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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TWO interesting rumors are in the wind today. Russia has withdrawn diplomatic recognition from German-conquered Yugoslavia, Belgium and Norway. This is interpreted in diplomatic quarters as indicating a new Russian agreement with Germany.

SOME advice here to Americans, who are hanging on the edge of shooting war. Do no wishful thinking about Russia. Russia is looking out for RUSSIA, and is badly scared of Hitler.

SOME more advice: Do no wishful thinking about France. The decay of French spirit (among the politicians who hold the fate of what is left of France in their hands) is COMPLETE.

A FINAL bit of advice: Do no wishful thinking about ANYTHING OR ANYBODY. Let nobody tell you that a shooting war, when we get into it, will be short and easy. If you feel that we must go to war, grit your teeth, roll up your sleeves, spit on your hands, pull in your belt and prepare to make whatever SACRIFICES may be necessary—knowing IN ADVANCE that before the war is won the sacrifices will be called upon to make will be heavy.

IF Germany seeks to strike at Suez through Syria (thus bypassing Turkey) watch Crete. Watch Tobruk, which is a sea-supplied base threatening the flank of the German land advance from Libya toward Suez and the mouths of the Nile.

ANOTHER word here as to Stalin. With all his evidences of German co-operation, it is still true that he is worried by the German advance through the Balkans and into the Near East.

A GERMAN airman, his clothing afire, parachutes from his shot-down plane, a human torch, and lands on an English golf course. Members rush from the club house and beat out the flames, but the aviator (some German mother's son) is already dead.

There is hatred in England for GERMANY as an ambitious national entity. But there was no hatred among the members of this English country club for one lone German boy dying a horrible death. They hurried to save him, just as they would have hastened to save anyone else in peril.

Slayer Sought as Second Victim Dies

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., May 9 (AP)—Rose Destree, 17, died at 5 a. m. today as Under-sheriff James W. Stocker led a posse of 40 men in search of the gunman she had named as the man who killed Mrs. Jean Wells, 20, then turned his gun on her.

RUSSIA CUTS RELATIONS IN CAPTIVE AREA

New Accord Between Stalin, Hitler Seen In Diplomatic View

MOSCOW, May 9 (AP)—Soviet Russia withdrew recognition today from Yugoslavia, Belgium and Norway as sovereign states—an action interpreted in diplomatic quarters as indicating a new understanding with Germany.

Diplomatic sources believed that Joseph Stalin, who only this week assumed the premiership, was personally settling differences with Germany over Nazi penetration into the Balkans, in order to maintain the Soviet policy of peace and neutrality.

Neutral Trend Today's press reflected this trend, prominently displaying reports of an axis air raid on the Suez canal and David Lloyd George's abstention from the British house of commons' vote of confidence in Premier Churchill.

Whether Russia now would join the axis was not known. She refused to do so last November. (Russia declared officially yesterday, in reaction to foreign reports, that she has not and does not intend to concentrate troops on her western frontiers, facing German-dominated territory.)

DATES SET ON SCHOOL POLLS

Vacancies for Five Directors in Three Boards To Be Filled

Five directors for the various school districts of the county will be chosen at June elections, and this week there were indications of growing interest in the forthcoming vacancies on the boards.

Election dates are: city elementary, June 16; county school district, June 16, and Klamath union high school, June 23. Confused Situation A confused situation has developed in school district No. 1, the city elementary district, as a result of the passage of a law at the last legislature increasing terms in first class districts to five years.

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1-Man Class Combines All Grad Honors

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River high school faculty committee had little trouble selecting the 1941 valedictorian, salutatorian, class historian, class prophet and outstanding senior athlete. Harold Keese Parrish won all the honors as he is the only graduating senior.

The first graduating "class" is 21 years old, a native of Venita, Oklahoma, is red headed and is six feet two. In reality the first Sprague River high graduating class will be the class of 1942, composed of nine members. Harold Parrish needed only a couple of subjects for graduation, which he was able to get by taking junior subjects. This action gives him the honor of being the first graduate of Sprague River high school.

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ROME CLAIMS BRITISH LOSE BIG SEA FIGHT

Naval-Air Encounter Sees Loss of Many Ships, Fascists Say

By REYNOLDS PACKARD United Press Correspondent ROME, Saturday, May 10 (UP)—A furious battle was reported last night in the Mediterranean where Italian planes attacked a British convoy. Six British warships and five large merchantmen already have been hit by Italian aerial torpedoes and 16 British planes shot down, according to the fascist high command.

The naval-air battle, which raged for hours yesterday as Italians celebrated the fifth anniversary of the Italian empire, was said to have occurred when the fascist air force struck at a large British convoy trying to move reinforcements to the Egyptian battlefield.

The loss of five Italian planes was admitted by the high command in three separate attacks. Huge aerial torpedoes and other big bombs were claimed to have scored hits on a battleship, an aircraft carrier, two cruisers, a destroyer and three merchant ships of the convoy.

The convoy was said to have been attacked while moving from the western Mediterranean toward the narrow straits of Sicily late Thursday in bad weather.

Two battleships escorted the convoy, as well as the aircraft carrier and other warships. Italian planes operating in the Aegean sea were said by the high command to have hit two big steamers and a cruiser of 7000 tons with torpedoes. The cruiser was reported to have been left listing and aflame.

The aerial attacks on the British convoy were reported continuing late last night. The British ships were rushing at full speed to reach Alexandria naval base on the Egyptian coast.

Italian dispatches from "the zone of operations" said it was estimated at 6 p. m. Rome time the convoy needed 18 hours to reach Alexandria. Although the bombing of the British ships was hailed jubilantly as an Italian victory it was admitted German planes had "intervened" to bag three of the 16 British planes.

Fascist quarters said it heralded the certain "doom" of British naval power in the Mediterranean.

Raider Sunk By British In Indian Ocean

LONDON, May 9 (AP)—A German raider, believed in London to have been the 21,131-ton trans-Atlantic liner Hansa, has been sunk in the Indian ocean by a British warship, the admiralty announced today.

The announcement said that the 10,000-ton British cruiser Cornwall rescued 27 British merchant seamen from the raider and seized 53 of the raider's German crew. Authoritative London quarters estimated the vessel carried 300 crewmen and said she probably was armed with six 5.9 guns, torpedo tubes and was equipped for mine-laying. Her speed was 19 knots.

There have been numerous reports concerning the activities of German sea raiders in the Indian ocean. World war hunting ground of the famous Emden and the See Alder, but this is the first one reported sunk.

It is believed here that the British occupation of the Italian east African coast has considerably hindered operations of the Nazi raiders by eliminating important sources of supply.

British Rain Bombs On Hamburg, Bremen Ports



These Curtiss-Wright 'Tomahawks,' single seat fighters being produced in the United States for use by the royal air force, engage in operations with the British fighter command above cloud formations "somewhere" in England.

ANOTHER ALIEN ROUNDUP MADE

Federal Operatives Nab Italians, Hunt For Others Accused

NEW YORK, May 9 (AP)—Federal immigration operatives who took 160 German seamen into custody early Wednesday suddenly launched another roundup of aliens today, arresting several Italians and searching for scores of others accused of overstaying permits to remain in this country.

The immigration inspectors arrested four alien Italians working in midtown hotels and other agents, supplied with warrants, went to the Hotel Ritz-Carlton to arrest six Italian waiters.

WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP)—Attorney General Jackson said (Continued on Page Four)

Car Strikes Horse, Hurts Woman Rider

Mrs. Victor I. Douglas, 31, Hometown road, is in Hillside hospital in a semi-conscious condition suffering from injuries received at 8 o'clock Friday night when her horse was struck by a car on the South Sixth street canal bridge near Summers lane.

Driver of the car, according to state police, was John D. Ross Jr., 4511 Boardman avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Godard and Eddie Eitrem, were returning on horseback from a Sheriff's posse drill at the fairgrounds and were en route to the Douglas home at the time of the accident. Mrs. Douglas' horse had his front feet on the pedestrian walk, and its hind feet on the bridge pavement. Young Ross had just passed a car on the bridge approach and had swung back into the lane of traffic when he struck Mrs. Douglas. Her horse (Continued on Page Four)

AIR FORCE OF IRAQ DOWNED

RAF Declares Blows On Airports Finish Destroying Planes

CAIRO, May 9 (AP)—The royal air force announced tonight it had "probably completed the destruction of the Iraq air force" by two bombing attacks yesterday on Kakuba and Shahnaban landing fields near Baghdad.

Remnants of the dissident elements of the Iraq army which a week ago attacked the British-held Habbaniyah airfield, some 60 miles west of Baghdad, have withdrawn to Ramadi and Falluja, the British middle east command announced today.

Ramadi is about 12 miles north of Habbaniyah. Falluja is some 22 miles to the northeast, across Lake Habbaniyah. Both are communication centers on (Continued on Page Four)

8000 Lumber Workers Quit In Washington

TACOMA, May 9 (AP)—More than 8000 men in 25 western Washington logging camps and lumber mills struck today as operators and representatives of a faction of the International Woodworkers of America (IWA) failed to negotiate a wage dispute.

While Federal Conciliator E. S. Jackson kept the two groups in session in an attempt to work out a compromise, Ilmar Kolvunen, chairman of the IWA negotiation committee, predicted 22,000 men in 80 operations would walk off their jobs before Monday "unless this thing is settled."

Operations already down extended from Ryderwood, near the Columbia river, to Skagit county, in northwest Washington. Jackson said there was no indication when a compromise might be reached. The union seeks a 7 1/2 cent an hour wage increase, to a basic wage of 75 cents an hour; a closed shop; a week's vacation with pay; and improved working conditions.

American Girl Saved From Death In Russia Sails Home

MOSCOW, May 9 (UP)—Saved from death before a Soviet firing squad by U. S. Ambassador Laurence A. Steinhardt, the 23-year-old daughter of a Philadelphia minister sailed from Vladivostok for the United States tomorrow.

Dark-eyed Irena Pick, laughing gaily as she left for Vladivostok from the trans-Siberian railroad station, was sentenced to death last January for "counter-revolutionary activity" while a student of the Polish university in the Russian-occupied city of Lwow.

Forty men and women friends of the girl, all members of a club at the university, were seized with her and sentenced to death January 18 by a local people's court. All of the 40, she believes, have been executed, most of them while she sat in a prison cell awaiting the outcome of her appeal before the Ukrainian supreme court at Kiev. In the same railroad compart-

Man Digs Out of Prineville Jail

BEND, Ore., May 9 (UP)—State and county officers were on the lookout tonight for Donald James Danner, 19, who escaped from the Crook county jail in Prineville last night.

Danner, recently arrested here on a larceny charge, dug his way out of the jail, according to information received here.

He too won his freedom through the intervention of U. S. Ambassador Steinhardt who acted on a written appeal from the youth's mother, still in Bialostok. Rozhovsky's arrest was not revealed until last October, nearly four months after he had been taken into custody, when his father in Massachusetts wrote to the state department and made inquiries.

400 BOMBERS IN DUSK TO DAWN ATTACK

Germans Retaliate in Kind With Further Raids Over Britain

LONDON, May 9 (UP)—Equivalent of the Luftwaffe's worst "total destruction" raids on Britain was claimed tonight after a British armada of 300 to 400 bombers, in a record breaking dusk to dawn assault, smashed and set fire to the great German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

It was the royal air force's biggest raid of the war on Germany, unleashed as the Nazi air force carried out costly, widespread "blockade" attacks on Britain's ports and cities. Shortly before midnight the Berlin radio went silent and RAF bombers were believed to be sweeping across the channel again, bent on spreading the havoc of the record-breaking attack.

U. S. Planes Used New American bombers and the biggest of all bombs were used in the British attack. Nearly 1000 tons of explosives rained upon the North sea naval and U-boat centers as well as Berlin and Emden in "remorseless bombardments."

The rumble of violent explosions and erratic movements of searchlight beams in the direction of Calais indicated the RAF again was hammering the French "invasion ports."

Hamburg and Bremen were engulfed in flames and smoke when the RAF bombers turned home at dawn, leaving behind some of "raging fires" smashing war industries, docks and oil stores.

British pilots told of "terrific explosions" reaching nearly two miles high and masses of spreading flames so fierce the burst of huge bombs could not be seen among them.

Specified Targets The assault cost the British 10 big bombers, the air ministry said. Neither German night fighter planes nor blasting anti-aircraft (Continued on Page Two)

Youth Badly Hurt In Motorcycle Crash At Oregon, Upham

B. Frank Card, 22, Pelican City, employe of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, is in Hillside hospital in a semi-conscious condition as the result of a motorcycle accident which occurred about 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at Oregon avenue and Upham street.

Card, accompanied by a friend, was coming into Klamath Falls following a trip to Chemult. The streets had recently been flushed and rebounding the Oregon avenue corner onto Upham street, Card lost control of the machine. Witnesses said the young man was thrown from the motor, and against a telephone pole. His face is badly crushed and it is thought he has a skull fracture. His companion was uninjured.

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