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Last year to date 16.00



BRITISH BLAST DAYLIGHT RAIDS

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE lull in the war continues today.

But the clouds are gathering. Soon another storm will break.

WHERE will it break?

If you can read Hitler's mind, you can answer that question. Otherwise, you will be as much in the dark as the rest of us.

Nobody KNOWS—perhaps not even Hitler.

BUT there are signs.

The Germans and the beaten French are clucking at Vichy. There are reports today of a reduction of 100 million francs in the cost (assessed against France) of supporting the German army of occupation.

We may be very sure that for every such concession made to the French a price will be demanded. There are rumors that the Germans are demanding passage for axis troops through unoccupied France, naval bases on the French Mediterranean coast and more German leeway in French Africa. The rumors don't mention it, but one may feel certain that demands for the French fleet are also being made.

That all points toward a German move to close the Gibraltar end of the Mediterranean.

FROM the Near East comes a tale that all telegraph and telephone communication between Iraq and French Syria has been closed since last night. That hints of a German land drive around the eastern end of the Mediterranean, aimed at Suez and the mouth of the Nile.

How will the German army get to Syria? That is another question that can not yet be answered. It is a question that bothers the Turks.

It is quite within the possibilities that it bothers Stalin also. History tells us that when conquering armies strike into the Near East there is no telling where they will stop.

Once Alexander got really going in Persia (now Iraq, Iran, etc.) he went places he hadn't even dreamed of when he started.

Hitler may do likewise.

Hence Stalin's worries.

BRITISH bombers continue to hammer the German battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, in the harbor of Brest. They have been at it for weeks, and for some reason the German battleships stay and take it. The British think they are crippled and can't leave.

This thought intrudes on wishful thinking:

If British bombers can seriously damage two crack German battleships, German bombers can damage crack British battleships.

Thousands of years of military history make it crystal clear that war is a game two can play at.

ON our side of the oceans:

In Washington today it is reported that figures of the U. S. Maritime Commission show that less than four per cent of the British aid ships leaving American ports in the past three months have been sunk.

Today's dispatches indicate that congress is keenly interested in the report and is planning to call in the Maritime Commission to get the facts.

EVERYONE is interested.

If only four per cent of the ships carrying American aid to Britain in the past three months have been sunk, the situation isn't as bad as those who want to get us into the war RIGHT NOW have been claiming.

WARNING

NEW YORK, May 8 (P)—A even-day rise in commodity futures prices throughout the nation appeared sharply halted today after a warning by the department of agriculture that it was prepared to take prompt action to prevent excessive speculation.

"Mad Dog" Killers Enter Sing Sing—But Under Protest



The "Mad Dog" Esposito brothers—so dubbed by a New York judge after a Fifth avenue holdup killing—fought their way right to the gates of Sing Sing penitentiary where they face death by electrocution. Anthony, left, is being carried and William, right, is being dragged by police and guards after an escape attempt was quelled.

\$15,474 LOW BID ON SIGNAL SYSTEM

Offer Reported Within Range of Available Financing

Acceptance of a bid on the Klamath Falls traffic signal system appeared certain Thursday, after the highway commission opened contractors' offers and found one as low as \$15,474.

That was the low bid of the lot, offered by Dimitre Electric company of Portland. Mayor John Houston said he had been informed by telephone the next bid was only about \$300 higher.

Local officials have felt some concern over the possibility the bids might be higher than that, and would call for more money than is available. Mayor Houston said that the bid offered, however, appears amply within the range of funds available.

The city has approximately \$9700 financed by special levy voted by the people. The state highway department will pay for half of the cost of signals on state highway intersections, but two of the signal locations—at Tenth street and Eleventh street on Main—are not on state highways. As a result, the city will pay about 60 per cent of the signal cost, and the highway commission 40 per cent.

Last fall, when bids on the local signals were opened by the highway commission, all were rejected as too high. Local officials were of the opinion that such would not be the fact of the current bids, in view of the figures reported from the commission meeting Thursday.

Desert Shooting Kills Mother, Wounds Guest

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., May 8 (P)—A young mother was killed, her baby was placed in her arms, and her house guest was critically wounded by a gunman in the desert near Cajon pass early today.

Mrs. Jean Wells, 20, of San Bernardino was slain. Rose Destree, 17, of Escondido, wounded, crawled to a highway and attracted motorists, who rushed her to a hospital for an emergency operation. Mrs. Wells' 13-month-old daughter was rescued by officers.

Mrs. Wells' husband, Ray, was missing and officers said he might have been harmed.

Undersheriff J. W. Stocker made a statewide police broadcast asking for the arrest of Alfred Wells, 30, Mrs. Wells' brother-in-law.

Stocker said Miss Destree told this story:

Wells, angry that his half-sister, Violet, had left his home, went to Mrs. Jean Wells' house about midnight. He demanded (Continued on Page Two)

Registration of New Draftees To Be Called

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, May 8 (P)—

Army and selective service officials were reported today to have decided on July 1 as the date for registration of approximately 1,000,000 men who have become 21 years old since the first selective service enrollment last October.

The registration will take place at the headquarters of the 6500 local draft boards now functioning. Authorities said it would be a "fairly simple job" compared with last fall when 16,500,000 men; 21 to 35, were signed up for possible military training.

The date for the new registration (Continued on Page Two)

British Nudists Getting Used To Warplanes

By EDDIE GILMORE

GREEN HILLS, Hertfordshire, England, May 8 (P)—Britain's

biggest nudist camp has faced the fact that modern war is war in the air—and now trades stars for star for RAF pilots who conduct low-altitude reconnaissance flights over the camp.

"They seem to be over the camp a great deal," said the proprietor, his black beard streaming in the cold May wind, "but I expect they'll get used to us as we're getting used to them."

At first the nudists, who sprawled on the grassward within the woodland camp, thought of hot-footing it for the bushes whenever inquisitive fliers swooped over.

"But, everything in life being relative," the proprietor philosophized, "we adjusted ourselves. Nowadays, we just look up at them as they look down at us."

It didn't take the RAF patrols long to spot the 10-acre park which is dedicated to the absorption of sunshine and fresh air in the allotment.

"If those pilots are as good at locating their targets across the water as they were in finding us, they will serve their country nobly," he said.

The proprietor's wife explained that the nudists do not shun their responsibilities during air raids.

"The nights are too cold now, of course, for fire-watching in the nude," she said, "but on summer nights we'll be out with only our tin hats on."

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 8, 1940—Prime Minister

Chamberlain wins vote of confidence but margin is only 281 to 200 with 132 abstaining and outcry against his government continues.

May 8, 1916—Australian and New Zealand troops arrive in France.

AIRPLANE ORDERS HIT LABOR SNAGS

Allis-Chalmers Rift, Hudson Threat of Walkout Eyed

By The Associated Press

Delivery dates on \$15,000,000

worth of plane parts and anti-aircraft gun mounts were rendered uncertain today by a strike at Allis-Chalmers factory at La Porte, Ind., and a threatened walkout at the Hudson Motor car company, Detroit.

Nearly all the 950 employees of the Indiana concern struck yesterday, calling for union security, wage increases and "a more substantial contract." Union and company officials did not disclose the present wage scale or the increases sought.

The plant has \$5,000,000 in defense orders and has been making gun mounts.

The Hudson factory at Detroit has been working on \$10,000,000 worth of airplane parts and in addition is building a \$20,000,000 naval ordnance plant.

In several previous cases involving threatened strikes in defense industries, the Michigan state mediation board has ordered 30-day cooling off periods while mediators sought to adjust differences.

The national mediation board at Washington, currently seeking to avert a threatened strike against General Motors corporation, got a new assignment—a wage dispute at the Bendix Aviation plant, South Bend, Ind.

In the General Motors case, involving 60 scattered factories and 165,000 workmen, the union has asked an increase of 10 cents an hour and the corporation reportedly has offered 2 cents.

Old Baldy Looks Inviting as Heat Hits 97 in L. A.

LOS ANGELES, May 8 (P)—The newcomer gazed off to the north, at Mount Baldy, and for once in his life figured it would be all right to be an old baldy—if his crown were snow capped, too.

Down there in the street it was 97 degrees HOT. Angelenos were mopping perspiring foreheads and everyone who could get away had sped beachward. It was, in short, the hottest May day in local weather records—22 degrees above normal.

"If only the wind were coming from snow-capped Baldy," the newcomer mused. But it wasn't. The wind was from the desert, hot and dry and stifling.

One little boy, Duane Beall, 4, found a cool spot on the shady shore of Nigger slough. But he crept too close, better to see the ripples, toppled in and drowned.

Three persons were treated for heat prostration.

RAF Hits Baghdad Field

IRAQ PREMIER LEAVES CITY, CAIRO LEARNS

Hit on Magazine at Washash Reported; Libya Raided

CAIRO, Egypt, May 8 (P)—Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, in office for little more than a month, has suddenly left Baghdad after public demonstrations against his government, the Egyptian press reported tonight.

Tewfik Suweidi Bey, foreign minister in the Iraq government ousted by the Rashid Ali's coup d'etat, was said to have left Baghdad by air for Amman, Transjordan, to meet the deposed regent, the Amir Abdul ilah.

The Amir announced in Palestine last Sunday that he was returning to Iraq and called on Iraq troops to return peacefully to their posts.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 8 (P)—British planes bombed the Baghdad airport yesterday and scored direct hits on a magazine at Washash, near the Iraq capital, a British royal air force middle east communique declared today.

Otherwise, middle east general headquarters said, the Iraq situation, both at the British-held Habbaniyah airport and the port of Basra, has remained quiet since the siege of Habbaniyah was broken two days ago. There was sporadic sniping at Habbaniyah, however.

The air communique said "violent explosions occurred" when bombs scored flush hits on the magazine. Other bombs, it said, hit military buildings and were dropped on grounded planes at Hanaid.

"Heavy and successful raids" against Bengasi and the axis-held airdromes at Berka, Benina and Derna, repeated targets for (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	5	11	0
Philadelphia	1	10	0
Olsen and McCollough; Pearson, Beck (5), Bruner (8), and Warren.			

	R.	H.	E.
St. Louis	4	10	2
Brooklyn	5	10	0
M. Cooper and Mancuso, W. Cooper (10); Hamlin, Wicker (4) and Owen. (12 innings).			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
New York	5	13	1
Cleveland	4	11	0
Ruffing, Murphy (6) and Rosar, Dickey (8); Smith, Heving (8), Harder (7), Brown (9), and Hemsley.			

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	7	14	0
Detroit	1	6	1
Sundra and Ferrell; Newsom, McKein (4), Thomas (8) and Sullivan.			

Gallery Watches Champion Golfers In Reames Match

An enthusiastic gallery watched two top-notch golfers, Marian McDougall of Portland and Muriel Veatch of Longview, Wash., go through an exhibition match at Reames Golf and Country club Thursday afternoon playing with two local men, Harry Weimar and Howard Seraggins.

The skies cleared for the exhibition which was given as a benefit for the local unit. Bundles for Britain. Both young women, northwest champions in their own right, played in excellent form.

Speakers Fan Argument on Use of Convoys for Britain

WASHINGTON, May 8 (P)—Two uncompromising speeches—one by Senator Nye (R-N.D.), the other by Wendell L. Willkie—and some unexpected statistics on ship sinkings from the maritime commission intensified the controversy raging today over convoys to Britain.

Anti-convoys legislators were patently intent on forcing a clean-cut decision in congress, and there were indications of an opportunity next week when the senate takes up the house-approved administration bill for acquisition of 83 foreign ships now idle in American ports.

Nye, who accused the administration of "blitzkrieging for convoys," declared in a broadcast from here last night that "This week, or these next few days, are to determine whether or not America is going to be in Europe's war."

Willkie, meanwhile, was telling a "freedom rally" in New York that delivery of lease-lend supplies to Britain must be insured by "convoys—patrolling—airplane accompaniment—or what not."

Before Nye and Willkie took to the air waves to champion opposite views, a new element

was injected into the convoy debate by maritime commission figures showing that less than four per cent of British aid ships leaving American ports had been sunk in the first three months of 1941.

WASHINGTON, May 8 (P)—Representative Satterfield (D-Va.) today called for immediate use of the United States navy and air force "in convoying and making sure that the supplies, munitions of war and food get through to the British."

"We have come now to the ultimate issue of the war raging overseas," Satterfield told the house.

"We cannot stand in the middle of the road all summer engaging in halfway measures. Our foreign policy to date has been faithfully following after events. Never ahead."

LONDON, May 8 (P)—High British official sources, denying low shipping loss figures discussed in the United States senate, declared tonight that April losses were as severe "almost as in any preceding month"—thus indicating sinking of about 460,000 tons.

Reported Bomb Plot at Hyde Park Doubtful

RHINEBECK, N. Y., May 8

(P)—Captain John Gaffney of the state police said his men and secret service agents were investigating a report that two men had planted dynamite on President Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., estate with the intention of "setting it off if the United States went to war." Gaffney said he believed "there was nothing to the story."

Later, after an investigation which included a check of the estate grounds, James Maloney, head of the secret service in the New York district, advised his office that "the whole thing is silly" and that no arrests would be made.

Gaffney said the report originated with a workman on the estate.

"But we don't believe it," Gaffney said.

Nevertheless, he added, James Maloney, head of the secret service in the New York district, was accompanying the workman about the estate in a checkup of his statements.

State police said the workman had told them that two men, about 35 and speaking broken English, had disclosed their plot to him when he picked them up in his car after their own car had broken down.

Trooper John Hogan said state police were called to investigate at 7:45 a. m. (EST) today and immediately dispatched four troopers to the state.

"I suppose Mr. Maloney brought down other secret service (Continued on Page Two)

FOUR DIE IN HOTEL BLAZE AT SEATTLE

Eleven Injured During Early Morning Fire; Four Critical

SEATTLE, May 8 (P)—The city's worst hotel fire in years, spreading rapidly before most occupants awakened, killed four persons in the small downtown residential Stewart hotel early today.

The dead: John Seller, 76, identified from a marriage license issued in London.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdoch, each about 60, suffocated in bed.

Mrs. Violet Morrison, 48. Eleven injured.

Eleven persons were injured, four of them in leaps to the ground from second and third floor windows when flames raced up the stairway. George Robert Jordan, 28, Des Moines, Wash., was critically burned, and suffered a severe back injury in jumping from the third floor.

A truck driver, Jeano Ceccarelli, who turned in the first alarm soon after 2 a. m., said men and women were screaming from the upper windows when he first saw the fire. Firemen took several down ladders.

Waste Basket Fires

The fire started, Chief William Fitzgerald said, in a waste basket in the manager's office about 2 a. m., spreading rapidly. (Continued on Page Two)

British Claim Iraq Success



The British claimed to have wrested control of the oil pipe lines in Iraq, probably at Rutba (1). To the north, it was said, an Iraqi encirclement of the airport at Habbaniyah had been broken. The situation at Basra (2), entry port for British soldiers was reported "quiet."

SUEZ BOMBED IN TWO-HOUR AXIS ATTACK

London Hears 10,000 Americans Listed In War Forces

LONDON, May 8 (P)—With hundreds of nazi planes to shoot at in the surging air battle of Britain, the RAF and ground defenses have brought down 36 of the attackers within the past 24 hours, it was reported officially tonight.

This total counted 24 knocked from a moonlit sky last night by interceptor planes, anti-aircraft batteries and the balloon barrage—20, three and one, being the respective credits.

Today, in high altitude combat which reminded Britons of the September fighting when daylight raids were at their short-lived height, RAF fighters knocked down 10 more, according to the joint evening communique of the air and home security ministries, and the ack-ack guns got two others.

The daylight success cost the British one fighting plane, the communique said, but the pilot was reported safe.

BERLIN, May 8 (P)—Large bomber formations pounded the "transit ports" of Liverpool and Hull last night, destroying England's shipping facilities and setting huge fires in the harbor areas, and made other wide-ranging attacks on the ports of Harlepool, Middlesbrough, Bristol and Plymouth, the German high command said today.

Submarines and bombers sank 41,950 tons of shipping in the north Atlantic and near England, the daily communique said.

By The Associated Press Axis warplanes delivered a two-hour assault on Britain's vital Suez canal during the night, the British reported today, and struck with mounting violence at the island kingdom itself by daylight.

The raid on Suez was believed to have been the longest there since the war began. British officials in Cairo acknowledged that "some damage" was inflicted on Egyptian state railway property but said there were no casualties.

(The role of Americans in the (Continued on Page Two)

South Sixth Real Estate Active in Past Few Days

Sale of property on South Sixth street just beyond the city limits has been active within the past week. Louis Seruys, Klamath Falls businessman, and M. P. Schoolman, San Francisco, purchased 100 feet of land, facing South Sixth street and just beyond the Tower theatre, from Andrew and Alfred Collier, Victor O'Neill and Lloyd Porter. The deal was handled by J. E. Hosking, realtor.

Another 100 feet was purchased from the four by George Campbell, Klamath county lumberman, the sale being handled by the R. H. Dunbar agency. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Several other pieces of South Sixth street property is under consideration at this time, it is understood.

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