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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE Russians and the Germans are fighting desperately today (Thursday). The Germans claim to be making progress in the Crimea. The Russians claim to be holding. There are reports that the nazis are massing forces for a new and harder drive on Moscow. Nothing conclusive is apparent in the news.

In the Orient, the storm warnings are still flying.

KURUSU, Japan's special last-minute trouble shooter, has got as far as Honolulu on his flight to Washington.

Talking to the reporters, he says: "It is the common responsibility of the United States and Japan to keep peace in the Pacific." He describes his task as "very important and very difficult."

He is making a stopover in Honolulu. Note that although he is traveling by Clipper he isn't making a rush trip of it.

IN Washington, Senator Murray of Montana, a member of the senate foreign relations committee, declares today there is a "definite possibility" the United States may go to war with Japan and says Kurusu's mission appears "pretty futile."

He tells the reporters that "Japan must get out of China if there is to be any agreement."

GETTING out of China would be a confession of complete defeat and failure.

War may mean the end of Japan. But confessing defeat and failure would be pretty certain to mean the END OF THE WAR PARTY now running Japan.

Confronted by such a choice, there is no telling what the Japanese war clique will do.

CHINESE intelligence reports quoted today in Chungking tell of large-scale Japanese troop movements at sea and indicate that great numbers of warships and troop transports are being massed off the coast of northern Indo-China.

It is through Indo-China, toward the Malay Peninsula and the southern end of the Burma road, that Japan is expected to strike in the south—if she does strike.

THERE is also the threat that Japan will strike the Russians in the rear in Siberia while they are fighting Hitler in the west.

Hitler, you see, is trying to use Japan to bluff us out of complete help to the British in the Atlantic by the threat of a two-ocean war. We're probably (only those on the inside know) undertaking to bluff Japan out of tackling the Russians in the rear.

It's hard to say where this game of bluff will lead.

ON the home front, today's dispatches carry this paragraph: "Labor disputes today cast dark shadows over the immediate future of railroad transportation, long distance telephone communication and the mining of soft coal to fuel the nation's steel mills."

This situation is worrying the British. Austin Hopkinson, an independent member, opening debate in parliament on the British war policy, says the U. S. labor situation "may be leading up to a general strike due simply to inexperience of trade union leaders," and adds that in spite of the contribution of the United States Britain's enemy (Hitler) "now has a greater production capacity and uses that capacity very much better than we do."

HEAD COLD

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—President Roosevelt's head cold was reported improved today but he was having some difficulty with one frontal sinus. Not taking any chances, he remained in his study, instead of going to the executive office, to receive a few callers.

F. R. SEEKS TO KEEP CAPTIVE MINES WORKING

Coal Must Be Mined For Defense Work, Says President

By The Associated Press
President Roosevelt said today he hoped his conference tomorrow with CIO leaders and steel officials would keep the captive coal mines in continuous operation, but added that if it failed "it is obvious that this coal must be mined in order to keep the essential steel mills at work."

The president's statement was made in a letter to Speaker Rayburn and House Democratic Leader McCormack on the subject of neutrality revision legislation.

Last Chance
Failure to pass the legislation, the chief executive wrote, would weaken efforts to speed up defense production and would make strikes and production delays appear less serious to the country.

The president said his conference tomorrow—regarded as a last-chance effort to settle amicably differences between John L. Lewis and the steel operators over the union shop question—"may prove successful." Then he added that if it did not, the mines must be kept operating.

Mr. Roosevelt's letter was released as the captive coal mines, railroad transportation, long distance telephone communications, steel production and a large war aircraft company were threatened with possibly strike stoppages. High administration leaders were reported considering legislation requiring a "cooling off" period before workers could walk out of defense industries.

The proposition under study was said also to include bonuses to employers based on cost of living.

Rejected
Fourteen unions of non-operating employees, representing 900,000 workers in the railroad industry, formally rejected recommendations of President Roosevelt's fact finding board for settlement of their wage dispute.

Their statement did not contain a direct threat of a strike although non-operating employees authorized their leaders last Sept. 5 to call one, and the five big operating brotherhoods have ordered a walkout to begin Dec. 7.

Rejected was the strike threat at Bell Aircraft's two large warplane plants where Leo Lamotte, assistant aviation director of the CIO-United Automobile Workers, said a walkout would be called unless the company "begins to bargain."

Sprague Asks Ban On Non-Defense Building Eased

SALEM, Nov. 13 (AP)—Lessening of priority restrictions on materials used in non-defense building will be sought to avert major closures in Oregon's mill and logging operations, Gov. Charles A. Sprague said here yesterday.

L. C. Stoll, state employment service director, said 11,000 Oregon sawmill and logging workers would be thrown out of work by February if the present trend continued. He told lumber operators and the Oregon Economic Council that 5,000 Portland construction and 5,000 in heavy industries workers would be jobless.

Stoll said certain priorities had drastically curtailed non-defense building with the result that many mills already had made sharp reduction in their operations.

Governor Sprague said he had asked Governor Arthur B. Langlie of Washington to join in a protest to the OPM.

James Bryant, San Francisco, regional social security board director and labor supply board chairman, said he would ask the OPM to send two men to Oregon to study the situation.

Tanks Hide in Bomb Craters



A bomb left behind by Italians in Tobruk is exploded by an Australian tank. The craters formed by the exploded bomb furnish ideal pits for hiding tanks in the desert, the British sources said.

TELEPHONE STRIKE DELAYED FOR WEEK

Linemen Agree Vital Wires to Remain In Service

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—John J. Moran, president of the Federation of Long Lines Telephone Workers, announced tonight a strike of 15,000 workers, called for midnight Friday, had been postponed until November 21.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13 (AP)—The government appealed today to the independent federation of long distance telephone workers to postpone for one week a strike set for Saturday and to resume negotiations for settlement of its wage dispute with the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

The appeal, telegraphed to John J. Moran, president of the union, was made by Dr. John R. Steelman, director of the U. S. conciliation service, shortly after the union announced that transmission of news and newspapers by wire would not be affected by the threatened walkout.

The union's position in regard to transmission of news and wired pictures was set forth in this announcement by Mayer: "The union decided to maintain a sufficient force to keep open all news channels because of its appreciation of the vital public necessity thereof, particularly during the national emergency."

Probation Report Asked on Sevtis After Guilty Plea

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 13 (AP)—The case of Clifford W. Sevtis, former cashier-secretary of the Butte Valley State bank at Dorris, was referred to the U. S. probation officer for report today after he pleaded guilty to a charge of violation of the federal reserve bank act by making a false entry.

Federal Judge Martin Welsh ordered Sevtis into the custody of the United States marshal pending a hearing on the probation report November 22.

Sevtis was charged with taking \$2500 in bank funds through making false entries. Emmet J. Seawell, assistant United States attorney, said an investigation of books at the bank disclosed a total of \$19,930 in bank funds was taken over a period of 17 years.

Armistice Day Accident Victim Dies Thursday

Clarence L. Smith, 20, Merrill, seriously injured when he was thrown 90 feet from an overturned car two miles south of the Oregon-California line Armistice day afternoon, died at Klamath Valley hospital at 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

The youth, native of Pikeville, Tenn., had been picking potatoes in this area. He suffered fractures of both ankles, a fractured jaw, and internal

Japan Plans For Crisis in Pacific Area

By The Associated Press
In the far east crisis, the Japanese government was reported preparing today for "a hostile situation" in the event that negotiations with the United States collapse—an eventuality freely predicted by some quarters in Washington.

Senator Murray (D-Mont.), a member of the foreign relations committee, declared: "There is a definite possibility" that the United States may go to war with Japan and said the mission of Japan's special envoy, Saburo Kurusu, appeared "pretty futile."

Kurusu, making a stopover in Honolulu on his flight to Washington, said it was the common responsibility of the United States and Japan to keep peace in the Pacific and he described his task as "very important and very difficult."

Unofficially, Kurusu is said to bear a "last chance" offer to the United States to avoid an explosion in the Orient by recognizing Japan's co-prosperity sphere in East Asia and halting aid to China.

Commenting on Prime Minister Winston Churchill's statement that Great Britain would fight alongside the United States in a war with Japan, Kurusu declared:

"He might as well have said he would have breakfast in the morning."

Senator Murray told reporters that "Japan must get out of China if there is to be any agreement."

In Tokyo, new emergency legislation was made ready for the special session of the Japanese diet beginning Saturday, and Japan's Premier Hideki Tojo, Foreign Minister Shigenori Togo and Finance Minister Okinobu Kaya submitted to Emperor Hirohito both the program and speeches they will make to the diet.

New Moscow Push Seen

NAZIS POUND AT GATEWAY TO CAUCASUS

Reserves Moving for Central Battle as Kerch Attacked

By The Associated Press
Masses of German and Russian reserves were reported moving up to the central front today for a possible climatic battle for Moscow, while in the south, Adolf Hitler's Crimean armies were declared to be storming the fortifications of Kerch at the gateway to the Caucasus oil fields.

A nazi spokesman said the German air force was already roaring over the narrow Kerch strait to carry the war into the great fields which produce much of Russia's oil.

Forts Taken
German military dispatches said nazi assault troops had captured several of Kerch's key fortifications and that the port was open to direct attack from the west and south.

On the Moscow front, soviet reports said the Germans were intensifying their scouting operations, testing red army lines along the entire 200-mile defense arc, apparently as the prelude to a new grand offensive. Fresh soviet troops were streaming up to the front to meet the expected assault.

Driven Back
On the north flank, in the Kalinin sector, the Russians said they had driven the German invaders back toward the Volga river despite a hurricane of nazi mortar, machine-gun and rifle fire.

Southwest of Kalinin, a red army group was said to have crossed the Volga in a successful raid on the German rear.

The gravest threat on the long battlefield centered at Kerch, with the Germans apparently making final preparations to cross the Kerch strait and drive into the Caucasus.

Reuters, the British news agency, quoted the Rome radio as announcing that German and Rumanian forces had occupied the port, which lies on a narrow strait separating the Crimea from the Caucasus mainland.

Dispatches to the soviet news (Continued on Page Two)

Zuckerman Accused Of Deadly Assault In Stockton Case

STOCKTON, Calif., Nov. 13 (AP)—Maurice Zuckerman, 60, wealthy Los Angeles and Stockton commission merchant, was accused today of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to commit murder. The charge was an aftermath of the Armistice day shooting of a Stockton American Legion leader in a cocktail bar.

Justice of the Peace George F. Buck set bail at \$50,000 cash or \$100,000 bond, and selected November 24 for a preliminary hearing.

Victim in the shooting was Otto Dander, 40, past commander of the Stockton Legion post, and leader of the Armistice day parade. Surgeons gave him an even chance to recover from a pistol bullet wound in the abdomen.

The shooting occurred in a bar where Dander had gone with his wife, brother and sister-in-law to celebrate. Dander's wife signed the complaint against Zuckerman.

Maurice Zuckerman is a partner in the Weyl-Zuckerman company, which has extensive interests in the Klamath potato industry, and is well known in this district. He is in charge of the Los Angeles office for Weyl-Zuckerman.

Finland to Continue Fight



Finland rejected a U. S. warning to cease fighting Russia and insisted she still was waging a defensive war. Map shows Finnish territorial losses (dotted areas), in the 1939-40 war with Russia. Finns said they had regained most of the territory except two vital areas, the Fisher and Hango peninsulas (circled), which still are in Russian hands. Black arrows indicate directions of axis drives on Leningrad and Moscow.

Demand Renewed For Britain to Open New Front

LONDON, Nov. 13 (AP)—A renewed demand that Britain form a second fighting front to aid Russia, with emphasis on the possibilities of Libya, was sounded in parliamentary debate today by Laborite Emanuel Shinwell, who has been among the critics mentioned as a possible recruit for the British cabinet.

"Why has the offensive in Libya been delayed?" Shinwell demanded. "It has been expected many months."

"It would in effect have created a second front. It would certainly have distracted the nazis and created difficulties for them. Let the government answer that question."

"Next week or next month an offensive in Libya may not be as effective."

If the failure to move again into Libya was due to a lack of equipment, Shinwell added, then obviously it is idle to speak of invasion elsewhere.

He asserted that if Britain actually had what seemed to be air superiority over Germany, then the RAF's "failure" to take the initiative was "inexcusable."

A prediction that the United (Continued on Page Two)

15 Killed, 100 Injured by Quake In East Turkey

ISTANBUL, Nov. 13 (AP)—Fifteen persons were killed, nearly 100 injured and heavy property damage done by an earthquake which shook the Erzurum district in eastern Turkey yesterday, belated dispatches reported today.

The main shock came at 12:16 p. m. (2:16 a. m., PST) and lasted 20 seconds.

Erzurum was the center of an earthquake which killed hundreds at Christmas time two years ago.

Looking Backward
By The Associated Press

One year ago—British report three of Italy's six capital ships put out of action by bombing raid on Taranto naval base.

Two years ago—Finnish delegation prepares to leave Moscow as long negotiations over Russian demands end in deadlock.

25 years ago—British advance on five-mile front in battle of Ancre. Russians report German retreat in Dobrudja continuing.

INTERVENTION BY PRESIDENT AIDS PASSAGE

212-194 Vote Scraps Neutrality Bans On War Ports

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 (AP)—After eleventh hour intervention by President Roosevelt the house dramatically gave congressional approval today by a vote of 212 to 194 to legislation scrapping the neutrality act bans against arming American merchant ships and sending them into combat zones.

Letter Read
The momentous vote came after Speaker Rayburn, in a supreme effort to avert a major defeat for the administration's foreign policy, descended to the well of the house and read a letter from the chief executive stating that failure of the house to approve the neutrality act changes would "blister aggressive steps and intentions in Germany" and weaken the positions of Britain, Russia and China.

Tension prevailed in the closing hours of the day's debate as influential republicans joined with the democratic leadership in appeals for passage of the legislation.

In one of the appeals to which the house and crowded galleries listened most intently, Rep. Wadsworth (R-N. Y.) said he felt a "profound conviction" that what's left on the statute books of the neutrality act is injurious to the safety of this nation.

Immediately after the voting, Rayburn signed the bill, clearing the way for its dispatch to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.

In a letter to Speaker Rayburn and Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts, just before the house prepared to vote on amendments which would permit merchant ships to enter combat zones and belligerent ports, the president said:

"Failure to repeal these sections would, of course, cause rejoicing in the axis nations. Failure would bolster aggressive steps and intentions in Germany, (Continued on Page Two)

March Field Flier Killed in Crash At Palm Springs

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., Nov. 13 (AP)—An army lieutenant from nearby March field, identified from a card in his billfold as Ellery Gross, was killed today in the crash of his P-38 interceptor plane.

Police Officer J. R. Maynard, who witnessed the accident, said it appeared that the pilot went into a roaring power dive and was unable to come out of it.

March field authorities sent a detail of investigators to the scene, about two miles east of here.

Cards in the pilot's billfold did not list his home town or relatives.

Officer Orest Johnson of Palm Springs police said wreckage was scattered over a wide area near the Southern Pacific railroad tracks. Johnson said he was watching the plane and saw a puff of smoke as it hit about four miles away.

He said a restaurant owner near Garnet, a community on the railroad, reported the crash was hard enough to rattle windows.

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