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Stuka Attack Off Crete



The German caption describes this photo as showing a hit by a German Stuka dive bomber on a British transport off Crete. This photo was made during the last days of the Greek campaign, but has been re-enacted many times since the battle of Crete, with hundreds of Nazi planes attacking British vessels. (Central Press)

Nazis Claim Victory

Nation Guards Against Sabotage

Precautions Taken Over Entire U. S.

Military and Civil Guards Stand Watch At Defense Plants; Wilmington Officers Instructed to be on Alert.

Wilmington, May 30.—(AP)—Mayor Thomas E. Connor, Wilmington, in response to a question, said today that law enforcement officers here had been instructed to keep a close watch for possible sabotage in the Wilmington shipyards over the Memorial Day holiday.

Cooper confirmed the fact that rumors of attempted sabotage had been circulated here but said that he does not believe there is much to them.

"However, we are well organized and on the alert for anything that may happen," he said.

(By The Associated Press.)

Military and civil guards stood watch today at defense plants from coast to coast, summoned overnight, by civilian authorities who spoke of sabotage and military officers who talked only of tactical maneuvers.

Highlighting the sudden activity from New England to California was cancellation of leaves of 14,000 Fort Dix, N. J., soldiers and a "practice alert" at Fort Custer, Mich., which was so realistic that officers confessed "it even fooled us."

Los Angeles harbor ships were floodlighted, police guards were augmented in several cities, and west coast "patriotic bodies" were asked to stand by.

In southern California, anti-aircraft guns and army pursuit planes were established at aviation plants, but military authorities said the moves were "tactical maneuvers."

In San Francisco, extra guards patrolled the waterfront and city officials spoke of possible sabotage efforts over the holiday weekend.

Armed guards went on duty at the Huntington Beach oil fields near Los Angeles. The captain of the Los Angeles harbor police said officers had been placed at strategic points in the harbor, and added:

"Every steamship company and major industrial unit in the port area has flooded special patrolmen and have floodlighted their properties."

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—Apparently authentic reports reached Congress today that only 28 ships loaded with war supplies in United States ports had been sunk en route to Britain since the European conflict began in September, 1939.

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Tar Heel Soldier Shot

Jule Warren Defends Text

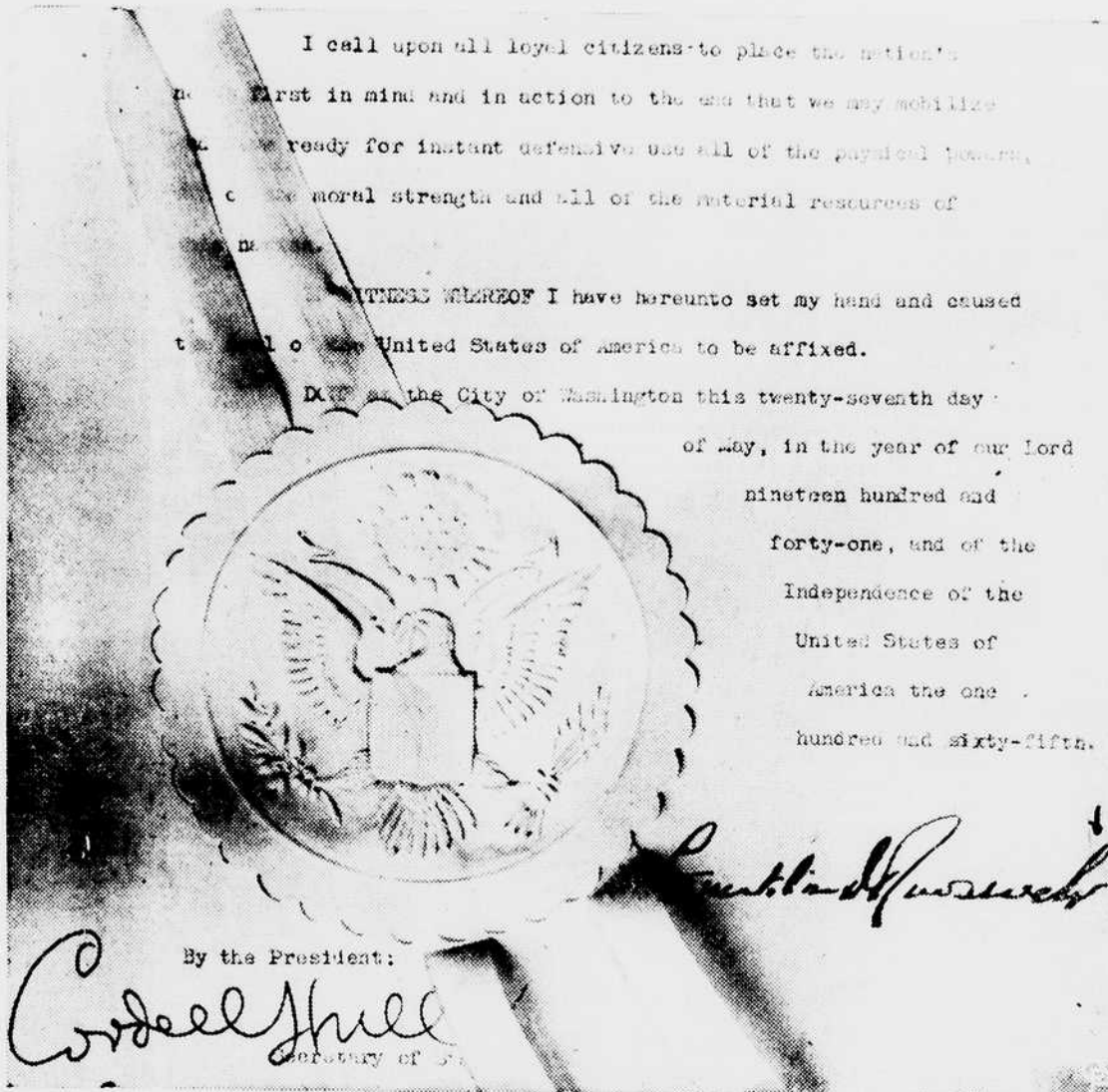
Athens, Ga., May 30.—(AP)—Corporal Charles Branton, 21, of Washington, N. C., was struck and seriously wounded by a ricochet bullet fired by military police as he entered a restricted zone here, Police Chief E. W. Wood said today.

Branton was en route to maneuvers in Tennessee with Battery C, 113th Field Artillery.

Chief Wood said military police told him that a restricted zone had been set up near the depot here and that Branton entered the zone against orders. Military police, said Wood, fired the shot as a warning.

Attaches at the general hospital here said the bullet entered the right side in the region of the kidney.

The National Emergency Proclamation



Here are the closing paragraphs of President's proclamation of an "unlimited national emergency." The historic paper bears the signatures of President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull and the Great Seal of the U. S.

Strike Outlook Is Brighter

Only 28 Ships Lost

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Raleigh, May 30.—(AP)—Jule B. Warren, whose North Carolina history book for fifth graders will be withdrawn from schools, asserted today that virtually all of the alleged errors in the book were of minor importance.

Governor Broughton said yesterday that cost of correction of the errors

Fort Bragg On "Alert"

Fayetteville, May 30.—(AP)—Extraordinary military precautions were being observed at nearby Fort Bragg today and in the absence of any official explanation the opinion gained credence here that it was a "practice alert" such as dispatches told of being ordered in other military encampments.

Reports said automobiles entering the reservation were halted and that some were searched.

Major John Murphy, officer in charge, said the guards were cooperating with the state highway patrolmen. Patrolmen ordinarily on duty in this area were reported to have been sent to Wilmington in connection with rumors of possible sabotage attempts in the shipyards there.

Shaw Leads At 200 Miles

Indianapolis Speed Classic Delayed in Starting by Fire in Garage Section.

Speedway, Indianapolis, May 30.—(AP)—After a quick pit stop for fuel and tires, Wilbur Shaw, driver of the Indianapolis driver, roared back into the lead at 200 miles. The annual 500-mile automobile race today. His average speed for the 200 miles was 112.925 miles an hour.

Harry McQuinn, also of Indianapolis, was in second position, and Cliff Bergens, Hollywood stunt driver, third. Twenty-four of the original 31 starters remained in the grind.

Mauri Rose, of Indianapolis, who finished third in the 1940 race and who led at 100 miles today, was forced out at 152 miles with carburetor trouble, but he went back as a late starter. Floyd Davis, of Springfield, Ill.

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Agreements Reached

Packard Strike Threat Lifted; Chemical Plant Strike Ends; Other News.

(By The Associated Press.)

Although most factories were closed for the Memorial Day holiday, defense production chiefs received cheering news from several quarters today of steps to end industrial strife.

A strike threat was lifted from the Packard Motor Car Company plant at Detroit, walkouts were ended at an Illinois chemical works, and a Pennsylvania steel factory, and the Nashville, Tenn., American Federation of Labor building trades unions agreed a coordinator to prevent work stoppages on defense projects.

The Packard Company offered and the CIO United Automobile Workers accepted, a new contract providing eight-cent hourly increases for some 11,000 production employees.

Wage increases ended a 6-week strike by 900 AFL employees of the Monsanto Chemical Company at East

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Nazi Diplomat Arrested

New York, May 30.—(AP)—The German diplomat who lost his job for meddling in the Austrian crisis which followed the assassination of Chancellor Dollfus in 1934 was a prisoner today—held on Ellis Island for deportation because, federal authorities said, he did not state the true reason for his visit when he entered the United States.

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Surrender Of Crete Seems Near

Germans Claim Decisive Victory, Asserting British Resistance Has "Collapsed Everywhere" in Crete.

New York, May 30.—(AP)—British imperial troops and Greeks fleeing before the German conquest of Crete now are attempting to reach Egypt aboard small fishing boats in another Dunkerque, the German radio declared today.

"The first group of fugitive soldiers already has arrived in Egypt," said the broadcast, heard by the Columbia Broadcasting System.

(By The Associated Press.)

Germany claimed victory today in the battle for Crete.

British defenders of Crete were reported "in full flight" in the eleven-day-old struggle and axis dispatches pictured the allies as wandering around the island, lost and demoralized in an artificial fog laid down by Adolf Hitler's aerial invaders.

Groups of British soldiers were reported stumbling along the rocky southern shores of the island, hoping that ships might come to evacuate them. Fishing boats had taken off a few, it was reported.

The German radio, said a Cairo broadcast, announced that General E. C. Freyberg, commander of British imperial forces in Crete, had been killed when his plane crashed en route to Egypt.

Hitler's high command, claiming decisive victory, asserted that British resistance had "collapsed everywhere" in Crete.

British Middle East headquarters acknowledged that the allies had been compelled to reform their lines and a tempest of Nazi dive bombing assaults and fierce attacks by new airborne German reinforcements.

The Middle East command said battles won British troops "again exacted a heavy toll from the invaders" but it shed no light on the possibility of surrender or escape.

It was just a year ago today, by coincidence, that the first of the allied forces to escape the trap in Crete, reached England from Dunkerque.

The official German news agency said thousands of allied prisoners had been seized and the Italian press said surrender of the allies before nightfall was inevitable.

At sea, Premier Mussolini's high command acknowledged that the 17,619th Italian liner, Conte Rosso, loaded with troops, had been torpedoed.

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Rashid Ali Flees Iraq

Anti-British Premier Reported to Have Taken Six-Year Old King Into Iran.

London, May 30.—(AP)—The anti-British premier of Iraq, Rashid Ali Al Ghalib, has fled into neighboring Iran, taking with him six-year old King Faisal II, it was reported here tonight.

The report of Rashid's flight with his child of 6 and the regent he had installed to guide the child king was contained in an authoritative British announcement.

The additional report that he took little Faisal along came from Reuters, British news agency, which quoted a Baghdad dispatch to Vichy. Informed sources here could not confirm the report.

Rashid Ali, in power through a coup d'etat, had been leading Iraq forces against the British since they first opened fire on Britain's treaty army at Habbaniyah, Iraq, on May 4.

He called for axis aid to his cause of expelling the British from Iraq but, apparently on account of Germany's preoccupation with the conquest of Crete, axis help was limited to a trickle of warplanes and technicians.

MEMORIAL DAY HALTS DEFENSE

Three-Day "Blackout" for Industries Begins Before Dawn as Workers Take Holiday; Nation Honors Dead of Past Wars.

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—A Memorial Day holiday to honor the dead of past wars brought almost to a halt today the nation's urgent preparations to meet the threat of another armed conflict.

Wreath-laying ceremonies, military parades, patriotic exercises and the holiday plans of millions of individuals took temporary precedence over virtually all defense efforts.

Even before dawn, a three-day weekend "blackout" started for many of the principal aircraft plants which have been working around the clock on urgent orders for warplanes for American and British armed forces.

The holiday "blackout" was relieved in one instance by dedication of a new munitions plant at Greenfield, Mass.

Other reports indicated the suspension was widespread. A navy order to shipyards turning out warships directed a holiday for all civilian employees except those necessary for maintenance. The national holiday applied as well to plants at work on sorely needed cargo vessel replacement.

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Schmeling Not Killed

Berlin, May 30.—(AP)—Max Schmeling's own words were quoted in the German press today to relate his part in the Nazi invasion of Crete after reports that he had been killed were officially spiced.

An interview with the former heavyweight champion told how Schmeling had wandered alone half a day in the Crete wilderness after becoming separated from his companions, then rejoined them and helped in the capture of an important road.

The official denial of Schmeling's death and he was in an air force hospital with a minor attack of a tropical disease.

A New Zealand ambulance driver arriving at Alexandria from Crete said yesterday Schmeling had been captured by imperial forces and in an attempted escape had been shot.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Considerable cloudiness, and not so warm this afternoon and tonight; scattered showers this afternoon and early tonight, Saturday fair and cool.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. May 30 to 7:30 p. m. June 4: Light showers in Carolinas tonight; temperatures falling to below normal in Carolinas Saturday.

Little Rain Is Forecast

Atlanta, May 30.—(AP)—Scattered thundershowers may afford some relief today or tomorrow to the sweltering southeast, but will be of little value to rain-hungry crops or drought-depleted rivers, the weather bureau said.

Rain fell today at Mobile, Vicksburg and Bristol, Tenn., and appeared to be advancing eastward toward the Atlantic on all fronts.

Clouds over most of the area today brought cool temperatures to the sun-seared section with the mercury showing a tendency to drop from the highs of yesterday.

The power emergency facing the southeast continued and hints were heard in Washington and elsewhere that unless the drought now in its 35th day, breaks soon, rationing of electricity is just around the corner.

New Agency Is Created

Roosevelt Orders Formation of Office of Transportation as Defense Organization.

Washington, May 30.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today ordered creation of an office of transportation, and thereby terminated the work of the national defense advisory commission exactly a year after it first met.

Transportation was the only activity left in the commission as the fast-growing office of emergency management swallowed up all of its other duties in new agencies, particularly the office for production management.

The President, it was learned from authoritative sources, has approved the new agency as a planning and co-ordinating body.

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Former Kaiser Is Improved

Berlin, May 30.—(AP)—Slight improvement in the condition of former Kaiser Wilhelm II was reported today as members of the family hastened to the bedside of the 82-year-old World War emperor, who is in exile at Doorn, Holland.

A telephone call from Doorn to the Hohenzollern estate here said Wilhelm appeared slightly stronger but that a condition was still serious.