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FOUR DEAD, NINE INJURED IN PLANE CRASH

Russia Objects To Nazi Balkan Move

Modeling on a Mountain



Mary Alma Brown of Arlington, Mass., models one of the ski outfits at the fashion show on Mount Cranmore, North Conway, N. H. This is the first time, as far as we know, that such an exhibition has been staged in winter on a mountain. Our model wears a ski outfit of sweater, skirt and red shorts of water repellent material.

Frowns Upon Bulgarian Passage

Yugoslavia Now Fears German Armies May Attempt Invasion of Greece Through Yugoslavia Instead of Bulgaria.

(By The Associated Press.) Britain and Turkey were reported in "full agreement" today on Balkan and Mediterranean problems at the same time that a report was circulated in Bucharest that Soviet Russia had intervened with Germany on behalf of her little friend Bulgaria.

The Bucharest report said Russia had raised objections to the threatened passage of German troops through Bulgaria and diverted the Nazi pressure for a right of way to Greece.

Sir Stafford Cripps, British ambassador to Moscow, arrived by plane at Istanbul on his way to the Ankara conference of British and Turkish leaders whence came the report of "full agreement."

Meanwhile from Tokyo came a report that Japan had delivered an ultimatum to French Indo-China demanding that she accept Japan's mediation of her dispute with Thailand by midnight Friday.

(By The Associated Press.) Balkan diplomats heard today that Soviet Russia has raised objections to the passage of German troops through Bulgaria as dispatches from Belgrade said the Yugoslav general staff ordered a speed-up in defense preparations.

Yugoslavia was said to fear now that German armies massed in Rumania might attempt to invade Greece through Yugoslavia instead of Bulgaria.

Yugoslavia's foreign minister was called back unexpectedly to Belgrade from Budapest, capital of Hungary, where he had arrived only yesterday to sign a Yugoslav-Hungarian treaty of friendship. The treaty was ratified today.

Diplomatic quarters in Budapest heard that an abrupt recall was connected with "impending events of importance between the axis and Yugoslavia."

In the Far East, Japan ordered her rationale to be prepared to leave French Indo-China and arranged to take what the Japanese press described as "appropriate measures" in the event of a breakdown in peace negotiations between Thailand and French Indo-China.

The Japanese news agency said a climax was expected within 48 hours "with present indications not too optimistic."

In the war at sea the Germans painted another black picture for Britain's all important convoy system.

Berlin asserted that the Nazi air force sank or damaged 16 ships totaling 102,500 tons in an attack on a British convoy yesterday 315 miles off the west coast of Ireland. Nine ships were reported sunk, three others heavily damaged and four others damaged to a lesser degree.

British bombers hammered industrial targets at Cologne in the Rhine valley of Germany with a "very successful" attack last night, official sources asserted. It was the 58th British raid on the Rhineland city.

Nazi daylight raiders dropped a load of bombs on London, attacked ships off the east coast and were declared to have machine-gunned the streets of four English villages.

House Passes Defense Fund

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate today a \$1,533,439,702 emergency defense appropriation bill, after overwhelmingly defeating an anti-closed shop amendment which its opponents said would "tie the defense program into knots."

The measure, carrying funds for completion of the Army's big housing program and a vast expansion of naval shore establishments including development of naval aviation outposts at Guam and Samoa, went through without a record vote or even a ripple of opposition.

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War Aid for Air



Robert A. Lovett

Robert A. Lovett of New York has been appointed special assistant to the secretary of war for air. The new post was made necessary by the tremendous increase in the army's air force.

Highway Commission Bill Passes

Denunciation Of Tenth District Commissioner Before Ordering Bill Ratified Into Law.

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—(AP)—After denouncing a so-called denunciation of the tenth district highway commissioner, who is E. L. McKee of Sylva, the Senate today passed and ordered ratified into law a bill to reorganize the highway and public works commission.

Senator Howell of Buncombe did not call McKee by name but referred to the "commissioner of the tenth district who, while putting down pretty ribbons of concrete in High Hampton had failed to do anything about the main street of North Carolina until about a year ago. That is an unfair condition, an intolerable condition." By main street Howell referred to Highway No. 70.

McKee owns a hotel at High Hampton.

Howell launched his attack after Senator Johnson of Sampson had explained the House-passed bill and pointed out it contained language "enjoining the commissioner to be state minded." The bill provides for appointment by the governor for four-year terms of a highway chairman and ten commissioners and centralizes power in the hands of the chairman.

The House killed, 39 to 39, a bill to give rule-making powers to the State supreme court.

Another deluge of new bills hit legislative hoppers, 39 in the House and 16 in the Senate, most of them strictly local, but their introduction

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Large Fees For Building

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A report to Congress shows the government has agreed to pay contractors and architects fixed fees approximating \$1,670,000 for national defense construction in North and South Carolina.

The fees, averaging about 3.5 percent of the cost of the construction contracts, were made public in published testimony of War and Navy department officials on a supplemental defense appropriation bill.

Biggest item was a \$429,338 fee for T. A. Loving and Company, Goldsboro, N. C., for a \$17,395,000 Army construction contract at Fort Bragg, or 2.5 percent of the cost.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Light snow in interior and rain on the coast this afternoon and possibly early tonight; somewhat colder tonight; Friday partly cloudy, and continued cold.

Strike Hits Bethlehem Steel Mill

Violence Flares In Early Stages of Strike at Lackawanna; Strike May Spread to Other Steel Mills; Other Strike News.

(By The Associated Press.)

The Bethlehem steel mill at Lackawanna, N. Y., important product source of defense armament, was hit by a strike today which in its earliest stages brought a flare of violence.

CIO strikers, deployed in a two-mile picket line before the seven gates of the huge plant. Early today there were reports that clubs had swung against the windows and bodies of automobiles which carried steel yeas toward their jobs in the mill.

The strike fell promptly on a previously announced deadline, 9 p. m. last night, after an unproductive conference between union officials and representatives of the national defense commission and the federal conciliation service.

The Lackawanna mill employs 14,000 men and union leaders declared the strike might spread soon to other Bethlehem plants at Bethlehem, J. Easton and Pottsville, Pa. At Bethlehem alone there are 21,000 employees.

The union is demanding a 25 percent wage boost, a collective bargaining election and reinstatement of several hundred workers "indefinitely suspended" by the company.

Another giant industrial organization, the Ford Motor Company at Detroit, faced the threat of a strike at three plants employing nearly 95,000 men. However, under Michigan law a 30-day cooling off period must intervene before the strike could take effect.

While the developments at the Bethlehem steel and Ford motor plants were shaping up, high officials at Washington were reported discussing the possibility of forming an eleven-member "supreme court" labor board to determine and publish facts in labor disputes where the regular federal conciliation service was not able to effect a settlement.

Briton Missing In Bulgaria

Sofia, Feb. 27.—(AP)—British quarters here said today the mysterious disappearance of a member of the staff of the Sofia legation may lead to a break in diplomatic relations between Britain and Bulgaria.

The man is Wladim Grenovich, British passport officer.

Associates of Grenovich said they had "good reason to believe" he was taken off a train while en route from Sofia to Istanbul, Turkey, "by Bulgarian police at the behest of the Germans."

The British minister was received today by the Bulgarian premier to protest concerning the affair and later said that the British were "taking an extremely serious view of the situation."

Babson, Discussing "Real Values," Advises Against Panic, Sees More Changes

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Babson Park, Fla., Feb. 27.—It is true that tremendous changes have taken place during the past dozen years. City real estate can today be bought for 20 percent of what it sold for a dozen years ago. Fifty leading stocks, which sold at \$285 in 1929, can now be bought for \$75. New York Stock Exchange seats, for which bankers were then scrambling to pay \$600,000 can now be bought for around \$25,000. Yet, those economists who then forecasted stock

terrible declines were hoisted as old pessimists and undesirable citizens.

Strange to say, we are being laughed at today for suggesting that a "come-back" is just as possible.

On the other side of the picture you will find that high-grade bonds and commodities are selling higher than they did a dozen years ago. In fact, a Massachusetts city recently sold \$200,000 notes of five-month maturity at 0.03 percent. This is at the rate of 12 1-2 cents—or the cost of a package of cigarettes—for the use of \$1,000 for five months. A dozen years ago this would have cost

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Navy Assistant



Ralph Austin Bard

Ralph Austin Bard is shown at his desk in the navy department after he was sworn in as assistant secretary of the navy. He succeeds Lewis Compton, resigned.

Nazis Sink More Ships

Convoy Raided West of Ireland With Loss of 102,500 Tons, Germans Report.

Berlin, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The Nazi air force, striking another heavy blow in the stepped-up sea and air war on Britain's commerce, was declared by the Germans today to have sunk or damaged 102,500 tons of shipping in a convoy yesterday 315 miles off the west coast of Ireland.

In this one assault, authorized sources said, nine fully loaded England-bound cargo ships totaling 56,000 tons were sunk. Three others of 23,500 tons were heavily damaged and four others aggregating 21,000 tons were less seriously damaged by bomb hits.

The high command, without going into details, made this announcement in a special communique.

"Long range planes carried out a daring attack in which nine ships were sunk and three others so heavily damaged their loss is assumed. Four others ships suffered heavy hits."

The high command in its regular daily bulletin listed the following additional results:

An armed merchant steamer of 4,500 tons sunk by a speed boat on the English coast.

A patrol boat and a 2,000-ton merchant ship.

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Earle Faces Court Charge

Sofia, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A German industrialist who said he had lived three years in Sofia declared today he was the second man in the bottle-throwing episode in a cafe here Saturday night with United States Minister George H. Earle.

Dr. Carl Decker, 24, received three American newspapermen in his office and said he had given an attorney information for a court complaint against Earle.

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Big Airliner Wreck Near Atlanta

Eddie Rickenbacker Is Among Injured; Plane Drops Away From Radio Beam and Crashes Into Pine Woods; Rescue Is Slow

Atlanta, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Dropping away from a radio beam, an Eastern Airlines plane ripped itself to pieces in a pine woods near here today, killing seven and injuring one others including the famed flier, Eddie Rickenbacker.

The 14-passenger sleeper banged against a wooded knoll shortly after 1 a. m. (e. s. t.) while attempting a beam landing after a run from New York, but searchers didn't find the wreckage until shortly after dawn when an injured passenger made his way to a phone to call for help.

Five miles from the airport and 700 yards from the nearest dirt road, rescue work was painfully slow and it was not until mid-morning that seven bodies had been removed from the smashed cabin and nine injured taken to hospitals.

Four of the bodies were identified as Captain James Perry, Co-Pilot L. E. Thomas, and Steward Clarence Moore, all of New York, and Representative William D. Byron, Democrat, Maryland, of Williamsport, Md.

Of the nine in hospitals those in the most serious condition seemed to be Rickenbacker, who had a broken leg and back injuries; H. A. Littlefield, an assistant managing editor of the New York Times, from Short Hills, N. J., and Mrs. Littlefield.

J. S. Rosenfeld of New Orleans and N. Hansell of The Bronx, N. Y., were able to walk away from the shattered plane, the former giving the alarm that brought searchers to the isolated crash scene which is about five miles southeast of the airport and some 15 miles from Atlanta.

BRITISH AGITATORS MAY BE IN HOLLAND

Berlin, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The possibility that "British agitators" are being landed in the Netherlands by parachutes and swift motor boats at night was suggested in Berlin today.

A Nazi spokesman declared, however, that the effectiveness of such operations was limited and that measures being taken by German military authorities to suppress disorders in Amsterdam and Rotterdam were proving adequate.

Blast Occurs In Powder Mill

Acton, Mass., Feb. 27.—(AP)—A sharp explosion today rocked a plant of the American Powder Company, sending at least one man to the hospital with apparently serious injuries.

The company's various powder mills are spread over a wide area near here with an eye to minimizing the effects of an explosion and this apparently was instrumental in confining the blast to a single building.

The explosion was felt 14 miles away.

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TAFT CHARGES DELAY IN AID

Ohio Senator Asserts President "Deliberately Holding Back Aid to England" to Put Pressure on Congress.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, asserted in the Senate today that President Roosevelt was "deliberately holding back aid to England in order to put pressure on this Congress" to pass the administration's British aid bill.

His assertion brought a retort from Senator Chandler, Democrat, Kentucky, that "the senator from Ohio says he wants to help England, but he wants to help 'em just enough so they're certain to get beat."

Taft had interrupted Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, to read a newspaper article which reported that the administration was preparing to assemble surplus defense materials to be dispatched to England when the pending British aid bill was passed.

Contending that the President had had power all along to transfer such materials, he asked why action had not been taken earlier if the president wanted to help England.

"I think this statement was given out solely for the purpose of putting pressure on this Congress," Stephen Early, Presidential secretary, said that President Roosevelt would continue a series of conferences with War, Navy, State and Treasury department heads so that "we will not be guilty of a minute's more delay than we can prevent" when Congress acts finally on the British aid bill.

Senator Chavez, Democrat, New Mexico, and Senator Brown took up the debate on the bill in the Senate, Chavez contending that the legislation invited war while Brown argued

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Larkins Bill Favored

Measure Would Eliminate Requirement That Gas Pumps Be Labeled; Other News. Senate Hears Scathing

Raleigh, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Senate judiciary committee No. 1 reported favorably today the Larkins bill to eliminate the requirement that gasoline pumps bear stickers denoting the grade of gas dispensed.

C. M. Byers of Charlotte, appearing for the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, argued for the bill, while it was opposed by Walter Murphy of Salisbury and R. O. Everett of Durham, counsel for independent oil dealers, "and the public," and Herbert Shankle.

Senator Funderburk of Union opposed the favorable report and Senator Wilson of Davidson served notice he might fight the bill on the floor.

Byers termed the present law "definitely deceptive" and argued that the stickers denoting grade based on octane rating did not indicate anything as to the quality of the gas dispensed. He said no other state had such a law.

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Air Forces In Alaska Strengthened

Washington, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Strengthening of United States air forces in Alaska was announced today by Secretary Stimson. The War department chief told a press conference that three additional air corps units had left the west coast recently for Alaska and three more was to follow.

He declined to disclose the strength of these units in men and planes, declaring:

"I don't like to make the War Department a center of specific information to go to our friends abroad or to our non-friends abroad."

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