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Nazi-Turk Accord Taken As Portent Of German Stroke

London, June 19. — (AP)—The German-Turkish accord was interpreted by informed quarters today as virtually an infallible portent of a tremendous new Nazi military stroke. But the question remained whether it would be aimed at Soviet Russia or Suez.

These sources asserted that the pact fits well into the now familiar German practice of isolating its enemies by threats against their neighbors.

By the conquest of Crete, occupation of the Aegean islands and domination of the frontier of Turkish Thrace, Hitler has been in a position to enforce the original heavy demands he made on the Turks," informed sources said.

"But Turkey would have chosen to fight instead and despite the country's lack of equipment, that would have been a bitter campaign. Evidently Hitler was impatient to get any kind of an undertaking or he could proceed to quick action elsewhere, evidently believing he would be free at some later date, really to make Turkey come to terms."

These sources declared that "perhaps the greatest potential menace" was Turkey's agreement to control her press and radio, both of which have been friendly to Britain and hostile toward the axis.

The new stroke added fuel to reports of a German-Soviet-Russian crisis and even gave rise to entirely unconfirmed rumors that Nazi troops had attacked the Soviet frontier.

Finland Prepares; Reservists Called

Helinki, June 19. — (AP)—Finnish reservists were called at midnight and the government sharply curtailed civilian train traffic soon afterwards to facilitate military preparations.

A presidential decree made all reserve officers regular army officers. Army and navy cadets are to be graduated immediately to become lieutenants, it was announced. Previously, a year's active service had been a requisite.

The Finnish people were calm, quietly obeying measures to safeguard their independence as they did in 1939 when the war with Soviet Russia started.

Finnish newspapers discussed what they called the Russian-German crisis.

'Robot' Traps Spies



Known as "Keeno, King of the Robots," Al D. Blake, 50, is credited with bringing about capture of Commander Haru Tatibana, 39, of the Japanese Navy and Torzichi Kono, 57, on espionage charges in Los Angeles, Blake, a former U. S. Navy aviator, says he was hired to obtain secret naval information for the Japanese on two trips to Hawaii and gave them "secrets" supplied by the Navy after he revealed the plot to G-men.

(Central Press)

Radio Fears Censorship

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—Neville Miller, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, said this country was "getting awfully close to censorship" of radio broadcasting through fear by networks and individual stations of action by the Federal Communications Commission.

Miller urged the Senate interstate commerce committee to suspend the FCC's proposed anti-monopoly regulations dealing with chain broadcasting and make a complete investigation of this industry.

"We're getting to the place where we may lose the freedom of speech in radio," Miller testified.

SANATORIUM PLANS TO BE READY SOON

Charlotte, June 19. — (AP)—Walter Hook, architect, announced today that plans for an Eastern North Carolina tuberculosis sanatorium at Wilson would be completed by mid-July and that bids would be asked soon thereafter.

The 250-bed structure will be of colonial design, two stories and of brick and stone.

Tax Schedule Tentatively Adopted

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—The House ways and means committee decided tentatively today to recommend drastic increases in surtaxes on individual incomes and to tighten up on corporation excess profits taxes so as to raise an estimated \$2,400,000,000 in additional revenue.

The new individual income surtax schedule was said to be more than double the tax bill of every taxpayer.

Chairman Doughton, Democrat, North Carolina, announced the committee had voted tentatively to adopt an individual income tax program providing for imposition of surtax rates beginning at 5 per cent on the first \$2,000 of taxable income and graduated to the present maximum of 75 per cent. The latter rate starts on net income about \$5,000,000.

Italian Ship Taken Over

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—The maritime commission announced today that it had taken formal possession of the first of the 23 sabotaged Italian ships laid up in United States waters.

The commission said its representatives took possession of the ship Clara, 6,131 gross tons, at Savannah, Ga., yesterday.

The Clara, the commission said, will be taken to Newport News, Va.

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French Admit CounterAttack Is Stalled

Vichy, June 19. — (AP)—The French conceded tonight that their counter attack on the Syrian front had been stalled since yesterday and that the British have driven to within six miles of Damascus.

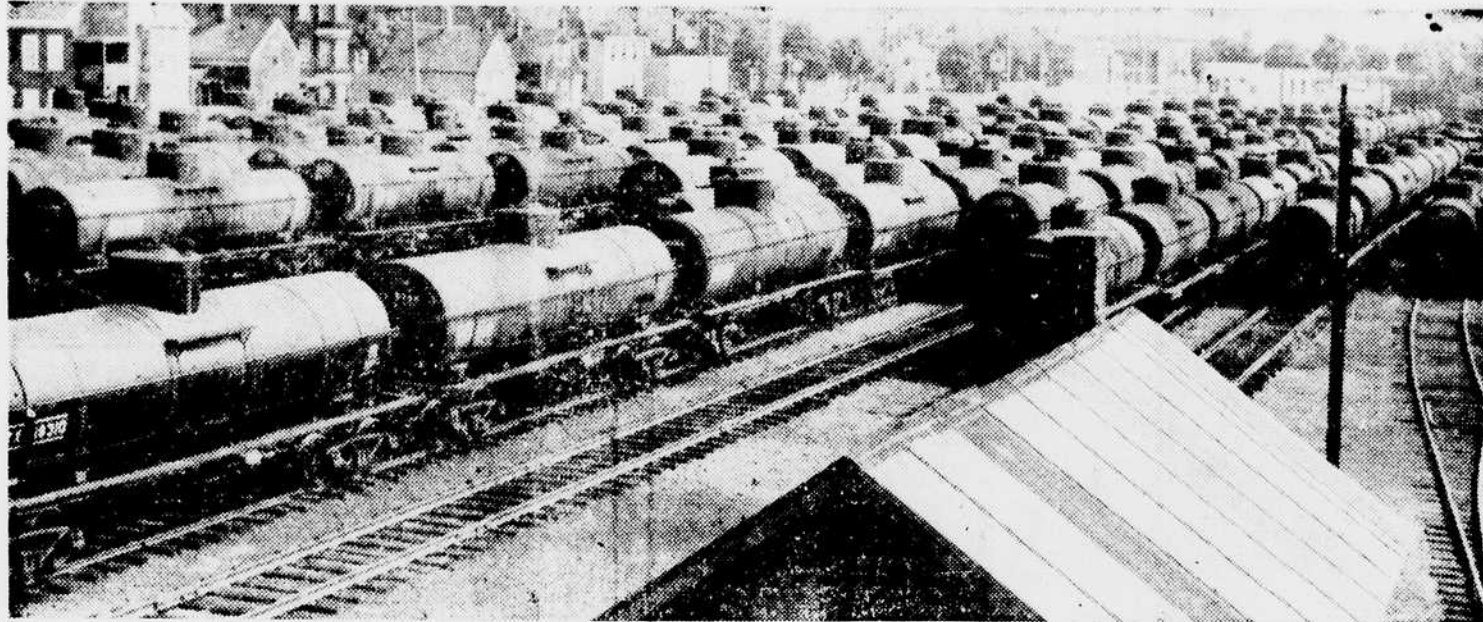
The British fleet was said to have re-appeared off the Lebanese coast between Sidon and Beirut and to have pounded French positions.

The French acknowledged that the British still controlled the road from Sidon to Djizzine in that sector and

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Germany Retaliates

19,000 Tank Cars Lie Idle Despite Oil Shortage



Here are some of the 19,000 tank cars reported lying idle throughout the country despite Oil Administrator Harold Ickes' declaration that oil and gas must be rationed in the East because of lack of transportation facilities. These cars are pictured at Chelsea, Mass. (Central Press)

Allies Capture Syrian Bases

Ickes Asks Cooperation

Defense Petroleum Coordinator Urges Industry to Unite With Government.

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—America's \$12,000,000,000 oil industry was called upon by Interior Secretary Ickes today to unite with the government "to the end that our efforts to defend democracy may not be hampered by any breakdown in the flow of essential petroleum products."

Ickes, who is defense petroleum coordinator, addressed an emergency conference of the petroleum executives representing more than two-thirds of the world's production, called for immediately finding a way to ease the predicted oil scarcity in the populous East.

The oil men were challenged also to put forward plans "to further the effective utilization of our petroleum resources in the national emergency."

AFL Machinists Remain On Strike

International Union President's Suggestion That They Return to Work Fails to End Work Stoppage on West Coast.

(By The Associated Press.)

AFL machinists on strike at eleven San Francisco Bay shipyards today to avoid today by a suggestion from the president of their international union that they return to work and mediate their differences with the management.

Harvey W. Brown, the machinists' president, addressed several hundred strikers during a four-hour closed meeting which ended after midnight. Before the session, Brown had expressed belief the men would end their walkout after the issues were explained. But when the strikers faced out, local officials of the union were non-committal, declining to say whether a vote to end the strike had been taken.

The eleven shipyards hold \$500,000,000 worth of defense contracts. Both AFL and CIO machinists walked out six weeks ago, demanding \$1.15 an hour and double pay for overtime. A master stabilization contract signed by all shipyards in the area except Bethlehem, provides for \$1.12 an hour for skilled mechanics, time and a half for overtime on Saturdays, and double time for Sunday and holiday work. In addition, workers on the second shift would receive a ten percent premium and those on the third shift 15 percent.

The national defense mediation board in Washington recommended yesterday that Bethlehem accept the master contract, too.

Ultimatum Is Rejected

British-Free French Siege of Damascus Recapture Kuneitra and Other Positions.

Cairo, June 19. — (AP)—The British command announced today that important positions have been captured just south of Damascus in the British-Free French siege of the Syrian capital.

The Middle East command's daily war bulletin also announced that allied troops in southern Syria had recaptured Kuneitra, while "strong Vichy forces in Mardjayoun have now been surrounded."

These two towns, southwest of Damascus near the Palestine border, had been seized by a French command which held up the allied advance.

Meanwhile, London sources said today the French defenders of Damascus apparently had rejected a British demand for surrender and expressed belief that allied forces already had launched a direct attack upon the city.

Reuters, British news agency, earlier had reported that General Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, British commander for Palestine and Transjordan, had broadcast from Jerusalem an ultimatum calling upon the French to surrender by 5:30 a. m. (10:30 p. m. EST Wednesday).

At noon today (6 p. m. EST), there was no indication here that the ultimatum had been complied with.

Despatches from the Middle East previously had indicated that Damascus was threatened from three sides by British and Canadian forces who pushed across the Syrian frontier eleven days ago.

British Tanks Destroyed

Berlin, June 19. — (AP)—More British tanks have been destroyed south of Salami in the aftermath of the violent Libyan-Egyptian frontier battle of armored forces, the German high command reported today.

German planes shot down six more British planes over the western desert front, the war bulletin said, and again smashed at the British naval base in Alexandria, Egypt, yesterday with heavy bombs.

(The Italian communiqué on the three-day battle in which the British admittedly have fallen back to their starting place, listed British losses at 42 planes and about 200 tanks in all.)

All Quads Are Dead

Durham, June 19. — (AP)—The last of the Epps quadruplets, born in northern Person county Tuesday, died at Duke hospital this afternoon about 2 o'clock.

Durham, June 19. — (AP)—Only one of the Epps quadruplets—tiny Indian sisters born Tuesday in a farm house in a rural section of Person county—was alive today.

Two of the little girls died yesterday afternoon while the quads and their mother were en route in an ambulance to Duke Hospital here. A second sister died at 3 o'clock this morning and a third at 5:05 o'clock.

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STATE FAIR WILL NOT BE CANCELLED

Raleigh, June 19. — (AP)—The State Fair will be held as scheduled next October.

Governor Broughton announced today after a conference with Army officers that the State Fair ground would not be used as a supply base for the First Army maneuvers in the fall.

The state had offered the grounds to the Army and if the Army had accepted the Fair would have been cancelled.

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BRITISH WITHDRAWAL IN EGYPT MADE WITH SMALL INTERFERENCE

London, June 19. — (AP)—An authoritative source said today British North African forces had so little interference in their withdrawal to "original positions east of Salami" that it "looks as if the enemy was not so hard he didn't like to come on—or couldn't" in this week's desert outflanking.

Both the Germans and Italians, on the other hand, claimed victory for their troops in the conflict in the Libyan-Egyptian border region opened up by British offensive action started Sunday.

This source said the British "got away very light indeed" from the sudden penetration deep into axis-held territory and subsequent withdrawal.

Babson Says Geography Determines World Wars

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Babson Park, Mass., June 19. — Not many hundred years ago England was divided into little principalities. Each had its own army, castle, and cathedral. All went well while the battering ram was the heaviest implement of warfare. Until the warfare use of powder was invented, every little principality made its own war materials. Only a few were able to make cannons, guns, shot, and powder. Hence, these principalities were forced to combine into what is now England. It was not because one principality was heavier than another, but it was a question of geography and other uncontrollable factors. Uncontrollable factors likewise explain why today in New York the British pound sterling notes sell around \$2 and British government bonds sell in the 30's.

What History Teaches.

Peace reigns again for two hundred years more until the use of steam was applied to war vessels. Sailing battle frigates had required no bases and used no coal or oil. Small nations of sea-faring people, properly located, even had certain advantages. When, however, the era of steam came, the situation again changed. Holland and Spain became secondary powers, while England with its vast supplies of coal and iron forged ahead. This again changed the map of the world. It was not a question of courage, but of geography and other uncontrollable factors.

The same general principle applies to the western hemisphere. The United States and Canada are natural allies and should continue to work together. Some day the United States

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U. S. Asked To Remove All Consuls

All Consular and American Express Company Employees Must Be Removed From Germany and Nazi-Occupied Countries.

Berlin, June 19. — (AP)—Germany tonight asked the United States to remove all consular and American Express Company employees from Germany, Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, occupied France, Serbia and occupied Greece not later than July 15.

This was done in a note handed by the German foreign minister to the United States charge d'affaires.

(This was retaliation in kind for a similar action against Germany, ordered only last Monday by President Roosevelt.)

(The President ordered closing of all German consulates in the United States and removal of all consular personnel before July 10.)

(The American order also required the closing of the German Library of Information and the Railway tourist bureau and the German Trans-Atlantic news agency.)

(German consular officials, said Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, were accused of engaging in activities harmful to the United States.)

All American consulates in the places listed in the note must be closed by July 15, the note said.

"The conduct of consular and travel agency employees for long has been highly objectionable," was the explanation of DNB, the official German news agency.

HARRELL NAMED TO STATE BOARD

Raleigh, July 19. — (AP)—Grady S. Harrell of Shannon, Robeson county, today was appointed by Governor Broughton to the state board of registration for engineers and land surveyors. Harrell is president of the State Society of Surveyors.

FLIGHT CENTERS FOR TWO CITIES TO BE APPROVED

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—Senator Reynolds, Democrat, North Carolina, said today he expected action shortly by the War Department on plans to establish primary flight training centers at Goldsboro and Greenville, N. C.

The War department said a survey had been made at Goldsboro but so far no report had been submitted.

Announcement of the War department's flight training program is expected to be made as soon as Congress completes action on a bill appropriating \$97,000,000 for the purpose.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration, which will cooperate in the program, said selection of sites could not be announced until the amount of money to be available was definitely known.

Ration Cards For Gasoline Considered

Washington, June 19. — (AP)—Interior Secretary Ickes, defense petroleum coordinator, said today a ration card system for use of gasoline in the East was "one of the things under consideration" if rigid restrictions on petroleum were made necessary by the expected oil shortage.

The coordinator declared also "I don't think a drop of it should be shipped to any place, anywhere," from the Atlantic seaboard. He recently put an embargo on such exports, without prior government approval of each cargo.

He was asked if he included Britain also and replied that he meant all cargoes should first be examined by the government. He emphasized, however, that Britain's supply was being met directly from producing areas.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair tonight, increasing clouds, less Friday.