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High 58; Low 29

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24 hours to 8 a. m. None
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Last year to date 15.94



WARMER

GERMANS BREAK YUGOSLAV LINE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ON Tuesday morning, as these words are written, the progress of the three-day-old battle of the Balkans is obscure. When a big battle begins both sides clamp the censorship down, for at such a time every scrap of news is valuable to the enemy. Added to that is the fact that all communication facilities are jammed with official business. Besides, those who are fighting are too busy to talk to correspondents.

IN spite of these handicaps, a few details have filtered through.

The Germans claim to have taken Skopje, the Yugoslav town lying at the head of the highly important Vardar valley. To accomplish this feat, they seem to have swept westward from Bulgaria.

The result is apparently a withdrawal of Yugoslav troops farther south to meet this menace. That seems to have opened a gap between the Greeks and the Yugoslavs.

How critical this will turn out to be remains to be seen.

THERE is agreement from both sides that the Germans have driven a wedge down from the Bulgarian border through Eastern Greece to the Aegean sea, thus separating the Greeks from the Turks.

How important that may be depends on what the Turks intend to do. If they were planning to go at once to the assistance of the Greeks, it is bad. If they were planning to sit tight until attacked, it is less important.

It seems probable that the Turks are planning to sit tight. If the military experts know what they are talking about, the Turkish army will have its hands full with the job of defending Turkey, if and when a German attack comes, and lacks the strength to assume the offensive.

THE Germans are obviously making great progress in the level plains of northern Yugoslavia, but seem to be having more trouble in the mountains to the south where blitz warfare is less effective.

There appears to be no doubt that the Greeks are fighting heroically.

WHAT the Yugoslavs are doing is shrouded in mystery. Tuesday morning, as Yugoslavia is practically cut off from communication. There are hints of a drive into Albania to catch the enemy in the Balkans there. Albania would be a good gateway for bringing in axis supplies and reinforcements, so it is necessary to close it if possible.

THERE has been a German air attack on north Ireland (the British part). In Africa the Germans (and Italians) continue to push eastward from Benghazi against British forces weakened (Continued on Page Two)

Troops Guard U. S. Embassy in Rome

ROME, April 8 (AP)—A strong cordon of troops, reinforcing the pickets of the past few days, guarded the United States embassy today, while large crowds demonstrated enthusiasm for the war with Yugoslavia under Premier Mussolini's balcony.

Twice, the throngs brought 11 Duece to his balcony, but the demonstration broke up without menacing the embassy, and the adjoining consulate, which were surrounded by double ranks of gray-clad, steel-helmeted soldiers and police cars.

The precautions presumably were taken because of press denunciations of the United States for aiding Italy's enemies and for sequestering Italian ships. Troops also were stationed in courtyards near the soviet and Turkish embassies. Since these embassies are two blocks apart it was not clear which one they were protecting.

FORD STRIKE OUTLOOK HELD ENCOURAGING

New Dispute in Coal Region Looms as Demands Heard

DETROIT, April 8 (AP)—The first negotiations between a union official and an officer of the Ford Motor company in the 38 year history of the giant automobile corporation brought a statement that "new developments today in the settlement of the strike at the Ford Motor company are encouraging to all parties."

The statement was made by Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner after a conference that included Harry Bennett, personnel director at the factory, and Philip Murray, president of the CIO.

Since last Tuesday the UAW-CIO has been on strike at the Rouge plant, paralyzing the industrial empire and affecting some 200,000 workers.

Van Wagoner said that he had telegraphed President Roosevelt asking him not to approve certification of the Ford strike to the national defense mediation board at the present time.

By The Associated Press
Ford Motor company officials met with CIO President Philip Murray today to discuss settlement of the Ford Rouge plant strike in the first such conference in the company's 38-year history.

Murray went to Detroit at the request of Governor Van Wagoner, after President Roosevelt agreed in Washington to postpone a discussion of the general strike situation with the CIO chief.

Shortly after his arrival, Murray, Governor Van Wagoner and Ford officials, including Harry H. Bennett, personnel manager, and J. A. Capizzi, general counsel, were understood to have conferred on an agreement under which operations could be resumed.

Ford assembly plants through (Continued on Page Two)

"Lone Ranger" Dies In Auto Accident

FARMINGTON, Mich., April 8 (AP)—Earl W. Graser, 32, whose thrilling radio exploits as the "Lone Ranger" were heard by thousands of listeners, was killed outright early today on US-16 at Farmington when his automobile crashed into the rear end of a trailer.

Graser, whose familiar call, "Hi Yo Silver" was the trademark of his radio adventures, had been on the air as the "Lone Ranger" for the past nine years on a network originating with a Detroit radio station.

The station announced that Bruce Beamer, the original "Lone Ranger," would return to his former role as the cowboy hero.

Klamath Irrigation Water Held Sufficient; Western Area Dry

Irrigated lands of the Klamath basin have an abundance of water in sight for this season, but southern Oregon lands west of the Cascades are not so well off, according to the official forecast issued here today by the Southern Oregon water forecast committee.

West of the mountains the Medford and Rogue River irrigation districts are facing severe shortages with only about 50 percent of the stored water normally used. The Talent district will be short but not critically so, while the Grants Pass district will have an alternating supply late in the season but will be not much worse off than last year.

About 25 representatives of irrigation districts, power companies, reclamation and forest



United Auto Workers' pickets took time off from the picket line during a cold rain to warm themselves at an improvised stove and get hot bean soup as the strike continued at Ford River Rouge plant at Detroit.

WRECKAGE OF NAVY Bomber LOCATED

Search Ends for Big Ship Carrying 10 Persons

NORFOLK, Va., April 8 (AP)—A wrecked naval bomber was sighted off Cape Charles, Va., today by searchers for a big naval patrol craft which has been missing since yesterday with ten men aboard.

Naval authorities here said that the missing ship was the USS Yorktown (CV-5), a carrier battle group, which was last seen on April 7. The ship was carrying 10 persons.

The Cape Charles wreckage was sighted from a navy plane. Later, the navy department in Washington, announced it had received a message from the commander of the patrol wing of the Atlantic fleet stating that a plane from the aircraft carrier Wasp reported sighting wreckage identified as parts of a PBV plane, plus a life raft.

The message said the sea was (Continued on Page Two)

City Officials View Jail As Warning Heard

Klamath's dank and bug-infested city jail was inspected Monday night by city officials and newsmen after Mayor John Houston told the common council that the city is confronted with a dangerous sanitary problem in the basement clink. The mayor, it was learned, had been warned of the serious situation in the jail by City Sanitary Inspector Harold Franey.

Visitors held their noses as they stepped gingerly through the murky light of the basement tanks over floors wet with the water from overflowing toilets. A few prisoners lay about on the misshapen ticks thrown on the two-story cots.

Bugs scurried up and down a wall where Police Chief Frank Hamm pointed out a hole prisoners had gouged through a wall of mortar and brick so they could communicate with occupants of the women's cell.

In one cell in the men's department, water was running on the floor from a jammed toilet bowl and prisoners were keeping their feet carefully out of the flood.

Two Indian women were in the women's ward. One, who (Continued on Page Two)

Import Control May Be Next Step in Defense Program

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Highly placed officials said today creation of a system of import control might constitute the next step in the government's rapidly expanding economic defense program.

Under this system a government control agency would be authorized to determine what foreign merchandise should be admitted to the United States and what should be excluded.

However, the plan was regarded as so drastic, since it might exclude such items as Japanese silk, that the officials were unwilling to predict when, if at all, it might be instituted. So far, they explained, it is merely in the discussion stage.

"Economic defense"—a name officials give to any sort of economic action expected to help the United States and the British allies and to impede the war effort of the axis powers—is growing so fast that many advisers are reported to have urged President Roosevelt to set up a special unit to coordinate the numerous activities.

Greeks Hold On Struma

SERBS VAGATE VARDAR FLANK OF DEFENDERS

Parachutists Unable To Cut Off Line; Forts Holding

SALONIKA, Greece, April 8 (AP)—The Greeks clung doggedly tonight to their positions along the whole Struma valley, imperiled by the Yugoslav withdrawal in the Strumica region on their left but in no wise hurt in fighting spirit.

The German onslaught was terrific along the whole front. The Germans threw more troops, armored vehicles and airplanes against the Greek positions but the valley forts held.

Evacuation of Thrace, to the east, continued, but Greek soldiers still in the forts there kept up their fire.

All Americans left Salonika except Charles House, director of the American Farm school; Consul John D. Johnson and Vice Consul Edmund A. Gullion. The American consulate assumed charge of both British and Yugoslav consulates.

ATHENS, April 8 (AP)—The Greeks were reported today to be holding firm at Rupel Pass, through which another German armored column was trying to penetrate to the Struma River valley.

This attempt, dispatches from the front said, and other thrusts farther eastward along the Greek-Bulgarian frontier met terrific resistance which already has cost the Germans heavy losses in men and material.

Parachutes Fail
A German effort to cut communications behind the Greek lines by using parachutists failed, an announcement said, and 130 parachutists were captured and others killed.

The Greek general staff communique said Yugoslav troops fighting in southern Serbia had withdrawn, exposing the left flank of the Greeks who, however, were "defending the fatherland inch by inch."

The Greeks have a death toll (Continued on Page Two)

Bergmann Succeeds Danforth on State Police Force Here

J. W. Danforth has resigned as state policeman and will be succeeded by Lawrence G. Bergmann, for three years a member of the city police force here, it was announced Tuesday. The change is effective at the end of this week, when Bergman will be assigned to Medford for special training.

Danforth entered the state police force five years ago, and has served most of the time at Klamath Falls. He has resigned to become an insurance adjuster for the General Motors Acceptance corporation, and will continue to reside here. A former resident of Bend, Danforth was a varsity center on the Oregon State college football team before entering state police work.

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Street lights, however, will remain on until 10 p. m. Authorized sources in Berlin said "nothing is known" of the precautions.

British Bombers Blast Kiel; Germans Make Wide Raids

LONDON, April 8 (AP)—British bombers carried "the heaviest load of bombs ever dropped on Germany in a single night" in last night's attacks on Kiel, the air ministry news service reported tonight.

"Hundreds of tons of high explosives and over 30,000 incendiaries" were rained on the German port and submarine building yards in a 3-hour attack, it was said.

"Glowing Shells"

For five hours, the news service said, "our bombers went over Kiel in wave after wave" and when it was over "glowing shells of warehouses lined the waterfront, huge buildings were wholly enveloped in flames."

"The submarine building yards had evidently suffered greatly," it added.

Attacks on the ports of Bremerhaven and Emden last night and daylight raids on objectives

in Denmark and the low countries also were reported. Loss of five British planes from the day and night offensive was acknowledged by the command.

Spotting their targets in bright moonlight, German bombers spanned the British Isles last night, blasting many scattered points in England, Scotland and northern Ireland.

The moonlight also aided the RAF night fighters over the homeland, and five Nazi raiders were reported shot down.

Nine persons were killed in northern Ireland's first sustained air raid of the war. Britain's northern Irish allies had experienced sporadic raids before, but last night the Luftwaffe struck at an unidentified town at midnight and unloaded bombs for more than an hour.

London, after its long night alert had a brief daylight alarm at noon today.

F. R. to Ask Ship Purchase Legislation

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today he would ask congress Thursday for legislation under which Danish ships in American ports would be purchased by the United States government.

The chief executive said at a press conference that in this step, he had the acquiescence of Denmark's minister to this country, Henrik de Kauffmann, a White House caller earlier in the day.

Mr. Roosevelt placed 30 German and Italian ships which (Continued on Page Two)

Indian Wounded in Chiloquin's Second Violent Assault

In the second violent assault in the city limits of Chiloquin in five days, Melvin Barkley, 20 year old Indian, was shot and dangerously wounded shortly after midnight Tuesday. Barkley is in Agency hospital with a bullet hole within an inch or two of his heart, but it is believed he will live.

Barkley was shot within two blocks of Main street in Chiloquin, got up and staggered to the office of Dr. Marvin Nerse, Indian Officer John Arkell was called by the physician and is investigating. No arrests have been made.

It was reported 14 persons, including Barkley, were in a drinking party at the Orpheus Seachin house in Chiloquin just prior to the shooting.

Five days ago, Aron Atterbury, a California Indian, was knifed in the back in an altercation growing out of another "house party" in which six or seven participated, officers reported. His assailant has not yet been named. Atterbury was up and around Tuesday.

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AXIS RECAPTURES DERNA IN LIBYA

Fresh Water Supply For Desert Fight Changes Hands

ROME, April 8 (AP)—An official announcement said today that Italian and German troops had recaptured the Libyan port of Derna.

Derna is approximately 175 miles east of Benghazi, from which the British withdrew last week. A deep water port, it had been held by British forces since January 30.

The town is of strategic importance because it possesses large fresh water supplies vital to desert fighting.

Two-Week Drive

The combined German-Italian drive to recover eastern Libya began approximately two weeks ago with the seizure of El Agheila, some 150 miles south of Benghazi. The British announced the withdrawal of their outpost detail from the city March 26. Benghazi later fell.

At least parts of three German divisions have been reported helping the Italians.

The Italian high command also announced that fascist troops and the German mechanized units had occupied the Libyan towns of Barce and Tocra. Tocra lies about 50 miles north-east of Benghazi on the coast. Barce is about 10 miles inland.

The Italians acknowledged that British planes had raided Tripoli, where bombs were said to have killed one person and injured several, and the island of Rhodes. No damage was reported, however.

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VARDAR TOWN CAPTURED IN SOUTH, CLAIM

Balkan Front May Be Split if Report Confirmed

By The Associated Press
BERN, Switzerland, April 8—Hints of near catastrophe for Britain and her Balkan allies were drawn by military observers tonight from accumulating reports on the progress of German panzer divisions in three days of blitzkrieg.

One German spearhead was reported—still without confirmation—to be at Skopje, within 50 miles of Junction with Italian forces in Albania.

Threatens Line
If it is true, as the Germans report, that Skopje has been taken, this thrust from Bulgaria had carried 55 miles in less than three days, across mountainous country.

This drive and the fierce German pressure southward toward Salonika, Greece, threatened to cut the 750-mile line of the Balkan defenders—Greek, British and Yugoslav—into three segments.

The Greeks insisted that their main defense point, at Rupel pass, in the Struma valley where the frontiers of Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria meet, was holding.

The Yugoslavs claimed minor gains in less strategic zones of Albania.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, April 8 (AP)—Unconfirmed reports reaching Budapest today said the Germans had occupied the Yugoslav city of Nis, on the Sofia-Belgrade railroad.

BERLIN, April 8 (AP)—Germans claimed today that their troops from Bulgaria and Rumania had advanced to Skopje, important industrial and military center in southern Yugoslavia about 100 miles northwest of Salonika.

The city commands the strategically vital Vardar river valley.

A German spokesman, declaring there have been no clashes with the British in this area, suggested, "perhaps we will issue an official invitation" to the British at Salonika to "come out and fight."

Two Opportunities
In case of such an "invitation," the German line of march would be down the Vardar valley towards Salonika, thus skirting more difficult terrain, military observers said.

Or, it was said, the Germans could disregard the British for the time being and drive west and southwest from Skopje to join the Italians in Albania.

Dienst Aus Deutschland, authoritative German commentary, said the latter move would separate the Greek forces from the bulk of the Yugoslav army.

The Germans said they were advancing at the rate of 28 miles a day, so the question of whether they will go south or west will be answered soon.

President Assures Young King Peter

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—President Roosevelt cabled young King Peter II, of Yugoslavia today assurances of all material assistance possible and his earnest hopes "for a successful resistance to this criminal assault" upon the Balkan nation.

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