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### In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THE battle of Crete is still (at noon Friday) in doubt.

Honeful "informed sources in London and Cairo picture the advantage on the island as slowly turning to the British side. The German parachutists are reported to have been driven out of ALL BUT ONE foothold. NAVAL landings of German troops and equipment are reported to have been prevented.

But still the nazis float down

from the skies.

IF you're thinking ahead, stead of merely looking at to-day, you'll watch with keenest interest the battle between the sh navy that is raging all around

The Germans assert that in

We can't, of course, believe these German reports unhesitat-

faith to the warship, a time-tried and IN THE PAST dependable weapon. The Germans have staked their hopes on the AIR-

a practical test.

That is the real reason why
the world is watching breathlessly the battle of Crete.

A SIDE issue of the battle: The London admirality says British submarines have tor-pedoed and sunk a 9,000-ton troopship and a 7,000-ton tanker

on Alexandria.

ADMIRAL Darlan (now appar ently the big man of France. said to be a British hater) says in a statement issued in Vichy: "Hitler has not asked France

for her fleet in CURRENT neg-etiations, and I WILL NEVER HAND IT OVER." Take that for what it is worth

-if anything.

IF you want to know why Hit-ler is battling so desperately for the small island of Crete, go back 20-odd centuries into history. When Alexander started for Egypt (where Hitler is headed)

he had to hold up his world-conquering expedition for SEV-EN MONTHS while he besieged and ultimately took by storm the tiny city of Tyre (less than a mile off the eastern Mediterrancan shore.)

Tyre was a SEA-GOING city. and he dared not leave a strong naval power in his rear.

THAT is Hitler's reason for an all-out attack on Crete. He is headed for Iraq and Egypt with Syria as a way point, and he dares not leave strong Brit-ish naval bases in his rear.

If he takes Crete, Cyprus will be next. After that, he will turn his eyes (and his warplanes) to Alexandria.

#### FLIERS KILLED

SALT LAKE CITY, May 23 (P) — Two army fliers, tenta-tively identified as Second Lieut. Ralph M. Tidwell and Pvt. Guy Richards, were killed foday when their training plane crashed in the foothills 5 miles southwest of here.

#### Looking Backward By The Associated Press

May 23, 1940—Strategic French scaport of Boulogne falls to Germans.
May 23, 1916—Col. Winston Churchill demands that every available soldier be put on fight-ing line.

### THIRD CONVOY OF TROOPERS SPENDS NIGHT

1800 Men Stop Over Here on Way South, Dance at Armory

The third contingent of a 10,-000-troop U. S. army movement through Klamath Falls arrived late yesterday afternoon under threatening skies, and approximately 1800 men in the convoy of over 200 trucks barely had time to make camp south of the city before the clouds poured forth bucketfuls of rain.

The huge convoy's arrival was contrasted with those of the German air force and the Brit- first two serials en route to summer maneuvers in California from Fort Lewis, Wash., which The Germans assert that in this struggle two British battle-ships, TEN cruisers and many destroyers have been sunk or a handful of soldiers were seen

on downtown streets before these German reports unhesitatingly. We can only wait and lee.

But the rain failed to dampen the spirit of the city's hospitality. Instead of the announced be true, this will be a significant moment in the history of war.

But the rain failed to dampen the spirit of the city's hospitality. Instead of the announced street dance, a dance was held at the Klamath Falls armory for the men. While most of the men.

THE British have pinned their were required to be back at their were required to be back at their camp by 10 p. m., many of the officers thronged the streets and taverns much later. Mayor John Houston announced yes-terday that the street dance for ship.

Around the relative merits of the airship and the warship a mighty controversy has raged. It has been so far a THEORETI. CAL controversy.

There are signs (badly clouded by censorship) that in the historic waters of the eastern Mediterranean it is being put to

### Nazis Report 110,300 Tons Of Ships Sunk

Among them, it listed three of 8000, 10,000 and 13,000 tons and a "heavily laden munitions of steamer of 7000 tons."

Another 18,000 tons of mer chant shipping was said to have been sunk by submarines in Vir lone attacks and, in waters west ville. of Africa, submarines sank 21,400 tons, the communique

Prien sank the British battleship Royal Oak at Scapa Flow October 14, 1939, when the war was less than two months old.

### Local Storm Causes Minor IN EXPLOSION Forest Fires

Miss Katherine Geyer, 89, was trapped on the north end of the Fremont draw bridge in Seattle when the span began to rise.

She fell to within a few feet of the grinding gears but the bridge tender stopped his motor just in time. Firemen are helping the bewildered woman off the bridge. She was reported to have suf-

DRAW BRIDGE TRAPS WOMAN

17 Others Crawl Out To Safety; Most of

British should be a 1,000-ton pedoed and sunk a 9,000-ton propedied and sunk a 9,000-ton tropship and a 7,000-ton tanker attempting to reach axis forces in Libya. It adds that an Italian destroyer and a large ammunition-carrying schooner were probably sent to the bottom.

The Germans, you see, are trying to take advantage of the battle ground Crete to rush reinbattle ground Crete ground Ground Crete grou

Nine of the British ships were picked out of one convoy bound for England, the war bulletin said, and accounted for 70,900 into sobs as rescuers brought tons. ally since the explosion broke into sobs as rescuers brought out the bodies.

The dead: Charles W. Happington, 47, of Near Bicknell.

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E. R. Cole, 48, of Vincennes.
James M. Smith, 65, of Near
Bicknell.

Virgil Sager, 30, Freeland-

Richard Smith, 41; Dewey Stinnett; Maurice Tabuiaux, 40; Floyd Harper, 30; Charles Os-born, 30; Charles Wright, 38; Wilbert Redmond, 24; Charles B. May, 50; F. N. Vincent, Run and Arthur Gourdouze, 44, all of Bricknell

was less than two months old, and his feat in raiding a home base of the British fleet won praise even from the British for its daring.

German reports have acknowledged since April 30 that he is missing, but the British have refused to say whether Prien is dead or captured.

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Jack Oglivie of Bicknell, in charge of the mine rescue squad, expressed belief gas or a mixture of gas and dust became ignited in some manner. He said part of the level was dambare prien is dead or captured.

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### **British Sailors Report 6000** Germans Lost in Sea Battle

man armada bound for Crete, plunging an estimated 6000 nazi soldiers to their deaths in the the sea."

troops.

Naval guns blasted an Italian destroyed and testroyer escorting the armada out of the sea, sent a 1000-ton nazi transport to the bottom with its 2000 troops, and methodically potted 40 Greek fishing vessels carrying probably 100 men each.

"We turned everything from pompom guns to six-inchers and contained to the sea, sent and contained to the sea, sent and contained to the sea, sent and troops by sea to aid them. For the guardsmen were soon called into army service with daily drill.

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By RICHARD D. M'MILLAN other heavier stuff on them," ALEXANDRIA, May 23 (UP) said one man who took part in Complete destruction of a Ger-

sea, was reported tonight by British sailors who participated in the battle Wednesday night.

The sea was clogged with Gerceived not so much as a scratch,

A local storm which centered over the Klamath basin late yes-terday afternoon started three fires by lightning in the Parker Bodies Recovered mountain area west of Klamath Falls and put both of the incoming high power lines out of

commission temporarily at Cop-co, 40 miles down the Klamath river canyon. Charles Ogle of the Forest Protective association reported that three spot fires were detected but were brought im-mediately under control. He said the rain which followed the lightning would reduce forest fire hazards somewhat but he feared that winds would prob-ably soon dry up the moisture. California Oregon Power company officials said the entire local area was blacked out at one time, but an emergency power line was switched on. The main line, No. 18, was still out

main line, No. 18, was still out late last night and company men had been unable to locate the cause. Power at Bonanza and Langell Valley was reported down early in the evening. All power failures were due to lightning, the company reported. The electrical storm, with plenty of rain following, saw an unofficial thermometer drop from about 85 degrees at 3 p. m. to 60 by 8 o'clock, bringing relief from Thursday's scorching 87.

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#### Nine Killed in Riots at Bombay

the battling throngs.
A 7:30 p. m. to 6:30 a. m. cur-

HOT IN PORTLAND
PORTLAND, May 23 (UP)—
Oregon basked in hot weather
today, with the temperature
mounting into the 90's in some
sections. Boxtland sections. Portland's maximum was 88 degrees for the second consecutive day.

### LUMBER MILLS TO BE FEWER, SAYS EXPERT

10 of Basin's Firms Won't Be Operating In 10 Years, Claim

By BOB LEONARD

A prediction that 10 of the Klamath area's 15 largest sawmamath area's 15 largest saw-mills would not be in operation within 10 years startled over 60 timbermen, forestry agents, and mill operators attending a spe-cial meeting of the Society of American Foresters in the city Friday.

Priday.

The prognostication, by Lyle Watts, northwest regional forester for the U. S. National forester for the U. S. National forester for the U. S. National forester a "drasest service, also foresaw a "dras-tic" reduction in the annual cut of the Weyerhaeuser Timber company, Klamath's biggest

Watts' address, highlight of the afternoon session of a two-day meeting on "Sustained For-est Production in the Klamath Basin," came at the end of a full program on which outstanding state foresters and local men ap

Slump Foreseen

Occasionally referring to a predicted trend chart tacked before the Willard hotel meeting, Watts pointed out that the 1940 Klamath area cut of 700 million board feet of Ponderosa pine is expected to jump another 25 million for the next three years before beginning to done Bright to the Position of the second section of the second section in the section is section. before beginning to drop. By 1945, Watts stated, Klamath pro-duction will slump to 525 mil-lion feet and fall off to 300 mil-lion by 1950. By 1955, he said, it will reach 225 million.

The forester said there was at

present 17 billion feet of mer-chantable timber standing in the present 17 billion feet of merchantable timber standing in the fast-growing U. S. army. The Klamath production unit but only 12 billion available if selective cutting practices were put into effect.

Many Dependant

Watts further estimated there were 6000 persons now directly employed in the Klamath lumber industry, each of whom has an industry, each of whom has an industry.

tion of the foregoing figures.

Methods Cited

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cession:"

1. Exert every effort to attract remanufacturing industries such as furniture, toys, specialty (Continued on Page Two)

### Friday Morning

Mr. Parker came to Klamath injured yesterday during religious rioting between Hindus and Moslems police reported after a check-up today. Police fired into ago, Mr. Parker had served for 45 years with the company. He was a native of Lafayette, Ind., born February 17, 1869. He is survived by his wife, Marie Parker, 803 Lincoln street, and one sister, Kate E. Parker of Santa Rosa, Calif. A complete obituary will appear Saturday

Remains are at the Earl Whit-

#### Sidelights on Army Visit

Three of the men in Thursday's convoys ruefully described their experiences in attemptions their experiences in attemptions who considered the men in thousands of men always arouses during the convergence of the men in Thursday's convolve the convergence of the convergence o

### Gigantic Air-Sea Battle Progresses



Three thousand more German troops were reported to have landed at night on strategic Crete (1), as the Germans continued their serial offensive. British military men said Crete must be held "at all costs" because its capture would give the Germans another base to attack the British fleet at Alexandria (2), fill in it.. Aegean sea gap to the Dodscanese islands and shield the movement of axis troops from Italy to Africa. An attempt on Cyprus (3), was foreseen.

#### 28 Selectees Leaving for Army June 4

Twenty-eight selectees, two of them transfers from other boards, will leave Klamath Falls on the night of June 4 for

employed in the Klamath lumber industry, each of whom has an average of two dependents. Estimating one more person indirectly dependent on the industry for livelihood, for each person directly employed, the tall timber expert said that the approximately 30,000 residents of Klamath Falls; Glent and the county make their living from lumber. By 1960, he predicted, that figure will fall to 8000 to 10,000 and the present \$8,000,000 payroll will drop to around \$3,000,000.

According to Watts, his Friday address marked the first publication of the foregoing figures.

Mur Argraves, 628 Oak street, Klamath Falls; and Russell An-son Schaeffer and Richard Geronimo Treadaway, transfers

the following 10 methods of "softening up the inevitable recession:"

1. Exert every effort to attract remanufacturing industries such as furniture, toys, specialty (Continued or, Page Two)

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Cottage avenue, Klamath Falls;
La Roy Elmer Holt, Modoc
Point; John Thomas Watts, Bly;
Luther Herman Rippy, Merrill;
Thurbert Arthur Johnson, Chemult; Kenneth Day Edwards Friday Morning

Nine Killed in

Riots at Bombay

BOMBAY, India, May 23 (AP)
Nine persons were killed and 75 injured yesterday during religious rioting between Hindus and Moslems police reported after a through the world — but he did not do it."

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# **DARLAN HOLDS**

Admiral Won't Give Up Ships to Hitler, He Claims in Talk

VICHY, France, May 23 (P)— Vice Premier Admiral Jean Dariam told the French people today that Adolf Hiller hat 1 of asked France for her fleet in current negotiations and de-clared firmly: "I will never hand it over."

Nor has hitler asked for col-

"The chancellor did not ask broadcast. "Everyone knows — and the English better than any-one — that I will never hand

it over.
"The chancellor did not ask me for any colonial territory. He did not ask me to declare war on England. "Why has he acted so?

"Germany began the war alone and judges herself able to end it alone against no matter what coalition.

Choice Made

"On the result of negotiations in course," Darlan asserted, "di-rectly depends the future of

France

France."

"It is necessary for her to choose between life and death. The marshal and government have chosen life."

He emphasized that "in June, 1940, the victor could have refused us an armistice, beaten us and wiped France off the

### Lindy Asserts War Nearing Without Consent of People riously burned about the body when a gasoline stove exploded, when a gasoline stove exploded.

the German people when he led

Addressing an America First rally in Madison Square garden, Lindbergh said that "we were given just about as much chance to express our beliefs at the election last fall as the Germans."

Lindbergh urged Americans to rely on their own strength, ability and courage "to preserve this nation and to defeat anyone who is rash enough to attack us."

Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, (D-Mont.), told the rally the United States 's safe from both military and economic invasion.

"Free American industry is

NEW YORK, May 23 (UP)— Wheeler asserted it was Charles A. Lindbergh asserted brazen effrontery" to talk of tonight the American people fifth columnists with "a British have been led toward war with ambassador touring the United States to arouse our people to sacrifice their sons and their treasure to save the British em-

"We in America should have we in America should have no reason to fear," he said. "With adequate leadership we can be the strongest and most influential nation in the world. No other country has such great resources. None is as easily defended. We lack only leadership that places America first — a leadership that does for 130. "Free American industry is superior to controlled nazi industry." Wheeler said. "Free American workers can produce more than nazi slaves, and I that places America first — a leadership that does for 130,000,000 people what Washington that American business only 3,000,000 people—a leaderknow that American business men are smarter than any nazi competitor."

lon did for us when we were only 3,000,000 people—a leadership that tells what it means and means what it says."

# **20,000 NAZIS**

London Warns People To Be Prepared for Reports of Losises

LONDON, Saturday, May 24 (UP)—German transport planes carrying reinforcements and munitions were reported early today to be landing at the rate of one every five minutes on Crete. Off the island raged what was called "the greatest early." was called "the greatest aerial-naval battle of all time."

Britain's Mediterranean fleet was believed to be parrying successfully all axis attempts to send reinforcements to the be-leaguered island by sea.

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London newspapers warned the people to be prepared to hear of losses in British warships, though they said German claims undoubtedly were exaggerated. It was estimated that 20,000 nazi troops had been landed by parachute and transport planes. Latest reports from Cairo indicated that, at least up to late Friday, the air-borne invasion was continuing on an undiminished scale.

Land at Malemi

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The German planes were be-lieved to be descending at Ma-lemi, airdrome 10 miles south-east of Canea. Cairo advices in-dicated it was the only airfield still in nazi hands.

Many others probably were dropping down in upon fields thee the Germans revealed

there the Germans revealed their ability to land troop carriers in restricted areas during the Greek campaign.

Greek and British defense forces were reported earlier to have broken the nazi grip on Candia, the island's largest city, and the port of Retimo to the west.

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Commentators pointed out that the British fleet was operating in confined waters while constantly exposed to the full fury of the German air force, with only their own relatively inadequate anti-aircraft guns to defend themselves.

The navy guns were said to have destroyed a number of enemy bombers as well as troop carriers.

Continuous Patrols

carriers.

Continuous Patrols

The main land fighting seemed to center at Malemi, where strong bands of air-borne infantry swept the area around the air field with continuous patrols so that troop carriers could maintain steady service.

The British and Greek forces

The British and Greek forces were said to be fighting sav-(Continued on Page Two)

### Soldier Burned as

First major accident which has occurred since the army started flowing through here this week, was reported early Friday morn-ing when Private Robert Pugh, 24, 148th field artillery, was se-

The accident occurred at 5:30 a. m. as the men were preparing to break camp on the Klamath river. The youth was given first aid at camp and rushed to Klam-North Fourteenth street, Boise,

According to Pugh, he was filling one of three gasoline stoves in an army truck when one of the other stoves exploded, He was unable to explain the accident.

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