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Axis Heads Confer At Brenner

Survivors of Bismarck Reach England



As a British soldier stands guard with fixed bayonet, survivors of the German battleship Bismarck, sunk by the British after she had sunk the Hood, are shown disembarking from an English warship in an undisclosed English port. This cable was flashed by cable from London to New York.

Meeting May Signal Opening New Phase Of European War

Possible U. S. Action Discussed

Rome, June 2.—(AP)—Informed fascists said that plans for meeting any move by the United States, presumably framed at least part of the conversations between Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini at Brenner Pass today.

Observers said the axis leaders probably were concerned with the prospect for further action by the United States in line with President Roosevelt's program to defend the western hemisphere with the navy, involving French west Africa, the Azores and other Atlantic islands.

A terse announcement made no mention of specific topics, but said merely that Hitler and Mussolini were fully agreed on the "political situation."

Informed sources predicted that Italian forces would use Crete as a springboard for new attacks by air on British positions in a triangle formed by the island of Cyprus, the Egyptian port of Alexandria, and the Palestine port of Haifa.

But, they said, greater questions must have brought the two war leaders together, and they cited, besides United States policy, such major Middle East objectives as the oil fields of Iraq, with their pipeline through Palestine, and French-mandated Syria and the Suez canal.

British Acknowledgment That Mediterranean Has Become Virtually an "Axis Sea"

(By The Associated Press.)

Adolf Hitler and Premier Mussolini reached a new "complete agreement" on the course of the war today in another meeting at Brenner Pass, scene of so many fateful decisions in the 21-months old European war.

At the same time the British acknowledged that the Mediterranean had become virtually an "axis sea."

This situation and how to capitalize on it undoubtedly figured in the Hitler-Mussolini talks.

Qualified informants in London said the past week's developments—notably the fall of Crete and the alignment of France with the axis—had practically eliminated the Mediterranean as a link between Britain and the Middle East.

Even fast warships, it was said, were likely to find transit of the 1,900-mile sea a feat of extreme peril, with two dangerous bottlenecks in the middle.

Surface vessels in the two danger zones—the 200-mile stretch between Nazi-occupied Crete and axis-held Libya, and the 100-mile gap between Sicily and French-ruled Tunisia—were described as vulnerable to attack from axis bombers.

Thus, the inland waterway once

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Americans Reach Lisbon

Lisbon, June 2.—(AP)—One hundred and 19 Americans who were aboard the Egyptian liner Zamzam when she was intercepted in the South Atlantic reached Lisbon today.

They came here by train via Spain from Biarritz, German-occupied France, where 21 others of the Zamzam passengers were held by the Germans. The 21 are American ambulance drivers.

No Sabotage At Jersey City

Jersey City, June 2.—(AP)—Blackened rubble and heat-twisted steel work held the secrets today of the cause of a 24-hour fire that ravaged eight blocks along the Jersey City waterfront, but the police, Coast Guard and Federal Bureau of Investigation expressed belief that it definitely was not sabotage.

Fire Chief Frank Ertle, who estimated the damage at \$25,000,000, told newsmen to "put any sabotage ideas out of your minds," adding that the fire could have started from a careless tossed cigarette.

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, who also discounted the sabotage possibility, said in Omaha, Neb., that there were no national defense materials destroyed.

Manchester Is Hard Hit

Manchester, Eng., June 2.—(AP)—German planes poured thousands of incendiaries and high explosive bombs on this manufacturing city early today.

Rescue crews were handicapped by a heavy pall of smoke as they dug for victims buried under the wreckage, but, although several fires were started by the bombs, none got out of control.

A number of houses were feared to have been buried in the wreckage of a nurses' home which received a direct high explosive hit. Two hospitals were damaged in other areas, and three churches and several shelters were hit in addition to numerous homes.

Three hotels and a movie theatre also were hit.

ITALIANS AND U. S. SOLDIERS REPORTED FIGHTING IN CHINA

New York, June 2.—(AP)—The Rome radio broadcast today a Sian, but dispatch saying that fighting had broken out in the Chinese city between Italian and American soldiers. The broadcast gave no further details. NBC heard the report.

Broughton Keeps Own Counsel In Making State Appointments

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Star-Walker Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, June 2.—Postponement by Governor J. Melville Broughton of announcement of school commission personnel because there had been two last-minute declarations emphasized one of the things most characteristic of all his appointments to date, to-wit: he keeps his own counsel until the very last minute and even those whom he selects seldom know it until just before public announcement is made.

The result has been that news men with reputations for accuracy in forecasting coming events have been very careful of risking them by picking the governor's appointees in advance and in print. This, of course, is completely unimportant except to the newsman.

But there has been one other and perhaps more far-reaching effect, and that's this—the Broughton prac-

tice of keeping his own secrets has enraged numerous persons who have thought right up to the last minute that they were to get jobs, and has irritated backers of these disappointed job-hunters no end.

As a matter of fact the outstanding feature of Broughton appointments so far seems to be that while they have been uniformly good, almost every one of them has aroused unprecedented wrath on the part of unsuccessful aspirants and their political sponsors. It may be that these folks had their real reason (failure to make pay roll connections) with calculating camouflage; but the fact remains that in a series of instances the governor has been charged with failing to use ordinary courtesy in letting his own supporters know when he had made up his mind to pick someone other than the "horse they

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Jersey Bund Camp Padlocked



New Jersey sheriff's deputies, aided by American Legionnaires, cracked down on Camp Nordland, the Bismarck Nazi Bund camp at Andover and seized trunks full of pamphlets, swastikas and pictures of Adolf Hitler, and ordered the grounds abandoned. Above is a swastika decoration on ceiling of one of the assembly halls.

Atlantic Bomber Patrol Proposed

Holiday Death Toll Is 459

(By The Associated Press.)

Violent death claimed at least 459 lives during the nation's three-day Memorial holiday.

Traffic accidents alone took 308 lives, train mishaps 15. Seventy-five drownings were reported and 63 were killed by miscellaneous causes.

Both the total deaths and traffic fatalities exceeded the national safety council's pre-holiday estimated toll of 400 deaths in all and 200 by motor vehicles.

High Court Ends Term

Only Six Cases Remain on Docket As Supreme Court Begins Four-Months Recess

Washington, June 2.—(AP)—The Supreme Court closed the end of the day of the 1940-41 term, that produced epochal decisions blazing new judicial trails.

Only six cases remained on the docket for final decision before the justices begin a four-months summer recess to rest up from their labors of the past eight months.

Two of the cases were appeals by the Los Angeles Times and Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, from contempt of court convictions, resulting from the publication of comment on the court cases before final settlement.

Speculation over whether Chief Justice Hughes plans soon to retire increased with the end of the court term. The 79-year old jurist, however, declined any comment.

GERMAN INFANTRY LANDED IN SYRIA

Ankara, June 2.—(AP)—German motorized infantry was landed at coastal freighters at the Syrian port of Latakia May 29, it was learned today on high authority.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

Jouett Says Long Range Bombers Could Guard Shipping Over 200-Mile Wide Lane

Louisville, Ky., June 2.—(AP)—A spokesman for the American aircraft industry today proposed that long-range, four-engined bombers deployed across the Atlantic on an air highway 200 miles wide "can help to solve the convoy problem."

In an address prepared for delivery before the annual convention of the National Aeronautics Association, John H. Jouett, of Washington, D. C., president of the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce, said, "sent out from bases on this side of the Atlantic, departing on something like every hour on the hour schedules, they can carry enough heavy bombs to sink large ships."

"They can patrol a zigzag course over a convoy route, say 200 miles wide, all the way to England with a fair chance of spotting and destroying surface or subsurface raiders that might be lurking within striking distance of the supply ships in a convoy."

Whether official Washington or the British government actually contemplated any such move Jouett did not say, but he emphasized that the current production objective of the Roosevelt administration was 500 heavy bombers a month.

War Blamed On Oldsters

Stewart, However, Points Out That Senate Isolationists Are Among Oldest

By CHARLES F. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, June 2.—"You old black-black-blank-blank!" an indignant reader writes to me, "are the ones who got us into wars. If you were a military age, as I am, you wouldn't be so fresh about it. It's you blankety-blank old dodgers who

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BROUGHTON APPOINTS PEMBROKE OFFICIALS
Raleigh, June 2.—(AP)—Governor Broughton today appointed G. E. Bracy as mayor of Pembroke in Robeson county. Named as town commissioners were B. F. Cole, Lacy Maynor, Wade H. Tynor, and I. Pate Lowry. All of the terms were for one year.

Priorities Rules Extended

Wide Power Is Asked

Proposed Legislation Would Give President Power to Requisition Any Property.

Washington, June 2.—(AP)—A request for legislation authorizing the President during the national emergency to requisition property of any kind "necessary to the national defense" was submitted to Congress today by the War department.

Officials said the authority sought was "all inclusive" and was similar to the powers exercised by President Wilson in the World War.

Announcing the step, the War department said the proposed bill was approved by the President, the Navy and the OPM.

The proposed bill stated that the authority asked "shall be construed as an additional grant of authority."

The 1940 national defense act already empowers the President to enforce compliance with defense orders, and additional "draft industry" powers were included in the selective service act last fall.

Containing provisions for fair compensation for any requisitioned property, the bill provides that during any period of national emergency proclaimed by the President, the Chief Executive is authorized "when he deems it in the interest of national defense" to take this action:

1. To take over either temporarily or permanently, property of any kind or character, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, which was adaptable for use in any way for the national defense "or in the construction, manufacture, production, transportation, repair, testing or storage" of military or naval supplies.

2. To sell or otherwise dispose of any property, right or interest taken over.

Allied Troops Still On Crete

Caro, June 2.—(AP)—British bombers have been dropping medical supplies and food to isolated bodies of troops left on Crete after the major withdrawal, the RAF reported today.

The communique gave no further details on the British imperial and Greek troop remnants on the Greek island, now abandoned to axis conquest.

Large formations of the RAF as well as the South African airforce spent yesterday patrolling the Mediterranean in protection of "his majesty's ships and merchant vessels" removing troops from Crete, the communique said.

"Enemy aircraft were repeatedly intercepted and many were attacked," it added.

Weygand Sees Petain

Vichy, June 2.—(AP)—General Maxime Weygand arrived here unexpectedly today by special plane from his command in North Africa to confer with Chief of State Marshal Petain.

The French military commander in North Africa rushed from the Vichy airport to Petain's headquarters at the Parc hotel.

After a wait of only a few minutes in an anteroom he was greeted by General Laure, the marshal's chief personal aide, and was ushered at once into Petain's private office.

State Death Toll Eleven

Traffic Accidents and Drownings Lead Causes of Holiday Week-End Deaths.

Charlotte, June 2.—(AP)—At least eleven persons, not violent deaths in North Carolina over the week-end and, as usual, traffic accidents claimed the most lives. Drownings were second.

A head-on automobile accident twelve miles north of Dunn killed Harold Hartis, 21, and his two sisters, Martha Hartis, 19, and Betty Hartis, 17, of Winter Park, near Wilmington. Injured were H. M. Edison, Jr., of Saluda, S. C., Jerome Godwin and Miss Larie Raynor, both of Dunn, Miss Gloria Byrd of Lillington and D. T. Stevenson of near Dunn.

A boat sank in High Rock lake in Davidson county and drowned Robert Jackson Lasley, 28, and Lillie Pearl Swain, 22, both of Winston-Salem.

A truck struck and killed 13-months old Betty Lee at Fayetteville.

Jack Robinson Towell, 25, of Kanawha, was struck and killed by a train at Concord.

Phil Lee, 84, of Chatham county, was killed in an automobile-bus accident near Sanford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Wynn, of Bristol, Tenn., were killed in an automobile collision near Colfax.

Phelia R. Key, farmer of Mulberry community near Elkin, drowned while fishing in Mitchell river. He stepped into a deep hole.

STATE OF SIEGE FOR EAST SYRIA

New York, June 2.—(AP)—The French high commissioner for Syria has proclaimed a state of siege for eastern Syria. French Middle East mandate, the German radio reported today. Frontier control was tightened.

Roosevelt Signs Bills

New Measure Permits Assignment of Mandatory Priorities to More War Supplies.

Hyde Park, N. Y., June 2.—(AP)—Roosevelt obtained today power to speed the production of arms for Great Britain and the United States by imposing on American industry mandatory priorities of wartime scope.

Mr. Roosevelt has signed a bill, the temporary White House announced, under which mandatory priorities may be assigned to an order or contract of any foreign government brought within the terms of the lend-lease act and, in some cases, to orders of any government department or of private industry.

Heretofore, only contracts placed by the Army and Navy could be given mandatory priorities by the office of production management—the agency to which Mr. Roosevelt has delegated his authority over priorities.

Again to bolster the armament program, the Chief Executive has signed a bill to keep iron ore speeding into steel plants. It would permit Canadian vessels to carry ore between American ports on the Great Lakes during the 1941 transportation season.

A third bill signed by the President appropriated \$435,294,199 for the Postoffice department in the year beginning July 1.

Death Row Population Only Ten Men

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Raleigh, June 2.—Decrease of Death Row's population to about half its normal figure is particularly pleasing to Commissioner of Prisons Edwin Gill, whose duty it is to make the investigations which mean life or death to condemned men. There are now only ten men under death sentence.

The commissioner told your reporter that this reduction is due in no small part to the promptness with which Governor J. Melville Broughton handles clemency appeals. So far in the present administration there has been no putting off and putting off of executions "for further investigation" or similar reasons. Such reprieves as have been granted have been because the doomed men may be needed as witnesses in other

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