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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HITLER and Mussolini meet today at the Brenner pass. Simultaneous official reports from Berlin and Rome announce that the deliberations "ended in complete agreement on points of view."

(Hitler said to Mussolini: "You'll do so and so," and Mussolini answered: "Yes, mister.")

THE British admit today that with the fall of Crete the Mediterranean has become virtually an axis sea.

Your map will show you that regardless of what may happen at Gibraltar there are now two bottlenecks in the Mediterranean—the 100-mile-wide strait between Italian Sicily and French Tunisia and the 200-mile gap between Crete and Libya.

What happened in Crete shows plainly enough what the German air force could do to British ships in these narrow waters.

SHIPS is now primarily an outlet for British ships in the eastern Mediterranean. It is no longer a through route. British shipping must now go the long road around Africa. As a matter of fact, it has been going that way for some time.

Look for something to happen at Dakar. German planes, subs and surface raiders based there could do a lot of damage to this vitally important around-Africa traffic.

LOOK also for the heat to be turned onto Turkey. Hitler can by-pass Turkey by way of Syria, but that will be inefficient and Hitler and his advisers don't like inefficient arrangements.

THE London Daily Telegraph (still free to criticize after two years of war) bluntly demands an explanation of Britain's fourth straight setback of the war at the hands of the German war machine (Norway, Flanders, Greece and Crete). The British war office gives this answer:

"It became clear that our NAVAL and military forces could not be expected to operate indefinitely in and near Crete without more AIR support than could be provided from our air bases in Africa."

That comes startlingly near to being an official admission that Hitler's air force has won the first major test of the war between sea and air power.

(FOR your own explanation of Britain's defeats, go back four or five years to the time when Germany was building a mighty air force and BRITAIN WASN'T—in spite of clear and definite warnings.)

ANOTHER lesson of Crete: The great battle there shows what will happen to OUR BOYS if we send them against Germany unprovided with the tools of modern warfare—including PLENTY of airplanes.

AN interesting sidelight on Iraq: British troops are being ferried there from India in American transport planes—probably civilian passenger planes requisitioned from American air lines.

It is reported from London that these planes have been stripped of their seats and all trimmings, thus almost doubling their capacity for troop transport.

Use of planes in this service indicates the desperate urgency to get adequate British forces into Iraq.

NEAR final figures on the Memorial day week-end: Violet deaths in the United States over the three-day holiday reached a total of at least 459—exceeding by 59 the forecast of the National Safety Council.

Of the 459 violet deaths, 308 resulted from traffic accidents.

Looking Backward

By The Associated Press

On June 2, 1940—German dive bombers, fighters smash at allied forces withdrawing slowly from Dunkerque area.

June 2, 1918—Meuse offensive carries Germans nearer Verdun.

TWO KLAMATH FUNDS GIVEN FEDERAL EYE

Sprague River Road, Sump Project Given Okay by Committee

Favorable appropriation news came from Washington Monday, in the shape of the following developments:

1. Senate appropriations committee allowed \$150,000 for reconstruction of the Sprague River road, provided the state will match that amount.

2. The same committee boosted current reclamation appropriation for the Klamath project from \$200,000 to \$500,000, which will virtually complete construction of the big sump and tunnel project.

Senator Rufus Holman wired the chamber of commerce with regard to the road money as follows:

Referring your interest in reconstruction of Chilquin-Sprague River road I finally succeeded in inducing senate appropriations committee to allow \$150,000 to be spent on this project during the next fiscal year provided this amount shall be matched by state funds. Hope I shall be able to maintain this appropriation and that state funds can be made available to qualify this project for federal funds.

Rufus C. Holman U.S.S. Chamber officials indicated that renewed effort will be made to induce the state to take over the Sprague River road as a secondary highway and take advantage of the funds authorized through the federal government.

C. S. Scharfenstein of Klamath Falls, who is just home from Washington, conferred there with Senators Holman and Mc (Continued on Page Two)

SHIP STRIKERS ORDERED BACK

NDMB Cracks Down In S. F.; Five Alcoa Plants Vote Walkout

SAN FRANCISCO, June 2, (UP)—The AFL bay cities metal trades council tonight ordered the members of its 17 affiliated unions to return to work tomorrow morning at the big Bethlehem shipbuilding plant in San Francisco, largest of the 11 shipyards tied up by the 23-day machinists strike.

By UNITED PRESS Less than two hours after it had been asked to obtain settlement in the \$500,000,000 San Francisco shipyards strike, the national defense mediation board Monday night requested striking AFL machinists to resume production.

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Lou Gehrig, Ex-'Iron Man' Of Baseball, Dies in N. Y.

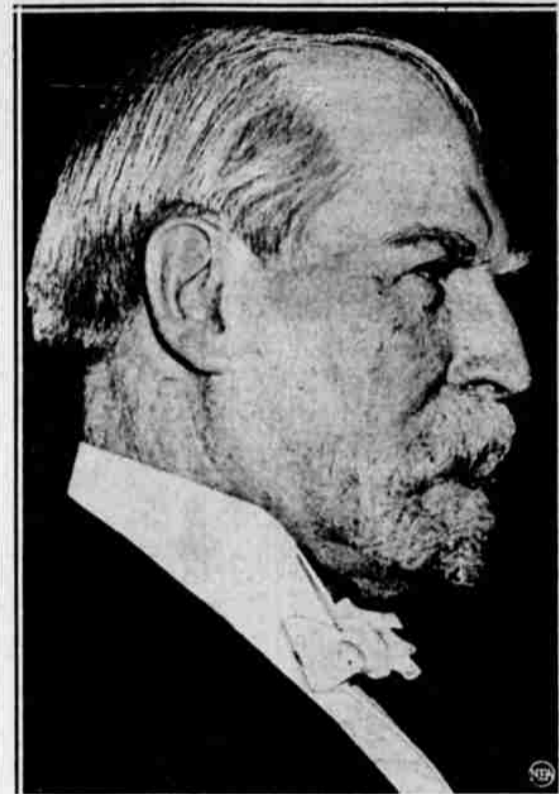
NEW YORK, June 2, (UP)—Lou Gehrig, former first baseman of the New York Yankees and the one time "iron man of baseball," died at 10:10 o'clock tonight at his home in the Bronx.

Lou Gehrig was the most durable baseball player in the game's history. From June 1, 1925 until April 30, 1939, Gehrig never missed a ball game with the Yankees and ran up the amazing record of playing in 2130 consecutive games.

Through those 15 years Gehrig by sheer grit and an extraordinary one of the miracles of baseball and earned the title of "The Iron Man." Of all the men in the baseball world, Gehrig was considered the one least likely to fold up overnight the victim of an insidious disease which defied medical aid.

But after a week of examinations at Mayo Brothers' clinic, Rochester, Minn., a shocked baseball world was informed that Gehrig was suffering from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a type of illness known in lay terms as chronic poliomyelitis

Chief Justice to Retire



Charles Evans Hughes, who guided the supreme court through the turbulent depression era and later helped block President Roosevelt's famed court reorganization policy, Monday advised the president he will retire from active duty on July 1.

Chief Justice Hughes Asks To Retire from High Court; Health, Age Reasons Given

HYDE PARK, June 2, (UP)—Charles Evans Hughes, 79-year-old chief justice of the United States supreme court, tonight asked President Roosevelt to approve his retirement from the nation's highest tribunal and Mr. Roosevelt indicated he would acquiesce.

Under date of June 2, Hughes wrote Mr. Roosevelt asking approval of his retirement for "consideration of health and age."

Mr. Roosevelt replied that though his "every inclination is to beg you to remain" his "deep concern for your health and strength must be paramount."

Two Vacancies The exchange of letters obviously wrote the end to Mr. Roosevelt's historic supreme court battle, which, actually, he already had won. With the vacancy caused by the resignation this spring of Justice James C. McReynolds still unfilled, Mr. Roosevelt, upon accepting Hughes' resignation, will have two court vacancies to fill. The administration already has a solid majority on the supreme bench.

Hughes' letter to the president said: "My Dear Mr. President: Considerations of health and age make it necessary that I should be relieved of the duties which I have been discharging with increasing difficulty. For that reason I avail myself of the right and privilege granted by the act of March 1, 1937, 28 U. S. code, section 3758, and retire from regular active service on the bench as chief justice of the

United States, this retirement to be effective on and after July 1, 1941.

"I have the honor to remain, 'Respectfully yours, 'Charles Evans Hughes.' To this letter, Mr. Roosevelt replied by telegram under June 2 date as follows: "My Dear Mr. Chief Justice: 'I am deeply distressed by your letter of June 2 telling me of your retirement on July 1 from active service as chief justice of the United States. This comes to me, as I know it will to the whole nation, as a great shock for all of us had counted on your continuing your splendid service for many years to come. My every inclination is to beg you to remain; but my deep concern for your health and strength must be paramount. I shall hope to see you this coming week in Washington. 'Sincerely and affectionately yours, 'Franklin D. Roosevelt.'"

Milk Prices Given Boost After June 1

Klamath county housewives were advised by market milk producers and distributors of an advance in milk and cream prices which went into effect June 1. The increase was also noted in wholesale as well as retail prices, and only skim milk and buttermilk did not come in the increase column.

This increase in retail and wholesale prices makes possible an increase of seven cents per pound for butterfat to dairymen producing market milk and made necessary by increasing costs of operation to both producers and distributors, it was learned from an authoritative source. Nearly two-thirds of the increase is received directly by market milk producers.

Milk previously selling at 11 cents per quart took a one-cent jump, as did 12-cent milk (five per cent), which rose to 13 cents. Cream selling in half-pints for 18 cents rose to 20 cents, pints from 33 to 36 cents, and quarts from 65 to 70 cents.

In the wholesale field, there was no increase in half-pints and pints of milk which sold for three and six cents, respectively, but nine-cent quarts rose to 10, and gallons which sold at 36 cents, jumped up to 40. A four-cent jump was also noticed in retail prices of milk by the gallon, going up from 44 to 48 cents.

CASHIER ROBBED SAN FRANCISCO, June 2, (UP)—A thief snatched a bag containing \$241 from the cashier's counter at the San Francisco Call Bulletin office today and escaped.

U. S. HASTENS DEFENSE UNITS ON GREENLAND

Bismarck-Hood Battle Too Close To Home; Coast Cutters Voted

WASHINGTON, June 2, (UP) The United States, spurred by the Bismarck-Hood sea battle that brought the European war to the new world's front door, today was understood to have hastened plans for the protection of Greenland.

While all activity concerning defenses of the huge ice-capped island were military secrets, the moves were presumed to include strengthening of land, air and naval defenses in view of the increasing emphasis being placed on Greenland's strategic role as the North Atlantic gateway to the western hemisphere.

Troops Sent The United States reportedly started sending troops to Greenland shortly after it took over the island April 10. The protective agreement with the Danish minister gave this country the right to establish air bases and other naval and military facilities.

Troops are believed to be preparing air fields, and U. S. naval units also are presumed to have been strengthened. Congress today acted to build up Greenland's defenses. The house unanimously approved and sent to the senate legislation authorizing construction of 10 new coast guard cutters, including three ice breakers described as needed for purposes "which involve certain activities in Greenland."

A group of American officials were en route here from Greenland with a report on the island's strategic role in western hemisphere defense. President Roosevelt, in his (Continued on Page Two)

MAN SLUGGED, ROBBED OF \$3

Joseph Stempuber in Hospital; Thugs At Large After Beating

Two youthful thugs severely beat an elderly man at 8 p. m. last night, robbed him of \$3 in his small house at 1631 Johnson street and apparently escaped in a waiting automobile.

Joseph Stempuber, about 60, victim of the assault, is in Klamath Valley hospital with a compound-fractured jaw and head lacerations.

Local police said Stempuber brokenly gave an account of the slugging and robbery after he was taken to the hospital. Two young men stopped their car in front of his little bachelor quarters, and as he opened the door they came in slugging. It was more than an hour later before Stempuber recovered consciousness and found his way to a neighbor's, where police were called.

The thugs were apparently not satisfied with a light "take" of only \$3 found in their victim's pockets, according to Night Chief Earl Heusel, and proceeded to ransack Stempuber's living quarters.

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Nazis Said Landed At Syrian Seaport

HITLER, DUCE MEET IN PASS, DISCUSS PLAN

Dictators Agree To Close Mediterranean If U. S. Intervenes

ROME, June 2, (UP)—Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, in a five-hour conference today at Brenner Pass, were believed to have agreed on closing the Mediterranean to any U. S. aid to Britain in event of open American intervention in the war.

Meeting in their sixth wartime rendezvous to map the next "blow of destruction" against Britain, the dictators were reported to have chosen between an attempted invasion of the British Isles this summer and a smashing offensive against the Suez Canal, using conquered Crete as a springboard.

Aboard Il Duce's armored train, parked just inside Italy's northern Alpine frontier with anti-aircraft guns pointed skyward, Hitler and Mussolini first talked alone. Then they called in German and Italian Foreign Ministers Joachim von Ribbentrop and Count Galeazzo Ciano.

Others Called Finally in a detailed military discussion, they were said by the official Stefani agency to have summoned General field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, chief of the German supreme command, and Italian Chief of Staff General Ugo Cavallero.

Although the official Italo-German communiqué describing the conference was uninformative, talk in fascist quarters tonight following Il Duce's flying return to Rome indicated the five-hour council of war had dealt with:

1. Definite military and political steps to be taken if the United States openly intervenes on Britain's side, including means of closing the Mediterranean to prevent U. S. aid from reaching the British either by (Continued on Page Two)

City Fathers Discuss Club Law, Traffic

General discussion of city business took up the comparatively brief meeting of city fathers last night with the session as calm as a summer's breeze.

Even the restaurant "club law," when brought up for re-discussion, met a quiet conclusion as the council agreed to issue the license fee-free until 1942 when definite action would be taken to include all participating restaurants.

The proposition of paving Seventh street south from the postoffice was discussed, all agreeing it would alleviate traffic on already crowded Sixth street. Mayor John Houston advised council members the city planning commission had a plan under advisement in regard to a parking lot and that action might include improving that (Continued on Page Four)

No Sabotage Found in Big Jersey Blaze

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 2 (AP)—Blackened rubble and heat-twisted steelwork held the secret today of the cause of a 24-hour fire that ravaged eight blocks along the Jersey City waterfront, but the police, coast guard and federal bureau of investigation expressed belief that it definitely was not sabotage.

Fire Chief Frank Ertle, who estimated the damage at \$25,000,000 told newsmen to "put any sabotage ideas out of your mind," adding that the fire could have started from a carelessly-tossed cigarette.

J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief, who also discounted the sabotage possibility, said in Omaha, Neb., that there were no national defense materials destroyed.

The fire broke out Saturday afternoon in a stock yard and was not extinguished until after the flames had mushroomed spectacularly through the waterfront area between Sixth street and Pavonia avenue.

BOMBER CRASH FATAL TO FOUR

Sabotage Charged in Wreck of Big Plane After First Takeoff

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 2, (UP)—The suspicion saboteurs were responsible for the crash of a four-motored "Liberator" bomber and the deaths of four of its five-man crew was voiced tonight by a spokesman for Consolidated Aircraft company.

Federal bureau of investigation agents went to San Diego bay where the plane crashed and were assembling evidence on possible sabotage even before the wreckage had been raised from the water or the bodies recovered.

The 20-ton high-wing monoplane was on its final test flight preparatory to shipment to England. It crashed within three minutes after taking off from Lindbergh field, adjoining the Consolidated plant here.

Elevators Jam The plane was only 400 or 500 feet in the air when witnesses noticed it began to flutter on an uneven keel and the pilot appeared to be having difficulty in operating the ship's elevators. less than a minute later the plane suddenly nosed downward and with a huge splash struck the waters of the bay within 100 yards of the B street pier.

The dead were: William V. Wheatley, 38, Chester, N. Y., chief test pilot and service manager for Consolidated Aircraft company. Allen T. Austin, 28, Kansas City, Mo., assistant test pilot. Bruce K. Craig, 27, Chicago, engineer. William H. Rieser, 23, Cambridge, Mass., engineer.

The only survivor of the crash was Lewis M. McCannon, 28, a mechanic, who was injured seriously and was rushed to the North Island Naval hospital.

The plane struck the water (Continued on Page Two)

ASSAULT ON CYPRUS SEEN NEXT BATTLE

British Claim Most Of 20,000 Evacuate In Safety to Egypt

ALEXANDRIA, June 2, (UP)—Authorities estimated tonight that more than 75 per cent of approximately 20,000 British troops in Crete had arrived safely in Egypt.

In complete order and most of them carrying full equipment, the last of the men trooped off battle-scarred destroyers and cruisers and the evacuation by the navy was reported complete.

By The Associated Press German motorized infantry troops were reported today to have landed at the port of Latakia, Syria, and the British announced the removal of British women and children from the island of Cyprus, off the coast of Syria, in anticipation of a quick axis assault there following the conquest of Crete.

A British crown colony since 1914, Cyprus is the third largest island in the Mediterranean at Latakia and Sardinia.

Equipment Landed Dispatches from Ankara, Turkey, said the German troops landed on the Syrian coast May 29, arriving by freighters.

Trucks, armored cars and mobile field guns accompanied the Nazi contingent, it was reported. Latakia is due east of the eastern tip of Cyprus.

On the smoldering middle east war front, the Berlin radio reported that a fierce battle has been raging for three days between Arab nationalists and British forces in Transjordan.

The Nazi radio also asserted that the exiled Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, who attempted to precipitate a Moslem uprising against the British during the conflict in Iraq, had arrived at Mosul, Iraq, to reorganize native resistance against the British.

At the same time the British acknowledged that the Mediterranean had become virtually an "axis sea."

Qualified informants in London said the past week's developments—notably the fall of Crete and the alignment of France with the axis—had practically eliminated the Mediterranean as a link between Britain and the middle east.

Even fast warships, it was said, (Continued on Page Four)

Restaurant Owners Give Their Side Of Wage Dispute

Local restaurant employers Saturday afternoon asked for further negotiations or arbitration on new wage scale demands made by the Culinary alliance. It was learned Monday.

The alliance is seeking a 50-cent per day wage boost for all cooks, waitresses, dishwashers and bartenders employed by over 40 local eating and drinking establishments. A majority of employers have either signed or have indicated they will sign the new contract but eleven are fighting the increase. Of the eleven, three are among the largest restaurants on Main street.

A statement released by H. C. Merryman, attorney for the Klamath Falls Restaurant and Caterers association, said the present scale in Klamath Falls is in line with that in Portland and Seattle, two large cities booming with defense activity. Merryman gave the following reasons for restaurant operators' insistence on maintaining the old contract: "1. The contract now in op- (Continued on Page Four)

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By radio from Berlin today, this airview of Great Britain's much prized Suda Bay naval bases in Crete shows British ships burning after German dive-bombers attacked. White spots in water are exploding bombs, and fires are ablaze across the harbor.