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(Every Morning Except Monday)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AS to the situation in Greece, which today dominates ALL the news, keep this in mind: It isn't as bad as the German dispatches picture it.

HITLER having won the battle of the Balkans (all but the mopping up) is seeking to terrify the Turks. He hopes to frighten them to the point where they will abandon the British and come over to him. That would open to him the land route to Suez.

So he is boasting mightily of another Dunkerque. By every possible trick of propaganda he is trying to shatter Turkish (and Russian) belief in British prestige.

GREECE is, of course, another Dunkerque. But a relatively SMALL one. When the British (for reasons not yet clear) were deliberately provoking Hitler into beginning the battle of the Balkans, they talked largely of a force of 100,000 to 300,000 in Greece. Recent dispatches indicate they had not more than 75,000 men there—probably less than that.

Loss of an army of that size won't fatally weaken Britain. If any considerable part of the LARGER OBJECTIVE she must have had in mind has been realized, the loss can be written off as an investment.

WHAT was this larger objective (if any)? This writer, who has NO inside sources of information, doesn't know. But one can't be shot for guessing.

Six weeks ago, when the adventure in Greece was first conceived, Britain was almost HOURLY expecting invasion. She must have wanted very much to POSTPONE the invasion attempt in order to give more time for American help, pledged under the Lend-Lease bill, to arrive.

Under such circumstances, what would have seemed more natural than creating DIVERSION somewhere to delay Hitler's invasion plans?

AS a boy, strolling through the woods, you must at some time or other have come suddenly upon a hen pheasant or quail, seemingly crippled, fluttering along just out of reach. If so, you probably gave chase.

You could almost lay hands on the seemingly helpless bird but never quite managed it. When you had been led sufficiently far a way from her NEST, she FLEW AWAY.

THE Greeks, showing up Mussolini, must have irked Hitler terribly. Britain's little army, landed in Greece, must have added to the provocation—especially after what had happened in Africa.

The temptation to SMASH them both, along with the upstart Yugoslavs, must have been great—because HITLER KNEW that any time he put his mighty war machine in full motion no aggregation of little nations, aided by a puny British expeditionary force, could stand against him.

IT is just possible that in moving in force to smash the obstreperous Greeks and the upstart Yugoslavs and the reckless little British army Hitler may have been led away from the BRITISH NEST. Long enough, maybe, to give time for badly needed American aid to reach Britain.

Once started rolling, his war machine MIGHT roll on into RUSSIA. History proves that you never can tell what a world conqueror will do.

This, please remember, is guesswork, pure and simple. Only the historians, delving among the records years hence, can confirm or deny it.

At least, it is a thought. If Hitler's war machine SHOULD keep rolling away from Britain it will seem to have been a reasonable guess.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

April 23, 1940—Canadian a.d. French troops seize town of Graveling, 25 miles north of Narvik, from Germans.

April 23, 1918—British recover trenches from Germans in hard fighting at Ypres.

REOPENING OF NORTH'S COAL MINES AGREED

President's Request Followed by Union Action by CIO Men

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 24 (UP)—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins today certified the entire bituminous coal dispute to the national defense mediation board after collapse of New York negotiations for reopening the mines in response to President Roosevelt's appeal.

Southern operators in the Appalachian field announced in New York last midnight that their negotiations with the United Mine Workers (CIO) were "hopelessly deadlocked" and that they were returning here again to seek certification of the controversy to the mediation board. Miss Perkins acted at once.

NEW YORK, April 23 (UP)—The northern soft coal mine operators and the United Mine workers (CIO) tonight agreed to reopen immediately mines closed three weeks ago by a work stoppage resulting from failure to agree on a new wage-hour contract.

Attitude of the southern miners was not known immediately, however, John L. Lewis, president of the UMW, said that "the miners will not divide their forces," meaning that they would not open the northern mines without the southern mines also being reopened.

The action followed a request by President Roosevelt to operators and workers to reopen mines immediately.

A union statement said, "We will recommend to our policy committee complete acceptance of the president's proposal."

The northern operators, who (Continued on Page Two)

Ex-Red Calls Bridges Arch Labor Enemy

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23 (AP)—A former communist who once idolized Harry Bridges, testified at the longshore leader's deportation hearing today. "I think he is the greatest enemy labor has today," the witness, Robert Patrick Wilmot of Portland, Ore., said when he first met Bridges in October, 1937, on the stage of the Norse hall in Portland. "I thought he was a great labor leader."

Speedy 'Mosquito' Boats Ready for Great Britain

WASHINGTON, April 23 (AP) Secretary Knox said today that about 20 fast naval motor torpedo boats were ready for delivery to Great Britain as a part of the lend-lease program, and possibly were on the way now.

Knox said the boats, capable of speeds of more than a mile a minute, were to be shipped across, rather than undertaken the trans-Atlantic trip under their own power.

More Building The navy had 28 available, Knox said, and the British were supplied from those. Other "mosquito" craft, mostly of a type 70 feet long and able to speed 70 or more miles an hour are under consideration.

Knox told his press conference also that the navy was negotiating with Canada for construction of a number of warships, probably of the new Brit-

Britain Wants U. S. In War, Says Lindy

NEW YORK, April 23 (UP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh told an "America First" rally tonight "it is now obvious that England is losing the war" but has "one last desperate plan" to persuade the United States to send another American expeditionary force to Europe.

He accused Britain of misinforming the United States and other nations "concerning her state of preparation, her military strength, and the progress of the war." Rally Guarded The rally was guarded by a special detail of uniformed and plain clothes policemen. Dr. L. M. Birkhead, national director of the Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, had announced beforehand it would be picketed by members of his organization, charging it would be "the largest meeting of pro-nazis and pro-fascists in New York since the German-American Bund rallies in Madison Square garden."

The crowd outside Manhattan center, where the rally was held, was so great that pickets could not operate. Mounted police kept hundreds of persons from approaching. There were 5000 inside the hall, including "Japsie" Condon, and it was announced that there was an overflow of 30,000.

In his speech Lindbergh held "the United States is not pre- (Continued on Page Two)

NEW TAX PLAN HITS INCOMES

Two Proposals Now Before House Group To Raise Huge Sum

By ARTHUR F. DEGREVE United Press Correspondent WASHINGTON, April 23 (UP) Congressional tax experts were revealed today to have proposed new defense taxes that would fall more lightly on low and middle class incomes and more heavily on large salaries than those proposed in the treasury's \$3,400,000,000 revenue program.

Both plans were being studied by the house ways and means committee which begins public hearings tomorrow with Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., defending his department's recommendations. He will be accompanied by one of his aides, Assistant Secretary John L. Sullivan, who shocked members of the house group Monday when he explained the severe treasury tax program.

High Gift Tax The alternative schedules advanced by the congressional experts would raise an estimated (Continued on Page Two)

First Thunderstorm Drenches Klamath

An April shower which brought the year's first thunder pattered the city Wednesday at noon.

The rain broke after clouds had piled up out of an early-morning clear sky but continued for only about fifteen minutes. By two o'clock streets were again dry and old man sunshine was again peeping out from the edge of a retreating cloud.

The weatherman predicts a fair day for Thursday.

Main Army of Greece Surrenders To Nazis

BERLIN CLAIMS 'LAST ACT' IN GREECE BEGUN

Little Chance Given British for Escape From Nazi Bombers

BERLIN, April 23 (AP)—Claiming axis domination of all Greece north of Thermopylae, a German spokesman declared tonight that "the conquest of all Greece is practically effected."

Earlier, authorized sources declared that the German army had crushed the British rearguard at fabled Thermopylae and that at least 250,000 Greeks had surrendered to axis forces in the Epirus and Macedonian sectors.

The military spokesman called the control of northern Greece the "last act" in the intensive military campaign.

"What remains of the Greek action is the energetic pursuit of the British who are desperately trying to escape," the military informant said.

Ships Sunk He asserted that British losses here were approaching those of the retreat from the Flanders plains at Dunkerque, France, 11 months ago.

"Another Dunkerque situation is in full swing," he said.

Germans estimated that 132,000 tons of British shipping had already been sunk off harbors of Greece, including transports carrying retreating troops, as the Germans said.

Germans' signal, it was said, had dive-bombed many to the bottom. In addition, they said that 37 ships had been extensively damaged, many left in sinking condition.

Nazi panzer units already have passed through the historic gateway of Thermopylae and are relentlessly pursuing the retreating British in the direction of Athens, these sources declared.

A less expansive communique of the high command, however, said simply that moves in Greece were "proceeding according to plan" and that "forces advancing by way of Lania, further south, compelled English rear guards to fight at historic Thermopylae pass."

Germans expressed confidence that only small contingents of Britain's expeditionary force would ever see home again.

"Only the weather and God, they added, could save the British from annihilation." "Our scouts are watching (Continued on Page Two)

Rising Australian Discontent Seen Over War Reverses

LONDON, April 23 (UP)—Lieut. Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey, Australian commander in the middle east, today was named second in command to Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell in an effort to put down rising Australian discontent over the conduct of the war in Greece and North Africa.

Australian laborite leaders and the press, warning of a possible crisis there, are bitterly assailing the British high command for sending the hard-fighting "Aussies" up against the crushing German blitzkrieg in Greece "without adequate support."

There were fears in high quarters "another Dunkerque" in the withdrawal from Greece might produce Australian political repercussions involving the fall of the Menzies government.

Cash, Pledges for Pool Total \$2350 Cash on hand in the municipal swimming pool membership effort totals \$1225, while cash and pledges now amount to \$2350, according to David Bridge, city recreational director.



After two weeks of blitzkrieg, the main Greek army, numbering from 250,000 to 300,000, has capitulated to the axis and 50,000 square miles lost. Maps show receding British-Greek defense lines and extent of penetration by German-Italian lines.

TURKEY ARMS, FEARS ATTACK

Nation's Policy Still Peace If Possible; Nazis Take Islands

ISTANBUL, April 23 (UP)—The official Turkish radio reported without confirmation today German troops had seized the island of Lemnos in the Aegean sea, less than 50 miles from the mouth of the vital Dardanelles.

The report followed by a day the disclosure by reliable sources that Samothrace, another strategic Greek island 25 miles north of Lemnos, had fallen to Nazi soldiers landed by speedboats.

ISTANBUL, Turkey, April 23 (AP)—Turkey prepared tonight for any eventuality, guarding against any attack from the axis even though it was declared that such a development was not expected at present.

There was no official comments on reports that Germans have seized Greek islands close to Turkey, but officials in Ankara said their policy still is peace if possible and war if Turkey's independence is threatened.

Prime Minister Churchill acknowledged in London Tuesday the possibility that the Germans had occupied the Greek island of Samo Thrake.) Civilians Removed Removal of many civilians from Istanbul as a precaution was getting under way tonight and some wooden houses regarded as firetraps were being demolished.

Foreign circles here held that the ambitions of Bulgaria are (Continued on Page Two)

City Takes Steps To Buy Property For Airport Job

Ordinances had been started through the councilmanic mill Wednesday for purchase of most of the property in the city airport expansion program, and Mayor John Houston said it appears total property cost in the development will be about \$50,000.

A city levy for the purpose will raise about \$68,000. Deals are virtually closed for all but three pieces of property, and it now appears that condemnation will be necessary on only two, those belonging to the Kelly brothers. Options cover most of the other property and action taken by the council at an adjourned meeting Tuesday will take up these options. A board of appraisal studied values of the property for the council.

Where Main Greek Army Surrendered

The surrendered Greek troops of the armies of Epirus and Macedonia will be released and sent back to their homes as soon as hostilities in Greece are concluded, as Germany's and Italy's gesture of tribute to their bravery, it was announced. The surrender was signed at 2:45 p. m. and became in effect three and a quarter hours later. The surrendered Greek troops, it was stated, will not be herded into prison camps but will be "released immediately in designated areas immediately after the conclusion of hostilities."

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RAF Attacks Libyan Cities Held By Axis

CAIRO, Egypt, April 23 (AP)—Raids on the now axis-held Libyan cities of Bengasi and Barce were reported today by the RAF middle east command. Four axis planes were said to have been shot down over British-held Tobruk.

The communique, covering action of the past 24 hours, said also that British fighters carried out "successful" patrols over Greece while ground defenses shot down four German dive-bombers and a dornier.

The Nazi raid on besieged Tobruk was carried out by a large force, the communique said, but the "greatly outnumbered" RAF fighters quickly shot down a JU-87, two ME-109's and a G-50 and badly damaged several others. It was confirmed that in a German raid on the same city last Saturday four attacking planes were destroyed by ground fire.

British fighters and bombers retaliated with attacks on mechanized forces throughout yesterday, the report said, machine-gunning troop-filled trucks with "heavy casualties and much confusion to the enemy."

SEATTLE, April 23 (UP)—Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black today sentenced Leon Behard, who posed as a former Turkish army officer and G-man, to 14 months in McNeil Island federal prison. He was convicted of impersonating a government agent and obtaining \$50 from an unsuspecting stenographer.

KING SETS UP RULE IN CRETE TO DIRECT WAR

Government Leaves Athens for Island After Capitulation

BERLIN, April 23 (UP)—The formal surrender of the main Greek army numbering close to 300,000 troops became effective at 6 p. m. today after the signing of a document of unconditional capitulation in a ceremony near German-held Salonika.

The surrendered Greek troops of the armies of Epirus and Macedonia will be released and sent back to their homes as soon as hostilities in Greece are concluded, as Germany's and Italy's gesture of tribute to their bravery, it was announced.

The surrender was signed at 2:45 p. m. and became in effect three and a quarter hours later. The surrendered Greek troops, it was stated, will not be herded into prison camps but will be "released immediately in designated areas immediately after the conclusion of hostilities."

The capitulation was signed after the Greek armies, hopelessly entrapped in the north, had "unconditionally laid down their arms," the statement said.

ATHENS, April 23 (UP)—British and Greek troops facing the final all-out fury of the German blitzkrieg tonight made their last desperate stand just north of ancient Athens from which King George II and his government fled with a pledge to "fight on until final victory."

The 51-year-old monarch and his government fled by ship 80 miles southward to the British-defended island of Crete after the capitulation of the main Greek army of Epirus—perhaps 250,000 men—in a surrender which the king berated as unauthorized.

The government fled, after 18 days of crushing blitzkrieg, as the steel-clad German tide ground its way down through Attica constantly nearer to Athens and droves of Nazi bombers heaped havoc upon cities, towns, ports and ships leaving the Greek coasts.

Harbor Damaged Great waves of German bombers today smashed at Greek ports and waiting ships including the harbors of Piraeus, Attica, Salamis and Megara and "caused considerable damage to (Continued on Page Two)

Britain Finding Answer to Night Bombing, Claim

LOS ANGELES, April 23 (AP) Britain is "finding the answer" to Germany's night bombing raids, reports Air Marshal William A. Bishop, head of the Royal Canadian air force.

"We were three months ahead of Germany in night bombing, and although when she began, she had a superior force of bombers, we are still the superior navigators at night; and we still benefit from this," he said in an address prepared for a noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce.

He asserted the Germans "have reached their maximum, allowing for other commitments." "Both sides at present are sending their night bombers over without appreciable or important losses.

"The answer is not to be found in any sudden remedy. But the remedy will be found. There are methods of making it more difficult for the night bomber. I only wish I could tell you how swiftly we are finding the answer in that regard."

Witness Describes British Attack on Tripoli Seaport

egg shells and terrorizing the population. The guns' scorching fire continued steadily for 42 minutes from 5 a. m., repeatedly scoring direct hits. I was aboard the most powerful battleship of the fleet, close to the streaks of flame from her powerful guns. They turned blackness into light and the one-ton shells rumbled through the night with a noise like a rushing subway train. The huge shells exploded on Tripoli with shattering force and the entire seaport seemed ablaze. Shells ripped into the heart of each of the battleships' designated targets. Six axis ships, (Continued on Page Two)

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