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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TODAY'S most interesting (to us) dispatch:
"A high London naval source declared today (Tuesday) that Britain wants all the ships she can get from America and that enough trained British personnel is ready to man the whole U. S. fleet if turned over to Britain for the developing battle of the Atlantic."

TODAY'S dispatches carry word as to this "developing battle of the Atlantic"—which, the high London naval source says, has now begun.

For the week ending March 2, the British admit the loss of 29 British, allied and neutral vessels totaling 148,038 tons, the largest week's loss since October.

The British spokesman in London adds: "The spring blitz Hitler promised has begun."

AMERICA'S announced job is to provide supplies for Britain, along with other embattled democracies.

We must consider this: American supplies, including food, munitions, etc., will DO THE BRITISH NO GOOD unless they can be DELIVERED TO BRITAIN.

So far as saving Britain is concerned, it won't help if we pile guns, ships, planes, tanks and ammunition mountain high ON THIS SIDE.

If they are to be of value to Britain they must be got across the Atlantic.

THE "battle of the Atlantic" referred to by the British spokesman is a battle against ships of all kinds carrying supplies to England. It will be waged with submarines, airplanes, surface raiders and whatever other weapons the axis may find useful.

Its purpose will be to prevent supplies from reaching the British. If it begins to succeed, our purpose will have to be to break it up.

That is where the navy will come in.

OTHER ripples from the lease-lend bill:

Yosuke Matsuoka, Japanese foreign minister, leaves for Berlin and Rome VIA MOSCOW for important talks with Hitler and Mussolini (and possibly Stalin en route.)

Berlin says the purpose of his visit is to plan counter actions to the lease-lend aid to be given Britain.

Gayda mutters darkly into his beard: "We're preparing many disagreeable surprises in the Pacific for England and the United States."

ASAH, Japanese newspaper, says: "The lease-lend bill is a step nearer to war. The first step will be a trade of American destroyers for heavy capital British ships which the United States can send into Far Eastern waters against Japan to aid Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek more aggressively."

The Rome newspaper La Tribuna (government-controlled) says: Matsuoka's trip is the immediate answer to Washington's threatening move. Yesterday America spoke. Soon Japan will say her word."

Jap Rear Admiral Gumpel Sekine defines Japan's "co-prosperity sphere" in Asia as including India, Australia and the Philippines.

ALL this is TALK—intended to bluff us out of effective help to Britain.

It won't be talk, however, that will drag us into war. It will be DEEDS. If the axis triplets want open war with us, they will go ahead with deeds. If not, they will merely talk.

It is their move.

Turks Fire On German Planes

ISTANBUL, March 11 (AP)—A foreign diplomatic source said tonight that three German war planes which flew over Turkish frontiers yesterday were fired on by Turkish anti-aircraft batteries.

This highly placed source said the German planes were not hit and disappeared over Bulgaria.

One-third of the Nazi troops in that German-occupied kingdom or about 125,000 men—now have been placed near its frontier with Turkey, he said.

U. S. PLANES TO COME IN TIME, STATES BRITON

Officials Stake Empire's Future on American Material Aid on Way

By The Associated Press
LONDON, March 11 (AP)—The battle of the Atlantic is on, Britons proclaimed today and officials optimistically staked the future of the kingdom and empire on United States aid at hand or available.

Without clarifying his intent, a high British naval official said that Britain had enough trained personnel to man the whole America fleet if it were turned over to her for the conflict between British shipping and axis raiders, aerial, surface and underwater.

Confidence
Britain, he declared, wants all the ships from America she can get. He paid high tribute to the 50 former United States destroyers now conveying freighters on the empire's lifelines.

Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair told the house of commons that American warplanes "will get here in time" for the developing battle of the seas.

Sinclair said Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Joseph Goebbels was telling "his dupes" that American help for Britain would arrive too late.

Fliers Trained
"But I tell the house that splendid aircraft—the choicest fruits of American design and (Continued on Page Two)

Senate Kills Pensions for Firemen Plan

SALEM, March 11 (AP)—The senate killed 16 to 13 today a house-approved bill to provide funds for firemen's pensions by taking 60 per cent of the 21 per cent tax now levied on fire insurance premiums.

The bill would have given 50 per cent of the tax to paid fire departments and 10 per cent to volunteer departments.

Sen. Chary Kenin (R-Multnomah) said firemen have saved thousands of dollars in fire insurance rates, but Sen. Walter E. Pearson (D-Multnomah) said the bill would cost a year and destroy home rule.

Governor Charles A. Sprague vetoed a similar bill last session, opposing giving pensions to a special class.

Office Building
Hoping to end the session by Thursday night, the house passed measures today to construct a \$1,000,000 state office building in Salem and to prevent insane persons from being lodged in jail while awaiting court hearings.

Leaders said that passage of the office building bill would satisfy the federal government. (Continued on Page Two)

Economic Constitution To Bar Uncertainties Proposed

By GEORGE E. REEDY JR.
United Press Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, March 11 (UP)—Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, (D-Wyo.), chairman of the temporary national economic committee, proposed today that a conference of national leaders be called to draft an economic constitution to abolish uncertainties "which seem to threaten even our political system."

His suggestion was contained in a statement to the committee which is about to issue a final report on a three-year investigation of the nation's economic system. He said the conference should be called by congress and should include business, labor, farm and consumer leaders.

Statement Read
O'Mahoney was ill and his statement was read into the record by Dewey Anderson, executive secretary of the committee. The session was recessed after the Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold noted that it would be discourteous to discuss the statement in O'Mahoney's absence.

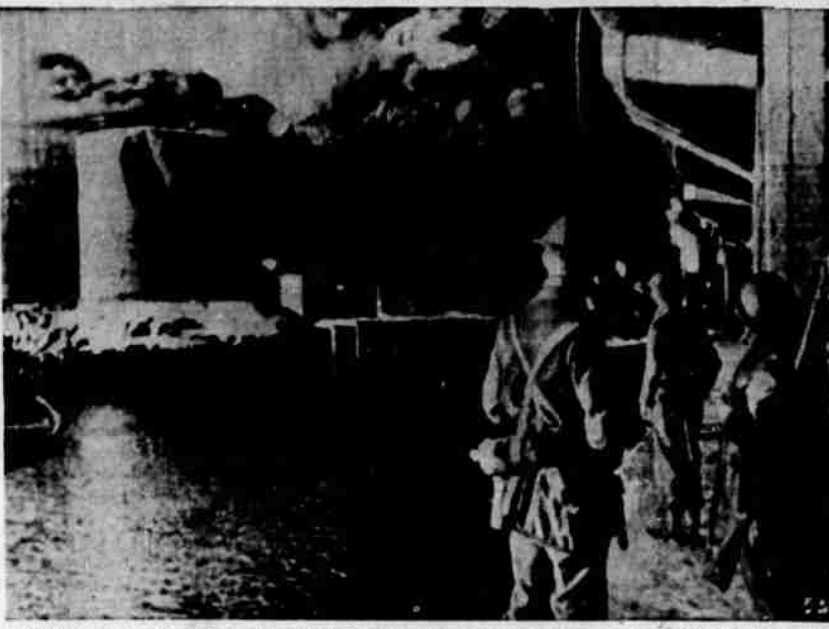
O'Mahoney warned that the nation most concerned between free enterprise and government planning. If, he added, free enterprise is to continue, it must be re-established free from both private and public organizations.

He proposed this four-point program to maintain "our faith in free enterprise":
1. National charters for national business, because "huge collective institutions which carry on our modern business" must assume "more definite responsibility toward all the people of the nation than they now have."

2. Effective and thorough enforcement of anti-trust laws, because "the great crisis which the world now faces in the conflict of democracy and dictatorship" demonstrates that the time has come to outlaw all monopolistic practices "in a way that will be effective."

3. Encouragement of new business and small enterprise, by "first, a program of incentive taxation and second, the establishment of a system of privately insured loans."

British Watch Burning Oil Tanks Off Norway



British marines (foreground) watch burning oil tanks during a raid on the Lofoten Islands off Norway. This picture was cabled from London.

MITCHELL DIES FROM INJURIES

Death Closes Career of Klamath Tribal Secretary Injured in Fall

Benjamin Fay "Ben" Mitchell, 45, Klamath Indian tribal secretary who originated the proposed defense school for the reservation, died at 9:30 o'clock Monday night at Klamath Valley hospital from injuries received in a fall into a sump shaft at the Lost river diversion dam late Sunday afternoon. Mr. Mitchell did not regain full consciousness at any time following the accident.

His death cut short his activities in a number of reservation enterprises including the plan for a training school for young Indians along national defense lines. The tribal council had voted to offer \$150,000 of Yamsay judgment money for the operation of such a school.

Born Near Keno
Mr. Mitchell was born March 31, 1895, near Keno in Klamath county. His father was a white man and his mother was Mrs. Mary Mitchell. With his mother the young boy moved to the reservation where he lived the remainder of his life. He was educated at Klamath Agency and since manhood has always held office in the tribe. For a number of years Mr. Mitchell was a member of the tribal business committee and for a part of that time served as secretary. He was also chairman of loans for three years and at the time of his death held that office as well as Klamath tribal secretary.

Mr. Mitchell was listed in Dun and Bradstreet during 1922 to 1926. He owned a number of business buildings in Chiloquin but during the depression of 1928-29 lost considerable property. At the time of his death he owned and operated a large (Continued on Page Two)

Trade Future For U. S. Said Lies in Pacific

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11 (UP)—The future great development of American trade lies in the Pacific, regardless of the outcome of the war, Henry F. Grady, president of the American President Lines and former assistant U. S. secretary of state, said in a prepared speech tonight.

Grady's address was read to 400 shipping men at the Fairmont hotel by M. J. Buckley, vice president of the company, in Grady's absence. It was "steamship night" of the Pacific Traffic association.

Post War Vacuum
"There is every reason to believe," Grady wrote, "that there will be a vacuum in our post war trade as far as Europe is concerned. Economic prostration of our former number one customer (Britain) is pretty certain to be an effect of the war."

Hence, Grady wrote, America should think primarily in terms of the British empire, Latin America and the Far East as the most promising market possibilities.

"This presumes," he wrote, "satisfactory settlement of the Far Eastern problem... a settlement which will not diminish our trading potentialities in that great and promising area. If this situation works out happily, and I have every reason to believe it will, the long-heralded 'era of the Pacific' should be upon us."

He said that when a "just peace" settles over the Orient the Chinese will make rapid progress toward economic stabilization, national unity and higher standards of living, "all of which will make for the development of increased foreign trade with those countries which will meet the Chinese on the basis of helpfulness and cooperation."

Grady said that unless the United States is willing to become a second or third rate nation, it must join with "every ounce of resources and energy the forces now fighting to preserve a world economy based on free and democratic principles."

California Bill Asks Senate Okay On Appointments

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 11 (UP)—The senate tonight passed and sent to the assembly a constitutional amendment requiring virtually all gubernatorial appointments to be approved by the senate.

The amendment, passed 29-5, would waive senate consent only for vacancy appointments when the legislature is not in session, and for personal secretary appointments, however, would be subject to senate approval when the legislature reconvened.

Assembly approval of the measure, sponsored by Senator Jesse Mayo, would put it on the general election ballot in November, 1942.

Firemen Answer False Alarm

A fire alarm called Klamath Falls fire-fighting equipment to South Riverside street about 10 o'clock Tuesday night. It turned out to be a false alarm.

City police said they believed the alarm was turned in by young neighborhood pranksters.

KIRK, RHODES GET SENTENCES

Young Indian Must Serve Life Term; Motion to Delay Action Fails

After ruling out a defense motion for arrest of judgment, Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg Tuesday sentenced Luther Joe Kirk to life imprisonment for the second degree murder of Leonard John. He followed that action with a sentence of two years in the penitentiary for Robert Wilcox Rhodes, convicted this week of involuntary manslaughter in an auto accident.

The life sentence for Kirk is mandatory under the law. The 29-year-old Indian defendant showed little emotion as he stood before the bench and received the sentence, the first of such severity meted out by the new judge of the thirteenth judicial district.

"Luther Joe Kirk is hereby (Continued on Page Two)

Heaviest Toll Of Ships Sunk Since October

LONDON, March 11 (AP)—Reporting the heaviest toll of merchant shipping in the sea since last October, the admiralty announced today the loss of 29 British, allied and neutral vessels totaling 148,038 tons during the week ended March 2.

It said its figures contrasted with German and Italian claims of having sunk 432,500 tons during the period.

An authoritative source, nevertheless, said: "The spring blitz which Hitler promised has begun."

He added that British countermeasures, nevertheless, were improving and had produced "particularly successful results."

The losses reported by the admiralty were broken down as follows: British, 20 merchantmen, 102,871 tons; allied, 41,970 tons; neutral, one vessel, 3197 tons.

During the previous week, the total tonnage of merchantmen lost was given as 65,557.

Heavier weekly losses were suffered in October, when 205,000 tons of merchantmen went down in a single week, and in September, when one week's toll was 176,000 tons.

Ex-Stanford Coach Marries

RENO, Nev., March 11 (UP)—Claude E. (Tiny) Thornhill, former Stanford university football coach, and Miss Jean Liedloff, Los Gatos, Calif., were married here late today by Judge William McKnight.

Thornhill, who put three Stanford teams in the Rose bowl in 1933, 1934 and 1935, gave his age as 47, and the bride's as 25. She is a daughter of Mrs. Josephine Liedloff of Los Angeles.

Thornhill was dismissed from the Stanford coaching staff at the end of the 1939 season. His first wife died shortly afterward. Miss Liedloff had not been married before, according to the marriage license.

President Signs Lease-Lend Bill

HIDDEN BOMBS FAIL TO KILL BRITISH ENVOY

Two Bombs in Rendel Party's Luggage Kill Six Turks at Istanbul

ISTANBUL, Wednesday, Mar. 12 (UP)—Britain's recalled minister to Bulgaria, George W. Rendel, escaped possible assassination by a few moments last night when two time-bombs hidden in the luggage of his party wrecked the hotel where he was staying here and wounded seven Britons, four of them diplomatic officials.

Turkish police, tentatively tracing the outrage to enemies whom Rendel left behind in German-occupied Bulgaria, said it was "almost certain" that the bombs—in large suitcases—had been placed in the luggage before the evacuating British diplomats left Sofia.

Death Toll Rises
The death toll in the bombing rose to six early today, including two Turkish policemen who had been guarding the hotel, two hotel porters, a passerby and an unidentified woman whose head was blown off. All were Turks.

The blast occurred at 10 o'clock last night, less than an hour after Rendel, the 50 member of his party and 15 other British evacuees from Bulgaria had arrived at the Pera Palace hotel from Sofia.

A British diplomat, asked if German agents were blamed for the bombing which wrecked and set fire to the hotel, said this seemed "too fantastic to be possible."

It was revealed, however, that members of the Rendel party had looked inside the luggage containing three bombs—one was found before it exploded—while the train was traveling from Sofia to Istanbul yesterday but noticed only old clothing and parcels.

Ten Suspects
The entire staff of the Pera Palace was arrested early today, after 10 suspects of unrevealed nationality had been taken into custody and questioned by police.

By midnight all guests had been removed from the Pera Palace, in the midst of Istanbul's European and diplomatic quarter overlooking the Golden Horn, and cordons of police kept a crowd of thousands away.

The hotel was in shambles, the ceiling of its huge lobby collapsed, its stone front blown out and its facade blackened by fire.

The three bombs, found in a suitcase before it exploded, was described as a 250-pound explosive.

Officials said the plotters evidently had intended the bombs to go off aboard the train.

Report Says British Land In Greek Port

BELGRADE, Wednesday, Mar. 12 (UP)—Unconfirmed reports reached diplomatic circles here today that a Big British expeditionary force from North Africa is being landed at Piraeus, the port of Athens, for action on the Greek front.

It also was reported that British transports were about to land troops at Salonika, key Greek port at the top of the Aegean sea barely 60 miles from where German mechanized forces are massed along the Bulgarian-Greek Macedonian border.

40 Transports
Diplomats in Belgrade heard, without direct confirmation, that 40 British military transports arrived Tuesday at Piraeus, heavily bombed Greek port on a hilly peninsula five miles southwest of Athens, and began unloading troops.

The British expeditionary force, it was said, was drawn from General Sir Archibald Wavell's army of the Nile in Egypt and Libya after the shattering of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani's Italian Northern African forces.

For several days it had been reported in Belgrade that the British had assembled at least 10 divisions—approximately 175,000 troops—in Africa for transportation to Greece but it was not revealed how many of these, if any, had been actually disembarked.

If a British expeditionary force has landed in Greece, for action either on the Albanian front or to be brought face to face with the German Balkan army along the Bulgarian-Greek border, it presumed to be a result of the recent Athens consultations of British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John G. Dill, chief of the British imperial general staff.

Senators Bill Faces Threat In Committee

SALEM, March 11 (AP)—Over protest of Sen. Marshall Cornett (R-Klamath), the senate sent to its rules committee today a bill by Rep. Henry Semon (D-Klamath), to give Klamath county a senator of its own by splitting the 17th senatorial district of Klamath, Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake counties.

The bill, identical to a senate measure defeated earlier in the senate, passed the house Monday.

Sen. Cornett objected that sending the measure to the rules committee was "an effort to kill the bill." Under senate rules a bill once defeated can not be reconsidered, though re-introduced.

Montana Mail Carrier Goes Berserk, Shoots Three Men

MISSOULA, Mont., March 11 (UP)—Three men were killed today by George Smith, a mail carrier, in a gun battle that raged for about four hours in the suburban Rattlesnake creek section of Missoula.

Two of the men, Deputy Sheriff Lloyd Stringer, about 40, and Herman Green, about 25, a posse member, were killed when George Smith, about 44, who took the day off from his duties as a mailman, was driven from his barricaded home and emerged from a rear door, shooting as he ran.

Police said Smith shot a d killed Dick Shipwright, about 28, when Shipwright, a Montana Power company employe and the first man slain, went to Smith's home to read the meter.

City Officer James Doyle, a member of the posse that surrounded Smith's home, quoted Smith as saying, when officers found him lying wounded by the creek, that if "I had any more shells I would have gotten more of you."

Doyle said Smith apparently became deranged brooding over a lawsuit involving a horse which was settled in district court last Saturday. The judge-

ment was against Smith and, Doyle said, friends had joked with the mail carrier, calling him a "horse thief."

Smith, father of a boy and girl of school age, laid off today instead of taking his regular mail route.

Doyle said Shipwright appeared at the Smith home about 9 a. m. As he was reading the meter, Doyle said, Smith shot and killed Shipwright, firing without warning through a window with a .30-caliber rifle.

Barricaded House
Mrs. Smith ran to neighbors and called city and county officers.

Smith barricaded the house and apparently took refuge in the basement, officers said. They said bullets were "poured" into the building, but believed Smith was not wounded until he emerged. He received a wound in the right shoulder near his lung and a flesh wound in his left arm.

The posse obtained gas grenades, hurling two into the upper part of the house and two into the basement.

Smith caught Stringer by surprise (Continued on Page Two)

SEVEN BILLION APPROPRIATION TO BE ASKED

First Allotment of Army, Navy Materials Gets Approval of Executive

WASHINGTON, March 11 (AP) President Roosevelt signed the British aid bill today and immediately afterward approved the transfer of the first allotment of army and navy material.

The chief executive, declining to disclose the type of equipment involved, said the amount was small and that the greater portion would go to England, but some would be sent to Greece.

To Ask Funds
It was the first step in supplying aid in a program for which congress is expected to be asked tomorrow to supply a \$7,000,000,000 appropriation.

Asked whether aid might be extended to China soon under the administration's policy of assisting "democracies" battling aggressors, the president said he did not know, but that some help to China was contemplated.

Fast Action
Mr. Roosevelt signed the British aid measure at 3:51 p. m., EST, and four minutes later took the second step—approval of the transfer of army and navy equipment—in putting into quick operation a plan for converting the nation into what he has called an "arsenal" for embattled "democracies."

Mr. Roosevelt earlier had in- (Continued on Page Two)

Thai, French Sign Peace Agreement

TOKYO, March 11 (AP)—Thailand and French Indo-China signed a Japanese-sponsored peace agreement today, ending their border dispute and giving Thailand parts of Cambodia and Laos embracing some of Indo-China's richest rice producing areas.

Diplomatic circles expressed belief Japan already had received assurances that she could purchase the total rice crop and timber output in the ceded areas. Japan is short in both products.

First Success
It was understood Thailand would acquire some 25,000 square miles of territory, which is somewhat short of the concessions she claimed.

The agreement, signed in a ceremony at the official residence of Japanese Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye, marked Japan's first successful task of mediation undertaken in her proclaimed role of leader of a sphere of influence in greater east Asia.

The pact provided for a (Continued on Page Two)

Nazis Assault Portsmouth

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., March 10 (AP)—The mightiest assault of the war on this important south coast naval station was made overnight by the German air force. For six hours, Nazi fliers unloaded high explosive and incendiary bombs, setting fires that raged uncontrolled for hours.

Three of the raiders were shot down.

A bright moon and the glare of fires started by the first wave of attackers lit the Luftwaffe. More than 30 fires sent flames skyward.

One of the city's oldest shopping centers was badly damaged. Buildings destroyed included churches.

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