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KNOX EXPECTS SPRING INVASION

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

SECRETARY OF WAR KNOX tells the senate foreign relations committee today that: "Both Britain and Germany are searching desperately for a new type of ship that will make all the airplanes in the air now obsolete."

THIS search for a superior weapon has been going on ever since men have been fighting. Whatever prehistoric tribe first developed the bow and arrow promptly vanquished its enemies who were armed only with spears.

TO make startling history, the superior weapon must be possessed by ONE SIDE ONLY.

In our own war between the states, the South conceived the brilliant idea of an armored warship and built the Merrimac, whose sides were protected with railroad iron. By an odd coincidence (or good intelligence work) the North went to work at about the same time on the ironclad Monitor (called by seafarers a "cheesebox on a raft.")

The Merrimac went into action just one day ahead of the Monitor's arrival and in that day made history by sinking every ship it attacked. The next day the Monitor appeared on the scene and the ensuing dramatic battle of the ironclads resulted in a draw.

BUT for the timely conception of the Monitor, the Merrimac might have broken the Northern wooden vessel blockade and thus won the war for the South.

IN the first Punic war, the Carthaginians gained control of the sea (the Mediterranean) by means of a superior battleship called a quinquereme, having five banks of oars pulled by slaves, as against the Romans' triremes, with three banks of oars.

This added power gave the Carthaginian quinqueremes superior speed and maneuverability (qualities sought above all else in modern warplanes).

Things looked bad for Rome.

AT this dark moment some Roman whose name history has failed to record had an idea. Naval tactics 2000 years ago consisted chiefly in ramming the other fellow, or side-swiping him and breaking off his oars—both methods involving contact. This smart Roman conceived the notion of building a sort of long drawbridge, hinged at the bottom, held upright by the mast by means of a pulley and with grappling hooks at the end. The device was called a corvus.

The Roman galleys were loaded with soldiers and at the moment of contact the corvus was lowered, the hooks at its outer end seized the enemy ship and the Roman foot soldiers swarmed over the bridge thus provided and overwhelmed the Carthaginian crews.

With the aid of the corvus, the Romans won the war.

(SIMPLE as the corvus was, the Carthaginians lacked the inventive genius to devise a defense against it. BRAINS always have been a dominating influence in winning wars.)

WHAT both sides want, as Secretary Knox points out, is an airplane as superior to existing planes as the Carthaginian quinquereme was to the Roman trireme.

If that should be produced, the OTHER SIDE must pray for an inventive genius who can produce a COUNTER device as effective as the Roman corvus.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 31, 1916 — German air raid on England causes 120 casualties.

Day Raiders Return

Legislature Rejects Labor's Amendment of Guard Bill; Pierce Lumber Plan Rapped

By PAUL W. HARVEY, Jr.

SALEM, Jan. 31 (AP)—A proposal, endorsed by CIO officials, to prevent use of state guard troops in labor disputes and to provide that the state guard should be disbanded March 30, 1943, was rejected unanimously today by the house military affairs committee.

The amendments were offered by Representative Manley J. Wilson (D-Clatsop), a CIO sawmill worker, who said they were wanted by CIO leaders who fear the state guard would be used to break up strikes.

Drops Plan

They would have amended a bill to give Governor Charles A. Sprague authority to organize a state guard to replace the national guard, although he has said he would not do so except in emergencies.

After the committee rejected

the amendments, Wilson said, "It is over as far as I'm concerned. I will not carry this to the floor."

"While the national guard never has been used in this state in labor disputes," Wilson said at the committee meeting, "labor always is fearful that it will. If an industry were classed as a defense industry, as is the case with our lumber industry, and if there were a dispute in which people get hurt, the state guard could be used."

"However, we're not trying to defend labor if they riot. And we have the utmost confidence in Governor Sprague. But we might have a new governor in two years who would not have his same labor policies."

Not Understood

Rep. Harvey Wells (R-Multnomah), a committee member, ad-

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LONDON, OTHER PARTS OF ISLE REPORT BLOWS

Single German Planes in Fire, Bomb Attack on Britain

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP)—

Three London hospitals were reported damaged by German bombs, one from a direct hit, today in afternoon raids by single German planes.

Official accounts acknowledge damage to other buildings and houses and a small number of fires, but said the number of casualties was "not large."

Pattern Repeated

Two German bombers were officially reported shot down.

In the hospital directly hit, some of the staff were injured seriously and some patients suffered minor injuries. Persons injured by bombs falling in nearby streets were being admitted to the hospital when it was struck. The first aid work proceeded.

The attack repeated the pattern of those yesterday and the day before, the attackers slipping through a cover of clouds to drop explosive and fire bombs, apparently without aiming at specific targets. There had been no alerts overnight.

Bombs which fell on a London square — further identification was forbidden — and in surrounding streets wrecked two shops and severely damaged others.

One plunged with a violent splash into a water tank.

Britain Ahead

The supposed machine-gun attack above the clouds on the barrage balloons—London's aerial stockade against hostile bombers—indicated a repetition of yesterday's assaults on the cable-moored bags here and at Dover. (The German high command said today 12 had been shot down yesterday in the two areas.)

Britain's rate of warplane destruction was more than 11 to 1 than that of the axis powers during January, according to published figures today, and the ratio from the start of the war was said to be almost four to one in Britain's favor.

These were the figures on losses:

For January—Britain: 32; the axis powers: 371.

Since the start of the war—Britain: 848, of which 427 pilots were saved; the axis powers: (Continued On Page Two)

GREEKS ADVANCE, FIND ROMAN DEAD

Belgrade Reports Withdrawal of Italians From Tepeleni

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 31 (AP)—Military circles reported today that Italian troops had withdrawn from Tepeleni on the central Albanian battlefield, a key point in the Greek drive toward Valona.

ATHENS, Jan. 31 (AP)—Greek forces, pushing forward in the area north of Klisura, were reported today to have found heaps of Italian dead and many wounded in abandoned fascist positions.

A Greek spokesman said four Italian counter-attacks had been repulsed with 200 Italian prisoners taken in two days and later reports from the Albanian front said the charges had such disastrous results that Italian commanders had to call off offensive action in order to reorganize their forces.

Lost Half

Some fascist units were said to have lost as many as half their men. Among their captives, the Greeks said, were several officers, all belonging to units freshly arrived from Italy. Much war material, including machine-guns and automatic

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Strikes Clog Defense Work Over Nation

By The Associated Press

A strike which had held up work on a \$1,550,000 expansion program at Wright field, Ohio, was settled but labor disputes continued to delay other defense projects today at various industrial centers.

Between 400 and 500 workers who walked off the Wright field job Wednesday agreed to return to work after the war department suspended operations on an electrical project where four CIO members had been working. The strikers had protested the employment of non-AFL men. The CIO declared it had a closed shop agreement with the Penner Construction Co., New York, which was handling the electrical installation.

New Threat

This strike ended, however, with threats of a walkout of 1500 truck drivers on the same job at midnight tonight. Differences on wages are the issue.

CIO workers at the Phelps Dodge Copper plant at Elizabeth, N. J., went on strike with the day shift. The local president said the management had refused to permit an election to determine a collective bargaining agency at the plant, which has \$74,323 of navy orders.

An agreement halting a strike at the Martinolich Boat Co. shipyards at San Diego, Calif., was reached early today. Thirty navy bluejackets worked there

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Orphans Celebrate Delayed Christmas



These five children, orphaned when parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Bernheim, were killed by Chinese bandits last November, showed their chop-stick skill on their favorite rice dish under the Christmas tree in a belated celebration at the home of relatives in Spokane, Wash. Left to right: Johnny, 7; Esther, 13; Lois, 4; Ruth, 9, and Mark, 15.

Cinderella Queen for a Night—Ann Gets the Last Laugh



"Cinderella" Ann Sklepovich, 13, who came from Gary, W. Va., to Washington on a hoaxed invitation to the White House, got the last laugh after all. First she met the president, dined with movie stars Lana Turner, left, Wallace Beery and his daughter Carol Ann, then rode in state to various birthday balls in honor of Mr. Roosevelt.

BRITISH ADVANCE ON LIBYAN PLAIN

Bengasi Believed Point For Italian Stand; Bombers Active

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 31 (AP)—

British operations on all African fronts were reported today by general headquarters to be developing "to our advantage."

The British army of the Nile had turned its back on the east—over Libyan wastelands after driving the Italians from Derna and pressed on westward and southward through the fertile upland country with Bengasi as its next objective.

Airdrome Bombed

The royal air force announced a heavy bombardment yesterday of the Italian airdrome at Barce, on the road from Derna to Bengasi.

The Libyan activities of the RAF were centered on Tarce, 50 miles west of Derna, the communiqué said. In several attacks, hits were observed on hangars and other buildings around the air field, the report continued, and an Italian plane was shot down by a fighter escorting the British bombers.

In air operations against East Africa, the British reported dive attacks with heavy explosive and incendiary bombs on Italian artillery and infantry positions in the Moyale area of the British Kenya colony, a section of borderland held for months by Italian invaders from Ethiopia.

Resistance Stronger

Other planes bombed and machine-gunned Italian posts and buildings in Moyale itself, the communiqué said.

Stiff resistance encountered at Derna, which fell yesterday after four days of the fiercest fighting of the North African campaign, warned the British that the going may prove increasingly hard.

The belief prevailed in military circles here that the Italians, who have been rolled backward across 250 miles of arid, sandy terrain in the past 53 days, intend to make a determined stand in an effort to save Ben-

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Japan May Be Delayed in "New Order"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—

The dual strain of war and dislocated trade, diplomatic sources said today, may become so intense on Japan's economic structure that realization of Japanese dreams of "a new order" in the Far East must be indefinitely postponed.

Because of the increasingly critical state of affairs, it was said, Japan may feel compelled to take "drastic steps" in an effort to remedy the country's economic position. The diplomatic sources based their opinions on authoritative information recently received.

As examples of what to expect in event of a "drastic steps" decision, these sources cited Japan's armed intervention in French Indo-China, the strong pressure on the Netherlands East Indies for extensive economic concessions, and the diplomatic push to establish a Japanese-dominated "East Asia economic sphere."

Warm Sun Sends Mercury to 50

A warm sun poured over the Klamath basin Friday and sent the mercury to 50 degrees during the afternoon. January came to a close with a burst of spring-like weather and the big winter storm was yet to be experienced.

Maximum temperature Thursday was 43 degrees, minimum Friday, 28. Forecast for the weekend was for "generally fair but increasingly cloudy."

The local park office was unable to contact Crater Lake national park by radio Friday morning, however the same kind of weather was thought prevailing at headquarters.

CONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—The senate confirmed today these postmasters:

Oregon—Mary Rebecca Osborne, Gilchrist.

WHEELER FORECAST NAZI WIN, CLAIM

President Recalls Word From Dodd in Pre-War Discussion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—

President Roosevelt asserted today that William Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, had told him in 1934 or 1935 that Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) had said Nazi domination of Europe was inevitable.

As the story unfolded through questions at a press conference, Mr. Roosevelt related that Dodd had told him this after attending a dinner at the home of Rexford G. Tugwell, former administration official, at which Wheeler was present.

The president said, furthermore, he had been informed that there was no mention of the safety of the United States lying in the taking over of Canada, Mexico and five Central American republics.

"Is it asserted here," a reporter inquired, "that Senator Wheeler advocated Nazi domination of Europe?"

He (the senator) said it was inevitable, the president replied.

Bundsters Fined, Get Jail Terms

NEWTON, N. J., Jan. 31 (AP)—

Wilhelm Kunze, national leader of the German American bund, and eight bund associates were sentenced today to serve one year to 14 months in state prison on charges of violating New Jersey's "race hatred" law.

Two of them were also fined \$2000 each and the other seven, \$1000 each.

The men had been indicted on charges of making or permitting anti-semitic speeches at the bund's camp Nordland, in Andover township. They elected to file a demurrer, challenging the constitutionality of the law and denying the seriousness of the charges, instead of standing trial.

Speed Ace Visions Armada of 'Flivver' Planes for Defense

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 31 (AP)—

Col. Roscoe Turner, the nation's No. 1 speed flier, proposed today the formation of an armada of 200,000 converted "flivver" planes manned by private pilots for home defense.

Col. Turner, acknowledged the country's ace speedster by the National Aeronautic association, said in an interview that such a force could be established and equipped in a year and a half, and could repel invasion by land or sea.

"Like Bananas"

He expressed the belief that the 30,000 or more light two-place planes already in use in the United States could be increased to 200,000 in that period by a step-up in production.

"The cheapest military plane you've got is around \$35,000," he

VICTORY MAY HINGE ON NEW PLANE, CLAIM

British Aid Bill Ready For 3-Day Debate in House Next Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (AP)—

The administration's British-aid bill was sent to the house floor today for a momentous debate starting Monday while Secretary Knox testified that the nazis were awaiting "good weather for a long enough time" to invade England.

After a brief hearing, the house rules committee gave the bill a legislative right-of-way under procedure calling for three days of general debate and permitting the unlimited offering of amendments.

Not Neutral

Committee members said the action was by vote. Advocating such a course, Chairman Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the foreign affairs committee had stated frankly that the United States was "not neutral" but "just as neutral as any other nation."

Knox was at the other end of the capitol, testifying before the senate foreign relations committee. The navy secretary renewed his forecast of a "very grave crisis" within 60 or 90 days.

"Wild Fancy"

Knox made the assertion in the course of testimony which also included statements that it was "wild fancy" to talk as Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has

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Ward Employees Issue Statement On Picketing

While pickets continued to pace the Ninth street front of the Montgomery Ward retail store here, employees of the establishment made public a statement in reference to the picketing situation.

The statement follows:

"We, the employees of Montgomery Ward retail store in Klamath Falls, Oregon, make the following statement in regards to the picketing of this store:

"There never has been and there is no disagreement between us, the employees, and the management of this store."

"There never has been and there is no disagreement between us, the employees, and any union having any jurisdiction in this district."

"The persons hired to picket this store DO NOT represent the employees as a whole nor any portion of the employees of the Klamath Falls store, but have been imported from OUTSIDE this district and are, according to a recent announcement by the local union headquarters, paid by unions OUTSIDE this district."

"We, the employees, make this statement in the belief that the public should be thoroughly informed of the situation. A large per cent of us are property owners in this community and feel that it is our duty to voice our side of the situation."

"Signed by 54 employees of Montgomery Ward retail store at Klamath Falls, Oregon, January 31, 1941."

This was the only development in the situation at the Ward store. Pickets were placed there this week after arrival of three AFL union members from Portland, where the union and the M-W retail store and warehouse have been in dispute for several weeks.

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