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SNOW

WEYGAND TO STAND BY PETAIN

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY straws are blowing again in the war winds. General De Gaulle, chief of the "free French" forces, appeals by radio from London to the French army in Africa to "throw off your shameful inertia and help complete the conquest of Italian Libya."

He adds: "Don't you see it is up to you? Are you going to stay inactive, with arms at your side, humiliated, broken-spirited, when the fate of France is being decided within range of your guns?"

WHAT he means to convey is this: The Italian army in Libya is battered, hard-pressed and preparing for a last stand. If the French army in Africa (estimated at 800,000) takes it in the rear, it can be DESTROYED.

If that is done, the axis dream of taking Africa will be shattered.

NOT only that. Gibraltar will be strengthened. The British empire's life line through the Mediterranean will be heavily protected. Italy, Germany's ally, will be wrecked. By way of Gibraltar, a bridge for ultimate possible British invasion of Europe will be kept open.

OLD MARSHAL PETAIN at Vichy is sitting on a growingly hot seat. He is going to have to make a choice sooner or later.

ANOTHER straw: In London the Netherlands government in exile instructs its minister at Tokyo to inform the Japanese that "the Dutch reject any suggestion of having the Netherlands East Indies incorporated in a new order in East Asia under the leadership of ANY POWER whatsoever."

That is notice to Japan to stay out or face trouble. (The real trouble, if trouble comes, will be provided by the U.S. fleet.)

HITLER'S foxy idea is to set the Japanese on us at whatever moment the British need our help most.

THE latest in the war of words: Secretary of War Knox tells the senate foreign relations committee in Washington: "We fear the Germans are contemplating the use of poison gas in an imminent invasion of England."

"Authorized sources" in Berlin answer him by quoting Hitler's statement at the beginning of the war that he would use ONLY SUCH WEAPONS as were used by the enemy—in other words, that he won't use gas until his enemies do.

PAY no attention to this exchange.

BOTH SIDES are prepared to use gas to the limit if a situation should arise where it seemed to promise a knockout blow.

The point to remember is that if gas isn't used it won't be chivalry that prevents it. What will prevent use of gas will be knowledge that the other fellow can use it just as effectively.

Club Filers Check Report On Bomber

Randall Smith and Margaret McGrath, members of one of the local flying clubs, took off Saturday afternoon in a Piper Cub trainer to search the Johnson Prairie country for the missing United States army bomber. Reports have been received that a large plane circled a barn in that section on the day the bomber disappeared after leaving McChord field, Tacoma, Wash. A half dozen attempts have been made to find the missing bomber in this section, none of them meeting with any success. Numerous reports have been received that the plane was seen flying low over mountainous sections near Klamath Falls.

Knox Fears Aid Late

NYE QUIZZES SECRETARY ON DEFENSE LINE

Danger Of Axis Attacks In West Affirmed In Senate Hearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Secretary Knox testified today he was "tremendously worried" over whether the United States could furnish sufficient aid in time to save Great Britain.

Supporting the administration's aid-to-Britain legislation before the senate foreign relations committee, Knox was asked by Senator Nye (R-N.D.) whether the measure was designed "to underwrite a British victory."

Interest Seen
"Not this bill," the witness replied, "but we do have an interest in seeing that Great Britain is not defeated."

"Can we act in time to save Britain if this awful crisis predicted for the near future comes to pass?" Nye asked.

"Frankly, I don't know," the witness responded. "I'm tremendously worried."

While Knox testified in the marble-walled caucus room of the senate office building, a crowd of several hundred self-styled "peace marchers" gathered outside. Police kept most of them but permitted several to enter the building to talk to senators. They said they represented the "American peace mobilization."

In his questioning, Nye repeatedly sought information from Knox regarding potential naval strength of the axis powers should they win the war.

The navy secretary said that if the axis controlled all of Europe it would have seven times America's shipbuilding capacity.

Knox declared, however, that he believed there was little danger of an immediate attack on American shores. "First they would have to establish bases," he said.

"Do you really believe there is danger?" Nye asked.

"I'm positive," the witness responded. "Do you think that if they (the axis) won, they would just let us alone?"

Nye said he did, because, he said, (Continued on Page Two)

Insurance Man Phones Willkie, Gets No News

SPOKANE, Feb. 1 (AP)—Tom Kelley obeyed that impulse to day and called up Wendell Willkie.

It took Kelley, an insurance salesman, 26 hours to get his telephone call through to the former republican presidential candidate in England, but he reached Willkie in a London hotel and talked for three minutes.

Heart Attack Takes Former California Senator McAdoo

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—William Gibbs McAdoo, former senator from California and one-time secretary of the treasury, died here today of a heart attack. He was 77 years old.

Death came about 10 a. m. in a hospital after being stricken at his apartment at the Shoreham hotel. With him were Mrs. McAdoo, and his daughter, Mrs. Brice Clagett, wife of a Washington attorney.

McAdoo has been chairman of the board of the American Presidents line since leaving the senate.

McAdoo, who was secretary of the treasury during the World war, was named head of the shipping line shortly after he was defeated for renomination by Sheridan Downey in (Continued On Page Two)



William Gibbs McAdoo

WHEELER ANSWERS ROOSEVELT STAB

Senator Denies Stating Nazi Domination Of Europe 'Inevitable'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) declared today that he "did not say in 1934 or at any other time that Nazi domination of Europe was inevitable"—a statement attributed to him yesterday by President Roosevelt.

In response to press conference questions, the president said he had been advised by the late William Dodd, former ambassador to Germany, that Wheeler, an outspoken critic of the administration's British-aid bill—voiced this opinion at a dinner party in 1934 or 1935.

Stands For Peace
Wheeler, now recovering from influenza at the home of Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy in Florida, said in a statement issued through his office here that "this is a desperate attempt to discredit me because I stand unalterably for American peace and against the entry of the United States into any foreign war."

"This slanderous attack on me—attributed to a dead man—is absolutely false."

"This is the second time that the president has assailed me personally," the Montana senator declared. "The first time occurred after I branded the lend-lease-give bill as the new deal's AAA foreign policy to plow every fourth American boy under European or African soil."

"This time I am attacked because, in my humble way, I will not cease warning the American people that the foreign policy of this administration is taking the United States into a war that is not ours."

Jury Acquits Negro Butler

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 1 (AP)—Joseph Spell, 31-year-old negro butler accused of raping his pretty, socialite employer, Mrs. Eleanor Strubing of Greenwich, won an acquittal from a mixed jury that deliberated nearly 13 hours.

Urged by the state to convict and spare Mrs. Strubing "shame and disgrace" and asked by the defense to ignore the consequences to her if there was "reasonable" doubt of her story, the jury reported its verdict six minutes before midnight.

Navy Revamps Forces Into Three Fleets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP)—At ceremonies overshadowed by the tense international situation, the navy's fighting forces were reorganized today into separate units of the world's mightiest fleet.

At Honolulu late in the day Admiral Husband E. Kimmel was to become commander-in-chief both of the Pacific fleet and the United States fleet.

Atlantic Fleet
Hours earlier, presumably in the Caribbean, Rear Admiral Ernest J. King raised his new (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath To Dance For Paralysis Victims Tonight

They are going to have quite a party for the president tonight in the Klamath Falls armory.

The "they" are hundreds of men and women who will dance that others may walk, observing the president's birthday and handing over their nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars to swell the infantile paralysis fund.

Chairman Samuel P. Miller stated Saturday he felt the \$1200 goal set by the local committee would be exceeded. Mayor John H. Houston will cut the huge birthday cake while the dancers sing, "Happy Birthday to You." Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Legislature Prepares To Get To Work On Most Controversial Measures Of Session

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR. SALEM, Feb. 1 (AP)—Hoping the session is half over, Oregon's legislators took a day off today and were prepared to come back Monday to begin consideration of the most controversial issues.

The first of several hearings on the amendments to the unemployment compensation law will be held at 7 p. m. Monday by the house judiciary committee, and it is expected to produce more fireworks than any other hearing of the session.

Experience Rating
Monday's hearing will deal with the experience rating system, which is scheduled to go into effect next July. Under this system, employers with good employment records would pay lower payroll taxes, while those who have dismissed many employees would be taxed more.

Labor seeks to repeal the provision, but the unemployment compensation commission contends it would tend to stabilize employment.

Gov. Charles A. Sprague's six-point program is completed, and the legislature will begin work on it next week. The bill to increase the size

BRITISH BOMB TRIPOLI, HIT BARCE FIELD

RAF Sweeps Ahead Of Advancing Army On Heels Of Retreat

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 1 (AP)—The royal air force was reported today to have struck 700 miles into Libya, dropping "several tons" of bombs on Libya's principal city, Tripoli, and "hundreds of bombs" on Barce airfield, in the path of the British land offensive.

Three vessels — two of 8000 tons and a third of 4000—were reported hit in the Tripoli harbor, one of the 8000-tonners set afire while a barracks at Barce received a direct hit.

These far-flung operations took place last night.

Rumble On
Barce is 120 miles west of Tripoli and about 40 miles north of Benghazi, capital of Cirenaica, or eastern Libya, toward which British tanks were rumbling today along coastal and inland roads on the heels of retreating Italian forces.

Tripoli is the capital of Tripolitania, or western Libya which Addonis Tunisia, where France's north African forces, under General Maxime Weygand, are massed—the target of "Free French" appeals to join Britain's fight against Italy.

Contact Maintained
Meantime, British tanks rumbling westward along the coastal and inland roads toward Benghazi were reported to be on the very heels of retreating Italian forces.

The middle east command put it briefly, thus: "Libya: Contact with the enemy of Derna is being maintained."

With the British on the road to Benghazi, observers here awaited reaction of France's north African army to a new "Free French" appeal that it join the fight in Libya to help the British crush Italy's African empire.

From the east African front the British reported intensified pressure in the Agordat-Barentu area of Italian Eritrea — and elsewhere "no change in the situation."

Unique Sprague River Sign



This sign has appeared at the Sprague River road junction near Beatty.

Sign Expresses Disgust For Condition Of Sprague Road

A sign expressing disgust over the conditions on the Sprague River road has appeared mysteriously at the junction of that road and the Lakeview highway. The "warning" describes the road as "almost impassable" and "most jackass-able," and, according to a report from Sprague River, is suspected as being the work of the Sprague River Road Vigilantes, who have been working for years to bring improvements to that thoroughfare.

According to the Sprague River correspondent of The Herald and News, "almost as mysterious as the sign was the appearance of several highway trucks that dumped gravel in the worst holes, some of which had reached a depth of almost two feet."

Meanwhile, the matter of permanent improvement of the Sprague River road, one of the knottiest road problems in this territory in many years, took a new turn Saturday when county authorities forwarded a petition to the Oregon congressional delegation asking for federal assistance in the road project.

The petition states that the Sprague River road is the most serious problem of Klamath county, relating to the Indian reservation on which the road is located.

Reconstruction
Complete reconstruction from Braymill to Sprague River is the only thing that will make the road passable throughout the year, the petition states.

It is recalled that about 10 (Continued on Page Two)

Beatty Ranch Owner Named In Indictment

O. T. "Buck" Anderson, prominent Beatty cattleman, and Rex Gaunt, an Anderson ranchhand, were indicted secretly by the Klamath county grand jury Thursday in connection with the shooting of Roscoe Wattah, aged Indian, it was disclosed Friday.

Disclosure came with the arraignment of the pair before Circuit Court Judge David R. Vandenberg late Friday charged with assault armed with a dangerous weapon.

Takes Time To Plead
Both pleaded not guilty to the charge and Anderson, father of James Q. Anderson, 17-year-old youth accused of the murder of Jerry Zulkoski, another Anderson.

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AFRICAN ARMY ASKED TO STAY OUT OF FIGHT

Colonial General Replies To De Gaulle Appeal For Libyan Push

ALGIERS, French North Africa, Feb. 1 (AP) — General Maxime Weygand appealed today to some half million French African soldiers under his command to stay out of the war, to accept the armistice with Germany as final, and to support the "national revolution" of Marshal Philippe Petain.

"I appeal to you," he said, "not to leave the path of order and discipline, which would only mean the destruction of France and peril for all who take part in this undertaking."

Help Asked
Weygand spoke by radio in answer to General Charles De Gaulle, leader of the "free French" forces which are fighting on as Britain's allies, who from London last night called upon the French North African forces to "help complete the conquest of Libya" by attacking the Italians from the west.

(Weygand's broadcast was made over a station controlled by the Vichy government. It was picked up in the United States by CBS.)

Aspect Changed
"On order of Marshal Petain," Weygand said, "I have assumed the command of all French forces in Africa with the purpose of coordinating our colonial efforts in the task of rebuilding our national affairs."

The "many events" in France, he remarked, had "changed all aspects of our life," adding: "Marshal Petain has undertaken the gigantic task of the national revolution. Already the short time that has elapsed since Petain took the helm shows great progress."

"We have begun to reorganize our national life, to find work for our demilitarized soldiers. I thank you all for your collaboration so far, but much must still be achieved in the general interest of France."

"Today, I direct your attention to a special issue . . . you (have) heard an appeal to take part again in a struggle which was ended by France with the conclusion of the armistice."

"I appeal to you not to leave the path of order and discipline, which would only mean the destruction of France and peril (Continued on Page Two)

GREEKS CONTROL TEPELENI REGION

Fascist Attempts To Regain Initiative Fail, Command Declares

ATHENS, Feb. 1 (AP) — The entire Tepeleni area was reported under Greek control today, with the actual occupation of the town only a question of mopping up isolated detachments.

The high command said the Greeks had captured Italian mountain positions "of great importance," and Greek dispatches declared recent fascist efforts to seize the offensive in Albania must now be regarded as failures.

Bailey Case To Go To Jury On Monday Morning

A jury of 11 men and one woman will receive the manslaughter case against Q. A. Bailey on Monday morning.

Arguments were completed in the case just before adjournment for the weekend in Circuit Judge David H. Vandenberg's court. Judge Vandenberg told the jurors to return at 9:30 a. m. Monday to receive his instructions and begin deliberations.

District Attorney L. Orth Sismore in final argument, asserted the evidence showed that Bailey was driving in a negligent and careless manner when his car was involved in an accident on the Keno road in which James Breshears was killed. Breshears was riding in Bailey's car.

Defense Attorney W. Lamar Townsend contended that the accident, insofar as Bailey was concerned, was unavoidable.

Seattle Chief Fears 'Helpers'

SEATTLE, Feb. 1 (AP) — A threat of too enthusiastic cooperation worried Chairman Frank R. Cadman today as he prepared plans for Seattle's practice blackout of the night of March 7.

He expressed concern over a report that a policeman had told a group of boys that all lights showing during the blackout would be shot out, and that as a result the youngsters were planning to do their share with air rifles.

"There isn't going to be any shooting out of lights or any other such foolishness," Cadman emphasized.

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