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(Every Morning Except Monday)

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS FROM Iraq today there is little news worth reading. The real news is held up by the censors. What we are getting is so colored by propaganda as to be of little value.

THE Germans are hoping for a "holy war"—Moslems killing Christians and Hitler raking in the profits therefrom. Raschid Ali Al Gailani, who became a big shot in the sudden German-inspired upheaval, is hoping his luck will hold and that he will REMAIN a big shot. The British are hoping for a miracle.

WAR is no stranger to Iraq. Some 22 centuries ago Alexander the Great, hastening down the left bank of the Tigris to attack Darius the Persian at Arbela, not far from the oil fields where the present ruckus is centering, passed a series of grass-grown mounds that were all that remained of the once-mighty city of Nineveh. Nineveh had been destroyed by warring armies so long before his time that Alexander had no faintest idea what these mounds were.

THIS valley of the Tigris and the Euphrates that now is Iraq was once the center of the world and unbelievably fertile. Today it is desert. Made so by war.

Some seven centuries ago it was conquered by the Mongols under Hulagu. The Mongols were a simple-minded people who lived by their flocks and their herds. The crowded civilizations of the great agricultural valley filled them with disgust. These concentrated populations, it seemed to them, were merely spoiling good grazing land. So they sacked and burned the cities, massacred the people, destroyed the vast irrigation systems that had endured for some 8000 years and made the country over to their own liking.

A LITTLE before Jesus was born, Crassus, a bumptious Roman who had got rich lending money at stiff rates and buying up mortgaged property, got a yen for military glory and led a Roman army into the valley of the Tigris and Euphrates. The hard-riding bow-and-arrow Parthians outsmarted him, defeated and destroyed his legions and captured old Crassus himself.

Being familiar with his reputation at home, they tied him up and finished him off by pouring molten gold down his throat. They figured, probably, they'd give him enough of it for once. Money-lenders, you see, never have been popular. They have a nasty habit of wanting their money back.

GETTING back to Alexander, he broke forever the power of Persia at Arbela. He is rather reliably reported to have had an army of 40,000 foot and 7,000 horse. Darius the Persian is less reliably said to have had an army of nearly a million. But Alexander's little army was disciplined and ably led and the vast hordes of Persians was a rabble. The result was a record rout that ended Persia as a world power.

THESE are nervous days in Iraq. But it will be hard for ANYTHING to happen there now that in one form or another hasn't happened before. Empires have been won and lost so often there that history has lost track of the record.

Italy Annexes Slice Of Yugoslav Land

ROME, May 3 (AP)—Italy made her first formal claim to territorial spoils in the present war today, announcing annexation of Ljubljana, capital of Slovenia, and surrounding territory occupied by Italian troops. The territory annexed by Italy, however, constitutes only a part of Slovenia.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press May 3, 1940—Allies withdraw from Narvik, Norway. May 3, 1916—Germans resume offensive in Argonne; pierce Belgian lines near Dixmude.

WILLKIE ASKS NAVAL CONVOY OF U. S. SHIPS

Present Patrol Plan For "Safe Channel" Not Adequate, Claim

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UP)—Wendell L. Willkie has informed President Roosevelt he favors outright U. S. naval convoy of British arms and food shipments rather than the present plan extending the neutrality patrol to create a "safe channel" at least half-way to Britain. This became known tonight only a few hours after a usually well-informed official told the United Press the Atlantic patrol has been ordered to "avoid shooting at all costs short of getting sunk." An authorized navy spokesman would only say "We have no comment to make on that one."

Inadequate Willkie, long a supporter of Mr. Roosevelt's foreign policy, was disclosed to have expressed his views on convoys to presidential aides. He was reported to have said he feels extension of the Atlantic patrol is inadequate. The 1940 republican presidential candidate was said to have told them full-fledged convoys or perhaps some more modern plan of escorting vital consignments safely to western and northern British ports must be evolved.

The navy issued a brief statement denying it has engaged in any convoy work. In connection with reports some American merchant ships had arrived at Suez under U. S. convoy through the Red sea route recently reopened to American shipping, the navy said: "The convoy department states that no U. S. navy ships are employed in convoy duty."

Serious Battle Willkie, who came here for a dinner with newspapermen who covered his campaign last fall, told reporters the battle of the Atlantic is so serious more steps must be taken to insure that British cargoes reach their destination. (Continued on Page Two)

British Still Hold Out in Tobruk Seige

CAIRO, Egypt, May 3 (AP)—Axis assaults on Tobruk, falling at heavy cost to budge that Libyan port's beleaguered defenders, have tapered off and British forces across the border in the Salum area of Egypt have taken prisoners in a surprise foray into the axis lines, the British command reported today.

The day-long attack on Tobruk yesterday, its war bulletin said, was made with a large number of tanks but the British troops "held their ground and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

"Before nightfall," the communiqué added, "enemy pressure relaxed and no further efforts were made during last night. In the Salum area one of our mechanized columns, after making a wide detour, surprised a considerable body of (Continued on Page Two)

More U. S. Planes Can't Help Britain, Lindbergh States

ST. LOUIS, May 3 (UP)—Charles A. Lindbergh said tonight that "no matter how many planes we build in America and send to England, we cannot make the British Isles stronger than Germany in military aviation."

Before Great Britain could gain supremacy in the air, the flier asserted, "either we would have to capture other air bases on the continent by armed invasion or an internal collapse would have to take place in Germany."

Lindbergh addressed a "rally against war" sponsored by the St. Louis chapter of the American First committee. Other speakers were Sen. Bennett Champ Clark, (D-Mo.), and Gen. Robert E. Wood of Chicago, national chairman of the committee.

Not Enough Bases "The area and geographical position of the British Isles," Lindbergh continued, "make it impossible to base enough air-

National Chamber President Arrives



Shown at the Southern Pacific depot Saturday morning upon his arrival for the state junior chamber convention is Mark Matthews, New York City, national junior chamber president, at center. Left, Truman Runyan, convention committee chairman, and, right, Ed Eggen, Portland, state president.

Black Named State Junior Chamber Prexy; Tillamook Group Voted Outstanding

Salem's Don Black won the presidency of the state junior chamber of commerce organization at Saturday afternoon's session of the state convention here, after a spirited race with Tillamook's C. F. Stranahan.

Other officers elected included: Dr. Sanford Wollin, Portland, national director; Hale Thompson, Eugene, first vice president; Joe Bally, Klamath Falls second vice president, and Stranahan, third vice president. Paul Lee of Salem was named secretary-treasurer.

Although it lost the bid for the presidency, Tillamook got plenty of satisfaction out of winning the Henry Giessemer memorial trophy, awarded annually to the outstanding junior chamber in the state. The cheese capital nosed out Klamath Falls by three points. Tillamook has been organized for only one year.

The junior chamber group continued their convention events Saturday night with a banquet and dance at the Willard hotel. Speaker of the evening was Walter Holman, Portland, former national junior chamber president.

Holman described junior chamber accomplishments in various sections of the country including tax reductions and civic improvements. Because the groups are made up of young, enthusiastic, vigorous men the junior chamber of commerce can be a most influential group in any community, Holman said. The banquet, at which Malcolm Epaley was toastmaster, was followed by a dance in the Willard ballroom.

"Toughen Up" "Toughen Up, America" was a slogan proposed in a resolution passed by the health committee to make Oregon first in physical fitness for defense needs. The committee cited the high national draft rejection list in advocating a chamber-sponsored program to build Oregon youth.

A statewide expansion program was decided upon by delegates with special efforts planned to organize chambers in Astoria, Silverton, Newberg,

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The bright moonlight Saturday night aided in resumption of the "battle of the moon"—the monthly period of the moon's greatest brilliance when RAF night fighters are unusually effective.

German raiders were over the west Midlands and the north of England and London had a little action. One German plane was seen to explode in mid-air, causing a great flash that illuminated the countryside.

LIVERPOOL, May 3 (AP)—German raiders, showering bombs by the thousands, battered this vast Merseyside industrial and shipping center last night and early today in the severest attack here in months—an attack from which casualties and destruction were feared heavy.

The Luftwaffe struck, too, along the east coast, smashing dwellings and taking lives in an east Anglian town, but Liverpool for the second successive night was target No. 1.

Iraqi Clash With British At Basra

SENATOR SAYS F. R. ANXIOUS FOR CONVOYS

Request to Be Made By Senator Pepper Monday, Friends Say

WASHINGTON, May 3 (P)—A charge that the administration "wants to use convoys" but is being deterred by public opinion was voiced today by Senator Tobey (R-N. H.) as friends disclosed that Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) would advocate in the senate Monday that the navy guard war shipments to Britain.

Pepper's projected speech, following closely a plea for convoys delivered in the senate Thursday by Senator Guffey (D-Pa.), led Tobey to observe to reporters that the administration appeared to be attempting to pave the way for such a program.

"Trial Balloon" "All this," said Tobey, "lends additional support to my thesis that the administration wants to use convoys but is being prevented from doing so because of public opinion."

He said he regarded Guffey's speech as a "trial balloon," likely to be followed by even more aggressive utterances from Pepper. Both Pepper and Guffey have been supporters of President Roosevelt's program of aiding Britain, but administration leaders denied they had any advance knowledge of Guffey's speech.

LONDON, May 3 (P)—Britain and the United States were said reliably today to be easing pressure on the Axis to ease their plan of streamlining convoys to win the battle of the Atlantic.

An American source with good opportunities for an objective picture of the whole war situation described the British position at the moment as "pretty grim."

Two Portland Men Held for Daylight Holdup in 1939

PORTLAND, Ore., May 3 (UP)—Ervin A. Rank and Howard L. Snode of Portland, both 23, were arrested late today and charged with staging the daring daylight robbery of a Portland bank November 13, 1939, in which \$18,805 was taken.

J. Douglas Swenson, special agent of the federal bureau of investigation, whose men made the arrests, said both Rank and Snode had confessed. They were held under \$25,000 bail each after waiving preliminary hearing. Swenson said none of the loot was recovered. He said the men had divided it evenly between them.

Appointed



J. T. C. Moore-Brabazon (above), former minister of transport, has been named to succeed Lord Beaverbrook as minister of aircraft production in the cabinet shift which saw Beaverbrook appointed to the newly created post of minister of state.

TENEMENTS IN MANILA RAZED

Thousands of Persons Driven Into Bay by Fire; Many Homeless

MANILA, May 3 (P)—Driving thousands of refugees before it into Manila bay, a raging fire swept through three square miles of tenements in the thickly populated Tondo district of Manila today. At least three persons were killed and 25,000 left homeless.

Autorities reported property damage exceeded \$250,000. Three thousand homes were destroyed by flames which burned themselves out on the edge of the bay.

100,000 Watch Firemen and troops fought the blaze for nine hours while other soldiers and police controlled an estimated 100,000 onlookers and relatives. The blaze was visible over the entire city.

The flames, whipped by a strong wind, drove thousands of the city's poorer residents and their cattle into the bay and mud flats nearby.

Not until it reached the bay did the fire burn itself out. Firemen answered an alarm at 2 p. m. (Manila time) and found a sizeable blaze going. The wind fanned the flames and it was soon out of control of firemen, who were hampered by lack of water.

CASUALTIES IN IRAQ WAR FEW, LONDON SAYS

Nazis Suggest Arab Rising May Coincide With German Drive

LONDON, May 4 (Sunday) (AP)—British and Iraqi forces have clashed at Basra, Iraq port on the Persian gulf, it was learned early today.

Iraqi forces were said to have been driven off by British air bombing and artillery fire. Basra, Iraq's only sea outlet, has been used by the British to land troops and war materials.

Fighting was said by an official report to be still in progress at the Habbaniya airdrome, where a number of royal air force planes were destroyed and some British casualties were suffered.

Surrender Denied Reliable informants denied German radio reports that Indian troops had surrendered to Iraqi forces.

The clash in the Basra area presumably occurred in the vicinity of the royal air force's Shaiba airdrome Saturday. Military quarters declined to amplify information about the clash made available to newspapermen.

The ministry of information reported the Iraqi artillery bombardment of Habbaniya was resumed this morning despite an RAF attack which silenced some of the Iraqi guns.

The British were resisting strongly, hoping to reduce a threat to the rich Mosul oil fields before German aid can build up a new major fighting front in the Middle East.

The ministry of information reported the Iraqi air force made an unsuccessful attempt to raid the British airdrome and said there was no information in London to justify the Iraqi claim the British have attacked Rutbah, an important airdrome in western Iraq.

Reports British tanks were destroyed in action around Rutbah were characterized as untrue.

Baghdad Report A report that 3000 or more British troops had been dispatched from Transjordan across the Iraq frontier in the direction of Rutbah was heard here tonight in a radio Berlin broadcast which quoted radio Baghdad—its source. The Berlin report claimed that 2000 British troops from Haifa and other forces in Transjordan had been moved into Iraq.

A report by radio Berlin was (Continued on Page Two)

Cousin of Senator McNary Shot in Quarrel Over Girl

SAN MATEO, Calif., May 3 (UP)—Wilson Davis McNary Jr., 26, Portland, Ore., second cousin of U. S. Sen. Charles McNary, republican vice presidential candidate of 1940, was shot and killed today by John Holmes, 37, at the fashionable Benjamin Franklin hotel in a climax to what police said appeared to be a quarrel over a woman.

After shooting McNary in the abdomen and the head, Holmes fired a bullet into his own head, critically wounding himself. Holmes wrote four notes, including one which said: "McNary tried to steal my girl and so he goes with me an example by which others may benefit."

Identity of "my girl" to whom Holmes referred was unexplained. Both McNary and Holmes were married. McNary's wife and 14-month-old son were at Portland, Ore. Holmes' wife was in the east.

ENGINE BLOWS, KILLING FOUR

Train Wreck Results From Blast; 19 Cars Of Army Goods Lost

SALINAS, Calif., May 3 (UP)—The locomotive of a Southern Pacific freight train exploded with terrific force today and killed four members of the crew, demolished two houses, and derailed and wrecked 19 freight cars loaded with supplies consigned to the army. At least two persons were injured.

The blast scattered wreckage over a half-mile area and smashed the big engine to bits. The accident occurred just as the train reached Cooper, a small station on the main coastal rail route near the Castroville highway six miles northwest of Salinas. The 94-car train was en route to Camp Roberts, army replacement center at Nacimiento, Calif.

Coroner J. A. Cornett said the dead were: Philip Y. Jolly, San Luis Obispo, the engineer. Jolly was thrown 200 yards from the cab. Floyd McKean, 36, 115 Calvert street, San Francisco, the fireman.

Herb Moran, San Francisco, brakeman. A student brakeman named Schoendaher.

A Southern Pacific spokesman said the accident apparently was caused by a boiler explosion and that there was no suggestion of sabotage.

Nineteen of the 94 cars, severed from the engine when it exploded, careened wildly off the tracks and were smashed. Their freight of oil, coal, lumber and tractors assigned to the army were spilled along the tracks. Two cars loaded with coal overturned. Approximately 75 of the remaining freight cars remained on the tracks.

The careening freight cars smashed two three-room frame (Continued on Page Two)

Tillamook Brings Cheese to Convention



Tillamook delegates to the state junior chamber of commerce convention brought a 25-pound cheese with them. In the picture, left to right: Robert Thornton, president of the Tillamook club; Mrs. Chet Knowlton, Tillamook; Mrs. Thornton, holding the cheese; Joe Bally, president of the Klamath Falls club, and Howard Smith, local publicity chairman.

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