

NAZIS TROOPS BATTLE RIOTERS IN ITALIAN CITIES

Iron Guards Offered Chance To End Own Lives

Antonescu Is Planning Executions

'Mass Punishment' Will Be Meted Out If Rebels Refuse Offer

SIMA'S FATE UNKNOWN

Chief Of Extremists Said To Have Been Caught Or On Way To Russia

BY ROBERT ST. JOHN BUCHAREST, Rumania, Jan. 25.—General Ion Antonescu, Rumania's victorious dictator, offered the leaders of the Iron Guard rebellion today the bleak alternative of suicide or mass punishment.

Their chief, Vice Premier Horia Sima, was reported variously as under arrest or in flight across Soviet Russia, but he and his associates were summoned by the premier to this strange self-judgment.

"You Rebels" If you are true Iron Guardsists punish yourself with true legionary punishment (and that by tradition is suicide) or otherwise you may be sure that I shall apply mass punishment myself.

First it was understood in Bucharest that Sima had been taken into custody. The subsequent suggestion that he might have found refuge in Russia was interesting in the light of Antonescu's earlier assertion that hold-out rebels had been under Communist influence.

Tonight, rumors still flew as to Sima's whereabouts. A photograph sent to newspapers here for publication represented that he had been arrested with several other Iron Guardsists in a sleeping car in the provinces in possession of 8,500,000 lei (the lei, now unquoted in foreign exchange, was worth a fraction of a cent).

The picture showed him with the other Guardsists. Newspaper editors (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

BYRNES REPORTED CHOICE FOR COURT

South Carolinian Is Said To Be Ready To Accept McReynolds' Post

By WILLIAM B. ARDERY WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Well-informed senate sources said today that President Roosevelt had selected Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina to succeed James C. McReynolds as an associate justice of the supreme court.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness followed by rain Monday and Tuesday in west portion Sunday afternoon or night, slightly warmer in east portion Sunday; colder in interior Monday.

South Carolina: Increasing cloudiness slightly warmer in east and south portions Sunday; moderate showers, fairly colder in the interior.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Table with columns for Temperature, Humidity, Precipitation, and Tides For Today.

"PADDLE-CAR" GETS ARMY TEST



No plaything, but a Bantam car—rat-propelled, with paddles on its rear wheels—the sea-going freak above undergoes its first Army test at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. At the steering wheel is Lieut. Col. John A. Considine, commander of the Sixth Cavalry and designer of the strange device. A sailor mans the rudder.

British Armored Cars Reach Derna; Italians May Have Abandoned Town

HALIFAX PLEADS FOR MORE HELP

New Ambassador Confers With Hull; Battleship Leaves U. S. Port

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Viscount Halifax, Britain's new ambassador and member of the British war cabinet, said today that the greatest aid the United States could provide his embattled homeland was speedy "mobilization of your great industrial strength and its translation into action in supplying us with the ships and supplies we need."

The tall envoy's statement was made to reporters after he had talked for more than an hour with Cordell Hull, secretary of state—a talk which Halifax said covered the whole range of international affairs of vital interest to the two nations.

Viscount Halifax had an opportunity for an even longer discussion of the same subject with President Roosevelt when the chief executive shattered all precedent by meeting the incoming envoy last night on the presidential yacht Potomac in Chesapeake Bay.

The King George V, England's latest battleship, brought Lord Halifax to the United States. It was disclosed today that high American naval officials were given opportunity to inspect the newest British development in dreadnaughts. Those who went over the ship last night were Secretary of the Navy Knox, Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, and Captain Daniel J. Callaghan, the President's naval aide. Major General Edwin M. Watson, presidential secretary, also visited the ship.

The George V upped anchor today and headed for the open sea, having spent only a little more than 21 hours of the 24 it might have

Liquor Referendum Bill Will Cause Hot Battle

BY CHARLES W. DANIEL RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—(AP)—After 16 days of law-making, leaders of the 1941 General Assembly said today the work of the session was one-third finished, and forecast that a state-wide liquor referendum bill would be introduced this week.

FIND PLANES BURNING

RAF Aids Attacks Deeper In Libya And Across Ethiopian Border

(By The Associated Press) CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 25.—British armored cars, having fallen upon and broken an Italian tank column, were reported tonight to have reached Derna, Libya, 175 miles beyond the Egyptian frontier, under circumstances suggesting that it had been abandoned by the Fascists.

No Resistance During the day they met no resistance so far as could be learned. The Italian tanks were dispersed yesterday.

While troops and guns were being advanced along the coast road west of Tobruk as fast as trucks could carry them, armored cars and light mechanized units swept past Martuba airdrome, which the Italians had been occupying only three nights ago.

Beyond stating that operations were "proceeding satisfactorily" the British command gave little

15 LOCAL NURSES PASS N. C. EXAMS

Marie Emily McCrary Put On Honor List; James Walker Graduates

RALEIGH, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Miss Bessie Chapman, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners, announced today that 306 persons passed examinations here November 5-7, and would be granted licenses to practice nursing in the state.

SUB IS SIGHTED BY PACIFIC SHIP

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Mackay radio reported tonight it had picked up an "SSS" message (submarine sighted) from a United States ship, the Arcadia, which read: "SSS 3419 north, 133.12 west. Shelled unknown man."

GERMANS REPORT HITS ON WARSHIPS

Two Battleships Damaged, Cruiser Bombed, Says Berlin Dispatch

(By The Associated Press) BERLIN, Jan. 25.—The German warplanes which have gone to the aid of Italy in the Mediterranean basin were credited by informed German sources today with damage to two British battleships and a cruiser in a "successful attack" on a convoy west of Crete.

The high command said merely that "several bomb hits of heavy and medium caliber on three heavy English naval units were clearly observed," but other sources were more specific.

They said a heavy bomb struck the stern of one battleship; that two bombs damaged the bow and starboard of another battleship and that a heavy cruiser also was struck.

The Italian high command in Rome reported the engagement thus: "German air corps bomber formations late yesterday afternoon attacked an enemy naval squadron in the Central Mediterranean. According to first reports, an enemy heavy cruiser appears to have been hit astern with a heavy caliber bomb."

Nothing was said about participation by Italians planes; hence, apparently none was there. The Italians did claim that one of their submarines had sunk the 7,472-ton British auxiliary cruiser

RECAPTURED NAZI SEES HITLER WIN

Consul In New York Posts Bond And Frees Flier Who Flew Canada

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 24.—(AP)—A 26-year-old German pur-suit pilot, who predicted a "knock-out blow" against England in March and British capitulation by September, left for New York City tonight after escaping two days ago from a Canadian prison train.

8,400 Draw Camp Davis Pay Checks

One-Sixth Of Total Given Pay Each Day Of Week To Avoid Delay

MORE WILL GET JOBS

More Than 11,000 Workers Are To Be On Job By End Of This Week

Approximately 8,400 persons were employed last week in various types of work at Camp Davis, anti-aircraft firing center under construction at Holly Ridge, it was learned last night.

A representative of the paymaster's office at Camp Davis reported that number of workmen received checks during the past week.

1400 Each Day The total number of pay checks indicated that an average of 1,400 persons daily received their weekly wages.

The paymaster's office pays off one-sixth of the workmen there each day of the week Mondays through Saturdays to avoid delay and confusion occasioned by long waiting lines and to expedite payroll details with greater dispatch.

During the coming week the number of persons employed at Camp Davis is expected to mount to more than 11,000.

COAL AVALANCHE ENTOMBS STOKER

Rescue Squads Work In Vain To Save Man In Sub-Basement

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Scores of police and firemen worked frantically and vainly today to stem an avalanche of buck-wheat coal which trapped and suffocated John Seery, 32, a stoker who stumbled into the huge hopper in the sub-basement of the New York Life Insurance company building.

For four hours they worked as the black tide inched higher, snapping or crushing a half-dozen devices used in an effort to sustain life.

Working in relays, 50 firemen and policemen shoveled coal steadily; but each time they appeared to be gaining, a new pile came slithering down.

At one time the workers got a rope beneath Seery's shoulders, but tons of coal slipped and snapped it. Stripped to the waist and blackened and choked by the dust, they succeeded once in getting Seery's head and shoulders into an inverted barrel. The barrel snapped like a match box.

Bullitt Declares Britain Can Win If U. S. Helps

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Declaring that the United States is faced with a "terrible, terrible urgency," William C. Bullitt told the House foreign affairs committee today that if this country stepped up its production of military equipment to war-time levels Great Britain could defeat Germany.

HOLDING DOWN PAUL REVERE'S JOB



Doing their bit for national defense, Miss Crocker Snow, left, above, and Miss Emily Saltonstall, daughter of Massachusetts' governor, are shown in the Chelsea, Mass., information center during exercises testing efficiency of civilian spotting of "enemy bombers" in New England and New York.

Contracts To Construct Shipyard To Be Awarded

WILL BE LET SOON Shipbuilding Co. Official Says Builders Have Already Visited Site

Contracts will be issued within the next few days for construction of the Wilmington shipyard facilities which will construct 24 cargo vessels at an estimated cost of \$1,750,000 each, within 24 months after the contracts for the work have been signed, an official of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company said here yesterday.

Contractors Visit Site Several contractors have gone over the site with an engineer furnished by the company during the past few days, the official said.

The North Carolina Shipbuilding company, a subsidiary of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, which recently received a charter of incorporation in Raleigh, will build the vessels for the U. S. Maritime commission.

The official said the exact date for the starting of work on the project had not been definitely determined as yet.

Contractors, who plan to submit bids on the project, during the past few days have inspected the site consisting of the northern undeveloped portion of the property now held by the Texas Oil company and an undeveloped site to the north of that tract, now held by the Standard Oil company, of New Jersey.

During the past week the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company, it was learned, laid most of the preliminary ground work for the issuing of bids on parts of the project and awarding of contracts in the immediate future.

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Po Valley Disorders Continuing

Radio Correspondent Says Germans Have Taken Over Several Points

NOT YET CONFIRMED

Three Italian Generals Reported Slain At Milan And Turin

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Winston Burdett, CBS correspondent in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, reported tonight that reports from Italy said three Italian generals were killed and several hundred persons were wounded today in rioting in Milan and Turin and smaller cities in the Italian Po valley.

Cabled To U. S. Burdett's information was cabled to New York and broadcast here by CBS. He said foreign diplomatic sources in Belgrade were informed the three Italian officers were slain by intervening German troops during street riots in Milan.

(About three hours after the broadcast, the Associated Press had not received any information on the reports from its correspondents in heavily-censored Italy or in neighboring countries.)

Burdett said the reports stated the disorders, grave and far-reaching, began 24 hours ago and were continuing tonight.

The information reaching Belgrade, Burdett reported, said German forces took the main hand in fighting the disorders. Italian soldiers were said to have taken part in the street fighting though it was not clear, Burdett added, whether they were on the side of the regime or the insurgents or both.

German troops, Burdett said he had been informed, have occupied Milan's railroad station, telephone central office and post office. He said they are reported also on sentry duty at major Milan factories.

According to diplomatic dispatches reaching Belgrade, Burdett added, three Italian generals were killed

GREEKS REPORT MORE CAPTURES

Six Italian Planes Shot Down During Raid On City Of Salonika

ATHENS, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Greek soldiers captured more than 100 prisoners in "successful local actions" in Albania and six Italian planes were shot down over the front and during a raid on Salonika, the Greek high command reported tonight. All Greek planes returned safely, it was said.

The communique gave no details on the day's fighting. The Greek ministry of home security said some damage and "a few casualties among the civilian population" resulted from the raid on Salonika. The ministry also said Italian planes "unsuccessfully" machine gunned a village on an island in the Aegean sea.

LONDON RAIDLESS FOR SIXTH NIGHT

Lone Nazi Raider Drops Explosives On West Coast Town

LONDON, Jan. 26.—(Sunday)—(AP)—A lone air raider dropped two high explosive bombs on a town on England's west coast during the night—the first evening air attack anywhere in Britain after a lull of four nights.

There were no serious casualties, it was reported, but some property (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)