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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS WELL, the shooting has finally started. What will happen before it lulls again, no man can say.

HITLER now has war on two fronts — what he has always dreaded. Look for him to do all he can as fast as he can.

SOME advice at this point: Don't believe much you hear for a few days. When a big offensive starts, all NEWS sources are plugged tightly.

Just read and listen and put two and two together. What is happening will finally come out.

THERE will be two fronts to watch—the military and the diplomatic.

The military front, for the time being, will be in Yugoslavia, Greece and possibly Albania. The diplomatic front will be in Moscow and Ankara.

Moscow, as usual, is the BIG MYSTERY.

At the last moment, JUST BEFORE Germany marched, Russia signed a friendship and non-aggression treaty with Yugoslavia.

WHAT Turkey does will depend on what Russia does—or says privately. That probably goes also for Tokyo.

If you're interested in the big news show that opened Sunday morning, you'd better get out your map. Only thus can you follow it intelligently.

YOUR map (if it is a good one) will tell you that northern Yugoslavia is fairly level territory, a part of the great basin of the Danube.

So don't look for the Yugoslavs to cripple themselves hopelessly by trying to defend it against superior force. It is a reasonable guess that they will make their real stand at the mountain barrier in the south.

Don't think all is lost when the Germans overrun the level part of Yugoslavia (which is the greater part) — as they doubtless will rather promptly.

ON your map (if you are really interested) spot Nis and Skopje at once.

Nis is a junction point on the great rail route from Istanbul (Constantinople) through central Europe. From Nis an important rail line runs south through Skopje (where the Yugoslav government is said to have moved) and on through the Vardar valley to Saloniki.

Then locate the Struma river, which flows south out of Bulgaria into Greece. It is in the valley of the Struma, where it crosses into Greece, that the Greeks with British aid are making their all-out stand against the Germans.

(As Leonidas and his Spartans, at Thermopylae, stood to the death against the invading Persians.)

THE purpose of the Germans will be to drive down the Struma and thence westward to Saloniki. At the same time they will seek to drive down the Vardar, thus hitting Saloniki from two sides. Saloniki is the port from which they hope to dominate the eastern Mediterranean.

If you will keep these objectives in mind, you will find the news of the battle more intelligible.

INDICTMENT NEW YORK, April 7 (AP)—An indictment charging conspiracy and tapping of the securities and exchange commission's wires was returned against Jacob Gruber, assistant general counsel for the SEC from 1934 until 1938, and two other persons.

TROUBLED CROSSROADS



This map shows the general theatre of hostilities in the new fighting phase of the European war, following Germany's decision to attack Yugoslavia and Greece. The plains of the north are expected to be rapidly overrun by the mechanized axis forces.

rows on the map indicate the general trend of axis thrusts, while the open arrows show what steps Russia might take if it becomes actively involved in this new phase of the war. The Greeks are reported battling Germans on the Stryna river, just north of Salonika.

PARKING METER PLAN DOOMED

The parking meter program for Klamath Falls appeared doomed Monday night after Mayor John Houston told members of the city council the plan should be dropped.

The council received from members of the retail trade bureau petitions which had been marked for and against the proposal to install parking meters in the downtown area.

The mayor announced a membership drive to obtain necessary funds to construct a municipal swimming pool. He said the recreation committee plans to sell 15-year memberships at \$100 each.

British Bombers Attack Nazi Army Concentration Area LONDON, April 7 (AP)—German troop concentrations at Sofia, Bulgarian capital, were heavily bombed by the RAF last night and his also were scored on the main railway station, yards, junctions and warehouses.

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Machinists Strike in S. F.; Big Steel Tie-up Averted; Allis-Chalmers Tie Ended

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7 (UP)—Members of the AFL Machinists union today struck against about 50 San Francisco industrial plants, halting production on an estimated \$7,000,000 worth of defense orders in a dispute over wage demands.

The walkout was called after deadlock of negotiations with the Bay Area Metal Trades Association for a new working agreement. The union demanded a base scale of \$1.15 an hour for journeymen machinists.

By The Associated Press The United States Steel corporation and the CIO steel workers organizing committee agreed today to continue their wage negotiations, thus averting the threat of an immediate work stoppage in the steel company's mills.

'News Blackout' Isolates Axis Against Leaks ZURICH, April 7 (UP)—Germany and Italy isolated themselves from the outside world tonight, clamping a "news blackout" on correspondents in what was described as a move to prevent possible leakage of military information.

11-Year-Old Girl Has Healthy Baby ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 7 (UP)—Eleven-year-old Nancy Stuart McCarter and her 7½ pound son were in good condition tonight.

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Next 100 Days Important In U. S. Defense, Says Biggers WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—Asserting that the United States was 100 days from mass production of defense supplies, John D. Biggers declared today that "every industrial manager, every worker must realize that the history of the world may depend on what we all do in these 100 days."

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4 DIE, SEVEN HURT IN CRASH

MEDFORD, Ore., April 7 (AP)—A head-on collision between two automobiles early yesterday on the Yams Valley road killed four youths and seriously injured seven others.

Head-on Smash After Dance Takes Heavy Toll Near Medford SALEM, April 7 (UP)—Oregon will get a look at 45,000 army troops now in camp at Fort Lewis and Camp Murray in Washington when they pass through the state for summer maneuvers in California.

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Jugoslavs Invade Two Fronts, Claim

BRITISH TAKE ADDIS ABABA; MASSAUA NEXT

Capital of Ethiopia Falls Without Fight As Drive Nears End

CAIRO, April 7 (UP)—Complete collapse of Italian East Africa became imminent tonight. Free French soldiers fighting in Britain's international army reached the outskirts of Massawa, vital Eritrean seaport, and Ethiopian patriots drove the fleeing fascists from Debra Markos, 105 miles northwest of Addis Ababa.

In Libya British troops were forced into a new retreat east of Benghazi under heavy pressure by combined German and Italian forces. A military spokesman said they were in contact with the enemy in the Gebel Akhdar region.

CAIRO, Egypt, April 7 (AP)—The British announced today that their forces were continuing to withdraw east of Bengasi in North Africa but in East Africa had captured Debra Markos, 120 miles northwest of Addis Ababa, after the fall of the Ethiopian capital without a fight.

More than 10,000 have been captured in Eritrea since March 25, and the imperial forces are drawing closer to the Red sea port of Massaua in that colony and toward Dessie and Gondar in Ethiopia, the British said.

On the Libyan situation, general headquarters said: "In the face of continued pressure by strong German and Italian forces, the withdrawal of our advanced troops to selected areas of concentration is proceeding."

A swift cleanup north, south and west of Addis Ababa was reported following the Saturday night capitulation of Addis (Continued on Page Two)

45,000 Army Men To Pass Here SALEM, April 7 (UP)—Oregon will get a look at 45,000 army troops now in camp at Fort Lewis and Camp Murray in Washington when they pass through the state for summer maneuvers in California.

Included in the men will be 5000 from Oregon. They will move south in truck convoys and trains. Heavy field equipment will accompany them.

Officers indicate that the movement will test the speed with which huge masses of American troops can be moved. The convoys will be made up of 1400 trucks and 2000 men a day will probably be transported across the state.

The columns will move south from Tacoma to Portland, and may bivouac at Swan Island airport in Portland, and then take the Wapinitia cut-off to central Oregon. The troops will then move south through Bend and Klamath Falls over The Dalles-Columbia highway.

Return will be via the Pacific highway.

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ATHENS, Tuesday, April 8 (UP)—The Greeks have hurled back "vicious German onslaughts" and destroyed many tanks on the Struma valley front. But they have been compelled to abandon western Thrace, thereby severing Greece's only land link with Turkey, a high command communique said today.

The news of the Greeks' stubborn Struma valley defense and the Germans' "severe losses" there was announced as the Greeks cheered radio announcements that their Yugoslav allies have invaded both Hungary and Italian Albania.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 8 (UP)—Jugoslav forces were reported early today by the Turkish radio to have invaded both Hungary and northern Albania in swift counter-offensives against Germany and Italy.

Striking at the Italian army in Albania, the Yugoslavs were said by the Ankara radio to have thrust five miles across the frontier and captured the town of Scutari, 20 miles inland from the Adriatic coast.

In the north, it was reported without confirmation elsewhere, Yugoslav troops are driving toward Szeged, Hungary, along the Tisza river where the Yugoslav, Hungarian and Rumanian frontiers meet.

Nazis Said Repulsed (A British radio broadcast, heard by NBC, said that German attacks on Yugoslavia had been repulsed and that in one sector "the German losses in dead and wounded were appalling.")

(The British "reports from the fighting front" said that 12 more heavy German tanks and the crews had been captured by the Yugoslav army as well as "a large number of additional Germans.") The tanks were said to have been captured in the course of a heavy Nazi attack on Yugoslav entrenchments.

The Yugoslav army, striking into Albania in a strong offensive after heavy artillery preparations, was said to be attempting to drive the fascist forces into a huge trap between the Greek and Yugoslav armies and British naval forces along the Adriatic coast.

The Italian forces in Albania, estimated at about 350,000, are dependent upon uncertain air and sea communications across the Adriatic where British submarines and presumably other naval forces are operating.

RUSSIAN PACT SAID HOPEFUL Hull Lauds Move As U. S. Prepares Aid For Invaded Lands

WASHINGTON, April 7 (AP)—The friendship and non-aggression pact which Russia and Yugoslavia signed just before Germany's invasion of the Balkan nation was termed encouraging today by Secretary Hull.

Hull told his press conference at the same time that American envoys in the Balkans still were cut off from communication with the state department.

Nations Aware The secretary of state said that the Russian-Yugoslav agreement made clear that an increasing number of nations were becoming acutely aware of the world nature of what he called a movement to conquest of people by force.

He declined to interpret the pact except to say that it apparently spoke for itself and that he considered it encouraging.

Hull today also encouraged as important a statement by Marshal Henry Petain, chief of the French state, that France's honor against a former ally.

The United States pushed shipments of war supplies to Yugoslavia and Greece after Hull had denounced Germany's (Continued on Page Two)

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