air ministry announced today.

The glare in the sky created by the first wave of attackers guided other pilots all the way across the Netherlands and 50 miles of Germany, it was stated.

Areas of Fire
The attack was focused on Bauhafen, a square harbor joined by the Hafen canal to the other harbors and the sea, where there are shipways, docks, engineering works, stores, assembling sheds, armor plate shops, foundries, iron works and gun stores, the account related.

Within this section, said the air ministry, were "areas of raging fire which our pilots reported covered thousands of square yards on each side of the harbor."

A large proportion of Wilhelmshaven's military objectives are in this part of the port, it was stated.

Other attacks were made on Emden, Bremerhaven and Flushing.

Airdromes in northwest Germany and Holland and the harbor at Brest, in German-occupied France, were attacked simultaneously by other British air units, a communiqué declared.
One British plane was reported missing in these operations.

Official sources said the raid was organized to take advantage of a bright moon after a spell of bad weather which has prevented any major night operations.

Besides striking at the naval base, the RAF was said to have smashed at German forces in "invasion ports" and around advance airdromes used for attacks on Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—London's sirens sounded over the capital tonight, signaling an air raid. (Continued on Page Two)

Full Crews Asked On Alturas Line

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 16 (AP)—Senator Harold Powers of Modoc county proposed legislation today to require full crews on a branch railroad line operating between Klamath Falls, Ore., and Sparks, Nev., which passes through Alturas, Calif.

Repeal of the four-acre rule in determining qualification of voters for irrigation district elections was favored at a meeting of Suburban league members at Shasta school Wednesday night. The favorable action was taken on a proposed measure to permit irrigation district landholders to vote on an acreage basis.

Discussion prior to the vote developed an expression of opposition to the proposed measure by Ned Smith, president of the league. Smith said that the Enterprise irrigation district, which embraces a large part of the suburban area, is functioning efficiently and successfully, and a change such as is proposed is not therefore desirable.

Arguments favoring the change were that small owners pay their part in irrigation district costs and are entitled to a representation in the voting. There are a large number of un-

Greeks Seize Heights As Storm Rages

ATHENS, Jan. 16 (AP)—Surprise infantry attacks were reported today to have enabled Greek fighters to occupy mountain heights in the central Albanian battlefield despite severe snow storms followed by a heavy rain.

Greek spokesmen said their troops "continued their victorious advance" by seizing positions which improved their lines north of Klisura.

Intensive artillery fire along most of the front went on despite the snow and rain, it was reported. Aside from the surprise attacks on the central sector, spokesmen said, infantry action was limited to mopping up operations against isolated Italian units and to collecting and sorting fascist war materials taken in the past week.

A raid by an Italian submarine on a lone policeman sitting on the shore of an Aegean Sea island was related by the home security ministry.

The submarine machine-gunned the policeman unsuccessfully from close range, a ministry spokesman said, and then made off.

JAPAN SUGGESTS NAVY WITHDRAW

Summoning Fleet to Home Waters Would Prevent War for U. S., Claim

TOKYO, Jan. 16 (AP)—The foreign office-controlled Japan Times suggested today that "the best way" of keeping President Roosevelt's "pledge that no troops will be sent to foreign soil would be to withdraw the navy to home waters."

Commenting on criticism in the United States congress of the lend-lease bill to aid Britain, the Times said:

"Long Way"
"To Japanese it looks very much like the United States is going the long way around for sending armed forces into the scene of action abroad" by maintenance of a fleet at Hawaii.

The Tokyo press urged the government to hasten Japan's "southward program" and be ready for resolute action to offset British and United States influence in East Asia.

"Dictatorship"
"Huge overseas naval concentrations are equivalent to extension of national boundaries," the Times said. "In America's case, they suggest dictatorship over the parallels of a latitude below (Continued on Page Two)

CRUISER SUNK BY MEN AFTER FIRES STARTED

Fleet Suffers Damage in Air Assault by Nazis in Mediterranean

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The British announced tonight that last Friday's attack by German dive bombers and Italian planes on a Mediterranean convoy was so effective that British naval forces were forced to sink their own badly damaged 9100-ton cruiser Southampton.

Fire broke out aboard the smashed warship while she was being towed to port, said a communiqué, the crew abandoned ship and she was sunk. Most of the crew was saved. An earlier communiqué had admitted the Southampton was one of three ships damaged in action off Sicily, Jan. 10.

In the attack, the first real show of German aerial force in the Mediterranean area, the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious, was also damaged. That same day the British destroyer Gallant of 1935 tons, likewise was damaged, either by mine or torpedo. Both these were able to reach port.

The Southampton was the fourth cruiser lost by the British navy, which had 64 cruisers in commission when the war began. She was the largest warship Britain has lost as the result of air attack.

The British lost no time in striking back in the air. A royal air force communiqué from Cairo, Egypt, said today photographic reconnaissance over Catania, Sicily, raided by British planes Sunday night, showed that between 30 and 40 aircraft were burned out or severely damaged on a field there, that one hangar was wrecked, another badly damaged and a third hit, while the field was pocked with bomb craters and administration buildings were damaged.

Offensive
The dive bombers were believed to have operated out of this airdrome.

Military sources in London said yesterday the German aerial attack on the naval units might be the beginning of an offensive effort to break British naval supremacy in the Mediterranean, perhaps in preparation for an attempt to ship Nazi troops to Africa to aid the beleaguered Italians.

Another admiralty communiqué said the British submarine Pandora, had sunk two Italian supply ships of about 6000 tons south bound in the central Mediterranean—apparently en route to Libya—but did not say whether this happened at the same time the naval units, engaged in convoying merchant ships to Greece with "material assistance" were attacked from the air.

On that day, however, the British sank an Italian destroyer in or near the Sicilian channel, between Sicily and the North African mainland, shortly before the Nazi dive bombers, apparently based in Sicily, sent their attack.

Twelve planes were shot down in that engagement and a number of others were damaged, the admiralty said Tuesday.

The Southampton had subsequently been sunk by our own forces when it was found impracticable to tow it into port, today's communiqué said.

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