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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS these words are written (11 a. m.) Yugoslavia is reported to have decided to join the axis in some more or less limited manner not satisfyingly described in the dispatches.

There are hints of internal trouble over the decision. Four cabinet members are said to have resigned with Regent Prince Paul (Yugoslavia has a boy king) refusing to accept the resignations. Four anti-German generals are said to have been quietly pensioned earlier in the week—presumably to get them out of the way.

It sounds like typical German strong-arm work at the top.

GREEK quarters are described as "stunned" by the news, having been assured only a few days ago that the Yugoslav crown council would not take any action at this time despite insistent axis pressure.

Nobody should be stunned by ANYTHING that happens in the Balkans. The air down that way is thick with fear and treachery these days.

This writer's advice to readers is to keep their fingers crossed until the shooting actually starts.

BEFORE blaming the Balkan peoples too severely, consider their historical background.

For more than 500 years, while Rome was decaying, all they saw of government was the intrigue, the treachery, the assassination, the venal cupidity that accompanied the struggles for personal power in the rotting empire.

The ancestors of these Yugoslavs saw the imperial throne of Rome sold literally to the highest bidder.

How can you expect them to be other than disillusioned cynics where wars of empire (such as this one) are concerned?

FROM Washington comes this dispatch:

"The treasury began today enrolling an army of 500,000 persons to assist in the campaign to sell billions of dollars worth of the new defense savings certificates to the American people."

The denominations of these certificates will be from ten cents to \$10,000, and people are to be urged to buy regularly in moderate amounts (like installment payments) rather than in one large sum, forgetting about it from there on.

THE purpose back of the sale of defense certificates is twofold.

- 1. To raise ACTUAL MONEY, in addition to IOU's, for financing the defense effort.
2. To hold down price inflation by draining off from people's pockets the money they would otherwise spend for what the economists call "consumer goods"—automobiles, radios, silk shirts, night clubs, etc.

THIS writer's advice:

BUY SAVINGS CERTIFICATES. After buying them, KEEP THEM. Don't sell them the next day and blow the money for something you don't have to have. Blowing your money for what you can do without is the sure road to inflation—and inflation will make the car cost double what it should.

Besides, the securities of your government are the SAFEST investment you can have, and you may be very sure that the time will arrive when a nest egg will come in handy.

"BLACKOUT"

PORTLAND, March 21 (UP)—Part of northeast Portland had a "blackout" last night, but it wasn't emulating Europe.

An automobile backed into a transmission pole, burning out a primary circuit by jolting two power lines into contact.

The War 25 Years Ago

By The Associated Press

March 21, 1916—Heavy German attacks on Verdun repulsed.

50 MERCHANT SHIPS TO BE SENT BRITAIN

Intercoastal Ships May Take Place of Those To Be Sent Overseas

WASHINGTON, March 21 (UP)—The United States will transfer 50 merchant ships, especially adaptable to convoy work, to Great Britain "within a few days," a high official of the maritime commission revealed tonight.

Consummation of the transaction, which is authorized under the lend-lease law, was said to await only the arrival here of Sir Arthur Salter who has been assigned to coordinate Britain's shipping needs with those of this country. Details of the transfer contract could not be learned immediately.

Plea Answered

This nation's answer to Britain's plea for "ships, ships and more ships" to replace British tonnage sunk by German U-boats and aircraft came as a senate appropriations sub-committee reported without change the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation to finance President Roosevelt's war aid program.

Sen. Gerald P. Nye, (R-N. D.), made the only attempt to revise the house-approved measure. His proposal to halve the appropriation was overwhelmingly rejected by voice vote. He said he would offer it again when the full committee meets tomorrow, but he has no hope of its adoption.

William S. Knudsen, director of the office of production management, told the subcommittee before it acted that the entire \$7,000,000,000 would be needed to finance the all-out aid operation and to build up this nation's defenses. He said defense expenditures in this fiscal year would total \$6,000,000,000 and that they would be increased by \$600,000,000.

Power Shutoff In Basin Area Set for Sunday

Copco power serving the Klamath basin towns of Tionesta, Calif., Tulelake, Calif., and Merrill and Malin in Oregon will be cut off for three hours Sunday morning, March 23, while a switch-over is made to relocated poles along the Malin-Klamath Falls highway, the company announced Saturday.

Current will be switched off at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and turned back on at 11 a. m.

Relocation of the poles is being done to conform with the new highway right-of-way over the new Lost river bridge.

Six Killed in Head-On Crash



Locomotives of two heavily loaded freight trains of the Southern railway system were locked in this death grip at Spangenberg, S. C., after a head-on crash. Six trainmen were killed, but it was several hours before their bodies were removed from the twisted steel that held them down.

BAILEY TRIAL NEARING JURY

Defendant on Stand for Questioning on Fatal Auto Accident Here

Testimony and arguments were completed by 5 o'clock Friday and a jury of 11 men and one woman was to be instructed this morning in the trial of Q. A. Bailey, charged with involuntary manslaughter resulting from the death of Irving Brenners in an automobile accident last fall.

Bailey took the stand as the first witness in his behalf, testifying as to the circumstances at the time of the accident on the Greensprings highway near Weyerhaeuser junction. Brenners was a passenger in Bailey's car.

The defendant's story was that he was driving prudently and carefully at the time and that circumstances so developed as to make the accident unavoidable so far as he was concerned.

Key state witness at the morning session of the trial was Holly V. Holcomb, state policeman who investigated the fatal accident.

It appeared the case might reach the jury Friday afternoon, but Circuit Judge David R. Vandenberg recessed the court until

Valsetz Star Editors Air News Views

VALSETZ, Ore., March 21 (UP)—The reason Dorothy Anne Hobson, 12, and Franklin Thomas, 10, like America is "because we can put butter an inch thick on a big heel of hot bread after school."

So wrote young Dorothy today in the Valsetz Star, monthly mimeographed newspaper which she and Franklin edit.

There was other semi-political comment. For instance:

"Mrs. Roosevelt said for the American women to tighten up their belts, but mother said she could hardly breathe now when she gets her new corsets on."

Big News

And: "Dan Usher was drafted and will soon leave to join the army and fight for Valsetz and the rest of the United States."

Other big news of the month: Spring came to Valsetz early this year. Three babies were born, one boy broke his arm, one cut his head open. The Valsetz ladies hemmed a thousand diapers for the Red Cross. Four batches of kittens were born under our house. Fred Shadd's

DAYTON FIELD ARMY STRIKE ENDED BY AFL

Union Leader Terminates 17-Day Old Tieup by Calling Men to Work

DAYTON, O., March 21 (AP)—In the avowed interests of national defense, an AFL leader today terminated a 17-day strike that had paralyzed work on an essential \$5,900,000 expansion program at Wright Field, the army air corps' huge testing laboratory.

John Breidenbach, president of the Dayton central labor union (AFL) informed Col. Lester Miller, field commandant, that 400 men who left their jobs March 4 would return to work Saturday alongside five CIO electricians employed by the Penner Construction company.

Colonel Miller described settlement of the dispute "As a fine American act where any thought of personal and factional differences has been set aside for the good of the entire nation."

Breidenbach called the strike after the war department ordered the CIO men back to work following a previous AFL walk-out late in January. The first strike ended after two days when the work of the CIO men was suspended temporarily.

The expansion program, involving a wind tunnel for testing new plane models, a torque stand, administration building

Grand Coulee Power Flow Starts Today

GRAND COULEE, Wash., March 21 (UP)—Electric power will begin flowing Saturday from Grand Coulee dam, man's largest structure and key to the new deal's power development program in the Pacific northwest.

At 1 p. m. (PST) two 10,000 kilowatt generators will be cut into a transmission line linking Grand Coulee with Bonneville dam, 250 miles away. An Indian chief at the nearby Colville reservation will push a button to start the generators.

The \$157,000,000 dam will be completed next year. But it was called into service two years ahead of schedule because of national defense demands for power.

When the huge structure is completed, it will generate 2,700,000 horsepower—a thousand

'Theft' in Zoo Traced To Rat

SAN FRANCISCO, March 21 (UP)—Police called in to investigate the "theft" of 104 prize birds from the Fleishacker Zoo's aviary today found they had a "murder case" on their hands.

The killer—a large rat which made a nest in the base of a fountain—was flushed out of his lair with a stream of water and exterminated without trial.

The rat's burrow was filled with 104 birds, including canaries, love birds, parrots and pigeons—all dead.

Pair Located After 6 Days In Snowdrifts

MONTROSE, Colo., March 21 (UP)—A ranch mother and her six-year-old daughter were found alive late today at their ranch home they left last Saturday to wander about on the snow-crusted Uncompahgre plateau nearly a week.

Mrs. Otis Boyd, 22, suffered badly frozen arms and legs in the six days she wandered some 50 miles over the six-foot-deep drifts with her daughter, Leona. First reports said the daughter suffered only a badly sun-snow-burned face.

The pair was found in their ranch cabin, 35 miles west of here, by a party of five men headed by Dr. Eston D. Orme, Montrose veterinarian.

Meager reports It was reported here they would be taken to a hospital at Telluride, Colo. Mrs. Boyd's husband works in a Telluride mine.

The meager reports phoned to Montrose gave no reason for her startling the hazardous journey with her child.

Dr. Orme, with Clarence Albin, Bryan Batchelder and Roy Mock, all of Montrose, started out early today and drove 100 miles into the San Miguel valley. Al McKeever, a sawmill owner, (Continued on Page Two)

F. D. R. Awaiting Better Weather

ABOARD U.S.S. BENSON, Port Everglades, Fla., March 21 (AP)—The yacht Potomac, on which President Roosevelt is waiting to begin a fishing cruise moved out into the harbor this morning to anchor and await weather reports before proceeding to sea.

The yacht left the dock to make way for the freight ferry Estrada Palma, in whose slip the Potomac was tied. The ferry operates between here and Havana.

The Potomac moved around the end of the pier and anchored in the harbor about 100 yards from where the German freighter Arauca has been docked since December, 1939. Crew members, under guard, stayed below.

Jugoslav Crisis In Cabinet Puts Off Compromise

BOMBERS RAID PLYMOUTH ON SECOND NIGHT

No Nazi Planes Blasted From Skies, Although Kept at Great Height

A SOUTHWEST COAST TOWN, England, Saturday, Mar. 22 (UP)—Hundreds of German bombers, subjecting this historic seaport town (Plymouth) to its second straight night of "total destruction" assault, heaped unprecedented death and destruction upon every part of it last night.

Every section, almost every block of the town, felt the destructive blows and great sections were blasted into ruins with what probably will be a great toll of death.

A apparently determined to wipe the city completely off the map, wave upon wave of Luftwaffe bombers—not a single one of which appeared to have been shot down—subjected it to even worse fury than their all-out assault of Thursday night and early Friday.

Rescue Squads Dig The attack of last night, starting at dusk and continuing until nearly midnight, came as rescue squads still dug in smoking ruins for dead and injured and while hundreds of homeless, stunned men, women and children—many wearing blood-stained bandages—moved through debris-piled streets.

Early today rescuers were digging feverishly in all parts of the town, trying to remove trapped civilians from the rubble of what had been their homes.

Hundreds of homeless were (Continued on Page Two)

Three Cabinet Ministers Resign Against Order to Yield to Germany

BELGRADE, Saturday, March 22 (UP)—A spreading cabinet crisis and "political revolt" by Serb nationalists angered by Yugoslavia's decision to line up with the axis alliance forced postponement of tonight's scheduled departure of Yugoslav statesmen for Vienna to sign a "compromise" pact.

Tension spread throughout the nation, with bitter feeling among the Serb, comprising nearly half of the Yugoslav population, while the government and Prince-Regent Paul struggled to suppress the cabinet crisis.

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 21 (AP)—The Yugoslav government's plans to align itself in a modified way with the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis were forced into abeyance tonight by a cabinet crisis and internal unrest over resignation of three recalcitrant, anti-Nazi ministers. After holding out all day against accepting the resignations, Chief Regent Prince Paul tonight accepted them and directed his premier and vice premier to try to find replacements as quickly as possible.

Signing Delayed Until a cabinet reorganization can be completed, plans of government officials to go to Vienna tomorrow for formal signing—with reservations—of the three (Continued on Page Two)

Coward Says Japs Unwise To Fight U. S.

By HARRY CROCKETT

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP)—Playwright-Actor Noel Coward—now an unofficial ambassador of goodwill for the British ministry of information—said today "it would be very unwise for Japan to take issue with the United States fleet in the Pacific ocean."

Completing a mission which took him to Australia, New Zealand and the Far East, Coward arrived in New York for a brief visit before reporting to Australian Minister Richard Casey in Washington on Sunday.

Coward was reluctant to detail his observations in the Far East, but said in an interview that his conclusion as to the Japanese was based on his personal observation of the United States fleet at Honolulu and of the military effort of Australia.

For the first time, Coward disclosed that his mission in Australia was that of an unofficial ambassador—at the request of the Australian government—to bring Great Britain's war effort and what has transpired, a little closer to the Australian people.

He said he had made many observations which he could report directly to Casey before he would feel free to make them public.

During a month's tour of Australia, he said, he made numerous broadcasts, telling of his experiences in France during the early part of the war and (Continued on Page Two)

Norwegian Fears People To Starve

PORTLAND, March 21 (UP)—Thousands of Norwegian men and women will starve to death this summer unless food is shipped in from outside, Dr. Orlando Ingvalstad, executive secretary of the country's relief system, said here today.

Ingvalstad said experiments are underway in an effort to make bread from tree bark. "Bread grains, like wheat and rye, will be gone by the end of May in northern Norway," he said.

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Some of the contestants for the honor of representing Klamath county in competition with other counties for "Theme Girl" for 1941 in the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland are pictured above. Top row: Nora Mascotte, Rosa Dodson, Marie White, Renata Sari, Virginia Sawchuck, Elaine Billan. Bottom row: Gwendolyn Hammond, Shirley Sargent, Mae Coddington, LaVenna Bowers, Betty Patske, Neva McNulty. Other contestants not pictured include: Marilee Givan, Ada Giamocelli, Nora Earnest, June King, Phyllis Basden, Julia Logan.