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Last year to date17.02



U.S. CLOSES NAZI CONSULATES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OVER the week-end, the only new shooting was started by the British, who launched an attack on the German and Italian forces in the neighborhood of the Egyptian-Libyan border.

ACCOUNTS differ. The British say the operation (probably a raid in advance of a possible large-scale offensive) is "continuing."

The Italians say the British were "repulsed with losses." The Germans claim desertion of 60 British tanks or armored cars and 11 British planes.

Both sides agree this morning the battle is still raging.

ON Saturday Washington "freezes" German and Italian funds in this country. Early Monday (before the banks open) Italy freezes American funds in retaliation.

Today the United States orders closing of all German consulates in this country. Sumner Welles, assistant secretary of state, explains that German consular officials have been engaged in activities harmful to the United States. He adds that the German diplomatic staff in Washington is not affected.

WHAT does it all mean? Merely that TENSION between the United States and the axis powers (Germany, Italy and now Japan) is growing.

ADD to the rumor crop today a report (not verified) of a heavy Japanese naval concentration off the coast of south-east China.

Link to this rumor a statement by the governor-general of the Dutch East Indies that his government rejects "emphatically" any thought of inclusion in Japan's proposed "new order in Asia."

If the shooting starts between Japan and the United States it will probably be over these Dutch islands.

IT develops today that all persons of the torpedoed Robin Moor are safe, those not previously accounted for having been picked up by a British ship and landed in South Africa.

Remember that the Robin Moor is an "incident." "Incidents" spark national decisions in times of stress. It was the Lusitania incident that pushed us into the last war.

THERE are three possible reasons for the torpedoing of the Robin Moor:

1. The Germans are cracking down on U. S. aid to Britain, and are prepared to take the consequences.

2. The submarine commander was too rash.

3. Hitler wanted to know how the American public would respond to the torpedoing of an American ship.

OF the three, the last is the most probable. If it turns out that the incident isn't satisfactory for German purpose, look for the submarine commander to be reprimanded.

That would provide the way out of this particular "incident."

GERMANY'S intentions toward Russia are still the best-selling mystery thriller.

Stories of heavy troop concentrations continue. Ankara (Turkish capital) reports (without confirmation) that Russia has

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

June 16, 1940—Maginot Line virtually abandoned. Germans reach Dijon, 175 miles south-east of Paris. Reynaud government falls. Marshall Petain becomes premier.

June 16, 1918—Russians cross Galician frontier.

Expert Horsewomen Perform in Buckaroo Tests



Before an estimated crowd of 2000 persons, six Klamath county girls took part in the riding tests given candidates for the queen honors in Klamath Buckaroo Days celebration July 4, 5 and 6. The tests followed the appearance of the Sheriff's Posse Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds. Left to right, Chaperone Florence Shirk. Contestants Wilma Oetjen of Sprague River; Esther Collman of Klamath Falls; Harriett Bruner, Olene; Rosie Suty, Malin; Mae Lilly, Bonanza; Dollie Criss, Dorris, and Chaperone Maxine Cameron.

WEEKEND WRECKS INJURE 10 HERE

Eight Hurt in 3-Car Crash Early Sunday Morning

Eight persons were hospitalized shortly after midnight Sunday morning as the result of a three-way car crash which occurred two and one-half miles south of the Weyerhaeuser junction on the Keno highway. All were treated at Klamath Valley hospital where their injuries were found to be not serious.

Two others were brought to Klamath Valley hospital early Monday morning after their car had rolled over several times one mile north of Midland on the Weed highway, bringing the weekend toll of injured to 10.

Three-Car Collision

State police investigated the three-car collision in which two

Brown to Ask End of Strike At Shipyards

By The Associated Press
Harvey W. Brown, president of the American Federation of Labor's International Association of Machinists, said today he would go to San Francisco at once to try to persuade striking machinists in shipyards there to return to work in compliance with President Roosevelt's wishes.

The national defense mediation board, whose recommendations for settling the strike were rejected by CIO and AFL machinists yesterday at San Francisco, prepared its recommendations for publication in Washington.

Brown called a membership meeting of his union for San Francisco Wednesday and said: "I intend to do everything I can to have the members comply with the wishes of President Roosevelt."

CIO unionists employed by the city of McKeesport, Pa., working in garages and handling garbage removal and maintenance, struck Monday morning. A union leader said about 17 men walked out because the city failed to grant a demand for union recognition and because of dissatisfaction with wage pay scales granted last week. Mayor George H. Lysie estimated new pay scales would give the unionists \$8.23 daily as compared with \$4.75 formerly.

Picket lines were established and all garbage collection was halted. Repair of rain-damaged streets was stopped.

Two hours after the strike started Mayor Lysie announced he had dismissed five garage employees under his control and said he might recommend discharge of about 150 other striking employees.

Raymond Hilton Killed in Car Wreck Sunday

Raymond Alonzo Hilton, 35, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Hilton of this city, was instantly killed 27 miles east of Redding on the Alturas highway early Sunday morning when a car he was driving plunged down a 25-foot embankment.

Jesse Forde, of Shasta Dam, was injured in the accident. Young Hilton had been employed as a Shasta dam worker for the past few months. He was born in Eugene, February 1, 1906, and came here as a very young child with his parents and three older brothers, James Marvin, and Paul of this city, and Earl William Hilton of Tionesta, Calif., all of whom survive.

Raymond, widely known by his nickname, "Chipmunk," attended Klamath county high school and had been employed in this city since school days. He is also survived by his wife, Blanche Lund Hilton and young daughter, Connie Jean, both of Salem.

The remains will be forwarded to Klamath Falls from Redding and arrangements will be in charge of the Earl Whitlock Funeral home. Services will be announced later.

The young man's father, "Jim" Hilton, pioneer resident, is a former deputy sheriff and at the present time serves as custodian of the Klamath county courthouse.

Churchill Says U. S. Help to Save World

LONDON, June 15 (AP via Radio)—Winston Churchill declared in a broadcast to the United States today that "divided the dark ages shall return; united we can guide and save the world."

His remarks, carried by the NBC radio network, were in acceptance of an honorary L. D. degree conferred upon him by Rochester (N.Y.) university.

"It has given me comfort and inspiration," he said, "to feel that I think as you do and that our hands are joined across the ocean and that our pulses throb and beat as one."

He made reference to his American forebears and saw in the awarding of the degree "an expression of American confidence—and shall I say affection."

Churchill referred to the fact that his mother was born in Rochester and that his grandfather, Leonard Jerome, lived there many years.

"... The Jeromes were rooted for many generations in American soil and fought in Washington's armies for independence of the American colonies and the foundation of the United States."

"I expect I was on both sides then," Churchill added, "and I must say I feel on both sides of the Atlantic ocean now."

GERMAN-RUSSIAN RELATIONS TOTTER

London Sources Feel Crisis Near Over Nazi Demands

ANKARA, Turkey, June 16 (P)—Numerous rumors circulated today that soviet Russia had ordered general mobilization because of reported German concentrations on her borders but no confirmation was available here.

LONDON, June 16 (P)—A reliable foreign source said today that German-Russian relations are rapidly approaching a critical stage where they must either be cemented more closely in a pan-European economic scheme or break into open hostility.

The situation, this source said, has arisen from Germany's pressure for more oil, grain and ore from Russia and the conviction of certain Russian leaders that the spread of German influence through repeated European victories was endangering the soviet's own ambitions as a world power.

Russia Denies
Anti-German Russians were said to express fear that German domination of the Balkans and Black Sea, if further extended, might reduce Russia to a second rate power among nations.

Russian diplomatic sources in London, however, refuse to go beyond the insistence of Tass, official soviet news agency, that German-Russian relations continue amicable.

Wary Britons weighed increasing reports of an imminent breaking (Continued on Page Two)

Snow Run-off Spills Floods on Tulare Ranches

CORCORAN, Calif., June 16 (P)—Rising slowly with the run-off of record Sierra snow packs, flood waters spilled out over more of the rich ranches today in the great basin of ancient Tulare lake.

Two-hundred and twenty-five ranch families already have fled their homes to escape the water, which virtually covered the abandoned ranches, leaving only treetops and the roofs of buildings showing above the surface.

Levees started to give way last week when hot weather melted snow in the Sierra Nevada, 50 miles away, and sent the brimming Kern, Tule and Kings rivers over their banks. The overflow was into the fertile ranching area that once was Tulare lake.

Two-hundred and fifty ranchers worked around the clock to halt or at least delay the flood so that harvesting crews, sweating below the levees, could save a portion of the region's wheat crop.

Residents of the region said expansion of the recreated lake probably would continue slowly for another 30 days.

Queens Parade Before Crowd Here Sunday

Six attractive Klamath county girls, all born and reared on ranches in this section, went through the first steps of the Klamath Buckaroo Days queen's contest when they appeared in the difficult riding tests Sunday afternoon at the fairgrounds before an estimated crowd of more than 2000 persons.

The girls were given a score judged on 65 points which they garnered from the manner in which they held their horses, galloped, dismounted and put the animal through various paces.

Names of contestants were not announced and they went through the various requirements by number. First to appear was Rosie Suty of Malin, No. 2 was drawn by Dollie Criss of Dorris, No. 3 by Wilma Oetjen of Sprague River; No. 4, Harriett Bruner of Olene; No. 5, Mae Lilly of Bonanza; No. 6, Esther Collman of Klamath Falls.

Judges were Lela White, Jesse Bennett, and A. Graham, well known in racing circles.

Announced as chaperones for the Klamath Buckaroo Days queen and her court, are Mrs. Dave Shirk and Maxine Cameron.

The queen will be named from among the six girls Saturday night, June 21, at the armory when the annual queen's ball will be held. Dr. J. C. Hunt was director in charge of the riding tests, Elmer Hosking is director handling the queen's ball.

The crowd thrilled to the sight of the black-shirted Sheriff's Posse, color bearers and all, who performed at the opening of the afternoon's program. They received round after round of applause as they went through the routine.

The Klamath Jockey club's part in Sunday's festivities comprised an exhibition horse race between thoroughbreds stabled at the fairgrounds for the eight-day race meeting and a parade of show and gaited horses.

Six Danish Ships Taken by U. S.

WASHINGTON, June 16 (P)—The United States placed on the active service list today six Danish freighters, first of a refugee fleet of 84 foreign ships to be taken over by the government under provisions of legislation congress enacted two weeks ago.

The new law permits the government to operate foreign vessels upon payment of "just compensation" to the owners. Most of the ships to be taken over have been tied up idle in American ports for a year or more because of the European war.

The maritime commission said yesterday there would be notices posted today on the six Danish vessels formally advising the owners and crews that the United States was taking possession.

Survivors Located

35 ROBIN MOOR VICTIMS REACH AFRICAN PORT

Story of 11 Earlier Refugees Repeated At Capetown

By ROBERT ST. JOHN
CAPE TOWN, Union of South Africa, June 16 (P)—Thirty-five survivors of the torpedoed American steamer Robin Moor arrived today at Capetown aboard a British vessel which they said picked them up purely by chance—not on wireless notification.

The 35 had spent 13 days in three lifeboats and 14 days aboard the rescue ship before they set foot on land after dusk tonight.

United States diplomatic officials who interviewed these survivors said they confirmed the account given previously by 11 survivors who reached Recife, Brazil—that the Robin Moor was sunk by a German submarine.

No Faith
The Robin Moor's skipper, E. W. Myers, of Baltimore, said he had placed no faith in the promise of the submarine's officers to release the rescue ships and therefore ordered the lifeboats to leave the scene. One of the four boats became separated from the others and was picked up by a Brazilian steamer, the Ozorio.

The arrival accounted for all passengers and crew which were aboard the United States freighter before she was torpedoed and shelled to the bottom May 21.

The Capetown groups include 28 crewmen and seven passengers; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cohen, of New York city; R. W. McCullough and his two-year-old son, R. N. McCullough—American citizens—Mrs. McCullough, believed to be a Dutch national, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Gemmell, British subjects.

Pleas For Ship
The Robin Moor's chief officer, Melvin Mundy of Bethlehem, Pa., said he had pleaded with the submarine's commander—"without question a German," he declared—to spare the ship.

"I told him we had nothing (Continued on Page Two)

Washington IWA Workers Back on Job

SEATTLE, June 16 (P)—O. M. Orton, International Woodworkers of America, announced "all workers returned to their work this morning," ending the five-week-old strike of this CIO-affiliated timber and sawmill union in western Washington. About 22,000 men were involved.

He said Philip Murray, CIO president and members of the national defense mediation board on whose urging Orton called off the strike, telegraphed him "appreciation for the action of your organization in accepting the proposals of the board. I want you to know that the national CIO will lend every practical and constructive support to the fulfillment of your reasonable demands."

Orton said negotiations on the dispute with the Weyerhaeuser timber interests would be resumed immediately.

Secretary Walter Belka of the union's northern Washington district council, said the workers cast a 30 to 1 vote yesterday at local meetings in favor of returning to work under substantially the wage increase formula proposed by the national defense mediation board. The vote was not disclosed.

Italian Order Freezes U. S. Bank Accounts

ROME, June 16 (P)—The Italian government froze American bank accounts in Italy today in swift reprisal ordered by Premier Mussolini for like action taken against Italian holdings in the United States.

Italy's decision to retaliate was made known yesterday in a communique which said:

"Following the blocking of Italian and German funds and the registration of all foreign property by the president of the United States, the fascist government, besides ordering suitable measures in reply, has ordered immediate registration of all property belonging to the United States and existing in Italy."

The only United States property in Italy is the embassy, which enjoys extraterritorial privileges, but Americans thought the decree would mean the property in Italy of all Americans.

Those who sought to withdraw funds this morning were turned away and the Bank of Italy instructed other banks to block their checking accounts. (The speed of the Italian counter-action prevented Americans from replenishing their cash by withdrawal from checking accounts.)

(The freezing of Italian credits in the United States was ordered Saturday, after banking hours in Rome, and the Italian measure came with the reopening of the banks after the weekend.)

BRITISH LAUNCH DRIVE ON LIBYA

East African Mop-up Followed by New Drive West

CAIRO, Egypt, June 16 (P)—The British have launched a slashing offensive against the Germans and Italians along the Egyptian-Libyan frontier and the mop-up of East Africa has advanced a major step with the surrender of an Italian general and 2000 troops in southern Ethiopia, the Middle East command announced today.

Plunging across the Libyan border, where the Suez-bound axis drive stalled two months ago, imperial forces were declared to have destroyed 12 axis vehicles in the Gambut area, just across the frontier west of Bardia.

Lightning Raid
(London sources said this thrust, into Libya 40 miles beyond the border post of Salum, was in the nature of a lightning raid carried out by forces striking in advance of the main offensive.)

"The operation is continuing," today's communique said succinctly. Axis positions south and (Continued on Page Two)

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Cleveland 4 12 2
New York 6 10 1
Milnar, C. Brown (8), and Hemsley; Gomez, Murphy (8), Russo (9), and Rosar, Dickey (9).
R. H. E.
Detroit 1 8 1
Washington 3 11 1
Newson, McKain (7), and Tebbets; Chase and Early.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
R. H. E.
Philadelphia 1 9 1
Chicago 3 10 0
Grissom, Crouch (7), and Warren; Mooty, Pressnell (9), and McCullough.

R. H. E.
New York 6 8 0
Cincinnati 0 3 0
Lohrman and Danning; Vandermeer, Thompson (1), L. Moore (4), Beggs (9), and Lombardi, West (9).

NO DIPLOMATIC BREAK LOOMS, WELLES SAYS

German Officer Held Inimical to American Welfare

WASHINGTON, June 16 (P)—The United States today ordered all German consulates closed by July 10 because of activities "inimical to the welfare of this country."

Announcing the action, Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state, said it did not imply a break in diplomatic relations with Germany and did not affect the diplomatic staff in Washington.

He made the announcement after handing a note to Dr. Wilhelm Tannenberg, first secretary of the German embassy, in the absence of Hans Thomsen, chargé d'affaires, who was in New York.

Agencies Closed
The order requires the closing of the German library of information and railway tourist bureau and the German transoceanic news agency. It calls for removal of all nationals connected with the consulates and these agencies.

(Transoceanic is not connected with any American news agency.)

Outside Scope
"It has come to the knowledge of this government," the Welles note said, "that agencies of the German reich in this country, including German consular establishments, have been engaged in activities wholly outside the scope of their legitimate duties. These activities have been of an improper and unwarranted character."

"Inimical"
"They render the continued presence in the United States of those agencies and consular establishments inimical to the welfare of this country."

This was the first action against German consular establishments in this country, although Italian consulates at Detroit and Newark, N. J., were ordered closed some time ago.

The action against the Italian consulates was considered a reprisal for an Italian order requiring the closing of two American consulates in Italy in mid-February.

In another step against Italy, the United States several weeks ago forced the recall of Admiral Roberto Lais, Italian naval attaché.

Heavy Voting in School Election Expected Today

Heavy voting was anticipated in the city school board election which opened at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Fremont school. Two vacancies exist and there are names of four candidates appearing on the ballot. For five-year terms, names of G. C. Blohm and H. S. Rathe appear, and for the two-year term, those of Howard Barnhisel and Dick Maguire.

Polls will remain open until 7 p. m. it was announced by City School Clerk Ida B. Momyer Odel. Two boards are working during polling hours.

County voters were going to the polls today to elect two directors to the county school board for the two existing vacancies. Names appearing on the ballot are those of Harry Wilson, Malin, and Rex High, Olene.

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