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Russo-Japanese Neutrality Pact Ends Long Feud

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS AFTER a week of bitter and bloody fighting in the Balkans, the situation is still confused as to DETAIL, and there are many contradictions in the news.

For example: The German high command has officially listed the northern Yugoslav army as destroyed. London reports today that this same army is counter-attacking the Germans in the mountains southeast of Belgrade and that its morale is good.

THE nazis assert that the Serb army has been broken into remnants which are retreating in the face of German and Italian troops. The London ministry of information says today (Monday) it has good reason to believe the Yugoslavian Serbs have captured the seaport of Durazzo in Albania.

THE British insist today the garrison at Tobruk (Libya) is not surrounded, that British reinforcement across the desert is still possible and that the axis lines there are exceedingly thin. The Germans say another Dunkerque is in progress at Tobruk.

And so on. . . THIS writer, having no inside information, judging only by what he reads in the papers, is inclined to warn against over-optimism.

The might of the German military machine is again being strikingly demonstrated.

DONT of course, jump to the conclusion that it's all over but the shouting. Centuries of military history prove it's the LAST BATTLE that counts. The last battle of this war is still a long way from being fought.

RUSSIA and Japan sign a neutrality treaty — apparently one of these friendship and non-aggression affairs.

The Pollyanna school of thought argues that with her back door thus (supposedly) cleared of danger Russia will be in a position to get together with Germany at the front door. The more pessimistic realists lean to the idea that with her back door cleared of the Russian threat, Japan will get together with US.

THIS writer's advice is to keep your fingers crossed and WATCH EVENTS.

Treaties in these days (especially the friendship and non-aggression kind) aren't worth the paper they're written on. When it comes to a pinch there is little honor among nations. There NEVER WAS much. The law of the jungle has always been the supreme and final international law.

TIME will tell what is back of this Russian-Jap deal. If Russia gets steadily milder toward Germany and Japan gets steadily tougher in her attitude toward us, it will be a pretty dependable indication that both have made up their minds that Germany is the horse to bet on.

President Asks for New Appropriation

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) President Roosevelt asked congress today for a supplemental appropriation of \$728,767,000 for the war department for the fiscal year starting next July 1, including \$289,065,000 for the army air corps. His request was contained in a letter to Speaker Rayburn.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press April 14, 1940—The Netherlands extends martial law and reaffirms policy of neutrality. April 14, 1916 — Germans throw back Russians near Dvinsk.

FBI man Says No Sabotage Drive Present in U. S.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (UP)—Nathaniel J. L. Pieper, regional field director of the federal bureau of investigation, said today a fifth column exists in America and totalitarian agents are engaged in subversive operations, but there is at present no concerted, foreign-directed sabotage drive in the United States.

Pieper returned from a five-day conference in Washington, D. C., with J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI.

Many accidents believed to have been the result of sabotage were in reality the result of industrial hazards created under the stress of defense speed-up operations, Pieper said. There have been isolated cases of sabotage, he said, but in nearly every case they were carried out by individuals acting independently and not at the instigation of foreign powers, Pieper emphasized.

JAPAN-RUSSIA PACT DOUBTED

Hull Exhibits Little Concern At Signing; China Reds Stunned

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP) Secretary Hull declared today that the new Russian-Japanese neutrality pact "could be over-estimated" and that the policy of the American government remained unchanged.

The secretary of state authorized this formal statement at his press conference. "The significance of the pact between the soviet union and Japan relating to neutrality, as reported in the press today, could be overestimated."

"The agreement would seem to be descriptive of a situation which has in effect existed between the two countries for some time past. It therefore comes as no surprise, although there has existed doubt whether the two governments would or would not agree to say it in writing."

CHUNCKING, April 14 (AP)—Chinese communists appeared (Continued on Page Two)

City Council Eyes Plan for Jail Clean-up

Sanitation in the city jail, muskrats along South Riverside, and clarification of the city fire department's interest in suburban fires were topmost among the matters discussed at a quiet session of the city council last night.

Proper rehabilitation of the city's jail in the basement of the city hall is financially prohibitive at this time, it was agreed, but after some discussion it was decided that the prison facilities will be brought up to sanitary standards immediately, while further long-range plans are drawn.

Building Inspector Harold Franey told the council he be-

STEEL FIRMS GRANT HOURLY WAGE BOOSTS

Strikes Averted; End Of Two Tie-ups Told By Mediation Board

WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP) The national defense mediation board announced tonight agreements have been reached to end strikes at the Phelps Dodge Copper Products corporation, Bayway, N. J., and the Snoqualmie Falls, Wash., Lumber company. Both have defense contracts and employ a total of 2860 workers.

The agreements represented the eighth and ninth obtained by the newly-formed board out of the 11 cases certified to it thus far by the labor department.

Work at the Snoqualmie plant, which has lumber orders for army cantonments, has been tied up by a 24-week strike of 1060 members of the Sawmill and Lumber Workers union (AFL.)

By UNITED PRESS The nations' two largest steel producers granted a 10 cents hourly wage increase Monday to 350,000 employees engaged in \$2,000,000,000 worth of vital defense production.

Agreement of the giant US Steel corporation to wage demands of the CIO steel workers organizing committee led to accord on a new contract, averting a strike of 261,000 men scheduled for midnight Tuesday.

The Bethlehem Steel corporation, No. 2 pillar of steel production, announced a flat 10-cent (Continued on Page Two)

London Asks S. F. Way To Rebuild City

SAN FRANCISCO, April 14 (UP)—London, recalling how San Francisco recovered from the 1906 earthquake-fire, has asked this city for advice on rebuilding and reconstruction.

W. G. Jackson, a member of the London city council, wrote Angelo Rossi: "I should be very grateful if we can obtain any information as to the methods by which public authorities assisted in the work of reconstruction after the great disaster at San Francisco."

"This information is required in connection with the consideration which is being given to the problems arising from the war damage which has occurred in London.

Some of the questions which Jackson asked Mayor Rossi: "What part did public authorities and private enterprise take in the work of reconstruction? Was it found necessary to transfer the ownership of lands and damaged properties to the public authorities?"

"Was there any scheme of pooling of ownerships and redistribution of plots? When land was acquired by public authorities, on what basis was the purchase?" (Continued on Page Two)

Nazis Promise Destruction Against Allies in Balkans



A German anti-aircraft gun and crew guard over a German army motor route somewhere in Yugoslavia. This picture radiated from Berlin to New York.

BRITISH FORCE SAID TRAPPED

Tobruk Encircled In Africa; Nazis Bomb Attempts To Escape

BERLIN, April 14 (AP)—DNE, official German news agency, declared today that British troops trapped at Tobruk were trying to escape by sea, but were under a dunquerque-like aerial bombardment.

Dive bombers were said to be smashing at transports and other vessels in that Libyan harbor. In another report DNE said that British armored forces made a desperate effort to escape by land from "a harbor city of Cirenaica," but that the German besiegers destroyed eight of 14 armored cars which tried to break through.

LONDON, April 14 (AP)—The British war office announced tonight that 20 axis tanks supporting infantry "crossed the outer defenses" of Tobruk in North Africa this morning, but were ejected with severe losses.

BERLIN, April 14 (AP)—The official German agency DNE reported tonight that nazi dive-bombers had sunk British transports aggregating 30,000 tons in the Athenian harbor of Piraeus.

F. R. Pitches First Ball In 1941 Majors

By ERNEST BARCELLA United Press Correspondent WASHINGTON, April 14 (UP) Franklin D. Roosevelt, who pitched his third straight victory over the republicans last November, threw another strike today and touched off the 1941 Major league baseball season.

The New York Yankees got some sick hurling, too—a three-hit job by Southpaw Marius Russo—and blanked the Washington Senators 3 to 0. This was the eighth time Mr. Roosevelt had tossed out the opening day pitch, a record since the presidential tradition was (Continued on Page Two)

Secretary Visits Coal Negotiations

NEW YORK, April 14 (UP)—Governmental interest in the reopening of the bituminous coal mines in time to prevent an acute coal shortage, was expressed tonight by Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins during an unexpected visit to the Appalachian coal wage-hour negotiations.

Secretary Perkins participated in negotiations between northern soft coal operators and officials of the United Mine Workers (CIO) for about one hour. She declined to discuss her visit to the conference. The meeting adjourned about 11 p. m. until 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Selection of Jury Slow In Anderson Case

Jury selection proved slow and difficult in circuit court Monday in the opening sessions of the trial of James Quentin Anderson, charged with the second degree murder of Jerry Zulkoski, a white man.

Out of the first 17 veniremen called, seven were excused for cause. At noon, 20 additional names were drawn for the panel. These were exhausted by 5 p. m., when court was recessed until 9:30 Tuesday morning. Still more veniremen were to be notified to appear in court Tuesday.

Defense questioning indicated a probable self-defense plea in behalf of the young part Indian, son of O. T. Anderson, prominent Beatty rancher. His attorneys, E. E. Driscoll and J. C. O'Neill, questioned jurors closely as to their attitude to (Continued on Page Two)

'Real Case' To Reopen Monday Against Bridges

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15 (UP)—The "real case" against Harry Bridges, California CIO director, will begin tomorrow when his second deportation hearing reopens in federal court after a week's recess, government attorneys said today.

The first three witnesses called in the opening week of the hearing provided a background of communist party activities and testimony concerning official communist policy. The government indicated that from now on it will seek to connect Bridges directly with "an organization advocating overthrow of the US government by force or violence."

6 P. M. Closing Saturdays Sought By Merchant Group

A decision to bring about 6 o'clock closing of all Klamath Falls stores on Saturday evenings was unanimously agreed upon at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Klamath Retail Merchants bureau.

Vern Owens, chairman of the bureau, appointed N. P. Long as chairman of a committee to contact each merchant in the city personally relative to the 6 o'clock closing. Most stores now remain open until 8 p. m. on Saturdays, it was pointed out, but the merchants said that very few people shop after 6 p. m. and that they believed earlier closing would work no hardship on customers and would benefit employees.

Other members of the committee appointed to call on all merchants are: D. D. Reeder, Charles I. Roberts, R. R. Proebstel and I. J. Olson. It was decided to offer the services of the bureau's parking meter committee to Mayor John Houston and the city council in an effort to solve the parking situation in Klamath Falls. The committee will offer to meet with the city planning commission or other group to work out a solution.

This action was taken after the report of J. A. Souther, chairman of the parking meter committee, who announced that two sets of petitions circulated by his committee had been turned over to Mayor Houston, with the result that the city dropped the parking meter question. Merchants contacted by the petitions had overwhelmingly signed the petitions against parking meters and only about six had signed the petitions favoring the meters.

War Bulletins

CAIRO, April 14 (UP)—Encircled British defenders of the Libyan port of Tobruk, 80 miles behind the spearhead of an Italo-German desert offensive which has swept into Egyptian territory, today beat off a heavy German tank assault and inflicted "severe losses" on the nazis, it was stated officially.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 15 (UP)—The British commander-in-chief in the middle east, Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, has ordered his army of the Nile to fall back upon Marsa Matruh and abandon Sidi Barrani to axis armored forces, an Ankara radio report said today.

ROME, Tuesday, April 15 (UP)—The Italian army has occupied the vital city of Koritsa in southeastern Albania after seizing it from the Greeks as the start of a possible double flanking movement against the Greek and British lines, it was announced officially today.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 15 (UP)—High flying German bombers made two "snap" raids on northeast England coast towns last night after the royal air force hammered the Merignac airbase near Bordeaux, starting point for nazi raids on Atlantic and North sea shipping.

LONDON, Tuesday, April 15 (UP)—Yugoslav Serbians in two attacks south of Belgrade are threatening to cut the Belgrade-to-Salonika railroad, chief line of supply for German assaults on the eastern wing of the British-Greek front, an Ankara radio report said early today.

Abbott told state police he was driving north toward Klamath Falls when lights of an oncoming car blinded him and he drove onto the shoulder, ripped out a highway marker post and crashed into a coupe parked on the left shoulder near a small side road. The coupe was headed south but the impact spun both cars around on the ditch bank and they headed east at right angles to the highway, the Abbott car overturning.

Passengers in the Abbott car were the driver's wife, Doris, 22, Carl Johnson, 27, and his wife, Bertha, 22, all of Mt. Shasta. Mrs. Abbott and the Johnsons received treatment at Klamath Valley hospital, where they were found to be suffering from cuts and bruises. Mrs. Abbott being the most seriously injured with a deep gash on the top of her head. Abbott and Brownell had minor hurts, the latter complaining of chest bruises. Both cars were badly damaged.

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BLOW COMING IN NEXT FEW HOURS, CLAIM

Assertion Made That Germans Will Knock British Out of War

BERLIN, Tuesday, April 15 (UP)—The German army is ready to unleash its "blow of destruction" against the British and Greek armies within the next 24 hours and knock Britain out of the Balkan war, informed nazi quarters asserted early today.

The British expeditionary force already is embarking on troopships "just as at Dunkerque last year" after being withdrawn from the fighting lines in northern Greece and is attempting evacuation by sea under fierce nazi aerial attacks, these quarters claimed.

Luftwaffe Assaults Shattering luftwaffe assaults on waiting British troop and supply ships at Piraeus, where 110,000 tons of ships were said to have been sunk or badly damaged, and other Greek ports were claimed by the official DNE agency.

The fighting still underway against Serbian troops in scattered areas is "mere exercise" for the German armored forces who are ready now to launch their attack against the main British-Greek line in northern Greece.

"Bulk of Serbian army destroyed," said the headline in this morning's Voelkischer Beobachter, official organ of Adolf Hitler's nazi party. "Serbia lies on the ground," said the Lokalanzeiger.

German informed quarters asserted that the British army in Greece, although realizing its predicament, is hopelessly unable to carry out a "successful evacuation" before the German blow of destruction comes. "US War-Mongers" "This blow will lead to the Englishman's quick elimination from the Balkan war which, together with the war-mongers of the United States, instigated," one spokesman said.

Five Injured in Crash South of Midland Monday

Five persons were injured in a head-on collision two miles south of Midland on the Weed highway shortly after 4 o'clock Monday morning when a car operated by Ralph Abbott, about 25, Mt. Shasta, Calif., crashed into a parked car owned by Lloyd Brownell, about 50, 5244 Main street.

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Picture shows members of the Carpenters and Joiners union who joined the "building bee" Saturday at the new Salvation army building, Fourth and Klamath.