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KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1941

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS THE lull in the war continues today. But the clouds are gathering. Soon another storm will break.

WHERE will it break? If you can read Hitler's mind, you can answer that question. Otherwise, you will be as much in the dark as the rest of us. Nobody KNOWS—perhaps not even Hitler.

BUT there are signs. The Germans and the beaten French are dickered at Vichy. There are reports today of a reduction of 100 million francs in the cost (assessed against France) of supporting the German army of occupation.

We may be very sure that for every such concession made to the French a price will be demanded. There are rumors that the Germans are demanding passage for axis troops through unoccupied France, naval bases on the French Mediterranean coast and more German leeway in French Africa. The rumors don't mention it, but one may feel certain that demands for the French fleet are also being made.

That all points toward a German move to close the Gibraltar end of the Mediterranean.

FROM the Near East comes a tale that all telegraph and telephone communication between Iraq and French Syria has been closed since last night. That hints of a German land drive around the eastern end of the Mediterranean, aimed at Suez and the mouth of the Nile.

How will the German army get to Syria? That is another question that can not yet be answered. It is a question that bothers the Turks.

It is quite within the possibilities that it bothers Stalin also. History tells us that when conquering armies strike into the Near East there is no telling where they will stop.

Once Alexander got really going in Persia (now Iraq, Iran, etc.) he went places he hadn't even dreamed of when he started. Hitler may do likewise.

Hence Stalin's worries. BRITISH bombers continue to hammer the German battleships, Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, in the harbor of Brest. They have been at it for weeks, and for some reason the German battleships stay and take it. The British think they are crippled and can't leave.

This thought intrudes on wishful thinking: If British bombers can seriously damage two crack German battleships, German bombers can damage crack British battleships.

Thousands of years of military history make it crystal clear that war is a game two can play at.

ON our side of the oceans: In Washington today it is reported that figures of the U. S. Maritime Commission show that less than four per cent of the British aid ships leaving American ports in the past three months have been sunk.

Today's dispatches indicate that congress is keenly interested in the report and is planning to call in the Maritime Commission to get the facts.

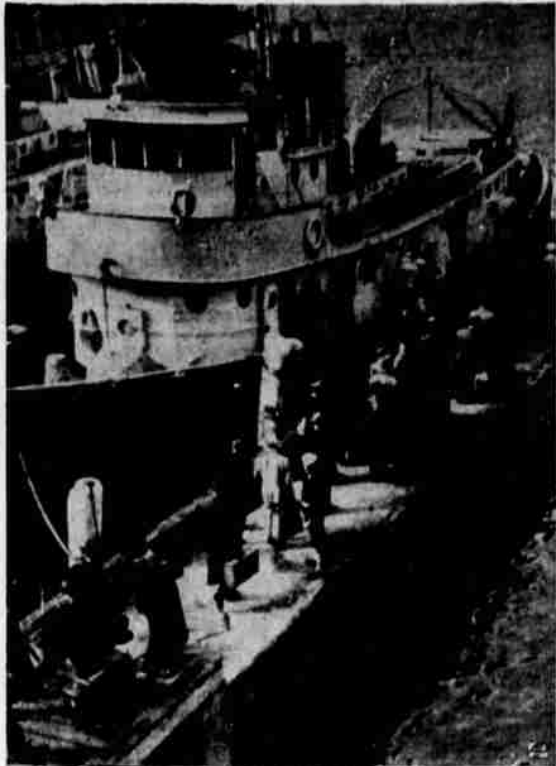
EVERYONE is interested. If only four per cent of the ships carrying American aid to Britain in the past three months have been sunk, the situation isn't as bad as those who want to get us into the war RIGHT NOW have been claiming.

WARNING NEW YORK, May 8 (AP)—A seven-day rise in commodity futures prices throughout the nation appeared sharply halted today after a warning by the department of agriculture that it was prepared to take prompt action to prevent excessive speculation.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press May 8, 1940—Prime Minister Chamberlain wins vote of confidence but margin is only 281 to 200 with 132 abstaining and outcry against his government continues. May 8, 1916—Australian and New Zealand troops arrive in France.

Germans Seized in Roundup



A few of the more than 100 German seamen who were seized by detectives and immigration officers in New York City and charged with overstaying their leaves aboard a coast guard cutter for removal to Ellis Island for detention.

LOW BID MADE ON SIGNAL JOB

Traffic Lights for Klamath Offered By Firm for \$15,474

Acceptance of a bid on the Klamath Falls traffic signal system appeared certain Thursday after the highway commission opened contractors' offers and found one as low as \$15,474.

That was the low bid of the lot, offered by Dimitre Electric company of Portland. Mayor John Houston said he had been informed by telephone the next bid was only about \$300 higher.

Local officials have felt some concern over the possibility the bids might be higher than that, and would call for more money than is available. Mayor Houston said that the bid offered, however, appears amply within the range of funds available.

The city has approximately \$9700 financed by special levy voted by the people. The state highway department will pay for half of the cost of signals on state highway intersections, but two of the signal locations—at Tenth street and Eleventh street on Main—are not on state highways. As a result, the city will pay about 60 per cent of the signal cost, and the highway commission 40 per cent.

Last fall, when bids on the local signals were opened by the highway commission, all were rejected as too high. Local officials were of the opinion that such would not be the fact of the current bids, in view of the figures reported from the commission meeting Thursday.

'Send Halifax to Halifax,' Demand Anti-War Placards

CHICAGO, May 8 (UP)—British Ambassador Lord Halifax, embarking on a seven-day test of "public sentiment in the American midwest," tonight encountered "Send Halifax to Halifax" placards borne by pickets at his hotel.

Lines of women, representing four anti-war organizations, paraded at the hotel entrance as Halifax was scheduled to address the Commercial club of Chicago.

"Remember Dunkirk, Beware of the Double Cross," said one banner. Another bore the legend: "Drive the British Out of Washington."

No Interference Police kept the picket lines in motion, but declined to interfere. The ambassador made no comment.

At least 35 women started the picketing. They were from the America First committee, Citizens Keep Out of War committee, Mothers' Crusade, and We the Mothers Mobilize.

Later they were joined by 15 youths from the Youth Commit-

Nudists Get Used to RAF Observers

By EDDIE GILMORE GREEN HILLS, Hertfordshire, England, May 8 (AP)—Britain's biggest nudist camp has faced the fact that modern war is in the air—and now trades stare for stare with RAF pilots who conduct low-altitude reconnaissance flights over the camp.

"They seem to be over the camp a great deal," said the proprietor, his black beard streaming in the cold May wind, "but I expect they'll get used to us as we're getting used to them."

At first the nudists, who sprawled on the greensward within the woodland camp, thought of hot-footing it for the bushes whenever inquisitive fliers swooped over.

"But, everything in life being relative," the proprietor philosophized, "we adjusted ourselves. Nowadays, we just look up at them as they look down at us."

It didn't take the RAF patrols long to spot the 10-acre park which is dedicated to the absorption of sunshine and fresh air in the altogether.

"If those pilots are as good at locating their targets as good as the water as they were in finding us, they will serve their country nobly," he said.

The proprietor's wife explained that the nudists do not shun their responsibilities during air raids.

"The nights are too cold now, of course, for fire-watching in the nude," she said, "but on summer nights we'll be out with only our tin hats on."

RENO, May 8 (UP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included: Kenneth L. Jarrett, 24, and Ethel Balcom, 32, both Klamath Falls.

25 ADDITIONAL SHIPS TO AID BRITISH FIGHT

Vessels Turned Over To Canadian Firms By U. S. Companies

WASHINGTON, May 8 (UP)—Twenty-five more ships were added tonight to President Roosevelt's 2,000,000-ton shipping pool "for the service of Britain" as a sharp dispute raged over the extent of British shipping losses.

The vessels, owned by the Alcoa Steamship company, incorporated, of New York—a subsidiary of the Aluminum Company of America—were made available to Canadian interests under a charter arrangement approved by the U. S. Maritime commission.

Figures were not disclosed, but the fleet is believed to total more than 200,000 tons. This is the second group of vessels to be made available to the service of the British since Mr. Roosevelt ordered the maritime commission to create the vast pool last week.

50 Tankers American operators have agreed to turn over 50 tankers—aggregating 500,000 tons—within 30 days, and 25 are in the process of transfer.

The Alcoa ships are being chartered to the Aluminum Company of Canada, the Canadian government sugar administration, the Anglo-American Purchasing company, and the Trinidad Oil Fields. Operating company, Standard Oil Company of Venezuela, Creole Petroleum company, and Lago Petroleum company.

They will be placed in coastal (Continued on Page Two)

New Draftees To Be Called To Register

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—Army and selective service officials were reported today to have decided on July 1 as the date for registration of approximately 1,000,000 men who have become 21 years old since the first selective service enrollment last October.

The registration will take place at the headquarters of the 8500 local draft boards now functioning. Authorities said it would be a "fairly simple job" compared with last fall when 16,500,000 men, 21 to 35, were signed up for possible military training.

The date for the new registration will be formally fixed in a proclamation by President Roosevelt. Authorities indicated that the day not tentatively agreed upon was chosen to give the new group of prospective military trainees time to learn (Continued on Page Two)

Ex-Grid Player 'Offside' in Court

PORTLAND, Ore., May 8 (UP)—An ex-football player, appearing in traffic court today, was thrown for a five-dollar loss by Municipal Judge Julius Cohn.

"Did you play football?" the judge asked the traffic rule violator who was wearing a three-stripe athletic sweater.

"Yes," the defendant replied.

"What's the penalty for offside?"

"Five yards."

"All right. You were offside. I'll make it \$5."

Gallery Watches Champion Golfers In Reames Match

An enthusiastic gallery watched two top-notch golfers, Marian McDougal of Portland and Muriel Veatch of Longview, Wash., go through an exhibition match at Reames Golf and Country club Thursday afternoon playing with two local men, Harry Welmar and Howard Serogins.

The skies cleared for the exhibition which was given as a benefit for the local unit, Bundles for Britain. Both young women, northwest champions in their own right, played in excellent form.

Hyde Park Bombing Plot Held Doubtful

RHINEBECK, N. Y., May 8 (AP)—Captain John Gaffney of the state police said his men and secret service agents were investigating a report that two men had planted dynamite on President Roosevelt's Hyde Park, N. Y., estate with the intention of "setting it off if the United States went to war."

Gaffney said he believed "there was nothing to the story." Later, after an investigation which included a check of the estate grounds, James Maloney, head of the secret service in the New York district, advised his office that "the whole thing is silly" and that no arrests would be made.

Gaffney said the report originated with a workman on the estate.

"But we don't believe it," Gaffney said. Nevertheless, he added, James Maloney, head of the secret service in the New York district, was accompanying the workman about the estate in a checkup of his statements.

State police said the workman had told them that two men, about 35 and speaking broken English, had disclosed their plot (Continued on Page Two)

PLANE ORDERS STRIKE SNAGS

Allis-Chalmers Rift, Threat of Walkout Of Hudson Men Eyed

By The Associated Press Delivery dates on \$15,000,000 worth of plane parts and anti-aircraft gun mounts were rendered uncertain today by a strike at Allis-Chalmers factory at La Porte, Ind., and a threatened walkout at the Hudson Motor car company, Detroit.

Nearly all the 950 employees of the Indiana concern struck yesterday, calling for union security, wage increases and "a more substantial contract." Union and company officials did not disclose the present wage scale or the increases sought.

The plant has \$5,000,000 in defense orders and has been making gun mounts. The Hudson factory at Detroit has been working on \$10,000,000 worth of airplane parts and in addition is building a \$20,000,000 naval ordnance plant.

In several previous cases involving threatened strikes in defense industries, the Michigan state mediation board has ordered 30-day cooling off periods while mediators sought to adjust differences.

The national mediation board at Washington, currently seeking to avert a threatened strike against General Motors corporation, got a new assignment—a wage dispute at the Bendix Aviation plant, South Bend, Ind.

In the General Motors case, involving 60 scattered factories and 165,000 workmen, the union has asked an increase of 10 cents an hour and the corporation reportedly has offered 2 cents.

Nazis' Loss Heavy; Bombings Continue

PREMIER GONE FROM BAGHDAD, SAYS REPORT

Direct Hit Scored On Magazine Near Iraq Capital, Says RAF

CAIRO, Egypt, May 8 (AP)—Premier Rashid Ali Al Gailani, in office for little more than a month, has suddenly left Baghdad after public demonstrations against his government, the Egyptian press reported tonight. Tewfik Suweidi Bey, foreign minister in the Iraq government ousted by the Rashid Ali's coup d'etat, was said to have left Baghdad by air for Amman, Transjordan, to meet the deposed regent, the Amir Abdul ilah.

The Amir announced in Palestine last Sunday that he was returning to Iraq and called on Iraq troops to return peacefully to their posts.

LONDON, May 8 (UP)—Trustworthy quarters reported that two high Italian army officers had reached Baghdad to advise Rashid Ali Beg Gailani, pro-axis premier of Iraq, on military operations against the British. It was stated officially tonight that Britain had no knowledge of rumors abroad that Rashid Ali Beg had fled Baghdad.

CAIRO, Egypt, May 8 (AP)—British planes bombed the Baghdad (Continued on Page Two)

Four Die In Hotel Fire At Seattle

SEATTLE, May 8 (AP)—The city's worst hotel fire in years, spreading rapidly before most occupants awakened, killed four persons in the small downtown residential Stewart hotel early today.

The dead: John Sellar, 76, identified from a marriage license issued in London.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murdoch, each about 60, suffocated in bed.

Mrs. Violet Morrison, 48.

Eleven Injured

Eleven persons were injured, four of them in leaps to the ground from second and third floor windows when flames raced up the stairway. George Robert Jordan, 28, Des Moines, Wash., was critically burned, and suffered a severe back injury in jumping from the third floor.

A truck driver, Jeano Ceccarelli, who turned in the first alarm soon after 2 a. m., said men and women were screaming (Continued on Page Two)



Left Baghdad? Rashid Ali Beg Gailani, Premier of Iraq, is reported to have fled Baghdad after public demonstrations against his government.

Conflicting reports centered Thursday night around Iraq's Premier Rashid Ali Beg Gailani, above. The Egyptian press states he has suddenly left Baghdad, but British writers from London say there is no confirmation to the report. Gailani was swept into office a little more than a month ago in a coup d'etat.

SPEECHES FAN CONVOY FIGHT

Willkie, Senator Nye Champion Opposite Views on Question

WASHINGTON, May 8 (AP)—Two uncompromising speeches—one by Senator Nye (R-N.D.), the other by Wendell L. Willkie—and some unexpected statistics on ship sinkings from the maritime commission intensified the controversy raging today over convoys to Britain.

Anti-convoys legislators were patently intent on forcing a clean-cut decision in congress, and there were indications of an opportunity next week when the senate takes up the house-approved administration bill for acquisition of 83 foreign ships now idle in American ports.

Nye, who accused the administration of "blitzkrieging for convoys," declared in a broadcast from here last night that "This week, or these next few days, are to determine whether or not America is going to be in Europe's war."

Willkie, meanwhile, was telling a "freedom rally" in New York that delivery of lease-lend supplies to Britain must be insured by "convoys—patrolling—airplane accompaniment—or what not."

Before Nye and Willkie took to the air waves to champion opposite views, a new element was injected into the convoy debate by maritime commission figures showing that less than four per cent of British aid ships leaving American ports had been sunk in the first three months of 1941.

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RAF BAGS 37 AIRPLANES IN SHORT PERIOD

Suez Canal Zone Hit In Two-Hour Bombing By Axis Forces

LONDON, Friday, May 9 (UP) Apparently oblivious to its high losses during the last 24 hours, the Luftwaffe sent waves of bombers across the English channel early today. Virtually every section of the country, including London, was attacked.

The new Nazi attack, apparently building up to one of the greatest in weeks, came on the heels of a 20-hour period of desperate air battles in which RAF pilots shot down 37 German planes.

Enemy raiders in large numbers were reported over the east and south coasts, the northeast, northwest coasts, the Midlands and over London itself.

Bombs were dropped on one London district. London's defense guns were roaring, sending a terrific barrage skyward.

In all regions where enemy raiders had appeared anti-aircraft batteries were sending up a heavy fire. Air actions between British night fighters and the Nazi bombers were constant.

Two raiders were reported shot down in flames during the early stages of Thursday night's moonlit battle.

By United Press Heavy, widespread air attacks on the British Isles were reported in progress Thursday night. The royal air force was striking back at the raiders in an effort to boost the toll of 105 German planes for the first eight days of May.

British defense forces Wednesday night destroyed 23 German bombers, 22 being the victims of night fighters, to establish a (Continued on Page Two)

Sprague Loggers To Have Copco Electric Line

Copco crews Thursday were at work on a new quarter-mile extension to a Hosely Logging company headquarters settlement on the north outskirts of Sprague River, according to Sam Ritchie of the power company.

The new line will service the Hosely cookhouse, bunkhouse, shops and eight employees' cottages.

Ritchie said a survey will be started this week on a construction project involving a new line to 14 farms and three irrigation pumping plants between Dairy and Bonanza. The planned line will be approximately seven miles long. Completion is expected in three weeks.

Cold Wave Sweeps Over East States

By United Press Snow and freezing temperatures swept across the north central states Thursday night on the crest of a belated winter's blast from the Canadian northwest.

Light snowfall was reported from Montana to Wisconsin, with temperatures ranging 15 degrees below normal in eight plains states.

Moderate showers fell throughout the north central states and a belt of rain extended eastward to the Atlantic seaboard. Thundershowers were reported at New York City and across the upper Ohio valley.

Lowest temperatures Thursday included 28 degrees at Minot, N. D., and 30 at Lemmon, S. D., and several points in Minnesota.

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School's Out for Teachers Accused in Flogging Row



School was out 10 days early in Camdenton, Mo., after two school teachers, Hilda Rhodes, 25, left and Aldythena Keith were accused of flogging Max Caldwell, 23, while Miss Rhodes' fiancée, Dr. Robert Murrell, assertedly held him on the floor of a cabin at the point of a gun. The teachers were charged with felonious assault and released on \$500 bond.