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KNOX DEMANDS SHIP BUILDING 'MIRACLE'

Nazis Report Record British Ship Losses

Total Nears Sinkings Of April, 1917

British Wonder if Next German Blitz Will Strike in Middle East or in Attempt to Invade British Isles.

Adolf Hitler's high command reported today that 746,000 tons of British merchant shipping was destroyed in May—a figure closely approaching the 852,000 tons of allied ships sent to the bottom in Britain's most critical month of the World War, April, 1917.

In the war in the air, royal air force night raiders spread "large fires" in an attack on Berlin, the London air ministry announced, and bombed targets in Germany's industrial Ruhr.

The Germans acknowledged that a number of civilians were killed and injured. Meanwhile, the British mull over a statement by Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering that the conquest of Crete proved Adolf Hitler's assertion that "there are no unconquerable islands"—and wondered if the next German blitz would strike in the Middle East or in an attempt to invade the British Isles.

Nazi quarters in Berlin said the world would not long be kept in doubt as they cited yesterday's meeting between Reichsmarschal Goering and Premier Mussolini at Brenner Pass.

British navy officers who directed the removal of more than 15,000 British and Greek troops from Crete declared that 20,000 Germans drowned when their transports were smashed by British naval guns.

In the Middle East war theatre, the race for strategic positions was reported shaping rapidly with the next battle apparently destined to flare in the French-ruled colonies of Syria and Lebanon.

Both the Germans and French denied reports from Turkey that Nazi motorized troops had already landed at the Syrian port of Latakia.

Authoritative sources in Ankara, however, insisted that a Nazi contingent of more than 500 troops out-fitted for desert fighting landed Thursday at Latakia, and that a dozen freighters flying swastika flags have been assigned to carry German troops and heavy military equipment from Rumanian ports to Syria.

British troops were reported poised along the Iraq and Transjordan frontiers to meet an expected Nazi drive across Syria into Iraq and Palestine in an attempt to split Britain's Middle East forces.

The French-controlled radio at Beirut charged that the British were preparing an attack against Syria as the French government held an unusually long meeting on what was reported to be the tense relations

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British Naval Officers Say Methods Used On Crete Would Fail Against Britain

Alexandria, June 3.—(AP)—Some of the British navy officers who directed the removal of more than 15,000 imperial and Greek troops from Crete expressed the opinion today that Germany must, on the basis of what happened on the island, devise other means of invasion before attempting an invasion of England.

Nazi efforts to land sea-borne troops failed, the officers said, in spite of the fact that Great Britain's nearest naval base was more than 400 miles from eastern Crete.

Britain warships broke up every large scale effort by the Germans to send transports and countless fishing boats loaded with soldiers from

Shot Down by Nazis



Lt. Richard H. Hillary

Flight Lieutenant Richard H. Hillary, RAF pilot assigned to duty in Washington, arrives at New York from London. Shot down in a fight with Nazi airmen over the English Channel, Hillary's face was so badly burned plastic surgery was necessary to give him new eyelids and a whole upper lip, grafted from the skin of his arm.

Jackson To Bench?

Informed Circles in Washington Predict Attorney General Will Succeed Hughes.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—Charles Evans Hughes, the eleventh man in history to serve as chief justice of the United States, will relinquish his high office on July 1 and retire to private life because of "considerations of health and age."

The decision of the 79-year-old jurist to retire marks the end of Supreme Court service that has covered 19 years—first as associate and later as chief justice. It also closes a career in public life that has been unusually varied and distinguished.

As soon as the chief justice's intention to retire became known speculation

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CHARTER ISSUED TO WILSON FIRM

Raleigh, June 3.—(AP)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull today issued a certificate of incorporation to Thurston Motor Lines, Inc., of Wilson, N. C.

The charter authorizes the firm to own and operate motor buses, and trucks for hire and otherwise. Authorized capital stock is 6,000 shares of which 2,000 shall be first preferred stock with a par value of \$25, 2,000 shares second preferred stock par value \$25, and 2,000 shares common stock, no par value. Three shares of common stock were subscribed by D. J. Thurston, Jr., Annabelle T. Thurston of Wilson, and D. J. Thurston of Clayton.

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New Strike Settlement Effort Made

Defense Mediation Board Appeals to End Walkout; Strike May Bring Showdown on Defense Work Stoppages.

(By The Associated Press)

The defense mediation board made a new effort today for a settlement in the 25-day old strike of 12,000 CIO lumber workers in the Pacific Northwest, which has curtailed supplies needed for the defense program.

The board already has recommended that the strikers resume work pending a settlement and has reminded the union of President Roosevelt's assertion in his address a week ago that the American people expect the impartial recommendations of the board to be accepted.

Thus, some Washington circles thought the lumber strike might bring a showdown on the administration effort to end work stoppages hampering national defense.

Seventy thousand Chrysler Corporation workers at Detroit won wage increases and bonuses totaling \$15,000,000 last night, subject to ratification at meetings of the CIO United Automobile Workers union membership.

A mediation board appeal to "show their patriotism" prompted the Bay City's Metal Trades Council at San Francisco to ask its members last night to return to work at the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company. The council action, however, did not end an AFL machinists strike against Bethlehem nor did it effect the AFL and CIO machinists work stoppage in ten other bay area shipyards holding \$300,000,000 in defense orders.

Cities Cannot Be Defended

Boston, June 3.—(AP)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York, director of civilian defense for the United States, said today that this country did not possess the necessary equipment to protect its cities from air raids.

"We know what equipment we need," he said, "but let's not kid ourselves. The equipment does not exist. If it did exist, not a city in America could afford to buy it."

LaGuardia estimated that it would cost between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000 to fit out the auxiliary fire departments needed, adding that civilian defense equipment would have to take its turn in the hope that production of more urgently needed war material should make air raid protection material unnecessary.

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War Games Are Started

With the Army in Tennessee, June 3.—(AP)—The fifth division—one of the Army's nine streamlined fighting organizations—moved into the pivotal flank position today as 55,000 7th Army corps troops swept northward in the Tennessee war games.

The fifth division, from Fort Custer, Minn., gave the 27th and 30th divisions several hours start and followed a battle plan that would put them on an eight-mile tableland "battlefield" about 50 miles from Nashville at about the same time.

Theoretically, the three divisions are to meet an invading army striking southward at the rim of the Cumberland Plateau.

Yankee Warriors Wearing Canada's Wings



These smiling lads from the United States are pictured at the training school of the Royal Canadian Air Force at Moncton, Canada, after they qualified for their wings. Left to right, front row, J. E. Williams, Michigan; G. C. Fahnstock, New York; L. O. Winkley, Missouri. Middle row: C. W. Simmons, North Carolina; J. L. Moore, South Carolina; D. F. Allen, Massachusetts; D. H. Bradley, California; Basil Rathbone, Jr., son of the famous movie star, California. Top row: J. J. Lynch, New York; J. R. Dillon, Illinois; F. L. Wardell, Utah; and R. B. Vose, Massachusetts. (Central Press)

Wider Power Opposed

FDR May Veto Bill

President Would Refuse to Sign Farm Parity Loan Fund if Price-Fixing Annexed.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, authoritative sources reported today, will veto the bill carrying funds for the 85 per cent parity loan agriculture program if Congress insists on attaching an amendment fixing minimum prices for government purchases of farm products.

Mr. Roosevelt, these sources said, was so opposed to the minimum price legislation that he would reject it regardless of the vital importance of the measure in which it happened to be incorporated.

As matters now stand, they declared the situation is this:

No funds were provided in the re-

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Warship Gift To Britain Suggested

Harrisburg, Pa., June 3.—(AP)—Two Republican representatives in the state legislature suggested today that the United States give the 35,900-ton battleship North Carolina outright to the British government without reservations.

Herbert C. Gates and Arthur P. Brethrick introduced a resolution asking that the legislature memorialize Congress to enact legislation, if need be, to permit President Roosevelt to take this action.

The resolution declared "fortunes of our own country" were linked with those "of our sister democracy" and added:

"The United States has recently placed in service the battleship North Carolina, a more modern and effective ship of war, which can be used in immediate action against the common enemy with much better result than by saving her to meet the enemy alone at some later date."

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, scattered showers and thundershowers tonight and Wednesday. Slightly warmer north central portion.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. June 3 to 7:30 p. m. June 7: Temperature below normal middle and latter part of period; precipitation heavy at beginning and middle of period.

Cigarettes Rationed In Britain

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—The United States might now be selling more tobacco to Great Britain than ever before if the latter had the shipping facilities and the foreign exchange to finance purchases, the Agriculture department declared today.

The public demand for cigarettes in Britain has risen sharply since the war started, the department reported, adding that consumption would have risen 13 per cent if sufficient tobacco could have been obtained.

As it is, Britishers are being rationed at 90 percent of consumption because of a shortage of ocean shipping space and the necessity of conserving foreign exchange for war materials.

Messages From Zamzam Survivors

Wilson, June 3.—(AP)—Two Wilson survivors of the German submarine explosion liner Zamzam called relatives here upon their arrival at Lebanon last night that there was a possibility they would sail for home today.

The Paul A. Barton got the message from her husband, "I'm fine," A. Janssens, Tommy (Thomas D. Miller) and myself well and safe. Let you know plans later x x x."

Miller called his father, "All safe and sound, except Laughinghouse, x x x 816 weeks ago prisoner on German raider, severe head injuries, almost chance recovery. You ascertain present condition through international Red Cross, x x x Possibility American Red Cross 1311."

Next Laughinghouse, also of this action, was wounded when the Zamzam was sunk.

The Wilson men, tobaccoists, were en route to Africa aboard the liner.

Bombers Ordered

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—The War department announced today that two tender contracts totaling more than \$210,000,000.

Next Langdonhouse, also of this action, was awarded to Consolidated Aircraft Corporation, San Diego, Cal.

The others, for \$95,242,696 was awarded to Boeing Aircraft Company, Seattle, Wash.

Both of the huge orders were described by the War department as designed to further President Roosevelt's goal of bomber production at the rate of 500 a month.

Wheeler Leads Fight

Administration Leaders, However, Predict Prompt Action on New Recommendation.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—Roosevelt discussed with congressional leaders today the War department bill introduced yesterday to give the government sweeping authority to conscript private property useful to national defense.

Robert P. Patterson, undersecretary of war, said in a press conference discussion of the measure that "the President should have the authority to throw the whole industrial power of this country into equipping the army."

"The military and naval requirements come first," Patterson added in saying why the bill had been offered.

"Under the selective service system, the government has the authority to interfere with the liberty of individuals, and I see no reason why it should not have power also over property."

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—Substantial opposition materialized in Congress today to the War department recommendation that President Roosevelt be given unprecedented power to take over "temporarily or permanently"—any property needed to further the defense program.

Legislative leaders, however, predicted prompt consideration for the proposal which would endow Mr. Roosevelt with even greater power over property than President Wilson had at his disposal in World War days.

One of the first to attack the War department's legislation was Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, who has fought a number of the administration's defense measures.

"Under this bill," he told reporters, "the President could take over all the property in New York, Montana or any other state and convert the state into a game preserves or

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JURORS QUALIFIED FOR SUIT AGAINST TOBACCO COMPANIES

Lexington, Ky., June 3 (AP)—Tentative qualification of three more jurors today brought to twelve the number selected to hear anti-trust charges of criminal monopoly and price fixing against the nation's three largest tobacco companies, their subsidiaries and executives.

Nine tentatively were qualified yesterday.

Two alternate jurors are yet to be selected but the prosecution and defense each may reject without explanation any three of those who fail to qualify.

Sea And Air Power Win, He Declares

Navy Secretary Suggests Production "Miracle" Be Accomplished by Increasing Efficiency of Labor in Yards.

Washington, June 3.—(AP)—Secretary Knox demanded a production "miracle" of the nation's warship building industry today in order to assure the United States and Britain of command of the seas.

"There can no longer be any doubt," Knox said, "that this war will be determined by two things—no one thing—a successful combination of sea and air power."

Speaking to a conference of shipbuilders, he told them it was up to them to see that America and Britain were equipped with the warship part of the combination necessary for victory.

Knox suggested that the production "miracle" be accomplished by increasing immediately the efficiency of labor in ship building yards, since virtually all are now scheduled to do all the work they are capable of undertaking.

"There is no criticism of what has been done to date," Knox said. "It has been well done, but it is not enough. We've got to do more. We must have something more than an honest day's work. We must have the kind of spirit and the kind of zeal that animates men when they go into battle."

14th Draft Call Issued

Raleigh, June 3.—(AP)—Brigadier General J. Van B. Metts said today that 1,400 youths would be inducted into the Army for a year of military training under North Carolina's 14th draft call.

The latest call is for 1,000 whites and 400 Negroes to be inducted at Fort Bragg toward the end of June. Selective service officials were busy figuring quotas for local boards.

Syria Looms As War Zone

Britain Gives Broad Hint That She May Have Taken Step To Beat Nazis There.

(By The Associated Press.) A broad hint that Great Britain may already have taken steps to beat the Germans into French-ruled Syria—prospective site of the war's next great battlefield—was dropped by London sources late today.

Amid a flurry of activity in the French capital, pointing to a crisis in British-French relations, London quarters suggested that it was significant that British officialdom was silent on the situation in Syria.

Meanwhile, the authoritative fascist editor, Virginio Gayda, often a spokesman for Premier Mussolini, declared that Germany and Italy were ready for action against the United States if the United States entered the war.

In Vichy, Chief of State Petain called an urgent cabinet meeting late this afternoon, the second of the day, after conferring with Generalissimo Weygand.

In Paris, the populace was warned to be ready for a practice air raid alert tomorrow—the first since Adolf Hitler's conquering legions swept into the old French capital.

Simultaneously, the French-controlled Beirut radio charged that the British were preparing to attack Syria and declared that French forces were ready to "reply effectively."

Authorized Nazi quarters in Berlin, with apparent significance, said Germany would give France a "free hand" to reply to any British attempts against her sovereignty.