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EDEN ASKS FOR QUICK U. S. AID

Lumber Firms Boost Pay

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

WAR news is still scarce today.

The killing of civilians and the destruction of property, military and otherwise, by bombers goes on, but that is a part of the daily pattern of modern war. Like a dull toothache, it goes on and on, taking the joy out of life but not stopping ordinary daily activities.

At the Libyan-Egyptian border, where the Germans are threatening Alexandria and Suez from the west, a heavy sandstorm is temporarily holding up military operations.

In Iraq, the censorship prevents us from knowing what goes on, but one guesses that the British are proceeding with great caution. They have to fight off the attacking Arabs, but obviously they want to do it as gently as possible so as not to make them TOO mad.

The possibility of a "holy war" isn't all talk. The British DON'T WANT ONE.

IN London, the house of commons is going into action, taking account of Churchill's stewardship. The action amounts to what we know as a congressional investigation with this VITAL difference:

If the commons refuses him a vote of confidence, Churchill will be OUT and a new government will be in.

Here, governments change only as the result of an election.

IN Germany, Italy, Russia and throughout an increasing area of the world, governments change (if at all) only as a result of FORCE.

World war No. 1 was fought (we were told) to make the world safe for democracy. Somewhere a cog slipped.

THE war today is in a lull, but don't let it fool you. The next storm is merely GATHERING. It won't be long in breaking.

UNLESS a miracle happens, the result of the breaking of the next storm will be the driving of the British out of the Mediterranean. Their hold is badly shaken already.

But the battle of the Mediterranean won't be the LAST battle. The last battle will be fought when the morale or the resources (or both) of one side or the other are gone.

IN our own country, peppery Senator Pepper wants us to get tough.

In co-operation with Great Britain, he says in a speech in the senate, we should occupy Greenland, Iceland, the Azores, Cape Verde and Canary islands.

● SINGAPORE AND DAKAR. We should supply American bombers and volunteer American fliers to China, he thinks, and the US and British navies should join in the Pacific to "shut up the Japanese fleet in its lair."

He adds:
"A FEW bombers flown by American pilots wouldn't leave enough of Tokyo to build a bonfire."

FINE, senator, if that's what we have to do under our commitments.

But let's not talk about A FEW BOMBERS and a short and easy war. When we start shooting, the war that will follow will be long and hard.

Short and easy wars have been TALKED since history began but seldom have happened.

TALK of paralyzing the enemy with a few bombers is merely wishful thinking, and when one is starting into a war wishful thinking is an extremely bad habit.

IRAQ FIGHTING SPREADS; RAF RAIDS COLUMNS

British Minimize Damage Inflicted by Native Army

CAIRO, Egypt, May 6 (AP)—Fighting in Iraq has spread, with British planes bombing Iraqi military positions at Diwaniya and motor transport at Falluja, the RAF middle east command announced today.

The war bulletin said that the four-day Iraq shelling of British-held Haqbaniyah airdrome, 60 miles west of Baghdad, had produced only "negligible" results.

Diwaniya, is on the Euphrates river, about 130 miles below Baghdad and Al Falluja is some 30 miles west of Baghdad, just below the British-held airdrome at Dhibban.

Bomb Patrols
"Throughout yesterday aircraft of the RAF maintained constant patrols over Iraq positions outside the Haqbaniyah RAF station," said the communiqué.

"Motor transport and personnel were bombed and several direct hits registered on gun positions."

At Diwaniya, it said, many direct hits were made on barracks and administrative buildings.

The British middle east command said the Iraq bombing of the Haqbaniyah area was "intermittent and inaccurate."

The situation in the Basra area at the head of the Persian gulf, where the British have troops, contingents, "remains quiet," the war bulletin said.

Haqbaniyah airdrome, 60 miles west of Baghdad, has been (Continued on Page Two)

Italians Seize Islands Around Dodecanese

ROME, May 6 (AP)—Italian occupation of six islands of the Kykladon (Cyclades) group, adjoining Italy's Dodecanese Archipelago and standing in the southern waters of the Aegean sea, was announced today by the fascist high command.

The occupied islands were announced as Amorgos, Anaphe, Ios, Thera, Naxos and Paros.

The Kykladon, or Cyclades, were so named by the ancients because they are arranged in a kind of circle around the island of Delos, smallest but most famed of the group.

There are 17 large islands and numerous ones, in three rows extending in a southeast direction from southern Greece.

Delos, according to Greek mythology, drifted about until moored by Zeus for the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis and became Apollo's place of worship. It was sacked by Menophanes in 87 B.C.

The entire group has a total area of 1041 miles and a population of about 135,000. The capital is Hermoupolis, on Syros island.

Stalin Takes Over Russian Premiership

NEW YORK, May 6 (AP)—The British radio, quoting the Moscow radio, reported tonight that Joseph Stalin has taken over the premiership of Soviet Russia.

The broadcast heard in New York by CBS said Vyacheslav Molotov, who has been premier and foreign commissar, retains the latter post and will act as Stalin's vice-premier.

Stalin, long recognized as leader of Russia, has heretofore held only the office of secretary-general of the communist party.

Sandstorm Lulls Egyptian War; Tobruk Holds

CAIRO, Egypt, May 6 (AP)—A heavy sandstorm has forced a lull in fighting between British and axis forces on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier in the Salum sector, the middle east command announced today.

At Tobruk, 80 miles west of the frontier, where the Germans and Italians have been besieging encircled British defenders, the daily war bulletin said "there is no change in the situation."

CAIRO, Egypt, May 6 (AP)—Bengasi harbor and the airdrome at nearby Benina as well as German-Italian landing fields at Barce, Derna and Gazala, all in Libya, were the targets of a "very heavy bombing attack" by the RAF, it was announced today.

ROME, May 6 (AP)—Italian German forces have repulsed a new British attempt to force a way out of the besieged Libyan port of Tobruk and have beaten off a British tank thrust in the Salum sector of Egypt, the fascist high command said today.

BRITAIN, GERMANY TRADE BOMB RAIDS

Clydeside, Glasgow Hit; Nazi Plants In Heavy Raid

By The Associated Press

LONDON, May 6—The RAF strewed bombs up and down Germany's industrial Rhineland last night while the Luftwaffe churned up destruction and inflicted heavy casualties in Britain's sprawling Clydeside shipyards from Glasgow to the sea.

"A great weight" of incendiaries and high explosives—possibly including the new super-bombs—were dumped on much-bombed Mannheim, the air ministry announced.

Industrial Centers

Frankfurt-Am-Main, various manufacturing centers in the middle Rhine area and Boulogne, Cherbourg, St. Nazaire, on the French coast, and Stavanger, Norway, were other reported targets of British raiders.

Informed sources said that while the Mannheim attack was on a large scale, it was below the proportions of raids made (Continued on Page Two)

FIVE CENTS AN HOUR INCREASE STARTS MAY 1

At Least Four Mills Announce Raise; Others Ponder

A five cents an hour horizontal raise for lumber employees of at least four companies was announced here Tuesday.

It was learned that at least three other companies are working on wage revision plans, and officials of others could not be reached.

The raise was made effective as of May 1, and is believed to affect about 3000 employees in the four operations. The companies definitely announcing the pay boost are Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Algoma Lumber company, Big Lakes Box company, and Ewauna Box company.

All Affected
Pelican Bay Lumber company, Chiloquin Lumber company and Shaw Lumber company are known to be considering wage changes.

The increase will affect all workers equally, skilled and unskilled, and will make the base pay for sawmills and woods operations 70 cents an hour.

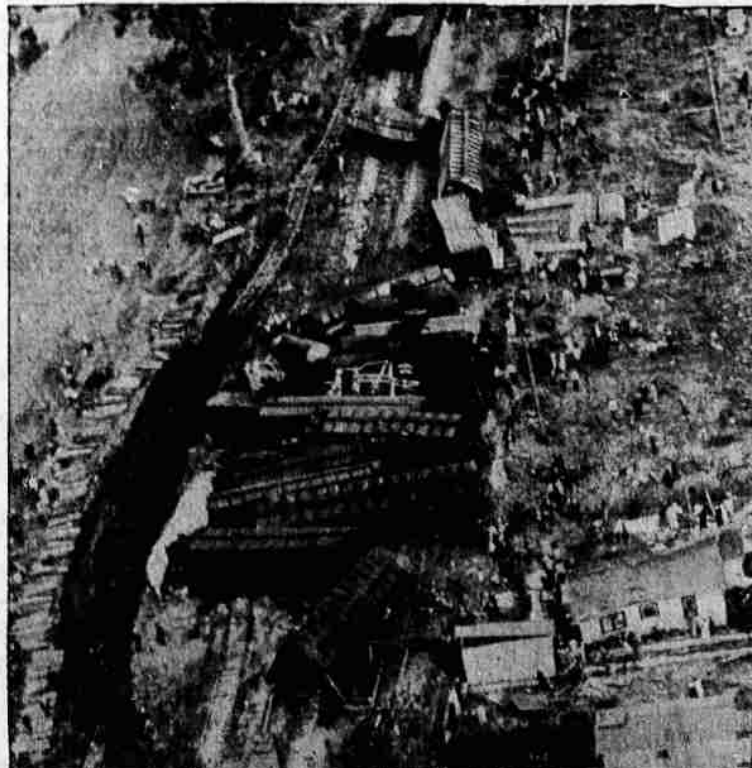
\$35,000 a Month
In view of the general aspects of the wage revisions, it was believed that about 4000 employees will be affected. That will add at least \$35,000 a month to the lumber payroll here.

The Klamath wage raise follows a 5 cents an hour increase in the Spokane pine area, and keeps Klamath's wage level on a par with the highest in the pine industry. A 5 cents an hour increase was incorporated in an AFL contract recently negotiated with one of the Spokane mills, according to word received here.

SINGLE BOMB

ATHENS, Via Berlin, April 27 (Delayed) (AP)—A single well-aimed German aerial bomb sank 17 steamers in Piraeus harbor and wrecked \$10,000,000 worth of harbor installations on the first night of the German attack on Greece.

Four Killed When Locomotive Explodes



Four trainmen were killed when a Southern Pacific freight locomotive exploded near Sausalito, Calif. Twenty box cars and oil cars piled up behind the locomotive (top) and a house (lower right) was demolished by flying metal. Only the chassis of the engine remained after the blast. Two other persons were slightly injured.

Admits Slaying



Policeman Ralph Cook of Napa, Calif., said John Wylie, 19 (above), oil company employee, admitted kidnapping Dale Martin, 27, and Ann Simonsen, 23, both of Vallejo, Calif., shooting and fatally wounding Martin, taking \$50 from his pockets and throwing the body out of a car near Santa Rosa, Calif. The girl was unharmed. The admitted kidnapping took place near Vallejo while Martin and Miss Simonsen were returning from a dance.

SENATE DEFEATS SHIP RESTRICTION

Ban on Transferring Seized Ships Goes Down, 161-131

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The house defeated today an attempt to prohibit the transfer of any ship the United States might take over for its own defense from one belligerent to another.

By a teller vote of 161 to 131, the members rejected that proposal, sponsored by Rep. Culin (R-N.Y.), as a restricting amendment to a bill authorizing President Roosevelt to take over any idle foreign-flag tonnage in United States ports for the nation's commerce and defense.

Culin and others argued that a possible transfer of two German and 26 Italian ships to Great Britain would be a "clear act of war." But democrats, saying that they had no knowledge that such an exchange was contemplated, added that the transaction would be no different than the transfer of 50 destroyers (Continued on Page Two)

F. R. CHANGES DEFENSE PLAN TO SPEED JOB

President Calls for More Bombers to Aid Britain

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—President Roosevelt and his principal advisers on defense and war aid met for an hour and a half today in a conference which the White House said centered on speeding the production of heavy bombing planes.

None of the participants would discuss the parley, called by Mr. Roosevelt.

He also designated Major General James H. Burns as an assistant to Harry L. Hopkins to handle much of the detailed work under the British aid bill and in another step directed the secretary of agriculture to set up a special division to handle the work previously assigned to the agricultural division of the defense commission.

Bomber Request

Mr. Roosevelt, who asked Secretary Stimson last night to obtain a "substantial increase in heavy bomber production," followed that up today by calling in to conference along with Stimson, Secretaries Hull, Morgenthau and Knox; General George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the army; Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations; Harry Hopkins, supervisor of the lease-lend program; and Major General H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps.

Arnold has just returned from England and has made a preliminary, oral report to Hopkins. Today's conference was to provide an opportunity, White House officials said, for Arnold to give a "full and complete report" to all members of what in some quarters has been called the "war cabinet."

Increased Output
The White House said a major purpose would be to consider the needs as outlined by Mr. Roosevelt in his letter to Stimson, of increasing the output of big bombers "with all possible speed."

Hopkins, it was said, has been virtually a clearing house on the lease-lend program, with representatives of governments seeking assistance coming to him (Continued on Page Two)

Shipments to Russia Halted By U. S. Order

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—The United States, it was learned authoritatively today, has halted all exports to Russia of machinery or equipment which can be utilized in defense production.

The policy was adopted, it was said, despite strenuous soviet diplomatic efforts to obtain the necessary export permits and despite the fact that some of the machines involved had been ordered and paid for by the Russians months ago.

During the past several months Russia has been successful in securing licenses for the export of machine tools and some other manufacturing equipment previously ordered here. This was the result of negotiations between Constantin Oumansky, the soviet ambassador, and Undersecretary of State Welles.

Recent developments, however, were said to have made it inadvisable for the United States to permit the export of any machinery which can be used here in defense or British aid production.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 6, 1940—Allied troops besiege between 3000 and 4000 Germans at Narvik.

May 6, 1916—Pope Benedict exhorts President Wilson and Kaiser Wilhelm to avoid diplomatic break.

Detroit Strike Stops Defense Tool Output

By The Associated Press
A strike by members of the United Automobile Workers (CIO) union this morning closed three plants of the Ex-Cell-o corporation at Detroit and stopped work on tools ordered for defense purposes.

Federal Conciliator L. F. Rye said that more than 95 per cent of the firm's tool-making production was devoted to defense contracts. He estimated that the work stoppage affected 3000 men.

The union demanded a 10-cent hourly wage increase. A tentative settlement, reported to include a five-cent wage increase, was approved by the union president but the members rejected it, and ordered the strike last night.

The defense mediation board today renewed its efforts to avert threatened strikes against General Motors corporation and the Minneapolis-Honeywell company, while labor department conciliators attempted to settle a strike involving 1400 bus drivers and other employees of the Pennsylvania Greyhound lines.

Union demands for a closed shop and wage increases figured in the bus strike and General Motors dispute, with union recognition reported to be the chief demand of CIO employees of the Minneapolis-Honeywell company.

PEPPER URGES U. S. MUST 'GET TOUGH'

Bombers for Chinese, Bottling of Jap Fleet Asked

WASHINGTON, May 6 (AP)—Declaring that "it is time for the United States to get tough," Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) urged today that this nation, in co-operation with Great Britain, occupy Greenland, Iceland, the Azores, the Cape Verde and Canary islands, Singapore and Dakar, west Africa.

Pepper's "get tough" program also carried these recommendations:

"Shut Up Fleet"

That U. S. and British navies "join openly" in the Pacific "to shut up the Japanese fleet in its lair," and that long-range bombers, manned by American pilots enlisting voluntarily, be made available to China.

"A few bombers flown by American pilots wouldn't leave enough of Tokyo to build a bonfire," he commented.

The Florida senator, consistent administration supporter and early advocate of aid to Britain, said in a speech prepared for senate delivery:

"Too Long"

"We must stifle threats against us near their source. We have already waited too long. If we continue a pussy-footing policy the foe will not fear us and our friends will not respect us."

Speaking of lease-lend cargoes, Pepper asserted that the country "should resolve that no power will keep us from getting the goods to Britain, and getting them there now."

It was up to military and naval experts, he added, to decide on the best method for guaranteeing safe delivery.

As far as Hitler was concerned, Pepper said that the United States should react to him as it had to the Barbary coast pirates in the early years (Continued on Page Two)

Mercury Falls to 29 Degrees Tuesday

The mercury fell to 29 degrees, three degrees below freezing, in the early hours of Tuesday morning, coldest since April 19 when it was 28 degrees. All this happened just when Klamath Falls residents had decided that old Man Winter had taken an exit from the local scene and gardeners were busy putting out tender plants.

Little damage was done to gardens, however, and little if any hurt was suffered by farmers throughout the county where the frost was general.

ARABS WARNED NOT TO EXPECT AXIS BENEFITS

Turkey Will Remain On British Side, Commons Told

LONDON, May 6 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today that the sooner United States war materials reach the battlefields of Asia, Africa and Europe the sooner the war will end.

He expressed faith that Turkey would stand by Britain and he told Arab peoples, including the Iraqis, to beware of an axis victory.

Maximum Effort
During his review, which opened the government's statement in full dress debate on the conduct of the war, a heckling member interrupted Eden's reference to United States aid with: "Let us do a bit ourselves."

Eden promptly retorted he was "presupposing maximum effort of ourselves and the United States of America."

Government critics, among them Leslie Hore-Belisha, rose to attack Eden's long review.

Race for Suez

"Now that events are going against us, I trust temporarily," Hore-Belisha said, "there is a tendency to minimize their importance, to distinguish them from what is happening in the Atlantic."

Laborite Lees Smith, speaking from the front opposition bench, warned that in the battle of Suez Britain had a smaller margin of time than in the battle of the Atlantic.

"In the Mediterranean," he said, "it is a race between Hitler's immediate advantage and our power to build up equipment to hold him until American supplies swing in our favor some months hence."

Vichy Questioned
The laborite speaker wanted to know why measures were not taken to keep German panzer divisions out of Libya and asked if the government was satisfied that the French government at Vichy is maintaining strict neutrality."

Eden, retreating ground covered last week by Prime Minister Churchill, declared Greece was informed beforehand just how much aid could be expected from Britain.

Telling of diplomatic efforts (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Dispute Brings Teamster Strike in State

PORTLAND, Ore., May 6 (AP) AFL teamsters called a strike yesterday against branches of the Pacific Fruit and Produce company in 13 Oregon cities.

Refusal of the company to sign contracts at Bend and Klamath Falls resulted in sympathetic strikes at the other cities, union officials said.

Marshfield, La Grande, Pendleton, Baker, Portland, Astoria, Medford, Eugene, Albany, Corvallis and Salem were affected.

Both sides entered negotiations today. The union said trucks would continue to haul supplies to military camps and government depots.

No further developments arose Tuesday from the local AFL teamsters strike at the Pacific Fruit and Produce company.

The walkout was called last Friday when negotiations over a new contract to replace an expired agreement broke down. Approximately 10 truck drivers are involved.

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