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24 hours to 8 a. m. .00
Season to date .60
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GREEN WAR PREMIER SUCCUMBS

"--That Others May Walk?"

Changes In Lease-Lend Voted

COMMITTEE TO ASK FOR THREE POWER LIMITS

1943 Deadline, Congress Control Requested By House Group, Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Three amendments to the administration's British-aid bill, including a mid-1943 time limit on its grant of presidential powers, were reported to have been voted today by the house foreign affairs committee.

Meeting behind closed doors while Secretary of War Stimson testified before the senate foreign relations committee, the house foreign group was reported to have accepted modifications to:

Control
Fix June 30, 1943 as the expiration date of the lend-lease powers proposed in the legislation.

Require President Roosevelt to consult his army and navy chiefs before transferring military equipment, and

Require periodic reports to congress on lease lend operations.

Chairman Blood (D-NY) and other committee members declined, however, to make any formal announcement of the committee's action in the four-hour session. All three of the reported changes had been accepted by the democratic majority yesterday.

Convoys Eyed
A fourth change proposed by the democrats — a prohibition against the use of naval vessels for convoys — was reported to be still under discussion.

Stimson testified before the senators that the objective of the bill was a purchase of the "time necessary to arm and protect ourselves."

He asserted that the help in war supplies envisioned by the bill eventually would "enable Great Britain to do what military men call 'take the initiative'."

The United States is forced to buy the time, he declared, "and we are buying time from the (Continued On Page Two)

Teacher Dies In Gas Blast At School

WEST NEW YORK, N. J., Jan. 29 (AP)—An explosion of illuminating gas rocked Memorial high school early today when a janitor entered the gas filled domestic science room and found the body of William H. Lounsbury, 48-year-old supervisor of manual training in the West New York schools.

The janitor was not injured. Lounsbury had been held last night in \$5000 bail after Police Lieutenant Joseph Marsino disclosed his arrest on a morals charge involving a girl student.

100 Jets Opened
The explosion, at 5:45 a. m., blew out all windows in the structure and smashed doors. Classes were canceled for the day.

Radio Operator Joseph Barone said the police report showed (Continued on Page Two)

GAYDA DECLARES U. S. IN DANGER

American Action to Lead To "Legitimate Reaction," Claim

ROME, Jan. 29 (AP)—Virginio Gayda, foremost editorial spokesman for fascist Italy, declared today that the United States policy of aiding Britain is a violation of neutrality likely to involve the United States in war through "legitimate reaction" of the axis powers.

"The increase of American aid to England, far from not drawing the United States into war, brings her nearer the conflict by deliberate plan," Gayda wrote in Il Giornale D'Italia.

The United States, he declared, should not believe she can continue this policy "with (Continued On Page Two)

STRIKE TESTS AFL POLICY ON DEFENSE WORK

Construction Workers at Dayton Air Field Protest Non-Unionists

By The Associated Press
Construction workers affiliated with the AFL went on strike today at Dayton, Ohio, halting work on a \$1,550,000 expansion program of the army air corps at Wright field and putting to a test the no-strikes-on-defense-projects policy proclaimed by the federation's building trades unions.

Colonel Lester Miller, field commander, said he had arranged a conference with the head of the Penner Installation company of New York, reported by the Dayton building trades council to have employed non-union labor on the project and thereby provoking the dispute.

Bill Introduced
The Penner company head, Colonel Miller said, informed him that instead of using non-union labor, it was employing CIO labor.

At Washington, legislation was introduced in the house by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) of the naval committee to curb strikes on naval defense projects and outlaw efforts to compel workers on such projects to join or refrain from joining labor unions.

The AFL building trades unions recently announced adoption of a "hard and fast policy" flatly barring strikes "for any reason whatsoever on defense projects," George Masterson, union vice president, announced.

A similar policy was announced by the AFL metal trades department.

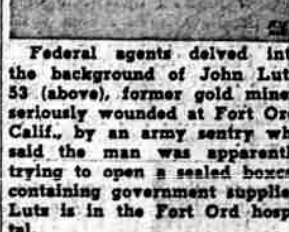
Other Events
Other developments affecting labor and defense on a wide industrial checkerboard included:

Milwaukee—Another conference was called for today between officials of the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing company and the United Automobile Workers (CIO) in an attempt to negotiate a settlement of the strike which for nearly a week has held up work on \$400,000 of defense orders. The walkout affects 7000 production men.

New Orleans—Union men withdrew their objections to working with WPA employees on (Continued on Page Two)

Wounded

Federal agents delved into the background of John Luts, 53 (above), former gold miner, seriously wounded at Fort Ord, Calif., by an army sentry who said the man was apparently trying to open a sealed boxcar containing government supplies. Luts is in the Fort Ord hospital.



INVASION BELIEVED SET FOR APRIL, MAY

Washington Weighs Notes On Hitler's Plans; England Ready

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Hitler's grand-slam bid to invade England can be expected in April or May, well-informed sources here now believe, and there will be 38,000 warplanes ready to hammer home the terrific Nazi onslaught.

They gave the Luftwaffe a 4-to-1 advantage over the R. A. F. for the attempt. They looked for a variety of German surprises, among them a secretly developed new pursuit ship and perhaps large scale use of torpedo planes against surface vessels. And they did not rule out poison gas.

Two of this nation's foremost military authorities, however, voiced their confidence yesterday that Great Britain would survive to win a final victory.

General George C. Marshall, army chief of staff, said he believed that, given the American help contemplated under the lease-lend program, Britain would be victorious. He saw all signs indicating a supreme invasion attempt in the spring.

Much closer to the actual theatre of conflict, Admiral William D. Leahy, former chief of naval operations and new ambassador to France, declared at Vichy that in his opinion "the British government can and will prosecute (Continued on Page Two)

NEW LEADERS TO CARRY ON METAXAS JOB

Blow to Fighting Nations Not to Affect in Albania, Claim

By The Associated Press
ATHENS, Jan. 29—Premier John Metaxas, 70, dictator of Greece nearly five years, died today after a brief illness, and King George II swiftly organized a new government which he said would carry on the war against Italy until victory was achieved.

A royal proclamation announced that Alexander Coryzios, governor of the National Bank of Greece, had been named to head a government composed of all the present ministers.

Throat Ailment
Coryzios and the ministers took the oath of allegiance in the presence of the monarch at 10 a. m. (midnight, PST)—just three hours and 40 minutes after Metaxas died at his home in Kifissia, a suburb of Athens.

A DNB, German official news agency, dispatch from Belgrade said that, in addition to the premiership, Coryzios inherited from Metaxas the ministries of foreign affairs, war and air.

Metaxas' physicians announced that he died of "various complications," including blood poisoning and uremia, following a throat inflammation. The premier underwent a tonsilectomy Jan. 18. As his condition became worse, he was given a blood transfusion Sunday and two more Monday.

Metaxas' death followed a throat operation.

No Policy Change
King George's proclamation said the new government would carry on with no change in policy, especially as it affected the war with Italy.

The Greek people, the proclamation added, received "the sad news in calm and with absolute confidence in the king, and the government is decided to carry on the victorious struggle."

Last Words
The strong man, ill for only three weeks, regained consciousness just before he died, it was said, and, knowing that the end was near, addressed these words to Minister of Home Security Constantine Maniandakis, at his bedside:

"So there is no hope whatever? You understand, Costa, it is not for myself that I mind, but I place my hope in the Greeks."

("Costa" was Metaxas' familiar form for Constantine.)

Proclamation exhorted Greek soldiers to continue vigorously (Continued on Page Two)

Air Corps Cadet Killed in Crash

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif., Jan. 29 (AP)—Robert E. Baylis, 25, a flying cadet under the U. S. army air corps, was killed today when his training plane crashed during a solo flight near Shafter 17 miles northwest of Bakersfield, Calif.

Baylis, a resident of Wenatchee, Wash., was a member of the Moffett Field basic training class scheduled to finish a 10-weeks' course here February 8. The entire class was on practice flights near Bakersfield today. Baylis was flying a BT 13 single-motor ship.

Details of the crash were not announced here.

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BRITAIN moves again to meet the expected German invasion — which "well informed sources" in Washington predict for April or May.

King George, in a proclamation issued today (Wednesday) orders men aged 18 and 19 and 37 to 40 to register for military service. Men of age 36 were ordered to register on January 18.

At the same time the British government moves toward drafting women into vital war industries to hasten production of arms and munitions.

IN a situation where all else seems obscure, it seems reasonably certain that the German attempt to invade and destroy England, if and when it comes, will be the turning point of the war.

As to which way it will turn, we must wait and watch.

THESE "well informed sources" in Washington (officials of the war, state and navy departments who do not care to be quoted directly) believe the Germans have a four-to-one numerical advantage over the British in planes.

They estimate Germany's air strength at 38,000 planes, both bombers and fighters, with 18,000 in the air and another 18,000 in reserve.

They estimate the greatest number of Nazi planes used so far at one time in the air siege of Britain at less than 2,000.

If these guesses are anywhere near accurate, you can gain from them an idea of what the invasion attempt will be like, if and when it comes.

(AS to the Washington guesses, it may be assumed that they are based on diplomatic reports and army and navy intelligence information. If that is true, they are more than mere guesses.)

THIS thought still sticks in most minds:

Nothing Britain may be called upon to face can be more menacingly terrible than the retreat from Dunkerque with Holland, Belgium and France falling all around.

TODAY'S dispatches indicate that the lease-lend bill is likely to pass with its life limited to two years, the use of American convoys banned, periodic reports to congress on lease-lend operations required and the President directed to consult with army and navy heads before transferring military equipment.

IN themselves, these limitations are unimportant. The logic of events and the temper of the people will determine what the United States will do in the coming critical months or years.

In principle, they are extremely important, for they are intended to say to the country that congress is not abdicating.

Keeping that principle alive through the war emergency MEANS MUCH.

INTERESTING and encouraging:

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States (the highest spokesman of business and industry) announces today its opposition to federal anti-strike legislation, expressing the belief that "the public interest will be best served by VOLUNTARY co-operation."

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 29, 1916—Zeppelin raid on Paris. Kaiser presents all war material captured in Serbia to Bulgarians.

NEW RE-DISTRICT PROPOSALS EYED

Old Age Pension Boost Introduced in Legislature Session

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—Two more proposals to create a fourth congressional district, one sponsored by the Lane county house delegation and the other by southern Oregon representatives, were before the house today.

The Eagles old age pension bill, to increase the maximum pension from \$30 to \$40 a month, was introduced today.

Division Asked

Both redistricting proposals would create the fourth district by dividing the first (western (Continued on Page Two)

Theatre-goers Give Change To Campaign

Hundreds of dimes, nickels and pennies dropped into little baskets for the aid of infantile paralysis sufferers, added up to the very satisfactory total of \$629.73 when Mrs. Rose Poole of Klamath Theatres Inc., summed up the total Wednesday.

A check for this amount was turned over to M. E. Nicodemus, chairman of the celebration of the president's birthday of which S. P. Miller is local chairman.

The dance Saturday night, February 1, in the Klamath Falls armory officially closes the drive for aid of infantile paralysis victims although those wishing to pay for tickets which they have received in the mail may send in their money to headquarters.

The March of Dimes collection (Continued on Page Two)

Joke Backfires As Girl Gets To See President After All

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—A shy high school girl who came 400 miles to Washington because she was tricked into believing she had been invited to see the president met Mr. Roosevelt all day today and agreed with him that the joke had been reversed.

She was Anna Sklepovich 13, of Gary, W. Va. Anna rode the train all the way here after receiving a letter from a White House secretary congratulating her on her birthday tomorrow—the same day as Mr. Roosevelt's. Someone—she suspects her brother Steve—had opened the letter first and written a postscript suggesting that she come to the capital, sometime and see the president.

Goes to Door
Anna arrived at 8:30 yesterday morning and went immediately to the White House. She showed her letter to officers, who sent her to a receiving home. But Mr. Roosevelt read a

newspaper story telling how she had written him a note of congratulation on mutual birthdays and how the postscript on the White House reply had misled her.

So Mr. Roosevelt told George Allen, in charge of the Washington celebration of the president's birthday, to bring Anna to the White House. Smilingly, Mr. Roosevelt shook her hand.

Joke on Family
"He said he was glad to see me," Anna remarked, "and that I had a big joke on my family." She said she had wished him a happy birthday and said she was glad to see him, too.

The sparkle in her eye left no doubt that she was.

And now, in the manner of a Cinderella, she has been established in a luxurious room in one of Washington's finest hotels. Chaperoned by a policewoman, she will attend a series of presidential birthday balls tomorrow night and see movie stars and Washington celebrities.

Pickets March at Ward Store Here In State Dispute

Pickets were placed on duty at the Klamath Falls branch store of Montgomery Ward and company Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, simultaneously with the picketing of branch stores throughout Oregon.

Three members of the Portland Warehousemen and Retail Clerks unions, both affiliates of the AFL, arrived from Portland Tuesday night and comprise the picket line. The three men carried banners which declare the store "unfair."

The picketing now effects every Montgomery Ward store in the state, Portland and Marshfield branches having been the only two previously picketed in the drawn-out Ward dispute.

Spreading of the picketing was brought about when attempted negotiations broke down at a recent meeting in Seattle.

The unions charge that the company has refused to bargain. Local AFL officials said the dispute is in no way a local one, but that Klamath Falls union men concur with the stand taken by the State Federation of Labor, which recently declared the Klamath Falls branch "unfair."

AFL Teamsters and Warehousemen's union members employed in handling Montgomery Ward shipments to and from the store are automatically barred from continuing those jobs, and AFL plumbers and steam-fitters employed by the store are also forced to discontinue their work, union officials said.

Engineers Here For First Steps On Airport Job

G. R. McKenzie of the U.S. Engineers, Portland, and Kenneth Perry, C.A.A. official from Seattle, arrived in Klamath Falls Wednesday morning to take up preliminary work on the development of the Klamath Falls airport.

After conferring with City Engineer E. A. Thomas, the visitors looked over the local port and made arrangements for the gathering of technical information necessary before plans and specifications can be drawn up. In this connection a crew has arrived to make a survey of the local field.

The visitors also contacted officials of the local building trades here to get information on prevailing wage scales in order that they can predetermine wages on the airport project.

Britain Calls Up New Draftees

LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—Under terms of a royal proclamation issued today, men between the ages of 18-19 and 37-40 years are to register for military service.

The first of the new classes affected, men born in 1921, will register February 12.

Registration of the new classes is accompanied by an amendment of the schedule of reserved occupations which, besides raising the reservation ages in some cases, will make reservation depend on an increasing extent upon work being done.

6 KILLED, 20 HURT

VICHY, France, Jan. 29 (AP)—Six persons were killed and 20 injured today in the collision of an automobile, two trucks and a bicycle near Clermont-Ferrand.