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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TODAY'S most interesting rumor: The British radio reports picking up a Rumanian broadcast to the effect that Germany has begun to transport infantry troops through the Bosphorus, bound presumably for Syria and Iraq.

These troops are reported to be leaving Rumanian Black Sea ports. The rumor is interesting because it suggests an answer to the now all important question as to how Germany expects to get sufficient forces into the eastern Mediterranean lands to make a successful attack on the Iraq oil fields and Suez.

YOU will recall that when Churchill was up for a vote of confidence a few days ago it was brought out in the debate in the house of commons that German troops had been sent through the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles to occupy Greek islands along the Turkish coast.

That indicated CONCESSIONS on the part of Turkey. For reasons not apparent to us on the outside (but of course based on diplomatic negotiations then under way) Turkey was DEFENDED by the British government for making this concession.

IF interested, you'll have to get out your map again at this point. (You can't hope to follow the war news intelligently without a good map at hand as you read.)

You will note that from the Dardanelles to the point where the Turkish coast turns eastward toward Syria the Aegean Sea is liberally sprinkled with islands, some of which (the Dodecanese) are already owned and occupied by Italy. Others have recently been seized by Germany from Greece.

It might be possible to slip German troops through these islands to the mouth of the Aegean, thence hugging the Turkish coast around to Syria—as was done along the coast of Norway earlier in the war. It doesn't, however, look too promising because of the proximity of the island of Cyprus, where the British have strong naval and air forces.

SO let's go back to this Rumanian rumor, which mentions the BOSPHORUS but says nothing about the DARDANELLES and intimates that the German infantry is bound for TURKEY and Iraq.

The Bosphorus is the Black Sea end of the strategic straits. The Dardanelles is the Mediterranean end. In between is the Sea of Marmora. Istanbul (Constantinople) is located on the Sea of Marmora and Istanbul is on the Berlin-to-Bagdad railroad, which with its branches, leads exactly where the Germans want to go.

KEEP on watching Turkey—for Turkey holds the answer to the German problem as to how to get sufficient forces into the Near East.

THERE are conflicting reports today from Salum, where the Germans are trying to approach Suez from the west.

The British took it on Thursday. The Germans claim to have RETAKEN it today, along with Fort Capuzzo. The British (as these words are written) neither confirm nor deny the German claim.

GO back here for a moment to World War No. 1—when, you will remember, positions along the western front changed hands frequently over a long period of time.

The point is that from Tobruk to Salum (temporarily at least) a condition of stalemate has been reached, with the Germans unable for the time being to break through the British defenses and roll on toward Suez. As long as the British are able to hold sea-supplied Tobruk, it will remain a threat to further German advance.

HERE again France comes in. If she lets the Germans into Tunisia, the way will be opened for German reinforcements in sufficient volume to overwhelm Tobruk.

CLIPPER PILOT LANDS SAFELY AT THE DALLES

Flier in Cub Plane First Feared Lost From Eugene Course

Squally weather in this area Saturday caused an army plane to make an unscheduled landing here for fuel and aroused concern over the safety of a private plane that headed north from here at 11 a. m. Saturday.

The latter plane, a Piper Cub coupe, was piloted by W. H. Grace, Pan American Airways pilot of Alameda, Calif., and was en route to Seattle via Eugene. Grace was unreported at Eugene by 3 p. m., and a report from Rocky Point that at 11:10 a. m. a plane was heard circling and seemingly losing altitude at first caused concern here that he may have had trouble in that area.

However, it was later learned that Grace was forced off his route by strong winds and hail, and Bend sources said he landed at Beaver marsh until the wind shifted and then continued to The Dalles. Grace brought the tiny plane down safely at The Dalles at 5:20 p. m. and intended to spend the night there before continuing to Seattle, it was learned.

Heads Into Storm The Rocky Point reports were telephoned to the office of Sheriff Lloyd L. Low by Mrs. Brown of Crystal, near Rocky Point, and Moise Penning, operator of the Rocky Point resort.

The west side residents said the plane appeared to head into a suddenly developing snowstorm, then turned back. Mrs. Brown said she heard the plane's motors for about five minutes. (Continued on Page Two)

Air Crashes Kill 7 Army Men in Ohio

COLUMBUS, O., May 17 (AP)—Seven army men—five in one plane and two in another—were killed as their ships crashed in hilly southern Ohio 15 minutes apart last night during cyclonic wind and rain storms.

Army attaches at Patterson field, Dayton, said today five men in a twin-motored ship from Barksdale, La., lost their lives as the plane smashed into a hillside near Nelsonville, O., 75 miles southeast of here. The other plane plunged into the ground 100 miles west of Nelsonville near Wilmington.

The five killed were: Second Lieutenants Robert Sonnenfeld, William J. Wiandt, Robert L. Brown and James Criswell and Sergeant John H. Davis.

Home addresses of the victims were listed as Wiandt, Akron, O.; Criswell, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Brown, father at Salt Lake City, Utah, and mother, Denver, and Davis, Shreveport.

Davis' body was not immediately recovered. (Continued on Page Two)

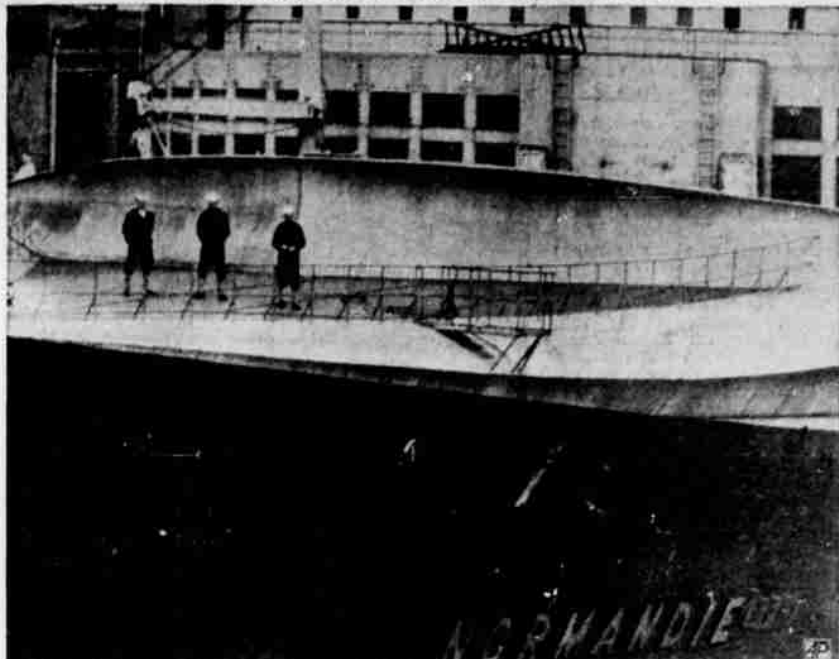
President Urges Struggle Against Economic Slavery

WASHINGTON, May 17 (UP)—President Roosevelt warned tonight the dictator nations already have achieved serious economic encirclement of the United States and summoned all Americans to fight against the economic slavery to which Germany and her allies would subject the world.

America is heading into a world-wide crisis of "truly desperate intensity" and aggression is menacing the economic, social and spiritual framework of "our democratic way of life," the president said.

Dark Future "It is idle for us to talk of future foreign trade unless we are ready now to defend the principles upon which it is based," he said. "That defense calls most urgently on every American for his immediate and utmost effort. Otherwise there can be no foreign trade of the future on fair terms, under democratic principles." Victory of totalitarianism, Mr. Roosevelt declared, would leave

French Luxury Liner Boarded by Coast Guard



Three U. S. Coast Guardsmen stand on the deck of the French luxury liner Normandie, tied up in New York harbor. They were part of the force of ten men placed aboard the ship in the federal government's latest move against foreign shipping. Coast Guardsmen placed a dozen or more French-flag vessels under protective custody.

LEWIS MINERS ORDER STRIKE

California Governor Announces Progress in S. F. Bay Tie-Ups

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP)—The United Mine Workers of America (U. M. W.) today ordered 100,000 hard coal miners to leave their jobs Monday because of failure of the union and Pennsylvania anthracite operators to reach a new contract agreement.

The anthracite fields, producing practically all the American hard coal, are located in north-eastern Pennsylvania. The fuel, used principally in homes, is not considered vital to national defense since most defense industries use soft coal.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (UP)—Gov. Culbert Olson announced after a three-hour conference with strike leaders today that "we are making progress" toward settlement of the eight-day walkout of AFL and CIO machinists which has tied up work on \$500,000,000 defense contracts in San Francisco bay shipyards.

Admiral John Wills Greenleaf, commandant of the 12th naval headquarters, in commenting on reports from Washington that the navy may assign marines to shipyards to protect workers willing to return to their jobs, said such action might occur only if local and state police were unable to "function adequately."

So far, Admiral Greenleaf said, he has received no orders from Washington to call out the marines. Normal procedure, he added, would be for the governor of the state to ask such assistance in case of violence or riots. In such an event, he said, the marines would be held at the disposal of the army which is charged with the maintenance of law and order. (Continued on Page Two)

Jumping Frogs of Governors Vie in Meet

ANGELS CAMP, Cal., May 17 (UP)—Five thousand persons who jammed "Frogtown" outside this little Mother Lode mining hamlet today saw limber-legged "Sebastian," entered by Gov. Prentice Cooper of Tennessee, win the Governors' derby, preliminary to the annual frog-jumping contest with a leap of 8 feet 2 inches.

Runner-up at 8 feet one inch was "Bluegrass," entered by Gov. Keen Johnson of Kentucky, while "Paul, the Great," sponsored by Gov. Paul B. Johnson of Mississippi, and "Harrisburg," entered by C. A. French of the Pennsylvania fish commissioner's office, tied for third at 8 feet. "Democracy," California Gov. Culbert Olson's dark-horse, could get no better than 15th place with a 5 foot 3 inch effort.

None of the governors attended the fourteenth annual jubilee made famous in the days of Mark Twain and "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," but visitors galore were on hand from every other walk of life.

Governor Cooper will receive a special certificate testifying to "Sebastian's" accomplishment. None of the 82 frogs jumped today approached the record of 15 feet 10 inches held by "Zip," whose proud owner, 12-year-old Eddie Robinson of Stockton, Cal., is entering him again in a stable of six hoppers.

Eddie's pretty 20-year-old sister, June Robinson, upheld the family tradition by tickling her "Worthless" to a 13 foot 10 inch effort, good enough to win the preliminaries of tomorrow's finals. "Budweiser," 1937 champion owned by Louis Fisher, Stockton, three times winner of the jubilee and often in the money, took second with a leap of 13 feet 2 inches.

Forest Fire Sweeps Toward Town After Destroying Camps

BOSTON, May 17 (AP)—A forest fire that has destroyed more than 100 lake-side sporting camps crept toward Millinocket, Me., a town of 6000 persons, today—the second damaging fire in northern New England in 24 hours.

Flames originating in a barn yesterday destroyed seven buildings—four houses, a 123-year old general store, a country school and a town office—in Ryegate Corner, Vt., leaving only eight houses standing in the tiny village of 60 residents.

The Maine camps were leveled on the shores of Ambajesus and Millinocket lakes. Three other major forest fires were reported raging in Maine.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press May 17, 1940—Belgians abandon Brussels to Germans; nazi tanks drive salient 35 miles into northern France. May 17, 1916—American airmen with French fly over German lines for first time as separate unit; Greeks capture Bulgarian soldiers dressed in German uniforms.

ALIEN SEAMEN ROUNDUP MADE

Overstay of Leaves in U. S. Said Reason of Officers' Action

NEW YORK, May 17 (UP)—Immigration inspectors and border patrol officers, accompanied by city police, swept through known alien haunts in metropolitan New York tonight in a systematic roundup of foreign seamen who have overstayed their leaves in the United States.

A most simultaneous raids, starting shortly after 9 p. m., were staged in four of New York city's five boroughs—Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond (Staten Island) and the Bronx, and across the Hudson river at Hoboken, N. J. The roundup on Manhattan, where less than two weeks ago scores of German sailors and Italian waiters were taken into custody on similar charges, was inexplicably delayed for more than an hour.

240 Officers The roundup appeared to be concentrated particularly in the Brooklyn area where an estimated 240 officers were seeking alien seamen of all nationalities in bars, restaurants, hotels and rooming houses. Some 30 officers searched through Queens, and a score moved through the alien hangouts on Staten Island, which commands the entrance to New York harbor. At Hoboken authorities said that 25 alien seamen had been taken into custody 1 1/2 hours after the roundup began. These were taken to police headquarters but no charges were placed against them.

HIAWATHA, Kas., May 17 (AP)—Quadruplets, two boys and two girls, were born today to Mrs. Joseph Baker, Fidelity, Kas., farm wife, but three of the children died a few hours after birth.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17 (UP)—Immigration department agents and San Francisco police tonight took into custody at least three alien seamen in connection with the roundup. (Continued on Page Two)

British Smash At Luftwaffe In Iraq

AXIS CLAIMS SALUM TAKEN FROM BRITISH

Desert Assault Sees Recapture of Fort Capuzzo, Say Nazis

BERLIN, May 17 (UP)—The German high command reported today that the Italo-German African corps has recaptured Solum, Fort Capuzzo, and "all other points" taken by the British in a slashing desert assault announced yesterday.

The high command communique and other German sources reported heavy fighting all along the African front, including battles at Tobruk in which the capture of British prisoners was claimed and an air attack by German bombers which was said to have forced British naval vessels to withdraw from the vicinity of Benghazi.

The high command said that "All our previous positions are again in the hands of the African corps." Informed nazis said these positions included, in addition to Solum and Capuzzo, Sidi Azelb, 15 miles northwest of Solum.

The German success was achieved by daring counter-attacks upon the British forces which penetrated Solum and Fort Capuzzo, the high command said.

Nazi sources said that 100 British troops were taken prisoner in the Solum area and that around Tobruk three British officers and 23 men were captured and two British tanks destroyed. The official news agency DNB said that at Tobruk nazi planes succeeded in "partly destroying" several British transports.

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—Axis desert forces in an audacious counter-attack against the British in Salum have recaptured (Continued on Page Two)

Chicago Quadruplets Die After 10 Hours

CHICAGO, May 17 (AP)—Mrs. Frances Adams, 20-year-old wife of a luncheon chef, gave birth to quadruplets—the second set on record in Chicago—but all the infants died today less than 10 hours after they were born.

The quadruplets, all girls, were born three months prematurely. The first born was weakest and had to be placed in an artificial respirator immediately. The others were placed in incubators.

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Germans Hit President's 'Meddling'

BERLIN, May 17 (AP)—Authorized sources said today "let President Roosevelt continue meddling in European affairs and we will succeed in uniting all Europe against him."

This was their comment on Mr. Roosevelt's statement denouncing collaboration of the Vichy government of France with Berlin, and on his observation that, in the past, American warships have been used to protect American commerce and obtain freedom of the seas in distant waters.

In the German view, these spokesmen said, the United States president is likely to perform "for Europe" the same service which the French statesman, Raymond Poincare, rendered to the German people "in uniting them by his strictures."

As for Mr. Roosevelt's comment on warships, made in answer to questions about the German proclamation that nazi naval activity might be expected henceforth in the Red sea, today's informants said: "Comparisons are dangerous; Mr. Roosevelt had best watch his step."

Correspondents were warned, at the same time, against regarding French-German collaboration negotiation as complete. They said the negotiations merely were making satisfactory progress.

SUPER BOMBS USED BY RAF

"Invasion" Coast of France Rocks From Attacks by British

LONDON, (Sunday) May 18 (UP)—Waves of British bombers roared across the English channel Saturday night for the third successive night to plaster the French "invasion" coast from Dunkirk to Boulogne with the new, powerful super-bombs.

Tremendous flashes rent the starry sky above banks of mist over the French coast. Towns on the English side of the channel were rocked by the heaviest explosions yet heard during the British raids on the invasion ports as waves of Royal Air Force planes streamed toward the French coast.

"Flaming Onions" Scores of searchlights swept and criss-crossed the sky and the German ground guns put up one of their most spectacular barrages, hurling shells and "flaming onions" into the air. Heavy blows were believed to have been struck at German long-range gun emplacements at Cape Griz Nez and Calais. British bombers started fires (Continued on Page Two)

NAZI PINNERS TAKE BLOW IN TWO SECTORS

Syrians Mass 60,000 Men Near Palestine; Clashes Said Begun

CAIRO, May 17 (UP)—British forces smashed at both ends of the German pincers threatening the Suez canal today, trading blows for the first time with the luftwaffe in Iraq and pounding at axis forces in the Sollum-Fort Capuzzo area.

The royal air force smashed at German aircraft on the ground at Mosul in the heart of the rich oil fields and German bombers and fighter-bombers attacked the British-held airdromes of Habbaniya.

The British reported a Heinkel bomber was destroyed and other nazi warplanes damaged in the attack on the Mosul airdrome. The German attack on Habbaniya was the first reported involving the luftwaffe in the Iraq sphere of operations.

Ambulance Hit An RAF communique said the attack at Habbaniya was carried out by German Heinkel bombers and Messerschmitt 110's. It caused only slight damage and a few casualties. In the course of the attack, the British charged, the Messerschmitt machine gunned an ambulance on the plateau overlooking the British airdrome.

The RAF reported wide-scale operations both in Libya and in Greece. "Heavy" raids upon the Greek airdromes at Menihi and Hassan Tuesday and Wednesday nights were reported, in the course of which nine enemy planes were said to have been destroyed by direct hits and hangars set afire.

Attacks in Libya were carried out by the RAF in co-operation with the South African air force upon mechanized columns and troop concentrations. Two Messerschmitt 109's and a Junkers 88 were reported shot down. Bomber attacks on Benghazi, Derna, El Gazala and Barce were (Continued on Page Two)

NLRB Dismisses Ward Union Charges

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP)—The national labor relations board announced today dismissal of a petition by Office Employees union No. 16621 (AFL) for certification as bargaining agent of office and clerical employes of the mail-order and retail stores of Montgomery Ward and company, Portland, Ore.

The board ruled that the union had not made sufficient showing of membership to raise a question concerning representation of all employes. The union estimated the number of employes in the proposed bargaining unit at 924, and submitted 256 membership cards. Edwin S. Smith, board member, dissented, and said that an election should have been ordered in the case.

Strike Causes Singapore Clash

SINGAPORE, May 17 (AP)—British authorities proclaimed a "state of emergency" and called up additional peace maintenance forces yesterday in the Malay state of Selangor after soldiers and a crowd of Indian rubber plantation strikers clashed. Three of the strikers were killed and seven wounded, and several policemen were injured.

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Melting Snow Brings Floods to Colorado



Flood waters, several feet deep, surrounded this ranch and highway on the Conejos river near Alamosa, Colo. Note bridge at left, where waters usually are confined. Other Colorado streams were surging over their banks as warm weather melted deep mountain snowdrifts.