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BRITISH STRIKE AT DERNA BASE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AN American radio reporter, cabling from Belgrade, Yugoslavia, quotes rumors of rioting in Turin, Milan and other Italian cities. These rumors relate that Italian soldiers are fighting on the side of the rioters.

They add that Italian army officers and men reported to be dignitaries of the fascist party have been arrested by Italian secret police and the German gestapo.

"AUTHORITATIVE" Nazi sources in Berlin deny the rumors. An "authoritative" Italian source in Rome says: "These are a ridiculous invention without the slightest basis."

If you are wise, you will keep your fingers crossed, neither believing nor disbelieving.

Whatever it is that has been happening in Rumania, plus the rigid censorship that has been thrown around it, suggests strongly that a screw is loose somewhere in the German plans in the Balkans.

These Italian rumors strengthen the suggestion.

TURKISH newspapers take in new territory by announcing (they are government-controlled) that Turkey will not only defend herself against any direct axis attack but will act at once against any threat ANYWHERE in the Balkans.

Hitherto Turkey has spoken only of what she will do if she is attacked.

STILL quoting government-controlled newspapers, the Red Star, mouthpiece of the soviet army, says the Italians are in an exceedingly bad way in Africa and may not be able to resist further, adding that German air forces in the Mediterranean will limit the British fleet's liberty of maneuver but can't prevent its military action.

The Star says: "The Germans were not good enough to invade England in 1940 and an invasion now would demand a colossal effort because the British power of resistance has grown immeasurably."

AGAIN keep your fingers crossed. Ideas based on what a Russian newspaper says would be screwy indeed.

Still, note that this is a kinder tone toward Britain than the rigidly controlled soviet press has been taking.

Russia may be impressed by recent British successes.

WILLKIE arrives in London, and seems to be making quite a hit.

If you want to keep things straight in your mind, remember that in times like these nothing is done without a purpose.

The purpose of Willkie's trip to England is to say to the British and to the world in general that the recent political campaign in the United States resulted in no division of opinion in the United States regarding British aid.

AT Doorn, in Holland, today Kaiser Wilhelm (once as potent a figure as Hitler) celebrates his 82nd birthday quietly and with full understanding that he is no longer a threat to anybody.

This fact recalls to us that the pattern of European history for 20 centuries has been alternating interruptions of Germans and ultimate control of these interruptions and herding the Germans back within their original borders.

Wilhelm's jumping of the reservation in 1914 was merely one incident in this pattern.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 27, 1916—United Press reports in note against search of mines by British.

WILLKIE SEES CHURCHILL ON LONDON VISIT

GOP Leader Begins Tour of War-Torn England; May Go to Ireland

LONDON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, Republican leader, arrived in London today for a visit with Prime Minister Churchill.

At the luncheon, which followed a morning conference with Eden, Willkie presented Churchill a message from President Roosevelt. Then he went to Bevin's office and had a long chat with the labor minister.

Extended Visit
Although he had planned to spend but an hour with Churchill, Willkie and the prime minister became so engrossed in their conversation that the luncheon lasted two hours.

As Willkie left, Churchill followed him to his automobile despite rain to say goodbye and the two posed on the sidewalk shaking hands.

The American lunched with Churchill after spending an hour at the foreign ministry with Foreign Minister Anthony Eden.

Views Damage
Before his luncheon with the prime minister Willkie made a quick tour of the city of London, the financial district around St. Paul's cathedral which was devastated by the heavy German fire bomb raid of Dec. 29.

The exuberant Willkie, who arrived in London yesterday after a flying trip from the United States, pointed out again that he was in England as an individual and not in a government.

Food Dictator Restricts Italy's Spaghetti Rations
ROME, Jan. 27 (AP)—Food Dictator Giuseppe Tassinari tightened restrictions today on the eating of spaghetti, rice and noodles by introducing ration cards for diners in restaurants.

Beginning Feb. 1, ration tickets must be presented in restaurants for every dish of rice or such wheat paste foods as spaghetti and noodles, with the ration limited to one dish a day, either at noon or in the evening.

The ration was fixed at 70 to 110 grams, (2.5 to 3.85 ounces) depending on the category of the restaurant.

Heretofore rice, spaghetti and flour for noodle-making had been rationed in homes, while restaurants had been restricted to serving such foods at the noon meal only.

Guard Officer Asks Solons To Authorize Defense Group

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
SALEM, Jan. 27 (AP)—Major George A. White, commanding officer of the Oregon national guard, told the legislature today it should authorize Governor Charles A. Sprague to organize a state guard, but that such a force should not be organized until there is need for it.

Supporting Governor Sprague's stand and opposing Alfred P. Kelley, state American Legion commander who demanded that a state guard be organized immediately, General White wrote in his biennial report today:

Costly

"The policy of the state of Oregon should include legislation specifically providing for a state guard, but that no state guard be organized until the need for same is much more apparent than at the present time. In the World War, 'home guard'



Leaving the United States supreme court, Associate Justice James Clark McReynolds looks back on 26 years on the high bench. He has announced he will retire February 1.

ROME DENIES TALE OF ITALIAN REVOLT

Story of German Action To Quell Riots Declared False

ROME, Jan. 27 (AP)—Authoritative fascists denied today foreign reports that there was rioting in northern Italian cities and that German soldiers had been sent into Italy to police the country.

They declared that members of the German air corps were the only German troops in Italy.

(Authoritative Germans in Berlin today also denied reports of disorders. They said German troops were cheered yesterday in Milan as they passed through en route to southern Italy, but did not elaborate on what they meant by "troops.")

Authoritative Italians termed stories of the disorders "A ridiculous invention without the slightest basis."

Count Csaky of Hungary Dies

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan. 27 (AP)—Foreign Minister Count Istvan Csaky, 46, whose signature linked Hungary to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis last November, died at 2:34 a. m. today after an illness of seven weeks.

The foreign minister, youngest in Hungary's history, had been in a coma since Saturday night. He was stricken ill Dec. 9 aboard a train in Yugoslavia just after signing a Yugoslav-Hungarian friendship pact.

His illness first was diagnosed as influenza but later as food poisoning.

Bright Weather Starts Planes on Hunt for Bomber

MEDFORD, Jan. 27 (AP)—Nine army planes took off at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon on a searching flight over the Sawyer bar and Walker districts of northern California, on the lower Klamath river, for the army bomber missing from McChord field, Tacoma, since Thursday, January 16, with a crew of seven aboard.

Bright sunshine, the first in a week, prevailed over the areas, with the ground and all peaks visible, it was reported. Fog and rain held up the search all last week.

Hull Supports Aid

Antonescu Bans Iron Guards From Cabinet; Revolt Wanes

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 27 (AP)—Premier General Ion Antonescu today eliminated all iron guards from his cabinet and organized a strong new military government.

In forming the new government, Antonescu surrounded himself with generals who helped quell the abortive iron guard revolution last week and who he knew would uphold him without question in his attempt to purge the country of rebellious elements.

Fugitives Found

Alleged iron guard terrorists sneaking through the streets of Bucharest in a blinding blizzard, the worst snowstorm of the winter here, were being picked up one by one today by bayonet-armed soldiers.

After days of hiding, some of them in dark alleys, basements and unfinished buildings, the fugitives were being forced into the open by hunger and cold.

Judge Duffy, Veteran Bend Jurist, Dies

BEND, Jan. 27 (AP)—Timothy E. J. Duffy, 64, circuit judge of the 18th judicial district since its creation by the late Governor Withycombe in 1915, died here last night after two operations for an intestinal ailment.

The judge was stricken while hearing a murder trial.

A native of Shakopee, Minn., and graduate of the University of Minnesota law school in 1909, the jurist came to Oregon in 1910. He served for a short time as attorney for the department of interior at Portland, moving to Prineville in the same year to become city attorney and assistant district attorney of Crook county.

Judge Duffy moved to Bend in 1917, following the creation of Deschutes county and the 18th judicial district. Widely known throughout Oregon, Duffy was assigned to sit in other up-state courts as well as in Multnomah county. Several years ago he adjudicated Deschutes river and tributary water rights.

Surviving are his widow, Katherine, and three children, Mrs. David Silven of Baker, Robert, an Oregon State college student, and Thomas, a student at the University of Oregon.

Funeral services have not yet been set.

Word of the death of Timothy E. J. Duffy, circuit judge of the 18th judicial district, was received with sincere regret among members of the law profession in Klamath Falls.

Said Circuit Judge David R. (Continued on Page Two)



Vice Premier Horia Sima (above), Iron Guard chieftain named as the leader of a revolt against the Antonescu regime, was reported under arrest in Bucharest.

MATSUOKA SCORES AMERICAN POLICY

China Stands in Way of Relations, Claim; Attack Reported

TOKYO, Jan. 27 (AP)—Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka was reported yesterday to have declared that an American policy of regarding China "as her first line of defense" stood in the way of developing "friendly relations" between the United States and Japan.

Domel, Japanese news agency, quoted the foreign minister as testifying before a house of representatives budget committee that:

"So long as America maintains her policy of regarding China, instead of the eastern Pacific, as her first line of defense, the development of friendly relations between Japan and the United States will remain an idle dream."

(Dispatches from Shanghai today said the Japanese had launched a new offensive in central China, recapturing Miyang in southern Honan province and killing 1200 Chinese.

(Domel said the Japanese were spreading famine over southern Honan province in an effort to (Continued on Page Two)

TURKS OPPOSE AXIS, CLAIM; JAPS WATCHED

Secretary Testifies at Private Hearing on Lease-Lend Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP)—Secretary Hull told the senate foreign relations committee today, an informed source said, that American aid had been "largely responsible" for Great Britain's ability to resist a German invasion in the last seven months.

Testifying behind closed doors, the secretary of state was reported to have declared emphatically his belief that the increased assistance envisioned under the administration's British aid bill would not involve the United States in war.

Invasion Fails

Committee members said the state department apparently had had information that an invasion attempt was scheduled last September but had no definite clue as to why it had not come off.

Hull was quoted also as saying at one point in a two and one-half hour closed session that he believed Turkey would stand fast in its opposition to threatened axis aggression, but Japan "undoubtedly" aimed to seize control of Indo-China.

No Agreement

He also was said to have testified that long efforts to obtain mutual understanding and co-operation between the United States and Japan had been virtually fruitless.

Hull, the first witness in the committee's study of the aid-to-Britain bill, had asked permission to present some testimony behind closed doors. He explained that he wanted to present information which might bear on the bill "but which should not be made known to every nation."

Under President Roosevelt's definition of warring "democracies," China might become one of the beneficiaries of the lend-lease legislation.

Senator Harrison (D-Miss.) said he thought Hull had given the committee much valuable information, but Senator Clark (D-Mont.), an opponent of the pending bill, said he had not heard "anything I hadn't al-

Rules Again



Aided by British, Haile Selassie has re-entered his Ethiopian kingdom and personally raised his flag of revolt against Italy.

WPA WORKER SHOT AT MILITARY CAMP

German Passport Carried By Man Wounded by Fort Ord Sentry

FORT ORD, Calif., Jan. 27 (AP)—A WPA worker was shot and critically wounded when he rushed a U. S. army sentry who reported he caught the man trying to break into a box car on the big military reservation.

The man was identified by Major Frank Dorn, army intelligence officer, as John Lutz, 53. He was in a semi-coma in the prison ward of the station hospital at the fort, but attendants said he would recover.

Doing Duty

The sentry, whose identity was not revealed by army authorities, was under technical arrest in his quarters. Major Dorn said he would undoubtedly be released after investigation because he was "doing his duty properly."

The sentry reported that at 10 p. m. Saturday night he saw the man trying to break into a sealed box car on a siding in the reservation just off the main highway. When the sentry challenged, the man fled.

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With the insignia of the British American Ambulance corps, "Thumbs Up," painted on the sides, top, and doors, one of the recently subscribed ambulances which will be sent to Great Britain, paid a visit in Klamath Falls this weekend. The symbol of the corps "Thumbs Up," expresses the desire of those involved to aid England. Left to right, Don Hamlin, local chairman of the Aid Allies committee, the Rev. Victor E. Newman, interested in British aid, and James Poole, driver, former University of Mississippi football star who is driving the ambulance from San Francisco to Portland and on to New York from where it will be shipped to England. A number of the machines were purchased through the subscriptions of individual Americans.

GRAZIANI MAY TRY STAND AT BENGASI FORT

Attackers Hammering at Gateway to Plateau; Eritrea Totters

By The Associated Press
Britain's desert troops were reported in battle contact today with Italian defenders of Derna, Libya, where a swashbuckling Connecticut Yankee planted the Stars and Stripes in the war on Barbary Pirates 136 years ago.

Derna, 95 miles west of fallen Tobruk, is the gateway to the Mediterranean seacoast plateau en route to Bengasi. Observers in Cairo predicted Fascist Marshal Rodolfo Graziani might make a "last stand" defense on the plateau to guard his base at Bengasi, 170 miles to the west.

Italian Claims
Premier Mussolini's high command said Italian forces inflicted "considerable losses on enemy armored vehicles in lively fighting" east and south of Derna.

The Italian air force, it was said, "bombed, strafed and machine-gunned strong artillery and mechanized concentrations" of the British army of the Nile pushing westward.

Historical Point

It was at Derna, on April 25, 1804, that Gen. William Eaton, Dartmouth-educated former United States army officer, led a riffrat army of six U. S. marines and 500 sheiks, Arabs, Berbers, Greek mercenaries and Nubian blacks to wrest the port from the control of Yusuf the bloody.

Some 2000 miles to the southeast of Derna, other British troops were reported to have driven a wedge halfway across Italian Eritrea in a drive toward the Red sea. Cairo dispatches said the British were within striking distance of the Italian town of Agordat, an important railroad.

Raid on Britain

In the air siege of Britain, London's millions had their seventh consecutive night without an after-dark alarm; but despite bad weather, RAF raiders streaked across the channel before dawn to attack the industrial city of Hanover, in north central Germany.

Hitler's high command acknowledged four killed, six injured in the raid, in which several hundred incendiaries were dropped.

"Three of our own planes are missing," the German high command said.

"All our aircraft returned safely," the British communiqué said.

Amid this comparative lull in the aerial conflict, attention focused on the rapidly developing African war theatre.

Greeks Holding

British headquarters announced that 25,000 Italian prisoners were taken in last week's capture of Tobruk and that 1100 prisoners have been taken so far in the British invasion of Italian Eritrea.

On the Albanian war front, the Greeks reported that Italy's battered legions have suffered "enormous losses" in a series of counter-attacks since Premier Mussolini sent his chief of staff, Gen. Ugo Cavallero, to take direct command of the war against Greece.

Greek dispatches from the battle front said fighting north of Kilsura was now a "full swing" battle, with the Greeks seizing new positions despite reinforcement of Italian troops ferried across the Adriatic sea by plane from Italy.

LOGGER KILLED

PAYETTE, Idaho, Jan. 27 (AP)—An automobile-truck collision fatally injured Tappe W. Horton, 45, Burns, Ore., logger, five miles southeast of here Saturday night.

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