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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

GERMANY and Italy demand today the giving back of their seized ships and the release of the crews.

They don't expect their demands to be complied with. What they want to know is whether we mean business, and if so how much.

JAP FOREIGN MINISTER MATSUOKA, in Rome, tells Italian and foreign newspapermen that:

- 1. Japan stands for international peace.
2. More, in his opinion, can be gained by negotiation in a spirit of mutual understanding than by war.
3. A personal meeting among the leaders of the great powers would seem desirable.
4. The desire of the Japanese people for peace is strong.

BEFORE you break out laughing, remember this: As Matsuoka was speaking, the flower of the Italian navy had just been blown out of the water by a hard-shooting squadron of British warships that came out of the encounter without a single hit or a single casualty.

IN today's dispatches it is intimated strongly that Hitler ordered the Italian fleet to leave its harbors and take a chance with the British.

Hitler is trying to egg the Japanese into war with the United States in the Pacific so that we may be kept too busy to give the British effective help in the Atlantic.

Matsuoka's interview in Rome sounds like he is getting cold feet.

TODAY'S Berlin report tells of hospitals bombed by the British in last night's aerial attacks.

Damage to hospitals is one bit of news the censors can always be relied on to pass. The first law of propaganda is that the other fellow must be made to appear a brute.

THE British (referring to the same raid) tell of using a new and destructive type of aerial bomb.

The London communique says: "Houses took to the air when the bombs burst. Masses of debris flying through the air were outlined against the glow of fires—and the results appeared to be devastating." That's total war.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT telegraphs to the conference handling the threatened coal miners strike:

"Uninterrupted operation of the bituminous coal industries is extremely important. Suggest if necessary you continue negotiations during Tuesday looking to satisfactory agreement."

IN other words: "Keep working while you're negotiating. Don't let production fall off."

That is all the public asks of labor and management. It is a simple request, but TREMENDOUSLY important.

IN spite of all the threats, no shooting yet (at noon today) in Yugoslavia—or elsewhere in the Balkans.

From this you may judge as to the amount of talking necessary to make a war.

Experts On Blasts Shun Explosions

BEND, Ore., April 1 (UP)—Powder experts gathered here yesterday to take examinations covering new regulations. "Boom," went a blast outside, and pretty soon another "boom."

The War 25 Years Ago

April 1, 1916—Zeppelins attack England and Scotland.

U. S. CHARGES SABOTAGE OF NABBED SHIPS

Axis Protests To Be Ignored; Crewmen Facing Proceedings

BERLIN, April 1 (UP)—The United States' action in seizing ships of the axis powers constitutes "an absolute violation of human rights" and a complete disregard for international law, authorized German spokesmen said tonight.

Germany is prepared to demand reparations for the seized ships, it was stated in well-informed Nazi quarters.

"When Germany considers an act to be absolutely against international law it is only natural to demand reparation," it was stated. Hinting both Germany and Italy, in formal notes to Washington, may have demanded release of the seized ships, informed quarters said they were unable to confirm such demands had been made "but it is quite possible."

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—Attorney General Jackson today ordered United States attorneys to proceed immediately with prosecutions in cases involving sabotage of Italian and German vessels in United States waters. Immigration officials have arrested 875 sailors taken from 28 Italian merchant ships and two German ships to face deportation proceedings and some of these are expected to face charges of sabotaging the ships.

The justice department said that prosecutions already had been started at Boston, Mass., and Mobile, Ala. Justice department officials said the proceedings had nothing to do with possible moves to take title to axis ships which have been taken into custody by federal agents.

The law provides maximum penalties of 30 years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine for firing or sabotaging any privately-owned vessel, whether foreign or (Continued on Page Two)

Violin Music Of Spalding Heard Tuesday

By ARTHUR BREMER The legendary gypsy violin sang to Klamath Falls last night. The enchanted notes of song and story became real under the bow of Albert Spalding, America's leading candidate in the highest ranks of violin artists.

This concert closed the 17th annual Cooperative Concert association series for this season on a high note that should be the foundation for even greater success for next season. Spalding, keeping to a minimum the stagey mannerisms of (Continued on Page Two)

Asmara, Eritrea Capital, Falls Into British Hands

CAIRO, Egypt, April 1 (AP)—Asmara, capital of Eritrea, capitulated to the British today, it was announced officially tonight.

The report of Asmara's capitulation came swiftly after the March 26 capture of Cheren, 42 miles to the northwest, a mountain stronghold which 33,000 Italian defenders made a major obstacle in the British path.

One Port Left Only Massaua, on the Red sea, Eritrea's sole good port, remains now as a major goal of the British in their sweep across the East African colony from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan frontier toward the sea. The city of Asmara had been in Italian hands since 1889 and had come to resemble a city of southern Italy—even to sidewalk cafes. It became the Eritrean capital in 1900, when the seat of government was transferred from Massaua, 40 miles to the northeast.

Of Asmara's last recorded population of approximately 98,000 persons, more than 50,000 were Italians—the largest concentration of Italians in the entire colony. The city was well fortified and Fort Baldissers, on a hill overlooking the town, once had the reputation of being impenetrable. A new airport recently was constructed south of the city and before the war regular service was maintained to Bengasi, Libya, to Rome, to Assab, Eritrea, and to Addis Ababa.

Kesterson Workers Vote



Employees of the Kesterson Lumber company Tuesday cast their votes in a national labor relations board election to determine bargaining agent for all workers. The vote was decisive, 80 ballots being cast for AFL and 81 for CIO. "No union" polled 60. Since neither union received a majority, Robert E. Davies, NLRB field representative, seated left, said a runoff election may be called by one of the unions.

F. R. OPPOSES STRIKE LAWS

President Wants Full Trial Of Mediators Before Restrictions

WASHINGTON, April 1 (UP)—President Roosevelt said today he would oppose all restrictive labor legislation until existing strike mediation machinery had a full and fair trial.

The president hopes labor and capital can conciliate their differences in a healthy atmosphere of give and take without slowing arms production. Mr. Roosevelt discussed the troubled defense labor situation with his congressional lieutenants, Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley said afterward he did not expect any anti-strike legislation to reach the senate floor this session because "the national mediation board is doing a fine job."

Mr. Roosevelt summed up his stand on defense labor disputes in a single sentence: The general idea is that if the general labor and employer-

Hitler Effigy Hanged Tuesday

City police Tuesday night reported a "suicide" at the Main street underpass. They said a crowd of about 100 people gathered at 10:30 to cut down a swinging effigy of Adolf Hitler, neatly hanged from the crossing and dangling over traffic.

The dummy—for that's what it turned out to be—was garbed in a military coat, brown cap and shoes. Police said they took the "body" to headquarters. The dummy was placed in position by youngsters as a joke, police stated. The shoes are being held for their owner.

BULLETIN

Only one vote separated the two labor unions in the national relations board election Tuesday at the Kesterson Lumber company. Workers voted at Harmony hall on whether they wanted the CIO or the AFL as bargaining agent or were in favor of a "no union" setup.

Robert E. Davies, NLRB field representative here for the ballot, and Douglas Cates, personnel manager of Kesterson, announced the following results late last night:

U. S.-Mexico Pact to Aid Air Defense

WASHINGTON, April 1 (AP)—The United States and Mexico today signed a convention providing for reciprocal use of air fields which will permit American military planes to speed to Panama in the shortest possible time.

The convention was signed at 12:15 p. m. by Sumner Welles, under secretary of state, and Francisco Castillo Najera, the Mexican ambassador, in the presence of Mexican and American military experts who formed the committee to draft plans for mutual defense measures for defense of the western hemisphere.

Harry Bridges Has Chuckle at Courtroom Door

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (AP)—An immigration border patrolman stopped Harry Bridges and demanded his pass when the labor leader sought to enter the courtroom for the ending of his deportation hearing today.

"You can keep me out of here if you want to," Bridges said, with a laugh. A bystander explained that Bridges was the defendant in the case and the guard then admitted him.

NAZI CHUTISTS LINING BORDER

Jugoslavs Barricade, Mine Key Roads As Italy Pleads Peace

BELGRADE, Wednesday, Apr. 2 (UP)—Desperate Italian diplomatic efforts to prevent war between Yugoslavia and Germany at all costs were reported under way today as battalions of German parachute troops and Alpine regiments massed at Jugoslavia's heavily defended frontiers.

The Nazi parachute troops, many of them veterans of the "blitzkrieg" across the low countries last year, were reported concentrating at frontiers where key roads have been mined and where troop trains are pouring thousands of fresh soldiers into defense positions.

Italy Seeks Peace Diplomats in Belgrade reported that Italy is ready to mediate between Yugoslavia and Germany for a peaceful solution but, for reasons of prestige, Premier Benito Mussolini wants the initiative to appear to originate with the new Yugoslav government of Premier Gen. Dusan T. Simovitch.

Because it is hardly possible for Simovitch to leave his post, it is understood the Italians have suggested Vice Premier Slobodan Jovanovic, nationally known Serb jurist and expert in international treaties, accompany Foreign Minister Nomiclo Nincich to Rome to arrange for Italian mediation.

Under the fascist formula the Yugoslav government would send a letter to Mussolini asking him to mediate, but thus far no concrete steps are understood to have been taken in that direction.

Decision Reached Italy's move appeared to have been timed to coincide with efforts of Yugoslavia's Croat population to avoid war at all costs and reach a working agreement with the Serbian-dominated Simovitch government.

At the Serbian capital of Zagreb Dr. Vladimir Matckech, who has hesitated to remain as vice premier in the Simovitch (Continued on Page Two)

Talking Magpie Calls Each Day On Portland Tot

PORTLAND, April 1 (AP)—Four-year-old Raymond Hanson has a rare playmate—Dickie, the talking magpie of Glencliff.

Sitdown Paralyzes Ford Motor Plant

POLICE FIGHT 1500 IN ALLIS PLANT STRIKE

Sheriff Not Able To Cope With Situation, Asks Additional Aid

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 1 (UP)—Gov. Julius P. Heil was reported authoritatively tonight to have appealed for federal troops to safeguard production at the Allis-Chalmers manufacturing plant where 1500 CIO strikers and police clashed twice during the day.

The request was sent by Brig. Gen. Charles Bonesteel, sixth corps area U. S. army commandant, at Chicago, the authoritative sources said. These advices also indicated that company officials had relayed the appeal for troops to federal government officials at Washington.

Heil requested 5000 troops, it was said. MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 1 (UP)—Sheriff Joseph Shinner of Milwaukee county notified Gov. Julius P. Heil tonight he was unable to cope with the situation at the Allis-Chalmers manufacturing plant, where police battled 1500 CIO strikers with tear-gas this afternoon.

Oregon Wins West Safety Prize for 1940

CHICAGO, April 1 (UP)—The nation's 1940 honors for traffic safety tonight were awarded Kansas City, Mo., and Dallas, Tex. The grand prize among states went to Connecticut. The national safety council announced the awards for outstanding effort in eliminating (Continued on Page Two)

Bridges Trial Hears Gitlow Testify On U. S. Communists

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1 (UP)—Josef Stalin in 1928 suppressed an attempt by United States communists to free themselves from absolute Moscow domination, Benjamin Gitlow testified today at Harry Bridges' deportation hearing.

Gitlow, once a high-ranking communist, said Stalin forced recalcitrant American party members back into the Moscow fold by giving them a 48-hour "ultimatum" to repent and confess.

The communist internationale, Gitlow said, tried to establish a negro republic in the southern states; formed a successful disruptive movement within the American Federation of Labor which led to formation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations; and tried to overthrow John L. Lewis as head of the United Mine Workers of America, keystone of the CIO.

All this, Gitlow contended, was part of a far-reaching, master communist plot to take over the entire United States. Gitlow was communist party vice presidential candidate in 1928.

Gitlow, a government witness, occupied the stand all day. The name of Bridges, the defendant and California CIO director, scarcely was mentioned. The government's tactics appeared to be to first try to prove the communist party advocates overthrow of the government by force, then try to prove Bridges

Miss Klamath



Miss Betty Patzke of Bly who was named "Miss Klamath County" in the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland theme girl contest Tuesday. As one of the nine Wonderland "Welcomettes" she will be introduced to Wonderland residents along with "Miss Shasta-Cascade—1941 Alice of Wonderland" at Redding Saturday night and Sunday.

COUNTY THEME GIRLS CHOSEN

Betty Patzke Of Bly Named To Represent Klamath In Contest

REDDING, April 1—Election of Lydia Santini of Weed, Shastay county, California, as theme girl and official hostess of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland scenic region of northern California and southern Oregon, was announced today by Tom L. Stanley, general manager of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association. She will be titled "Miss Shasta-Cascade—1941 Alice of Wonderland" and will be so proclaimed at opening ceremonies of the 1941 Shasta-Cascade Wonderland all-season "Fun Festival" in Redding and at Toyon City in the Shasta dam area this Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6. The public is invited.

Elected with Miss Santini to officiate as county theme girls and hostesses of "Fun Festival" events in their home counties of (Continued on Page Two)

RIVER ROUGE CIO WORKERS FORCE TIEUP

20,000 Affected By Strike In World's Biggest Industry Unit

DETROIT, April 1 (UP)—The Ford Motor company's River Rouge plant, the largest industrial unit in the world, tonight was paralyzed by a sitdown strike. United Automobile workers (CIO), bearing hammers, files and clubs, systematically forced workers off production lines in all major departments.

Police Chief Carl Brooks of Dearborn said violence flared in the 1100-acre plant when workers wearing union buttons rushed from the "B" building housing final assemblies to the fabricating plant and broke down doors in an attempt to drive out other employees.

Riot Squads Ford officials called for all available police protection said Brooks immediately requested Gov. Murray D. Van Waggoner for aid from the state police. Riot squads went to gate 4, main entrance of the Rouge plant, and attempted to quell the disorders. Michael F. Widman Jr., director of the UAW-CIO organizing drive against Ford, said the cessation of operations was the result of "continuous and deliberate" efforts by the company "to bring a shutdown on the UAW-CIO before the issue could be decided by a peaceful employee election under the national labor relations board."

Big Contracts Ford has \$154,000,000 worth of defense contracts, most of which are for airplane engines to be produced in a building that is now being completed. The building is in the River Rouge group. Production of pygmy trucks for the U. S. army is a day shift job in one of the struck departments. The strike started late today as the night shift began work. (Continued on Page Two)

Nurses to Hear Hospital Head

Leatha Humphrey, superintendent of Shrine hospital for crippled children, Portland, and also president of the Oregon State Nurses association, will be honored with breakfast at 8 o'clock Thursday morning in the gold room of the Willard hotel. All graduate nurses are urged to attend. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Del Campbell at Hillside hospital, president of the local district.

Wilson River Road Opening Eyed for Fall

H. E. Devereaux, state director of operations for the WPA, predicted Saturday that the Wilson River road would be open to traffic late this summer. Six hundred WPA workers are now completing the last section of the road, the twin of the Wolf Creek highway, Portland's short cut to the sea, he said. The section under construction is from Glenwood, on the old Gales Creek road, 10.8 miles west to Camp McNameer, 29 miles east of Tillamook.

\$240 Collected As Bounty for Cougar Family

EUGENE, April 1 (AP)—A cougar family enriched T. O. Vaughn, hunter and trapper, by \$240 last week. He bagged a mother and three cubs in the Fall creek district. They brought a bounty of \$50 from the state and \$10 from Lane county, each.

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