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## Germans Wheel Toward Paris

### Congress Rallies To Support Defense But Balks At N. G. Call

#### Estimates Of Spending Are Raised

Latest Arms Recommendations Give Prospective Military Bill of \$4,672,011,352; Vandenberg Says Guard Proposal "Shocking".

### U. S. S. Washington Is Launched Today

#### Hoey Suggests Legion Aid In Defense Plans

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—Governor Hoey today suggested the appointment of a committee in each American Legion post in North Carolina to cooperate with government agencies in unearthing un-American activities and discovering the possible plans for subversive teachings and spreading of dangerous propaganda among the people.

#### Virginia Marshall, 15-Year Old Descendant of John Marshall, Christens First Capital Ship Launched Since 1921.

Philadelphia, June 1.—(AP)—The 55,000-ton battleship Washington, first capital ship addition to the United States fleet since 1921, was launched into the Delaware river at the Philadelphia navy yard today before a cheering crowd of 30,000.

### Where French Broke Through



Arrival in London of battered, wounded and exhausted troops from the Battle of Flanders indicated that Nazi boast of "complete annihilation" of Allied troops trapped in the Nazi pocket was not carried out. German drives are reported to have cut the pocket in two, dividing the Allies. French report a thrust opened a path wide enough for troops to retreat to Dunkerque. Line of arrows show Nazi Channel drive. (Central Press)

### British Accomplish "Greatest Retreat" In Military History

French Claim to Be Holding German Onslaught on Somme Front; Italy Still Hovers on Brink of War; Italy and Spain Begin Clamor for Britain to Relinquish Gibraltar.

German forces waded today in an attack on the Somme river—the allies line guarding Paris—as battle-stained allied troops, snatched from the Nazi death trap in Flanders, reached the safety of England.

The French said they held against the Nazi onslaught on the south bank of the lower Somme in a battle launched by the Germans yesterday, resumed at dawn today, and still going on.

A bridgehead which the French established on the north side of the river bore the brunt of the German assault, but the Nazis struck also at positions on the south bank.

With the Germans striking along the Somme front while still hemming in remnants of the trapped allied armies in Flanders, a new phase of the war began.

The allies expected and Germany hinted a Nazi attempt to roll down on France before losing any attempt to invade England.

### Battleship Nelson Is Reported Sunk

Berlin, June 1.—(AP)—An authorized German spokesman said today that the battleship Nelson, 33,950-ton flagship of the British home fleet, had been sunk with the loss of 700 of her crew of 1,320.

The statement was made in response to a question at a press conference and was not volunteered.

A correspondent told the spokesman that there had been rumors that the battleship had been sunk, whereupon the spokesman replied that the rumors were true and that 700 crewmen had gone down with the ship.

The spokesman declined to give any further details for "military reasons."

The Nelson is Britain's biggest battleship. She carries a normal crew of 1,361 men.

Last February the British admitted she had been damaged by a mine. She reached port under her own power, was repaired and rejoined the fleet sometime in March.

The Nelson and her sister ship, the Rodney, are the only British warships mounting 16-inch guns. Each carried nine of these huge guns.

Laid down in 1922 and completed in June, 1927, the Nelson cost 7,504,055 pounds (then about \$37,500,000).

### Former American Embassy Clerk Is Held By British

London, June 1.—(AP)—Tyler Kent, a clerk dismissed by the United States embassy, has been detained by order of the home secretary.

The detention was declared to have been ordered "in consequence of action" taken by United States Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy, "in cooperation with British authorities."

Washington, June 1.—(AP)—Tyler G. Kent, former clerk in the United States embassy in London, who has been detained by British authorities, was born 29 years ago in Manchuria of American parents.

His mother is residing in the United States, the State department said, but declined to give the address. The department said his father is dead.

### Manhattan To Sail Tomorrow

Genoa, June 1.—(AP)—The sailing of the liner Manhattan was postponed today until noon tomorrow because of the rush of Americans trying to quit Italy before the Mediterranean is bottled up by possible spread of the war.

Officials who had hoped to start the ship back for the United States today were handicapped by a jam of nearly 2,000 passengers—mostly Americans.

Some who had to be turned away offered as high as \$1,000 for the \$250 to \$400 tickets—without takers.

Italy still hovered on the sidelines, apparently drawing steadily closer to the decision which might send her armies northward while the Germans pushed southward in a gigantic pincer on France.

Italy called up ten thousand non-commissioned officers today to supplement a force of 50,000, while both in Italy and in Spain clamor grew for Great Britain to relinquish Gibraltar—her stronghold at the western gate of the Mediterranean.

The reckoning varied, meanwhile, on what the British called the greatest rescue in military history.

Unofficial British estimates that three-fourths of the British expeditionary force had reached Britain meant that from 130,000 to 140,000 Tommies of the 175,000 sent over to face the Nazi blitzkrieg had been rescued.

The German price for the Flanders triumph, British newspapers said, was half a million men.

But the Germans estimated they had one million allied prisoners not counting the Belgians and the Dutch or will have when the mop up of Flanders is completed.

However, the Nazi estimates probably exceed the total manpower of the British and French forces in the campaign in the low countries and northern France.

The Germans said they had taken 26,000 prisoners in a pocket south of Lille alone, and had recovered their material losses by booty abandoned by the allies in light—brand new motorized war machinery and cannon as well as hundreds of thousands of rounds of machine gun ammunition and large supplies of shells.

Despite adverse weather the German high command said Nazi fliers had sunk five transports, damaged three warships and ten merchantmen in raids on Dunkerque. Speedboats, they said, also sank an allied destroyer and a submarine.

In the air, the Germans said, the score was 49 allied planes destroyed to nine Nazi planes lost.

The British, however, declared they had shot down or seriously damaged 66 planes at a loss of only 19.

### A. E. Woltz Dies At Raleigh Today

Raleigh, June 1.—(AP)—Albert Edgar Woltz, 63 senior auditor for the state revenue department, several times member of the general assembly, and former state senator, died at a hospital here today.

He served in the state house of representatives in 1921, 1923 and 1927, and in the state senate from 1923 to 1926. He offered the state school equalization law and was a member of the state board of equalization from 1927 to 1933.

### Americans In Ireland Seek Passage Home

Galway, Ireland, June 1.—(AP)—Nearly 1,100 Americans sought passage home on the liner President Roosevelt amid confusion today.

Passengers had their tickets, but at noon nobody knew whether they were actually going on board.

There were reports here the liner Washington would call for passengers left behind, because plans to carry some passengers between decks were cancelled without explanation.

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By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

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### RAF Claims Victories

Fliers Say They Are Shooting Down Nazi Planes Faster Than They Can Be Built.

By DREW MIDDLETON  
With the Royal Air Force Command Somewhere in England—

June 1.—(AP)—Royal air force fliers believe they are shooting down German planes twice as fast as Nazi factories can turn them out.

Between flights of the death patrol over the English channel, a senior officer who holds several medals and citations said:

"I think we are knocking down five for every one we lose, putting two out of action for every one their factories can produce."

Declaring that "Jerry never goes for us unless he's got bloody good odds in this favor," this officer emphasized, as all England has done, that "we need ships and more ships."

"Our ships are better armored," he said, "and our ships are more maneuverable. Whether it's nature or training, when we see Jerry we attack. When he sees us he counts us before he fights. But we need more ships."

A dozen fliers related how an RAF patrol shot down twelve German planes in a battle yesterday over Dunkerque, though outnumbered 80 to 21 and lost only one plane in the action.

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### HITLER RELEASES DUTCH PRISONERS

Berlin, June 1.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler has ordered the German commander in the Netherlands to release Dutch war prisoners because they fought as "honest soldiers," it was officially announced tonight.

### ITALO-GREEK PACT BELIEVED SIGNED

Athens, Greece, June 1.—(AP)—Belief that a secret understanding exists between Greece and Italy, designed to keep Greece from becoming a battle-ground in the event Italy enters the war, was expressed today in British, French, Turkish and Yugoslav quarters.

### FBI Forms Defense Unit

Washington, June 1.—(AP)—Creation of a "national defense investigation" unit was announced today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hugh H. Clegg, veteran G-man and at present an assistant director of the FBI in charge of training and inspection, was appointed to head the new group, which will have among its duties investigation of "fifth column" and similar activities.

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### Britain Exults At Rescue Of Troops

#### Rumanian Foreign Minister Resigns

Bucharest, June 1.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Grigore Gafencu resigned today because of "ill health" and was immediately replaced by Ion Gigurtu, minister of communications and a close friend of the German government.

The resignation of Gafencu, who has been energetically pro-British and pro-French during his two years as foreign minister, came as a surprise.

It is understood that Gigurtu has been entrusted by King Carol with re-orientating Rumanian policy to obtain better relations with both Berlin and Moscow.

A Southeast Coast Port in England, June 1.—(AP)—Britain exulted today at one of the greatest military rescues of all time as it was estimated unofficially that all save one division of the British expeditionary force—a division originally numbering 15,000—had been brought back from the German death trap in Flanders.

The strength of the BEF sent into Belgium at the outset of the great war in the west was placed at 175,000 men. How many were killed in the spectacular 20-day campaign is not ascertained. At all odds, however, some unofficial sources put the number of returned men at well above 100,000.

Though it was announced definite figures could not be released as yet, informed sources reported a tremendous increase in the numbers of homecoming troops.

When King Leopold III ordered the surrender of the Belgian army last Tuesday and thus laid open the left flank, the BEF appeared to be faced with the alternative of putting up the white flag or being annihilated by an onrushing German army of some 1,000,000 men.

There has been neither surrender nor annihilation. Covering the withdrawal of the British army Hitler decided to destroy, British and French forces still are waging a furious rear guard action against the Nazis closing in on the narrowing Dunkerque corridor.

Allied naval guns and the allied air forces are supporting the withdrawal and embarkation proceeding under the additional cover of low-lying fog that has hampered the operations of the numerically superior German air force.

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### All of BEF Save One Division Returned to England; No Authoritative Estimate of Casualties.

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