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At White House Egg-Rolling



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Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, wife of the Vice President, is shown serving as hostess at the annual egg-rolling festival on the White House lawn. She is admiring two-year-old Kay Knapp, of Washington, one of the estimated 50,000 persons who participated. Mrs. Roosevelt missed the ceremony for the first time, because of attending the West Coast wedding of her son James.

British Force Races To Defense Of Suez

German-Italian Counter Offensive Raises Possibility That Egypt May Be Drawn Into War; Agreement Ratified.

(By The Associated Press.)
Thousands of British imperial troops released from the east African front were reported speeding to the defense of Egypt today in a race with axis mechanized columns driving toward the Suez canal.
The German-Italian counter offensive raised the possibility that Egypt, Britain's non-belligerent ally, might soon be drawn into the war.
In secret session the Egyptian chamber of deputies ratified an agreement reached between the government and British authorities. The nature of the agreement was not disclosed.
The vanguard of the axis expeditionary force in north Africa was reported pressing deeper into Egypt after capturing Suez just inside the border.
The British middle east command at Cairo announced that 200 Germans were taken prisoner, more than 100 axis soldiers killed and 15 of their tanks destroyed in a repulsed attack yesterday on Tobruk, Libyan port 90 miles from the Egyptian border.
The British acknowledged losing eight tanks.
In the Sudan area the British command said "we inflicted losses on the enemy by patrol and artillery action."

COAST RAIDED BY NORWEGIAN NAVY

New York, April 15.—(AP)—Norwegian naval forces using one of the destroyers Britain obtained from the United States made an "extremely successful" raid in northern Norway last night, the Norwegian Telegram Bureau said today, quoting a message from the Norwegian legation in London.
The bureau said the raid was carried out in agreement with the British admiralty which turned the former American warship over to the Norwegian navy.

Motorist Murdered

Lynchburg, Va., April 15.—(AP)—Apparently forced at gun point to drive far off his route on a trip from Philadelphia to Charleston, W. Va., Fred W. Boyce, 55, retired Pennsylvania auto dealer and World War veteran, was shot and left to die on a highway near here last night.
The killer then drove Boyce's car 23 miles further south on route 29 to Lynchburg and abandoned it.
The slaying resembled in some points the killing February 24 of two Uniontown, Pa., men, Robert F. Divvers and Thaddeus F. Florikiewicz, whose bullet-pierced bodies were found twelve hours apart in Caroline county, Va., and near Morganton, N. C. Their deaths were attributed to a hitch hiker.

Hopkins Gets New Position

Washington, April 15.—President Roosevelt today placed Harry L. Hopkins officially in charge of purchasing and acquisition of war materials for all countries benefitting under the lend-lease act.
Deals with other countries which involve consideration of foreign policy will be handled by the State department.
Hopkins, former secretary of Commerce and WPA administrator, has been supervising lend-lease purchasing operations since the act was passed several weeks ago, but only in an unofficial capacity.

U. S. Tanks And Planes Said To Excel

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—The undersecretary of War, Robert P. Patterson, told the senators today that the Army's light and medium tanks were "superior in speed, armor and weapons to those of any other army" and its bombing and pursuit planes "better than Europe's best."
Patterson testified before the Senate defense investigating committee.
In a lengthy explanation of the defense procurement program, Patterson asserted that charges that the War department had favored large concerns in letting contracts were "unfounded."
As for geographical factors in defense contracts, Patterson said: "We had to take industrial America as we found it. For steel we went to the established steel mills. For automobiles we went to Detroit."
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Secretary Stimson Warns Of 'Dangerous Emergency'

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson solemnly warned a Senate investigating committee today that the United States was facing "a dangerous emergency" which "may be very prolonged."
Testifying as the first witness before a new defense investigating committee, the War department head indicated that in future preparations to meet this emergency the nation's civilian needs may be further subordinated to the military program to expedite production of war supplies.
He did not say just how long he thought the danger period might last, but he declared that to meet whatever situations might arise the Army was planning a program of training which will cover "many successive military units and many successive

Phlorina Is Captured

Lower Tax Exemptions Talked

Johnson Would Tax All Income

Senators Declare Americans Ready and Willing to Pay Heavier Income Taxes to Finance Defense; Spending Bill Discussed.

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—Talk of making every penny of the individual tax payer's earned personal income subject to federal taxation cropped up in the Senate today while leaders tentatively scheduled consideration of another big spending bill.

Senators Johnson, Democrat, Colorado, and Herring, Democrat, Iowa, declared that Americans are ready and willing to pay heavier income taxes to help finance defense. Johnson suggested that existing exemptions of \$2,000 for married persons and \$800 for single individuals be eliminated entirely. Herring proposed lowering the exemptions to \$1,500 and \$500.

The appropriation legislation—a \$1,152,372,632 supply measure for the Treasury and Post Office departments—was ready for Senate action, but Democrat Leader Barkley said consideration might be delayed unless Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, who has been ill, could be present to serve as floor manager.

In controversy was a section providing an \$800,000 subsidy for establishment of a new trans-Atlantic air line by the American Export Steamship Lines. Supporters contended that it would provide needed service and strengthen this country's position in transoceanic transportation. Opponents said it would give American Export a "practical monopoly" on air and water transportation to Europe.

School Bus Probe Ordered

Raleigh, April 15.—(AP)—A survey of the "whole school bus situation in North Carolina" was ordered today by Governor Broughton as the result of the death of a child yesterday in Wake county.

The child, Richard Kearney, 7, was backed over by a bus. The death was the second school bus fatality in Wake county in less than a month.
Broughton directed that the survey be made by Lieutenant Governor R. L. Harris, Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the state school commission, and Clyde A. Ervin, state superintendent of public instruction.

HITLER RECOGNIZES STATE OF CROATIA

Berlin, April 15.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler formally recognized the new independent state of Croatia today in a telegram to Premier Kvaternik.
It was announced that Croat and axis representatives would meet to discuss mutual problems including the designation of boundaries.

Weather For North Carolina

Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight; Wednesday considerable cloudiness, showers and cooler.
Weather forecast for the period beginning at 7:30 p. m. April 15 and ending at 7:30 p. m. April 19—Showers indicated middle and latter part of period; temperatures above normal with cooling tendency Friday.

3 Die, 2 Convicts Caught in Sing Sing Break



Six hours after three convicts shot their way out of Sing Sing Prison in Ossining, N. Y., killing a guard and a policeman, the surviving fugitives were captured three miles away, across the Hudson River. Top left is convict John Waters, shot during the break. Top right, convict Joseph Riordan grovels on the floor of the New City police station after capture. Lower left, a policeman holds the other escaped thug, Carl McGale. Lower center, John Hartye, the slain guard. Lower right, Patrolman James Fagan, also killed.
(Central Press)

Two Confess Aid In Break

White Plains, N. Y., April 15.—(AP)—Two outside aides of the convict trio that dashed out of Sing Sing yesterday with a loss of four lives admitted today they part in the dramatic prison break and were charged with first degree murder.
District Attorney Elbert T. Gallagher said that after hours of grilling by state police William Wade, 32, and Edward Keenan, 33, confessed smuggling three revolvers into the big prison nearly a month ago under the chassis of a milk delivery truck.
With these weapons Joseph Riordan, Charles McGale and John Waters forced their way to temporary freedom early yesterday after killing a prison guard. Waters paid for this with his life in a gun duel in Ossining where a policeman also was slain.
Riordan and McGale escaped across the Hudson river but were captured a few hours later. The fourth life lost was that of a prisoner who died of shock.

Armistice Plea Reported

Budapest, April 15.—(AP)—Official quarters said today that Yugoslavia had asked for an armistice.
Confidential information reaching here, government circles said, was that Yugoslavia made the request in Germany today.
Authorized military and diplomatic quarters in Berlin denied any knowledge of a Yugoslav armistice request and informed sources in London declared the report "a typical bit of Gorbels propaganda."
Indications in Berlin were that the axis would attempt to force capitulation of Serb forces as was the case with the Polish army.

Barden Protests Delay

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—Representative Barden, Democrat, North Carolina, protested to the Department of Justice today against delay in clearing titles of land needed for a \$15,000,000 Marine base in Onslow county, N. C.
Barden said this would hold up payments to land owners and handicap them in establishing new homes.
"Everyone seems to be in a hurry except the Department of Justice," Barden said.
The congressman said the delay would waste money because other agencies such as the Farm Security Administration would have to care for evicted families.
"There is no need for this when \$10,000 worth of legal talent could clear up the titles in no time," he went on.
The Marine Corps is acquiring approximately 100,000 acres, necessitating removal of about 600 families.
Barden said he had been informed the contract for construction of the base probably would be awarded this week. The Marine Corps expects to begin moving marines into the area about mid-summer and about 14,000 Marines eventually will be quartered at the base.

Nazis' Eastern Fortifications Are Inspected

Berlin, April 15.—(AP)—Minister of Munitions Todt, who built the German Siegfried line or west wall, has gone to Poland with three of his closest collaborators for extensive inspection of Germany's eastern fortifications.
The trip will take Todt along the German-Russian frontier. Thousands of German workers have been digging an east wall ever since the new border between Germany and Russia was agreed upon.

Nazis Crack Allies' Line In Greece

Athens Acknowledges British and Greeks Forced to Retire To Deeper Front in Center of V-Shaped Defense Line.

(By The Associated Press.)
Adolf Hitler's blitzkrieg leaders have cracked the point of the V-shaped allied defense line in Greece captured the key town of Phlorina in a strike from Bitoli Pass and forced the British and Greeks to retire to a deeper front in the center, it was acknowledged in Athens today.
In Rome, Italian newspaper circles received a Berlin report that Yugoslavia had asked for an armistice with the axis. There was no immediate official confirmation.
Hitler's high command reported that nazi troops occupied Ptolemais and nearby Kozani in Greece, 40 miles south of the Albanian-Yugoslav border junction.
If true, this means that the allies suffered at least a 40-mile setback before taking a new stand.
In Yugoslavia, the German high command said nazi and Italian troops were speeding the "pursuit and encirclement" of remnants of the Serb army which was said to be putting up "localized" resistance in the Sarajevo sector.
On the right flank, the British announced better success in stemming the nazi onslaught.
British troops were said to have hurled back a series of assaults by German columns in the Mount Olympus sector in eastern Greece.
Athens dispatches said the nazis were advancing into Greece in the left after occupying Phlorina, the northernmost hinge of the old allied defense line.
Countering British claims of having repulsed nazi thrusts in the Mount Olympus sector, Hitler's high command declared that German forces were pursuing the British in retreat south of Salonika.

Four Men Killed In Soft Coal War

Middlesboro, Ky., April 15.—(AP)—Four men were killed, eight others were in hospitals and an estimated 15 to 20 received medical treatment early today after gunfire in this southeast Kentucky soft coal field.
The dead:
C. W. Rhodes, 43, of Middlesboro, president of the Park Ridge Coal Company and of the American Association, a combination of soft coal mining interests which founded Middlesboro.
E. W. Silvers, Middlesboro, vice president and treasurer of the coal company.
Bob Robinson of Johnson, Tenn., a former Tennessee highway patrolman.
Sam Evans of Middlesboro, a miner.
Patrolman Guy Harrell of Middlesboro and the shooting occurred just on the Kentucky side of the Ken-
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Big British Cruiser Acknowledged Sunk

London, April 15.—(AP)—Loss of the 5,400 ton cruiser Bonaventure was acknowledged tonight by the admiralty. She was torpedoed while acting as escort to a convoy, said the brief announcement.
The admiralty gave neither the date or the location of the sinking and added only: "Next of kin of casualties have been informed."

Small Mills Follow Lead

More Than Two-Thirds of Steel Workers of Nation Get Pay Increases.
(By The Associated Press.)
Wage increases of ten cents an hour were effective today for an increasing majority of the nation's steel workers as smaller mills followed the lead set yesterday by United States Steel Corporation and other large producers.
While the wage increases and other concessions swept away most of the rough spots in steel labor relations, the soft coal tieup remained in effect despite the appearance of Secretary of Labor Perkins before management and union representatives deadlocked on terms of a new contract.
About 432,000, or more than two-thirds of the steel workers in the nation, were informed by last night
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Knox Favors Vinson Bill

Washington, April 15.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Knox told the House naval committee today that he approved of a provision in the Vinson bill to provide a "cooling off" period before a strike could be called in defense industry.
The secretary had told the committee that "we are in the midst of the
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