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MAGINOT LINE PIERCED IN SEDAN SECTOR

Roosevelt To Request Big Defense Program

Congress To Hear Details Tomorrow

Congressional approval of program costing near billion seems certain; Pershing counsels against unpreparedness.

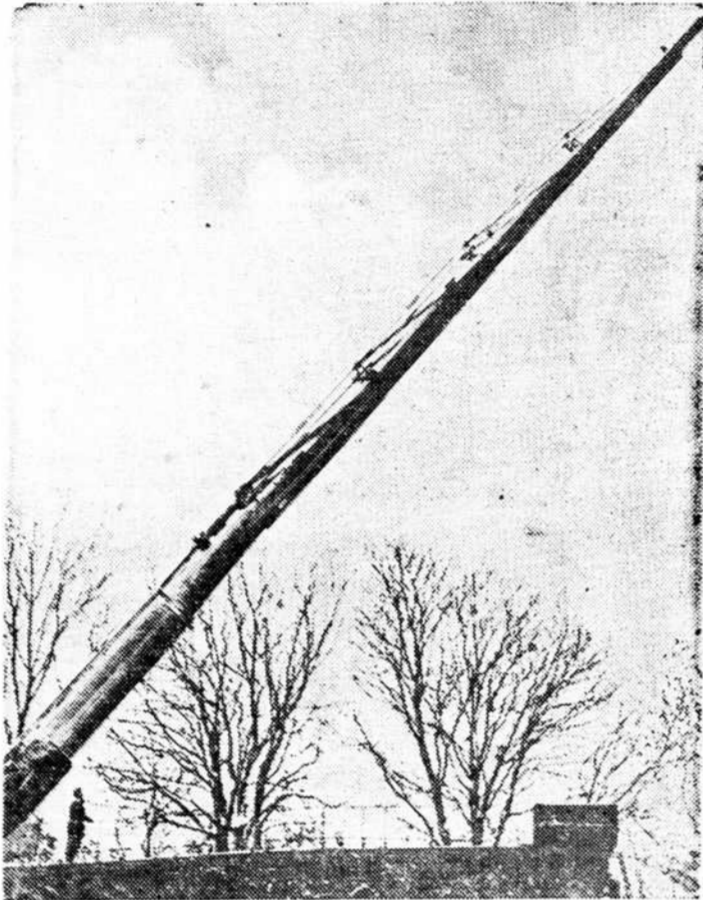
President Roosevelt speed work today on an extraordinary defense program expected to cost \$976,000,000. The White House said he would be unable to whip it into a submission to Congress before the summer.

Close Executive worked until 11 p. m. today. The White House said, and it is believed that his calling list for the day would be a minimum so that he could continue drafting the resolution after his own rearmament and that of General Pershing yesterday—seemingly certain of congressional approval.

The President has decided to ask the army and navy, it was said, the figure would not be known until the message reached Capitol Hill.

The rapid fire pace of the war was said, has made it extremely indefinite whether the Chief Executive will carry through plans for going around the country after the summer.

Nazis' Stratosphere Cannon



This, says Germany, is the big gun about which she has done so much boasting and which is now set up, ready for action, on the Western Front. Hurling shells through the stratosphere, it can shoot staggering (but secret) distances, Berlin claims. In World War I, Germany startled the world by bringing out the "Big Bertha" which shelled Paris from sixty miles away. (Central Press)

Salient Four Miles Deep Established

German Thrust Originally Penetrated Nearly Twenty Miles Into France; Renewed German Attack Expected Today.

Paris, May 15.—(AP)—The French command reported tonight that about half the German forces which crossed the Meuse river yesterday had been driven back.

It estimated that 20 divisions on each side—a total of 600,000 men—were pitted in a finish fight in the "battle of the Meuse." Violent French counter attacks were reported after a French war ministry spokesman admitted that Nazi forces smashing at positions south of Sedan had crossed the river and established a salient four miles deep on its south side.

The major struggle apparently was centered around Sedan, ten miles within France from the Belgian frontier.

But the French also reported a successful counter attack on the northwest flank in Belgium and solid defenses to the southeast in France.

Paris, May 15.—(AP)—Nazi forces smashing at French positions south of Sedan have crossed the Meuse river and established a salient four miles deep on the south side of the river, a French war ministry spokesman said today.

The German thrust originally penetrated ten miles south of the river—or nearly 20 miles into France.

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Fears For Safety Of Former Kaiser Partly Relieved

Potsdam, Germany, May 15.—(AP)—Worries of the Hohenzollern family over the 81-year old head of the dynasty, former Kaiser Wilhelm, were relieved partly today by a laconic telegram from General Wilhelm Dommers, chief of the Hohenzollern administration, saying: "Goal reached, all is well."

Authorized sources said they had nothing concerning the former Kaiser who, they declared, is not of interest to the present regime. They expressed the opinion that he still was at Doorn and would not be molested, anyway.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S 16 VOTES FOR FDR

Columbia, S. C., May 12.—(AP)—South Carolina Democrats voted 238 1-2 to 106 1-2 at their party convention here today to instruct their delegates to cast the state's 16 votes for a third term for President Roosevelt at the national Democratic convention.

Italy Bans Gatherings

Police Disperse Nearly 10,000 Persons Gathered for Anti-British Parades.

Rome, May 15.—(AP)—Police dispersed nearly 10,000 persons—mostly students—who gathered in various parts of Rome today with the intention of launching a third day of anti-allied demonstrations.

Foreign observers interpreted the action as placing an official damper on the manifestations which diplomatic circles have feared might result in repercussions which would push Italy into the war.

Troops continued to guard the British and French embassies, focal points of the demonstrations.

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers, slightly cooler west and central portions tonight; Thursday partly cloudy and colder, preceded by showers on the northeast coast.

Warpaths in the Lowlands



German troops are reported to have overrun northeast Holland and to be on east coast of the Zuider Zee at (1). A German force has crossed the IJssel River at (2) the Dutch High Command admitted, and Dutch troops are taking stand behind their inundation lines. Nazi motorized units moved across the Hollandsch Diep, south of Rotterdam, to cut Netherlands in half at (3). Nazis claim flanking troops have driven thirteen miles past Liege (4). Intense artillery action below Luxemburg (5) is reported under way.

Nazis Take Two Forts In Namur Area

Crossing of Meuse River in Sedan Sector Places German Troops in Position of Having Pierced Extension of Maginot Line.

Paris, May 15.—(AP)—German forces which had forced a passage across the Meuse were reported at tonight's French war conference to have pushed forward and pierced some allied positions along a line north of Sedan.

Berlin, May 15.—(AP)—The German high command declared today that Nazi forces had "pierced" the northwestern extension of France's Maginot line in the Sedan sector. "By the crossing of the Meuse in the Sedan sector" its communiqué said, "the northwestern extension of France's fortification system—the Maginot line—has been pierced xxx. "Here two French counter attacks were frustrated with heavy losses for the enemy."

Coupled with the powerful thrust into the French section of the Meuse line was the Nazi report that a German spearhead aiming at the Belgian fortifications of Namur had overwhelmed two forts in that defense sector.

Authorized sources said the Germans had crossed the Meuse river Monday and the same day had conquered the forts of Lantin and Lou-

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Measure Would Deport Bridges

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—The House committee on immigration gave its approval today to a bill introduced by Representative Allen, Democrat, Louisiana, which would deport Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader.

The bill was introduced only yesterday by Representative Allen, Democrat, Louisiana, who said it was the only bill of its kind ever offered. Dean James M. Landis of Harvard law school, acting as a special investigator for the Labor department, recently held Bridges was not deportable.

BRITISH DESTROYER BEACHED BY CREW

London, May 15.—(AP)—The British destroyer Valentine has been beached after being damaged by German air attacks off the coast of Holland, the admiralty announced tonight.

It said casualties were believed to have been slight.

TRAINS SUSPENDED

Paris, May 15.—(AP)—The French tonight ordered suspension of main passenger trains effective at midnight on a number of important lines near the Italian border.

FLEET SAILS

London, May 15.—(AP)—Reuters (British news agency) reported from Cairo today that the allied fleet had put to sea from Alexandria for scheduled maneuvers.

Hitler Praises Storm Troops

Berlin, May 15.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler in an order of the day paying tribute to his soldiers who conquered Holland said today that "the future will demonstrate the military importance" of their five-day campaign.

The German fuhrer especially praised the "audacious behavior" of parachute troops and soldiers landed by airplanes.

Blaylock Gets Assn. Office

Raleigh, May 15.—(AP)—Charles P. Rogers of Sanford was elected president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers Association today.

The officers elected included D. W. Biggs of Lumberton, first vice president. District governors included Robert A. Blaylock of Henderson and J. L. Stephens of Lumberton.

WPA Bill Sent To House For Action

Mobilization Of Switzerland Army Completed Today

Berne, May 15.—(AP)—Switzerland's mobilization is complete and "all the troops occupy the positions which have been assigned to them," the federal council and high command announced today.

The communiqué said: "General mobilization has been completed in the shortest possible time. All the troops occupy the positions which have been assigned to them."

"These positions on our frontiers are held by powerful armed forces." (This means that the forts on the Italian frontier, which until the recent intensification of the crisis had only a skeleton guard, are fully manned).

CAPITULATION OF DUTCH IS SIGNED

Berlin, May 15.—(AP)—The German high command announced tonight "the capitulation of the Dutch army was signed at 11 a. m. today by the German commander in chief and the commander in chief of the Dutch army and navy."

Appropriation of \$975,650,000, Spendable in Eight Months if Necessary, Recommended; Lessening of "Abuses" Reported.

Washington, May 15.—(AP)—A \$975,650,000 WPA appropriation, spendable in eight months if necessary, was recommended today by the House appropriation committee, which reported a lessening of "abuses" in the relief administration.

The WPA appropriation, which the committee approved as President Roosevelt had requested it, was part of a \$1,111,754,819 emergency relief supply bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The committee sent the bill to the House floor.

At the same time it reported to the House that the administration of relief heretofore had been marred by abuses including improvement of private property at public expense, overmanned projects, "padded" sponsors' contributions and inadequate supervision and operation of projects on which a high percentage of non-relief labor was required.

The worst situation found by the sub-committee which investigated WPA, the appropriation said, was in Louisiana, where some state officials have faced criminal charges. The committee's report declared that it was "incomprehensible" that Fed-

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Nearly 200,000 Children Enrolled In High Schools Of State, Statistics Show

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, May 15.—Nearly 200,000 children were enrolled in 946 North Carolina high schools during the school year 1938-39; and on the average, nine out of every ten were present on every day of the school year, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Public Instruction.

The exact total enrollment for the year was 196,407—of whom 88,330 were boys and 108,077 were girls; while 160,364 were white and 36,023 were Negroes.

Approximately nine of every

eleven high school enrollees were, therefore, whites; while girls outnumbered boys in a ratio of almost exactly 11 to 9.

This preponderance of girls extended to every division. In all white schools there were 53.5 per cent girls, in all Negro schools 62 per cent. In county schools the percentage was 55.7 girls while in all city schools it was 53.7.

As for the average daily attendance as compared with enrollment the figures showed that of the grand

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Candidates Report Campaign Spending

Thomas E. Dewey of Wilmington reported he had received contributions of \$1,666 for his Democratic gubernatorial campaign and had \$1,479.66.

Other candidates for nominations in May 25 primaries filed campaign reports with Thad Eure, secretary of state. They included Graham Harrison, incumbent in the third congressional district, contributions of \$120 and expenditures of \$255.50.

FINED
George H. Boyle Sink fined \$100 for a charge of conspiracy to violate North Carolina slot machine law.

One Killed In Auto Accident

The Rev. E. M. Motley, of Fuquay, was fatally injured and Neill of Lillington, former state senator, was critically hurt in an automobile collision two miles north of Lillington today.

Motley died upon his arrival at a local ambulance.

Neill was unconscious and was taken to a grave condition.

At Harrington, Harnett county, a collision, who was riding with Neill, escaped with minor injuries.

The collision took place at the intersection of highways 421 and 210.

Holt Trails In West Virginia Primary Vote

The Associated Press)
President Roosevelt and Robert A. Taft were winning the Ohio delegation in the Democratic and Republican national conventions yesterday.

Senator Rush D. Holt, Deal critic who was too busy to take office when first elected in 1934, trailed for Demo-

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