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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

OVER the week-end, the Germans pound London from the air, seriously damaging Westminster abbey and the houses of parliament.

The British hammer back at Berlin, Bremen, Hamburg, etc., and the Germans admit considerable damage.

YOU will have noted by this time that air bombing (most of it at night) is the regular daily pattern of modern warfare.

In the past (among allegedly civilized peoples) wars were decided by battles on sea and land— as when the Greeks destroyed the bulk of the Persian fleet at Salamis and finished it off at Mycale, thus ending the threat of a Persian invasion, and when Alexander, less than a century later, broke forever the power of Persia in the land battle of Arbela.

In these days, breaking the morale of ALL the people (not just the armed forces) is regarded as the most likely way to win a war.

Hence constant bombing at night— for which, as yet, neither side has found an answer.

WE call it TOTAL war— meaning by that involvement of all the people of a nation; civilians as well as armed forces, women and children, old and young, as well as men of military age.

Total war is not new in the world. It has always been practiced by savages, raiding enemy villages, killing, burning and looting. Modern total war copies these savage devices, except for the looting.

The purpose, in both cases, is to break morale.

ON the so-called fighting fronts (using the term in its older sense), the lull continues.

In Iraq, the Arabs announce the decisive repulse of a British attack on Rutba fort, along the line of the oil pipe line to the Mediterranean. The British announce the TAKING of Rutba fort on Sunday morning. You can take your choice.

The British forces appear to be cracking down on the Italians remaining in East Africa. Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, re-occupying his palace at Addis Ababa, orders the beheading of an image of the Italian eagle. (A little showmanship, to buck his people up.)

At Tobruk, the British make a sally, capturing some German prisoners and a tank. (Salties such as this are part of the day-to-day routine of a besieged position.)

DON'T be deceived by this lack of activity (other than continuous air raiding). It won't last. The next big blow will fall soon enough.

Your guess is as good as anyone's. But Hitler's hope, like all military leaders in the centuries, will be to strike where the enemy is LEAST prepared.

Surprise is as important in warfare now as it ever was.

MEANWHILE from Chungking, where Chiang Kai-Shek makes a speech on the occasion of the departure of American Ambassador Johnson for his new post in Australia, comes a bold note.

China, without the help of an expeditionary force or naval action, is prepared to undertake SINGLE-HANDED the task of putting Japan down.

WAGES RAISED

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12 (AP)—Wages of approximately 1000 Oregon truck drivers will be increased as a result of an agreement concluded today between operators and 13 locals of the state joint council of teamsters (AFL).

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

May 12, 1940—Key Belgian fortress of Liege falls to Germans. May 12, 1916—Battle of Verdun rages into 82nd day.

11 SHIPYARDS HALTED WHEN 1700 STRIKE

Half-Billion's Worth Of Circus on Defense Delayed by Tie-Ups

By The Associated Press A joint strike by AFL and CIO machinists closed 11 California shipyards and drydocks Monday which have \$500,000,000 worth of warship and defense contracts as an AFL strike also stopped work on a \$3,000,000 defense construction job at the South Boston, Mass., navy drydock.

The strike by the 1700 machinists, in face of protests from government and high union officials, affected between 15,000 and 20,000 workers.

16 Injured In connection with a teamsters strike, police at Detroit said at least 16 men were injured when fighting broke out as the Currier Lumber company attempted to move trucks manned by non-union workers. AFL strikers seeking union recognition and wage increases, hurled bricks and stones. The present wage scale was not revealed.

Officials of the office of production management in Washington requested leaders of the strike at South Boston to meet with them tomorrow.

Spokesmen for the union said the walkout halted work on facilities under a \$30,000,000 program, now about half through, but said it did not stop ship building activities since 300 men working in the navy yard were not called out at once.

GM Strike Set E. A. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the building and construction trades council, said the strike was called as a protest to hiring of 1200 WPA and civil service workers at the base. He added that the union would call out the 300 men at the navy yard "in the event of no settlement in this existing dispute."

The CIO United Automobile (Continued on Page Three)

F. R. Cancels Speech, Plans Fireside Chat

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—President Roosevelt is expected to make a momentous statement of national policy in a broadcast fireside chat May 27.

The address will be a substitute for the one the president was to have made on Wednesday night before the Pan-American union. It will be broadcast throughout the United States by the three major networks from 9:30 p. m. to 10 p. m. (EST) and translated for short-wave transmission to other countries.

"Homey Party" The president will speak from the White House in the presence of Latin American diplomats who were to have tendered a reception from him on Wednesday. White House Secretary Stephen T. Early said it would be "a homey party—very informal."

The change in plans was announced by Early after the governing board of the Pan-American union had adopted a resolution suggesting cancellation of the Wednesday engagement to enable the president to recuperate completely from a stomach disorder.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull then invited the diplomats to attend the "homey party."

In announcing the revised plans, Early said he was sorry to explode newspaper dispatches which had speculated on the importance of the Wednesday night speech.

"Despite reports from abroad, there will be no world-shaking pronouncement from the president on Wednesday night," he said.

Vag Prefers Rule Of Josef Stalin Earl Clarence Bradshaw, picked up on a charge of vagrancy, told arresting officers Monday that "Stalin's government was a lot better" than that of the United States. Judge J. A. Mahoney, justice of the peace, sentenced Bradshaw to 15 days in jail. Officers will probably take the man's fingerprints and check his record, Judge Mahoney said.

Sentenced to Life Imprisonment



John Wylie, 19, walks out of the courtroom at Napa, Calif., with his arms around his hysterical mother. After being sentenced to life imprisonment and two additional long prison terms for the confessed slaying of Dale Martin and the kidnaping of Martin and Mrs. Ann Simonsen at nearby Vallejo, Calif. The prison terms were for one to 20 years each on two kidnaping counts. He pleaded guilty.

DRAFT BOARD ASKS CHANGES

Deferment of Older Registrants Sought As Problem Remedy

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Selective service headquarters asked congress today to amend the conscription act in order to permit the deferment of older draft registrants.

Brig. Gen. Louis B. Hershey, deputy director, informed Speaker Rayburn in making the request that "our experience discloses that a comparatively small percentage of men are being inducted from the higher age groups, and that many of our problems arise in connection therewith."

"I am informed," he added, "that men in the younger age brackets are best qualified for the training and service contemplated under the act."

An amendment to the law which Hershey proposed would, he said, "permit the president to prescribe rules and regulations for the deferment of men whose age is such that they should be deferred in the national interest."

Hershey did not specify at what age the proposed deferment would start. There have been suggestions that deferments start at 25 or 30 years.

In addition to younger men being qualified, Hershey said the deferment of older men was important since it was planned to keep the selectees in reserve status for 10 years.

Vichy Reports Dictators May Hold Meeting

VICHY, France, May 12 (AP)—Diplomatic circles reported today that meetings among Adolf Hitler, Premier Mussolini and Joseph Stalin are considered likely in the near future.

These informants indicated the meetings would be in connection with possible reorganization of European economies if not the European military bloc.

Diplomats believed that the meetings, if they actually take place, will be part of far-reaching moves all over Europe—including a shake-up of the Spanish civil and military organization and French Vice Premier Darlan's negotiations with the Germans.

Kirk Appeals For High Court Trial A motion for a new trial in state supreme court of Luther Joe Kirk, Klamath Indian convicted of second degree murder here in March and sentenced to life imprisonment, was revealed Monday in a notice of appeal from judgment of Klamath county circuit court.

The motion was dated March 12, and was signed by W. C. Van Emon, attorney for the plaintiff. Kirk was found guilty of the second degree murder of Leonard John, Indian.

20-30 Club Asks Waiver Of Circus Fee

Prolonged discussion over possible waiver of the Recreation park license fee for a circus late this month and over the new state "club law" for restaurants selling liquor service featured a tedious meeting of the city council Monday night.

In the park matter, brought up on application of the Klamath Falls 20-30 club, opinions pro and con from a large audience consumed a good share of the three and one-half hour session. The club is seeking use of the park May 27 and 28 for the club-sponsored Pollack Brothers circus, proceeds of which will be turned over to the organization's milk fund.

Sam Goldstein, speaking for the youth group, asked that the \$100-per-night fee be waived so as to allow as much as possible of the revenue to be turned over to the fund. He said the club had signed a contract with the circus whereby it was to receive 15 percent of the gross and out of which it was to pay for lights and park rental.

Supported Goldstein argued the city would benefit by the milk fund, the more so if the \$200 fee was waived. He was supported by R. G. Pollack of the circus and several members of the 20-30 club.

Mrs. Rose Poole, a member of the audience, maintained such action would set a bad precedent for succeeding shows. Her comments drew affirmation from several councilmen. Councilman W. E. Wiesendanger suggested that Pollack Brothers should pay the fee drew some support.

Another stickler was the question of whether the show would be over by the 9:30 curfew time recently set to placate nearby property owners. Pollack said this could be arranged.

General feeling was that the council was wholly in favor of (Continued on Page Three)

Three Judges High In List of Possible Successors to Bean

SALEM, May 12 (AP)—Governor Charles A. Sprague indicated today he would appoint a successor tomorrow to the late Supreme Court Justice Henry J. Bean, who died last week.

There were indications that the new justice would be an eastern Oregon man. Hundreds of letters and telegrams in behalf of various candidates poured into the governor's office today, but the names most prominently mentioned were Circuit Judges Robert M. Duncan of Burns, Arthur D. Hay of Lakeview and Carl Hendricks of Fossil.

The new judge would serve until the next general election. Bean's death created the first vacancy on the bench since July 16, 1937, when Justice James U. Campbell died and was succeeded by Justice Hall S. Lusk, who was appointed by former Governor Charles H. Martin.

British Capture No.3 Nazi Rudolph Hess In Scotland

BRITISH PILOTS TRADE BLOWS WITH GERMANS

Hamburg, Bremen Hit Again by RAF; Nazis Strike at Airports

lack officially declared to have left vast areas of flaming destruction. It was Hamburg that was at the focus of these new assaults, said the air ministry, and a "dis-organization of vital parts" of that biggest of German harbors was claimed.

Shipyards Blasted Shipbuilding yards nine miles in length, which line the banks of the river Elbe, were threatened and crossed with British fire, said the air ministry, and high explosive and incendiary bombs fell heavily in all that section.

Among the objectives hit, the British said, were the Blohm and Voss shipyards—where German capital ships were laid down in the last great war.

All this was accomplished abroad at the same time that the British defenders at home—

LONDON, Tuesday, May 13 (AP)—The Rhineland railway and industrial center of Mannheim, often a target for Royal Air Force bombers, was attacked again last night, it was said authoritatively today.

Sunday night Hamburg bombers struck heavily at Hamburg and Bremen.

By The Associated Press LONDON, May 12—British pilots, trading steel for steel and fire for fire with the Nazis, beat at the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen again last night in a mighty bombing attack (Continued on Page Three)

SENATORS OKAY SHIP SEIZURE

Opponents Seek Rule Against Transfer of Vessels to Britain

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Legislation to authorize the government to take over foreign ships lying idle in American harbors was approved by the senate commerce committee today, 11 to 4.

Prior to the final ballot the committee rejected 10 to 6 an effort by Senators Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and Clark (D-Mo.) to prevent the government from taking a vessel owned by one belligerent nation, or its nationals, and turning it over to another belligerent—Britain. This proposal was expected to be pressed again on the senate floor when debate starts, probably late this week.

Those voting against the legislation were Senators Clark, Vandenberg, Johnson, (R-Calif.) and Burton (R-Ohio).

The committee wrote an (Continued on Page Three)

England, U. S. Will Win War, Says Halifax

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 12 (AP)—Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the United States, tonight said a spiritual war, "the most formidable challenge which mankind has yet been called upon to meet," will be won by an indomitable Britain, supported by the United States.

"For here is no dispute between nations for the sake of territorial gain; it is a naked struggle between all that we recognize as good and all that we have come to know as evil," he told a rally at Municipal auditorium.

Halifax deviated from his prepared address to take cognizance of Rudolf Hess' escape to Scotland, which he called "the parachute descent on Scotland."

"It has been said," Halifax stated, "that he was mad because he left Germany. If that is so, he was not the only one left in Germany. Perhaps he acted as he did because he saw the handwriting on the wall. If that is so, it was a very significant action."

'NEW DEFENSE' EYED BY KNOX

Navy Secretary Says Convoys Might Not Solve Aid Problems

WASHINGTON, May 12 (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said tonight that U. S. convoys may not be the solution to the British aid problem—that "possibly we will have to devise a new defense to see that the goods which we manufacture will reach the other side of the Atlantic."

Knox, who last week called for use of the U. S. Navy to protect war supplies for Britain, told the American Society of Military Engineers that the United States must make its opposition to Adolf Hitler count, "what ever the price may be."

Awaiting Word "We can not half fight this battle," he declared. "America already has taken a good many steps in the direction of forthright action. All that America is awaiting for tonight is the word to go forward."

The navy secretary spoke ex- (Continued on Page Three)

WOMAN DIVES 14 Stories to Death

NEW YORK, May 12 (AP)—Cora Mae Groover, 25, a beautiful brunette from Homestead, Fla., hurtled through the glass window at her Greenwich village apartment tonight and fell 14 stories to her death after a quarrel with her sweetheart, a Wall street attorney.

"We can not half fight this battle," he declared. "America already has taken a good many steps in the direction of forthright action. All that America is awaiting for tonight is the word to go forward."

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Scot Plowman Describes Hess' Landing in England

GLASGOW, Tuesday, May 13 (AP)—David McLean, a sturdy Scot plowman, told the story today of how Rudolf Hess, the man rated third in the Nazi party, drifted down from the clouds in the gathering darkness last Saturday hard by the little McLean cottage.

"A thorough gentleman—I could tell by his bearing and the way he spoke," McLean said in describing Hess.

"Everyone else was in bed when I heard a plane roaring overhead," he related. "As I ran into the back of the farm there was a crash and I saw a plane burst into flames."

Returned For Help "I was a bit frightened when I saw a parachute dropping slowly through the gathering darkness. Peering upward I could see a man swinging in the harness, and concluded it was a German airman bailing out. So I returned to the house for help."

"They were all asleep. I looked around hastily for some weapon, but could find nothing except a hayfork. Fearing I might lose my airman, I hurried around

Captured



Rudolph Hess, deputy fuhrer and No. 3 nazi, bailed out of a Messerschmitt 110 fighter plane and floated down by parachute near Glasgow, Scotland. Rumors circulated in London that Hess brought peace proposals to Britain, but that they did not have the support of Adolf Hitler.

LONDON, Tuesday, May 13 (AP)—Deputy Fuhrer Rudolf Hess, Germany's No. 3 Nazi, parachuted from a Messerschmitt 110 fighter with unloaded guns over Scotland Saturday night, an official announcement said today. There were rumors that he had fled Germany after a quarrel with Adolf Hitler.

Hess floated down from his twin-engine plane onto the estate of the Duke of Hamilton, first peer of Scotland, fracturing his ankle in the fall. Later he was taken to a Glasgow hospital for treatment.

Carried Photos With him he carried photographs, through which he established his identity, and medicines for treatment of heart and gall bladder ailments from which he was said to be suffering.

"The identity of the man who landed from a Messerschmitt in Scotland as Rudolf Hess has now been established beyond all possible doubt," a ministry of information communique said early today.

It was understood that Ivone Kirkpatrick, former first secretary of the British embassy in Berlin and now a foreign office official, was interviewing Hess in Glasgow. Kirkpatrick attended the Godesberg and Munich conferences between Hitler and the late Neville Chamberlain, former British prime minister, as the latter's interpreter. He is intimately acquainted with Nazi leaders, including Hess.

Hess' plane, with empty gas tanks and carrying neither bombs nor ammunition, crashed in the Moorlands about 10 miles from Glasgow.

Asked For Water A plowman helped him to a farmhouse where the plowman's mother offered him a cup of tea. The Nazi deputy fuhrer declined, however, and asked for a glass of water.

"It's more refreshing," he said.

Hess left Augsburg, in southern Germany, where Messerschmitts are manufactured, at 8:30 p. m. Saturday, it was learned. He reached the coast of Scotland five hours later.

Rumors no less strange than the flight of a national leader to a nation with which his own country was at war sprung up the wake of the announcement.

One without authoritative confirmation, was Hess fled Germany after a disagreement with Adolf Hitler and he brought peace proposals to Britain which did not bear the fuhrer's approval.

Not Insane British authorities quickly denied a Berlin hint Hess might be insane. They said all the circumstances of the case pointed to his complete sanity, which was vouched for by those who (Continued on Page Three)

Couple Killed As Plane Hits Hill

LEWISTON, Pa., May 12 (AP)—Ben Brewster and his wife, the former Leonie De Bary Lyon, were killed instantly when their private plane crashed into Shade mountain 20 miles northeast of here Friday, a rescue party reported tonight.

The small Beechcraft plane struck the mountain and burst into flames. Both Brewster and his wife were killed by the impact and their bodies were burned badly.

The wreckage was spotted late today by Norman Rintoul, a commercial pilot.

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