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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS ATHENS, the birthplace of democracy, falls to the Germans — as it has fallen so often before invaders in the past 24 centuries.

Greek democracy perished in the first place because the individually admirable democracies of ancient Greece never could get together and STAY TOGETHER.

ALSO because the ancient Greeks got so busy enjoying the fruits of democracy that they neglected (in the words of Aristotora) to "keep their weapons and their discipline perfected."

DISTURBING thought: With war just around the corner from us, WE are insisting upon enjoyment of such fruits of democracy as the right to strike and hold up production of weapons for our defense.

WHAT is happening to the British army in Greece is still tightly cloaked by the censorship.

London says nothing. In Australia, Army Minister Percy C. Spender says today: "The withdrawal of certain Australian troops from Greece has begun and as far as it has proceeded has been successful."

He adds: "I am unable to confirm or deny reports that the majority of Australians and New Zealanders have been removed from the Hellenic (Greek) peninsula, along with their weapons."

THE Germans say British military losses in Greece will far exceed those of Dunkerque. Remember, in this connection, that Hitler is seeking in every possible way, by propaganda as well as by force, to destroy British prestige.

KEEP this in mind today: The tightness of the censorship EVERYWHERE indicates that big events are in the wind. The present comparative lull won't last long.

A NEW development (on a small scale): General De Gaulle appears with free French forces in French Somaliland. Your map will show French Somaliland as a postage stamp area at the southern entrance to the Red Sea.

How he got there isn't explained, but there is a reference to "disembarkation" of free French forces. They must have sailed around Africa.

IN London (on Sunday) Churchill says: "The war may spread to Spain and Morocco or to Turkey and Russia, but in order to win this war Hitler must either conquer this island (Britain) or he must cut the ocean lines which join us to the United States."

He adds: "The vital battle of the Atlantic has entered a far more favorable phase because of the U. S. decision to PATROL the waters of the Western Hemisphere."

PATROLLING alone won't beat the Germans. If and when they start shooting at us SHOOTING BACK will be required. Nobody will tell us so, but the decision to shoot back has evidently been reached in Washington.

When we start shooting back, we'll be at war.

LINDBERGH today resigns his commission as colonel in the U. S. air corps reserve. After being called a copperhead by his commander-in-chief, he couldn't very well do otherwise.

A prediction: When war actually comes to us, Lindbergh will be found FIGHTING while a lot of his critics will still be talking in safe places.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press April 28, 1940—German air attacks level Namsos, used by allies as troop-landing port in Norway.

April 28, 1916—Turks harass besieged British army at Kut-el-Amara.

PISTOL WOUND FATAL TO K. F. TRUCK DRIVER

Henry Milot Dies of Accidental Shot by Own Weapon Sunday

Henry Hubert Milot, 27, an employe of Sears, Roebuck and company, was fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a .45 Colt automatic pistol as he was getting out of his car Sunday morning about 10:30 o'clock on a ridge a mile east of Rabbit flat.

Milot was accompanied on the Sunday morning target practice and squirrel hunt by his wife, June, Ray Billings, 612 North Eighth street, and Charles Evans, local gunsmith.

The party left Rabbit flat, turned left off the highway to hunt on the ridge, when they saw several "diggers" cross the dirt road. Milot and Billings stepped from the car and Milot had the gun in his hand. Just then the gun accidentally discharged, the bullet burying itself in the dirt close to Milot's foot.

The men remarked on the "hair trigger action" of the gun. Billings stated, and after walking up the road about 200 feet, returned to the car and drove on some 400 or 500 feet until they reached the ridge.

Milot was carrying the pistol in a holster on the right side. He stepped from the car, and with one foot on the running board stood up and shifted the holster from the right to the left side. Apparently the pressure of his hand caused the gun to discharge a second time, the bullet entering the thigh of the left leg near the groin, emerging about eight inches below.

The young man called to Billings saying, "Pancho, help me," and then became unconscious. The men placed Milot in the rear seat of the car, and Mrs. Milot drove the injured man to a hospital where he died a few minutes after arrival.

For the past four months, Milot has been employed as a truck driver for Sears. He formerly worked for the Crater Lake florists. His home is at 3110 Summers lane. His parents reside at Wenatchee, Washington.

Valsetz Star Comments On News of Day

VALSETZ, Ore., April 28 (UP) Editor Dorothy Anne Hobson of the famed Valsetz Star is taking a new kind of vitamin. "It has three letters in it and you feel just terrifically militant all at once," she writes in this month's issue.

Young Dorothy—along with Assistant Editor Franklin Thomason—is somewhat worried about Hitler, but says in the mimeographed newspaper that "Franklin—not Franklin Roosevelt, but the assistant editor—is all ready to spring."

"We are moving our office because everything looks serious and we only have tar on our roof and everybody says the (Continued on Page Two)

Witness in Bridges Case May Face Contempt Charge

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (UP)—The government today introduced a statement in the Harry Bridges deportation hearing quoting James O'Neil, former CIO publicity man, as saying he once saw Bridges pasting assessment stamps in a communist party book.

But O'Neil, a reluctant witness already adjudged guilty of contempt of court for disregarding a subpoena, flatly denied he ever made that statement to the federal bureau of investigation. He also denied making numerous other statements about Bridges. As a result of his denials, Albert Del Guercio, federal attorney, said the government was considering filing an accusation of perjury against O'Neil.

Intimidated Del Guercio said a transcript of O'Neil's alleged statements to the FBI will be turned over to the U. S. attorney's office tomorrow "as the basis for perjury charges."

O'Neil charged from the witness stand he had been "more or less" intimidated by FBI agents and he lost his job as newscaster at a Marysville radio station because of his connection with the Bridges case.

Sparrows Die By Hundreds; Bend Puzzled

BEND, Ore., April 28 (AP)—Hundreds of sparrows lay in streets and fields surrounding Bend today while game officials sought the cause of their mysterious deaths.

Thousands of the birds flew into the city Friday night, and observers estimated almost a third of them had died by the following morning.

They beat against lighted windows and swarmed under street lamps and lights of an athletic field. Some witnesses said the birds spiraled high before dropping to earth dead. Several of the sparrows were sent to a laboratory for study.

BRITISH TOWN GETS BOMBING

Heavy Anti-Aircraft Barrage Heard; RAF Hits Nazi Shipping

SOUTHWEST COAST TOWN, England, Tuesday, April 29 (UP) German bombers swept over this town in relays for about four hours last night and early today, bucking the heaviest anti-aircraft barrage heard here throughout the war.

The defense fire seemed to turn back many of the enemy planes at the outer fringe of the barrage. Nevertheless a formidable number of raiders broke through and poured many thousands of incendiaries and high explosives.

In the first quarter-hour of the attack alone, it was estimated at least 10,000 fire bombs rained on the town. They were followed by oil bombs.

The raiders also used many flares, as many as 50 floating over an area at one time.

Tentative reports indicated that the casualties and damage would be fairly light in comparison with the scope of the attack.

The incendiaries and oil bombs started several fires, the majority of which were controlled quickly.

Developing reports indicated (Continued on Page Two)

\$726 in Money Bag Stolen From Market On South Sixth

A money bag containing \$726 was stolen Sunday from the South Sixth street market, operated by D. Frazer, according to a report filed with the sheriff's office.

Officers said Frazer placed the bag in its usual hiding place at the close of business Saturday evening. He discovered it was gone on Sunday evening. It is believed the thief entered by the back door and stole the bag in daylight.

There were no clues left, the investigators said. Thieves also entered the Klamath Falls Creamery on Main street last weekend, breaking glass in a window. They were left with a small amount of change, a few candy and ice cream bars and two trays of eggs.

UCLA Peace Rally—75 Students Attend



Not even Theodore Dreiser, famed author, could draw more than a handful of University of California at Los Angeles students from their campus to a peace rally across the street. Dreiser, shown speaking at the microphone, was heard by 75 students at the meeting sponsored by the American Student Union.

Council Finds No Nuisance In Muskrats

Following an opinion of the city attorney that the law does not give the city basis for action in the matter, the South Riverside muskrat controversy was dismissed from further consideration by the common council last night.

City Attorney D. E. Van Vactor, asked last week to give the council an opinion, said that the facts as given to him show that the muskrats are not now a nuisance, and "you can't abate something that doesn't exist." He said that it had been urged the muskrats are a potential nuisance, but before action could be taken there would have to be facts taken from experience with the rats which would prove the animals would eventually become a nuisance.

Petition The council a few weeks ago received a petition signed by 83 people of the South Riverside district, protesting that Oscar Peyton has leased the swamp in that area and is trapping and planting muskrats there.

Several South Riversides were at the meeting last night, with Harry Richardson and Garrett Van Riper as spokesmen. They argued that the muskrats would become a menace when their value drops and trapping is for that reason discontinued. Damages done by muskrats to dikes and irrigation structures in this area were cited by the protesters. They said they wanted to know, particularly, who would be responsible if at a later time the rats became troublesome.

Peyton was at the meeting and stated only about 15 acres of his leased swamp is inside the city. "I will trap that section ruthlessly to keep down the rats and prevent any nuisance there," he said. He added that there was some swamp land there, close to other property, that does not come within his lease.

"The council will have to stand on the law as shown by the city attorney's opinion," said Mayor John Houston. "If we have no basis for action, we cannot act."

Attorney Van Vactor pointed out that there is no city ordinance to prohibit the muskrat (Continued on Page Two)

Californian Irked By Sharpsters at U. S. Army Camps

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28 (UP)—Attorney General Earl Warren today announced he will open a drive against "crooked gamblers, sharpsters, prostitutes and others of that ilk" swarming around army posts in California.

Charging "vice mongers" were swarming around the state's military stations, Warren said law enforcement conditions were "getting out of hand." He planned to call a conference of federal, state and local authorities to decide on repressive measures.

"The boys in training have conducted themselves admirably so far," Warren said. "But conditions are developing which threaten their future welfare. The law enforcement problem is becoming acute."

The ponderous animal came here with Polack Brothers circus, part of which stayed overnight at the Shell service station. The elephant was put in one of the sheds for the night.

Mediterranean Sea Next, Nazis Claim

SOUTH'S MINE OPERATORS TO RESUME WORK

Coal Miners Accept President's Proposal To Negotiate Later

WASHINGTON, April 28 (UP)—The White House announced tonight that the 13 southern bituminous coal operators had accepted President Roosevelt's proposal for reopening the mines.

L. Ebersole Gaines, chairman of the southern group, in a telegram to the president, said the southern operators "which have not yet negotiated a wage agreement accepted your proposal without equivocation," and added that "we are ready to resume work immediately."

Mr. Roosevelt's proposal was made just a week ago tonight. He proposed then that all mines—northern and southern—reopen immediately; that negotiations continue; and that any wage gains be made retroactive.

The southern operators rejected that proposal last week and again during last weekend when it again was proposed by the national defense mediation board.

Shortly after 11 p. m., tonight, however, the White House called press association offices, notifying (Continued on Page Two)

AXIS CROSSES EGYPT BORDER

CAIRO, Egypt, April 28 (AP)—Axis forces which have penetrated about five or six miles inside the Egyptian frontier near Salum made "little or no progress" yesterday, the British middle east headquarters communicate said today.

It did not mention British forces in Greece, but said "light elements of a well-known British armored division are once again in contact with the enemy" on the north African front.

Tobruk Holding The axis push, said to extend some 15 to 20 miles inland from the coast, recalled the situation of last September when Italian desert forces swept past Salum to Sidi Barrani, 50 miles inside Egypt.

Tobruk, the beleaguered British garrison on the coast 80 miles inside Libya, still was holding out against repeated German-Italian attacks and occasionally the forces there were making some forays of their own.

Malaya Faces Threatened Invasion, Reports General

By HAROLD GUARD United Press Correspondent SINGAPORE, April 28 (UP)—The threat of an attempted invasion of Malaya, at the tip of which lies Britain's great Singapore base, definitely exists, Lieut. Gen. L. V. Bond said tonight in an exclusive interview.

The military chief of the British empire's far eastern bastion suggested smilingly that the garrison had strengthened itself sufficiently since his appointment in July, 1939, to give any would-be invader a tough fight. He said reinforcements still were pouring in by virtually every arriving ship.

"Malaya's air forces are infinitely stronger than ever before," Bond said. "That is essential to the defense of this country, because the potential invaders must have bases available from which they could launch large scale air attacks."

French Forces Land in East African Port

VICHY, France, April 28 (AP) The French government announced today receipt of information that De Gaulle's ("Free French") forces, supported by British mechanized units, were just inside the southern border of French Somaliland, East Africa.

The announcement said the colonial ministry had given necessary instructions to the governor of the French possession to prevent it from going over to the De Gaulles.

The De Gaulle troops were said to be concentrated at Daouanich, just within French Somaliland and a station on the railway which runs from Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, to Jibuti, French Somaliland port on the Gulf of Aden.

Still other followers of General Charles De Gaulle were said to have disembarked at Zeila, in adjoining British Somaliland.

LINDY RESIGNS AIR FORCE JOB

President's Criticism Brings Resignation From Famous Flier

NEW YORK, April 28 (AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, "greatly disturbed" at implications which he said President Roosevelt had made "concerning my loyalty to my country," today made public a letter to the president resigning his commission in the U. S. army air corps reserve.

In his letter, the flier referred to remarks made by Mr. Roosevelt at a press conference last Friday in which the president classed Col. Lindbergh with appeasers who urged peace during the Revolutionary and Civil wars on the grounds that those conflicts could not be won.

Col. Lindbergh said the remarks had "disturbed me greatly," and that he had "hoped that I might exercise my rights as an American citizen to place my viewpoint before the people of my country in time of peace without giving up the privilege of serving my country as an air corps officer in the event of war."

In a speech in New York last Wednesday night, Col. Lindbergh said that "the United States can not win this war for England, regardless of how much assistance we extend."

He has repeatedly asserted that Germany was almost certain to win and has criticized American foreign policy.

Col. Lindbergh's letter to the president said Mr. Roosevelt had "clearly implied that I am no longer of use to this country as (Continued on Page Two)

BERLIN SAYS BRITISH FLEET TO BE BEATEN

Indications Point to Push on Gibraltar Across Spanish Land

By UNITED PRESS Signs that Germany may be about to try to throw Britain out of the Mediterranean appeared in profusion along the war and diplomatic fronts Monday.

Even while the Germans were mopping up after the three-week Balkan blitzkrieg, spokesmen in Berlin said they were determined to "completely destroy" British power in the Mediterranean. The nazis said they would not even need to pause after the conquest of Greece and Yugoslavia, but would let the momentum of that campaign carry them on against the British.

Striking Deep German naval units were reported already striking deep into the eastern Mediterranean and bombers were attacking British warships and troop ships between Greece and Crete.

Reports circulated in London that indications of a German attack on Gibraltar through Spain were increasing rapidly. The British said their navy faced the threat of being driven out of the western Mediterranean for the first time in 150 years.

Lisbon accounts said that Ramon Serrano Suner, Spanish foreign minister, soon would sign an axis pact for his country. They said the arrangements for Spain to become a full-fledged member of the tripartite setup might take three or four weeks, but German troops might cross into Spain any day.

Axis Active The Spanish press predicted that Germany speedily would seize the Dardanelles and win Turkey to the axis viewpoint. Newspapers took pains to explain that it was not necessary for Spain to sign any new pact, since her brotherhood with the fascist nations was consecrated by the blood spilled in the Spanish civil war.

The axis was active in north (Continued on Page Three)

Canada Seizes Coffee Shipment Destined for Nazis

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 28 (UP)—A government agency has seized 11,000 bags of coffee beans, allegedly destined for Germany, aboard a freighter berthed here, it was announced today.

The shipment comprised 1,500,000 pounds, originating in Cristobal, Panama. The cargo was to have been trans-shipped at San Francisco for Germany via Japan and Russia, according to reliable information, but the freighter was given radioed instructions at sea to proceed to Vancouver instead of San Francisco.

The ship's registry, date of the seizure and origin of the wireless instructions were not disclosed.

Value of Oregon Farms Shows Rise

PORTLAND, April 28 (UP)—The United States bureau of census today reported that Oregon farms had a value of \$476,817,354 on April 1, 1940, compared with \$630,827,927 in 1930.

The bureau said there were 61,829 Oregon farms in 1940, and 55,193 in 1930. The farms represented holdings of 17,988,307 acres in 1940 and 16,548,679 in 1930.

Most of the acreage represented hay plantings of 1,057,659. Wheat was planted on 723,460 acres; corn in 67,789 acres; potatoes in 32,229 acres; hops in 18,649 acres and flax in 5700 acres.

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