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WEATHER

High 56, Low 41
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m. 1.7
Season to date 12.23
Normal precipitation 10.93
Last year to date 16.75



BRITISH LOSING GRIP ON CRETE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S dispatches indicate that Italian forces have been landed on the eastern end of Crete, thus putting the British-Greek defenders between the jaws of a vise.

The Germans are reported to have captured Suda Bay harbor, giving them a landing place for troops and heavy equipment such as tanks.

A REPORT from Italy asserts that hundreds of little Greek sailboats loaded with German troops have been safely escorted to Crete under the guns of Italian warships, indicating (if true) that the British fleet has been driven from Cretan waters.

This indication is strengthened by a dispatch from Alexandria yesterday saying that a part of the British fleet had arrived at the base there.

BARRING a miracle (and miracles have been few and far between in this war) Crete is lost to the British. What remains is merely a matter of time and detail.

HOW did it happen?

It is the same old story, beginning in Poland and running through all the German conquests since: The Germans had ALL THE AIRPLANES THEY NEEDED and their opponents didn't.

THIS writer, having no inside sources of information, can only guess. But this seems a fair guess as to what has happened in Crete:

The British, lacking air strength, undertook to defend Crete with their Mediterranean navy (supported, but INADEQUATELY, by the air arm of the fleet).

The result is history. The ADEQUATE German air force first landed enough parachute troops to seize a foothold. Then it drove the scanty British air force from the island, meanwhile pouring in reinforcements steadily from the air.

After that it attacked and apparently mastered the defending British fleet, which was inadequately supported in the air.

THE military lesson of Crete (guessed at from incomplete and heavily censored data) is this: Only airplanes can successfully fight airplanes.

THE lesson is heeded—NOW. Two days ago, President Roosevelt allocated an additional three billion dollars, most of it to be spent for planes. Today Secretary of War Stimson discloses a plan to train 8,000 British fliers in this country, beginning June 7.

If it had been heeded years ago, when Colonel Lindbergh warned Britain, France and the U. S. of the immensity and completeness of German preparation for air war, the history of the world in this present era might have been changed.

A FEW side issues at this point: Germany and Italy are reported to have relaxed the armistice regulations to permit France to build up a continental air force for the "defense of her empire."

Defense against whom? Certainly not against the Germans, who are permitting her to strengthen herself. One must conclude that she is getting ready for Britain and for the U. S.

ANOTHER sidelight:

The German ambassador conferred for an hour this morning with Jap Foreign Minister Matsuoka in Tokyo. Immediately thereafter, the BRITISH ambassador talked with him for an hour.

The sent Japan is sitting on a getting hotter by the minute.

GRALAPP GETS SCHOOL CHIEF POSITION HERE

La Grande Man Elected to Head KUHS, Joint System

The long hunt for Klamath's No. 1 school man in the momentous period of administration consolidation ahead came to an end last night when the choice fell on Arnold L. Gralapp, present superintendent of schools of LaGrande, Ore.

Gralapp was elected superintendent of Klamath Union high school for the ensuing year and superintendent of all the local public schools for two years beginning July 1, 1942.

The LaGrande man, who was here early this week for personal interviews with board members of both local districts, agreed over long distance telephone last night to accept the appointment.

Succeeds Emery

His annual salary will be \$4250, to be paid the first year by Klamath Union high school district No. 2, and shared by the two districts in the ensuing two years when he is head of both district No. 2 and the elementary school district No. 1.

Gralapp succeeds Lloyd B. Emery as head of the high school, and in 1942 will succeed J. Percy Wells as head of the city elementary system. Emery signified some time ago he would return to the teaching field at the local high school, and Superintendent Wells will collaborate with Gralapp in the next year in the fusing of the administration of the two school systems. Wells will continue in the school system in an administrative capacity.

Record Given

Gralapp has been superintendent of the LaGrande schools since 1935. His experience in the administrative and teaching field began in 1920-21, when he became principal at Adams, Ore. From 1921 to 1923 he was in charge of science and athletics at Hermiston, and from 1923 to 1925 served as principal at Hermiston. From 1925 to 1928 he taught science and athletics at Longview, Wash., and from 1928 to 1932 was in charge of science at LaGrande high school. In 1932 he became LaGrande principal, and took over (Continued on Page Two)

Memorial Day to Be Observed by Ceremonies Here

Homage to soldier, sailor and civilian dead will be paid in fitting ceremony Friday throughout the nation as Memorial day is observed. In Klamath Falls graves of veterans will be decorated at 8:30 a. m. and on the water of Link river a wreath placed in memory of those who have died at sea.

A parade will leave the Link river bridge at 10 o'clock sharp, proceeding to the armory where Adjutant Norman Bowyer will give the Memorial day address. Samuel P. Miller, chairman of the parade, asks all marching units and organizations to be on hand promptly at 9:30 a. m. at the bridge. Following the services in the armory, the parade will continue to Linkville cemetery where Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a ceremony.

FOUND ALIVE
KOKADJO, Me., May 29 (AP)—Paul Atkinson, 14, and Melvin Davis, 15, Dover-Foxcroft boys lost in the Moosehead lake region woods since last Sunday were found alive today.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 29, 1940—Belgian port of Ostend falls to Germans; allies, in retreat, open flood sluices around Dunkerque to guard last exit to England. Allied forces in northern Norway capture Narvik.

May 29, 1916—Riga railroad is shelled by Germans.

Named Chief of Schools Here



This is Arnold Gralapp, present school superintendent at LaGrande, who has been chosen superintendent of Klamath Union high school for the ensuing year and July 1, 1942, will become superintendent of both high and elementary schools here for the period of a two-year contract. Gralapp was selected from among 80 applicants for the local job, regarded as one of the biggest educational positions open in the state this year.

BRITISH DESTROYER VICTIM OF BATTLE

Final Blow of Clash With Bismarck Hit By Nazi Planes

LONDON, May 29 (AP)—The British destroyer Mashona was sunk by German planes when they got in the last blow of the sea battle which cost Germany the 35,000-ton battleship Bismarck, the admiralty announced today.

One officer and 45 men are missing from the 1650-ton Tribal class destroyer, which went down shortly after the Bismarck was pounded to ruin 400 miles west of Brest, France, last Tuesday morning.

The admiralty said that more than 100 officers and men of the Bismarck were picked up after the battleship was sunk.

BERLIN, May 29 (AP)—The German high command today credited destruction of 52,000 tons of British shipping space to "cruiser warfare in overseas waters," marking up 41,000 tons to a single warship which "thus has destroyed more than 100,000 tons."

The daily communique declared that the now sunken battleship Bismarck shot down five British planes last Saturday evening and sank an attacking destroyer two nights later and set another afire.

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes today advocated daylight saving time on a nationwide scale, and suggested that America may have to resort to restricted use of electricity and institute "gasless Sundays" to meet shortages of power and oil.

The statement came as an official of the federal power commission foresaw a power emergency, "perhaps the most serious in history," and revealed studies were being made on means of diverting power from civilian to industrial uses, to prevent interruption of defense production.

May Hit Baseball
Daylight saving, Ickes said, could be instituted by an act of congress, to save substantial amounts of power.

In mentioning the possibility

Guard Expected To Remain in U. S. Service

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Indefinite military duty for the national guard was considered a virtual certainty by army officials today because of the unlimited national emergency proclaimed by President Roosevelt.

An early request to congress for authority to retain the 291,000 guardsmen in service beyond the current single year of training was accordingly anticipated, although no final decision has been disclosed on the question.

In the light of the threat to American security pictured by (Continued on Page Two)

Guns Set Up at Airplane Plant

SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 29 (AP)—Four anti-aircraft guns and a detachment of soldiers of the 218th coast artillery were stationed at the \$20,000,000 Consolidated Aircraft Corp. plant today.

Army officers said the soldiers would be on 24-hour duty behind the guns for an indefinite period.

Although the mounting of three of the guns on the roof of the huge plant and one near the street in front of the building was described officially as an anti-aircraft practice project, the army said there would be no firing.

Consolidated is engaged on a \$500,000,000 backlog, producing flying boats and land bombers for Great Britain and the U. S. army and navy.

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End-Strike Appeal Issued

LUMBER UNION ASKED TO HEED DEFENSE TALK

AFL Executives Ask Shipyard Workers To Drop Dispute

SEATTLE, May 29 (AP)—Leaders of the striking International Woodworkers of America (CIO) replied to the national defense mediation's board request they return to work today with a declaration they had "sound reasons" for the strike which has tied up much of the western Washington lumber industry.

In a telegram to Chairman Clarence A. Dykstra of the board at Washington, replying to a telegraphic request from him earlier today, IWA headquarters said:

"We have yet to receive satisfactory or intelligible explanation from either the lumbermen's industrial relations committee or mediation board as to why the fabulously rich lumber industry of western Washington feels it necessary to offer wage and working condition concessions far below those already negotiated in the industry by the IWA, covering over 10,000 IWA members."

By The Associated Press
The defense mediation board cites President Roosevelt's proclamation on an unlimited national emergency today for the first time in an appeal to striking CIO lumber workers in the Pacific northwest to return to work "as patriotic citizens."

The board appealed to the lumber workers after being advised that their representatives had "rejected unanimously" a board proposal for temporary settlement of their dispute pending a report by a fact-finding commission.

W. H. Davis, vice chairman of the board, told a press conference: "You will recall President Roosevelt said in his speech that recommendations of the mediation board should be accepted. I assume he meant what he said."

Earlier the executive council of the American Federation of Labor declared that AFL machinists on strike at San Francisco bay shipyards "should call it off immediately and return to work."

This formal announcement by the council backed up a sweeping pronouncement it issued yesterday, calling on all its affiliates to take disciplinary action against local unions which strike without exhausting resources for mediation. The executive council said it would take similar action itself against federal labor unions directly under its control.

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Uncle Sam's Fastest



Here's the first group picture of the much-discussed Lockheed P-38 interceptor pursuit planes, Uncle Sam's fastest fighting ships, after they rolled off the assembly line at Burbank, Calif. Performance of these planes is a military secret, but their top speed is said to be in excess of 450 miles an hour.

Max Schmeling Reported Dead In Crete War

CAIRO, Egypt, May 29 (AP)—Max Schmeling, former world champion heavyweight boxer, has been killed while trying to escape from British imperial forces which captured him in the German invasion of Crete, a New Zealand ambulance driver witness declared today.

Returning to Egypt, the ambulance driver said:

"Early in the battle of Crete, a husky German soldier was captured, slightly wounded. "Speaking English with a strong American accent, he said he was Schmeling and his papers bore that name. He was truculent and surly."

"After talking with him at length, our officers were convinced he was Schmeling. "Later in the day he was being taken to a field hospital by our ambulance corps when more German parachutists descended on top of us and a dog fight opened."

"Schmeling grabbed a rifle from one of our soldiers who had been wounded and went into action like a wild bull. "Before he did any damage, however, someone let him have it, and that was the end of Max."

The ambulance driver said he did not know whether Schmeling arrived in Crete by parachute, plane, or glider, but German officials had said previously that he went there as a parachute trooper.

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JAPAN'S AXIS TIE MAY BE WEAKENED

Matsuoka Reaffirms Stand; Effect of Chat Watched

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP)—Responsible legislators said today there is a growing belief in administration circles that Japan's adherence to the axis soon may weaken, and they cited as evidence President Roosevelt's virtual omission in his fireside chat of any discussion of America's problems in the Pacific.

This belief, reported to be entertained in high quarters, was said to be based on information that business interests apparently were gaining influence in the Tokyo government and might eventually prevail over the military party which led Japan into the war with China and into the axis alliance.

The president made only brief references to the Pacific in his address Tuesday. He mentioned aid to China, but nothing else beyond the assertion that the dictatorship were organizing a system which might be used to force enslaved peoples to build "a naval and air force intended (Continued on Page Two)

Klamath Business Houses to Close Memorial Day

Klamath Falls business houses, banks, the federal building and postoffice, city hall and courthouse will observe Memorial day Friday, it was learned Thursday afternoon. Also closed during the day will be the state liquor store.

By order of the city council and Police Judge Leigh Ackerman, the city hall will remain closed Saturday as well as Friday. The courthouse will be open Saturday until 1 p. m.

The Herald and News will publish as usual on Friday but with an early publication hour. Due to the national emergency, the United States coast guard recruiting office in the federal building will remain open Friday and Saturday.

BULLETIN
The Klamath Falls Pelican-Dorris Lumberjack baseball game scheduled for tonight at Recreation park has been cancelled because of rain and threatening weather, club officials announced Thursday afternoon.

ITALIANS PUT DEFENDERS IN VISE ATTACK

Nazis Capture City Of Candia After Hot Battle

By The Associated Press
With newly-arrived Italian troops striking from the east end of the island, Adolf Hitler's aerial invaders captured Crete's prize harbor of Suda Bay on the west today and occupied Candia, in central Crete, as the British struggled desperately in the jaws of a closing vise.

Candia is the island's biggest city with a population of 33,000, about 55 miles east of Suda Bay.

British military headquarters, conceding that the heavily-reinforced Germans had scored major gains, declared that violent hand-to-hand fighting was continuing.

Casualties were heavy on both sides, the British said, with New Zealand and other Imperial forces fighting bitterly east of Suda Bay.

Amid the losing struggle in Crete, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden gave the first comprehensive statement on Britain's war aims and declared: "We must never forget that Germany is the worst master Europe has known. Five times in the last century she has violated the peace. She must never be in a position to play that role again."

Seizure of Suda Bay gave the Germans a bridgehead for landing sea-borne troops, and military experts said it may prove to be the turning-point of the struggle—the beginning of another British debacle.

Hitler's high command reported that Nazi mountain troops, striking on beyond Suda Bay, reached Almyro Bay to the east in pursuit of the "defeated" British.

Government Eyes Price Control For Petroleum

WASHINGTON, May 29 (AP) Leon Henderson, government price administrator, told senators today that officials were investigating recent gasoline price increases with an eye to possible price ceilings for the petroleum industry.

Henderson told the senate agriculture committee this afternoon Senator Gillette (D-La.) said the motor fuel price had gone up 1 1/2 cents a gallon in the mid-west and 2 cents a gallon in the east recently.

The increase, Henderson said, was attributed to "diversion of tankers for carrying oil for the British account."

"If the tendency in the oil industry to raise prices continues—either at crude or refined levels—we will set price ceilings unless we are stopped," Henderson testified.

In earlier testimony, Henderson said he would oppose a suggested 33 per cent increase in railroad wages if the increase could be absorbed only through increased transportation costs.

He had been asked by Senator Ellender (D-La.) whether he had made any effort "to fix the price of labor."

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