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In The Day's News

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SOMETHING dramatic has happened in Yugoslavia—which is an important part of the unpredictable Balkans. That much we KNOW at noon today.

FROM "high diplomatic sources" (whatever that may be worth) we have in today's dispatches this estimate of the situation:

The new Yugoslav premier, Simovic, (an army man and a Serb) has advised the German minister that Yugoslavia has no intention of participating in ANY alliance with ANY nation—Germany, Britain or Greece.

LET'S do a little guessing here. Yugoslavia, above everything else at the present moment, NEEDS TIME. She has just gone through a revolution—of some sort. The new government hasn't had time to get its hands fully onto the controls.

Yugoslavia's obvious course would be to play for time, to speak as softly as possible to Hitler in the hope of holding back the lightning of a German blitzkrieg—which any small nation in Europe has reason to dread.

Even if she intends to join Britain and Greece, now would be a poor time to say so. If she is going to fight, she needs time to get her army into position.

IF we may judge by the attitude (and the fate) of every other small nation of Europe, Yugoslavia would like to remain neutral and non-belligerent if she can.

HERE are some things to remember:

1. On the British side, the diplomatic battle of the Balkans is a battle for ALLIES. Alone, Britain can't afford to fight Germany down there. The odds (long communication lines, etc.) would be too heavy against her.

2. Hitler's job is to PREVENT Britain from lining up the allies that would make it feasible for her to open up another war front on a major scale—which Hitler DOESN'T want.

HITLER undoubtedly can pulverize Yugoslavia if he decides that is the thing to do. But once he starts pulverizing, once he lights the flames of war in the unpredictable Balkan area, things may happen that he doesn't want to happen.

The fact that he hasn't started shooting yet (at noon today) is pretty fair proof that he is feeling his way with considerable caution.

HE has his Jap ally to consider.

He is reported to be trying to egg Japan into an immediate attack on Singapore, thus dragging the United States into war in the Pacific at the moment when getting supplies across the Atlantic to England is the big and critical job.

Japan must be watching the diplomatic battle in the Balkans with a sharp and appraising eye, waiting to see whether it is going for or against Hitler.

IF you want to know what is happening in the Balkans, LISTEN FOR THE SHOOTING. Until it starts, you may be reasonably sure the diplomats are still the major actors in the exciting play.

MOSCOW, March 28 (AP)—Twenty thousand farmers and workers of the province of Moscow were called today to start a two-day exercise tomorrow in repulsing an "enemy" parachute landing.

The War 25 Years Ago

March 28, 1916—Germans and Bulgars attack allied positions with heavy artillery in Balkan campaign.

MEDIATORS TO FACE INITIAL JOB SATURDAY

Management, Labor To Confer With Board on Two Strikes

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP)—President Roosevelt's new national defense mediation board faces its first real test Saturday when it brings management and labor to a conference table in an effort to settle strikes in two vital defense industries.

Companies involved are Vanadium corporation, of America, of Bridgeville, Pa., and Condenser corporation, of America, of South Plainfield, N. J. The board will attempt to mediate the strike at four plants of the International Harvester company on Monday.

Management and labor in the three companies, and in the Universal-Cyclops Steel corporation, of Bridgeville, Pa., were asked by the board Friday to resume production immediately and to come here for a discussion of their disputes. The board acted fewer than 24 hours after the four cases had been certified to it by the labor department.

Terms Agreed The 41-day strike at the Universal-Cyclops plant were agreed upon late Friday by the opposing factions and the company's case will not come before the board. Negotiations for settlement of the condenser strike also were reported progressing favorably with indications of an early agreement.

Army Convoy Pauses Here To Gas Up

Rolling in steadily for two hours and a half, Klamath's biggest military convoy to date paused here Friday for refueling on the 30th infantry's movement from the Presidio of San Francisco to Fort Lewis.

150 Cans Used An advance detail arrived in the city about 9 a. m., including a big truck from which were unloaded some 150 empty ten-gallon cans to be used in fueling the convoy. These were placed at car-length intervals along three blocks on Klamath avenue. Union oil company, which has the army's gasoline contract in this territory, moved in with (Continued on Page Two)

Hoover Says U. S. Driving Toward 'Psychosis of War'

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28 (UP)—Herbert Hoover said in a speech tonight that the United States, "in a fog of emotions and appeals," is "fast driving into the psychosis of war."

"Whether we take the final fateful step or not," he told the 75th annual dinner of the New Haven YMCA, "we have already made three positive appointments with destiny."

Describing the World war as "the first total war of modern history," the former republican president said "such war can apparently end only by exhaustion or revolution on one side or the other."

SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD KING



Seventeen year old King Peter II (above) took the reins of government in Yugoslavia after anti-axis riots swept the country and terminated the regency of Prince Paul and two co-regents. Paul and his wife, Princess Olga, were reported to have fled to Greece.

ARMY MEN DIE IN BEND CRASH

Truck Skids From Wet Pavement Not Long After Leaving Here

BEND, Ore., March 28 (UP)—A light army truck overturned 27 miles south of here late today, killing Privates James E. Hoar, 25, San Francisco, and Russell L. Rawson, 20, Berkeley.

State police, Deschutes county officials and an army officer investigating the accident indicated a coroner's inquest might be held.

Rawson carried an identification card in his pocket which asked that Mrs. Olga Rawson, (Continued on Page Two)

KALPINE ASKS MEN TO WORK PENDING VOTE

Chamber Urges Labor Board Action, Says Situation Serious

Declaring that certification of a bargaining agent by the labor relations board is now inevitable, the Kalpine Plywood company in a statement last night urged that operation of the company's now idle plant be resumed pending outcome of the NLRB action.

"It is up to the unions to resume work and we earnestly hope that their response will be prompt and favorable," said the statement, which reviewed the situation at the Weed highway plant where both the CIO and AFL unions claim a majority. The plant has been down since March 4 because of a CIO union strike.

This was the final development of a day that saw the Klamath county chamber of commerce send a plea to the national labor relations board asking an immediate investigation of the Kalpine case. Elwyn Eagen, regional director for the board, replied by telegram that a representative of the board will be here Monday.

Presumably, the board representative will be here Monday. (Continued on Page Two)

Strange Story Told of 'Dead' Girl's Return

HARRAH, Wash., March 28 (UP)—A story seldom if ever equalled in fiction was unfolded today when Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Rathburn learned that their daughter, whom they believed had died at birth 25 years ago, was alive and happily married.

The missing daughter, Mrs. Jack Stewart of Seattle, will be reunited with her parents tomorrow.

About two weeks ago, the graying couple learned that someone in Seattle was attempting to arrange a meeting with Mrs. Rathburn. On replying, the parents obtained this explanation from the child's foster-mother:

The nurse who told the mother of the child's death confessed on her death-bed recently that she had falsified both to the mother and to the foster-parents, whom she told that the baby's mother had died. No motive could be learned for the falsehoods.

German Author Held in New York On Alien Charge

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP)—The justice department said today Richard Julius Herman Krebs, who wrote the best seller "Out of the Night," under the name Jan Valtin, had been arrested in New York to face deportation proceedings.

Krebs was arrested in the immigration offices in New York and is being held at Ellis island under \$5000 bail. Krebs is a German citizen who described his experiences as a communist agitator both in Germany and among sailors in this country in his lengthy autobiographical work which became a best seller.

Pact Upsets Yugoslavs



The Yugoslavian government which signed an axis pact at Vienna (1) was out of office after protest rioting during which there were demonstrations in Belgrade (2) and in every city shown in the white area here, including Sarajevo (3), where assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary in 1914 was the spark which set off the World war.

MANNING DIES FROM INJURIES

Warehousing Concern Official Succumbs In Local Hospital

Death came at 9:30 o'clock Friday night to Robert E. (Bob) Manning, 44, prominent Portlander who suffered injuries Tuesday night in an automobile accident which occurred five miles south of Dorris as the Portland executive was en route to Klamath Falls.

Mr. Manning was removed from Dorris after receiving treatment in Gray hospital and admitted to Hillside hospital Wednesday at 5 p. m. At times his condition was considered improved and several well known Portlanders who were called to his bedside returned to their homes.

County Seeks to Dispose of Old Braymill Plant

Members of the county court on Friday discussed the disposal of the Braymill White Pine company mill property, which has come into the county's possession through foreclosure for approximately \$12,000 in unpaid taxes.

The Braymill plant is about four miles from Chiloquin, on the Sprague River road, and has not operated for a number of years. The foreclosure covers 160 acres, including the lumber plant, said to be one of the best constructed in this area.

Huge Report Prepared for Bridges Trial

SAN FRANCISCO, March 28 (UP)—An encyclopedic, 2500-page report, supposedly detailing Harry Bridges' activities over a 21-year period, will be presented by the government at Bridges' second deportation trial starting here Monday, it was disclosed today.

The Bridges defense committee announced Bridges, California CIO director, will receive a pledge of "unity and support" from more than 500 representatives of CIO union locals here tomorrow afternoon.

The committee said Bridges will be guest of honor at a luncheon sponsored by the San Francisco Industrial Union council less than 48 hours before the labor leader appears at the opening session of the deportation hearing in the U. S. district court.

The government will attempt to deport Bridges to his native Australia on grounds he is or was a member of an organization advocating overthrow of the government by force. Bridges in 1939 was absolved of a charge he was a member of the communist party at the time of his original arrest in proceedings before Dean James Landis of the Harvard law school.

The huge, single-spaced report on Bridges was prepared by agents of the federal bureau of investigation. (Continued on Page Two)

GREEKS SINK SHIP ATHENS, March 28 (UP)—The Greek submarine Triton on Sunday morning attacked a strongly protected Italian convoy off the Albanian coast and sank the heavily-loaded troop transport Carnia, of 5451 tons, it was announced officially tonight.

Hitler Advised Not To Attempt To Enforce Pact

Jugoslav Government Downs Anti-British Red Demonstrations

LONDON, Saturday, March 29 (UP)—The Exchange Telegraph news agency reported today from Zurich that "excellent sources" in Berlin revealed nazi leaders had decided to give Yugoslavia three days in which to decide whether to observe the alliance with the axis.

BELGRADE, March 28 (UP)—Yugoslavia's new army-led government tonight stamped out anti-British demonstrations by communists and struggled to overcome Croat opposition after advising Adolf Hitler against attempting to enforce "certain points" of the three-day-old axis pact.

The government tacitly informed Germany, through the nazi minister to Belgrade, that attempts to carry out the unidentified points" of Yugoslavia's adherence to the axis triple alliance might lead to a resurgence of Yugoslav internal troubles.

Leaflets Scattered The communist demonstrations, starting simultaneously in several parts of Belgrade, were suppressed by police and steel-helmeted soldiers after a scattering of leaflets assailing "Imperialist England" and demanding an immediate pact with Russia by the new regime.

Several communist leaders were arrested when police seized the pamphlets. The 4,500,000 Croats of the nation, whose leaders signed the axis pact at Vienna Tuesday and whose chairman is Dr. Vladimir Matich, were reported to be withholding support from the government set up early Thursday under King Peter II after a swift army coup d'etat.

The Croats, generally pro-axis and traditional internal enemies of the Serb nationalists, were said to be adopting a wait-and-see attitude. Troops to Frontier It was uncertain whether Matich would consent to remain in the new government as first vice premier, as designated.

Troops rushed into frontier defenses in a full mobilization of the nation's fighting strength to bolster a 60-mile-deep belt of (Continued on Page Two)

Federal Men Start Probe in Indian Shooting

Federal officers Friday had taken over the investigation of the fatal shooting of Abner McNair, 60-year-old Klamath Indian, by his ex-stepson, Wilbur Hixson.

Hixson is in the county jail pending further developments in the case. J. C. O'Neill, his attorney, said Hixson will ask for a preliminary hearing if and when charges are filed before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas. Two department of justice men were here on the case Friday, cooperating with Klamath Indian officers. Hixson has indicated he will claim self-defense in the shooting case.

NAZIS DEMAND AXIS ATTITUDE OF JUGOSLAVS

Protest Delivered On "Anti-German" Acts Against New Regime

BERLIN, March 28 (UP)—Germany tonight delivered a semi-official warning to Yugoslavia alleging that "anti-German outrages" against reich children and the Yugoslav army's coup d'etat are linked with the United States and British intrigues in the Balkan nation.

Official sources said a formal protest had been delivered to the new Belgrade regime against both the "anti-German outrages" and the swift Yugoslav military mobilization following yesterday's German demand for "immediate clarification" of Yugoslav foreign policy.

At midnight, after a lapse of almost 36 hours, there still had been no reply from Belgrade clarifying the new government's attitude toward Yugoslavia's adherence to the axis tri-peace alliance at Vienna on Tuesday.

Many observers wondered whether Belgrade would reply at all but Yugoslav circles said a formal statement was being drafted, including a general outline of foreign policy.

"Binding" Nazis Say Germany's position was said to be unequivocal—that the Tuesday pact-signing was binding and that "there can be no question of the new government or parliament refusing to ratify it."

The Diplomatische Politische Korrespondenz, semi-official organ of the German foreign office, disputed an official Yugoslav announcement the army coup was purely an internal matter.

The foreign office organ called attention to the statements of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U. S. Under-Secretary of State Sumner Welles cheering the Yugoslav coup and promising fullest possible aid.

The statements, it was said, reveal how the United States and Britain "would like to view the Belgrade upheaval and its contingent developments" with Churchill all ready to "chalk up Yugoslavia as an allied nation on England's side."

Being Prepared The official DNB news agency said in a Belgrade dispatch the Yugoslav government declaration of policy had not yet been (Continued on Page Two)

President Cables Congratulations To King Peter II

WASHINGTON, March 28 (UP)—President Roosevelt tonight sent a congratulatory cablegram to King Peter II of Yugoslavia in which he expressed his hope for "mutually beneficial" relations between this country and the Balkan kingdom.

His message was regarded as extremely significant. Only yesterday, Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles gave assurances that some U. S. war aid for Yugoslavia would be forthcoming under the lend-lease program, if Yugoslavia were forced to defend itself against aggression.

Some diplomatic experts interpreted the president's message as additionally assuring Yugoslavia that, should Germany attempt to invade her boundaries, the United States would furnish the same all-out aid she is furnishing Great Britain.

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