

BRITISH WARSHIPS POUNDING AT NAZIS

Huge Area Is Sown With Mines and Fliers Raid German Bases in Baltic; Await Attack on West Front.

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between German and Norwegian troops in the interior continues.

Inhabitants of Stroomstad, on the Swedish-Norwegian border telephoned to Stockholm, saying that British warships seemed to be making a stubborn attempt to break through the Oslofjord toward Oslo in the face of a terrible fire from the German-manned coastal batteries.

Western Europe was tense because of the reports that Adolf Hitler might at any time order an offensive against the French Maginot Line, staking all on an attempt to smash the French and British defenses—the strongest defense line ever known.

Sweden blacked out one key town on its Western Coast during the night and mined its entire coast. There were unconfirmed reports Germany had demanded of Sweden the right of passage for troops bound for Norway.

Sweden, Holland and Belgium had asserted that they would defend their integrity by force if they had to.

The German High Command asserted that it had succeeded in extending its occupation area around Oslo, Narvik and Elvenes and that it had beaten off British airplane and naval attacks on Trondheim and Stavanger.

Rome May Add to Army

In Rome, Benito Mussolini was expected to call 1,125,000 men to the colors today, increasing Italy's army to 2,250,000.

It was reported in reliable quarters that five classes of reserves, normally totaling 260,000 men per class, would be called within 48 hours, because of the possibility that spring would spread the war all over Europe.

Men born from 1908 to 1914 were expected to be included in the call. Officers will be summoned by telegraph; men by pink postcards.

In what was believed to have been a prelude to a mobilization communique, Sig. Mussolini had said in a speech at Orvieto Sunday that Italy was preparing to face any spring emergency and "we believe we are not unprepared for exceptional events."

Posters already were up in Rome asking for more naval volunteers, especially technicians. It was reported that the calling up of five classes would be only the first runner to a still further mobilization.

Hysteria Sweeps Balkans

The Balkans were swept by a plague of hysterical rumors. None of the alarming ones were confirmed, but pressure was coming from all sides—Germany, Italy, Russia and the Allies—and there was an ominous upsurge of internal intrigues.

In Belgrade it was reported that: Italians had disembarked at Zara, Italian port on the Yugoslav coast; Forty thousand Italian "workers" had reached Albania; British troops had landed at Salonika, Greece; British warships had entered the Black Sea.

Calmer heads could not keep the excitement down and it was said in authoritative Belgrade sources that if the tension persisted, Yugoslavia would have to strengthen her defenses even though the flooded Danube makes her safe from invasion for the present.

Dutch Begin Evacuation Of Key Frontier Areas

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, April 12 (U. P.).—Netherlands military authorities have started evacuating some civilians from key frontier areas.

GREENLAND PUT IN NEW WORLD AREA BY F. D. R.

Asks U. S. Red Cross Aid if Danish Supply Ships Are Halted.

WASHINGTON, April 12 (U. P.).—Greenland is more American than European, President Roosevelt said today in a press conference discussion of humanitarian problems on the Danish island which led to speculation whether it ultimately would be encircled within the sphere of Western Hemisphere defense.

Mr. Roosevelt said he considered discussion of political questions raised by the relationship of Greenland, Denmark and Germany to be premature. Germany this week occupied Denmark. But the President said he had suggested that the Red Cross organize relief for Greenland's 7,000 inhabitants this summer if the regular Danish supply ships are unable to care for them.

It is Mr. Roosevelt's idea that the American people would be glad to chip in to help the Greenlanders, practically all of whom are Eskimos.

Views Human Side

The President said, however, that questions of whether the Monroe Doctrine applies to Greenland, a Danish colony, are premature. He said that as yet he is considering Greenland problems on a humanitarian rather than a political basis.

Emphasizing his humanitarian interest in the world's largest island, Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that Danish ships in the past regularly have made several trips a year with necessary supplies.

He said that, at his suggestion, the American Red Cross is looking into the needs of Greenlanders. Emphasizing that any relief would not involve a large sum of money, he said that he believed the American people would be glad to help Greenlanders. He said the idea of Greenland relief was strictly his own idea and was prompted in no manner by Danish representatives.

Studies Island Problems

As for Iceland and its problems, said Mr. Roosevelt, he has not yet had time to get to that subject. But he will continue to study problems of Greenland closely.

Invasion of Denmark has raised questions about the future of those islands in relation to the American policy of guaranteeing defense of the Western Hemisphere. The questions appear to bear on broad principles of this country's diplomatic policy rather than military considerations.

Greenland and Iceland were bound by different ties to Denmark. But officials believed that Germany, despite its occupation of Denmark, has no incentive to make any serious bid now for actual control of them.

2 Problems Foremost

Long-range implications of the situation, however, engaged the President's serious attention. He has discussed the matter with several callers in the past two days, posing these questions: First, are Greenland and Iceland properly within the American orbit? Most of his advisers were understood to have expressed conviction that Greenland should be considered part of the American continent; that Iceland should not.

Second, if Greenland is part of the American continent, how does the German domination of Denmark bear on the Monroe Doctrine and the United States' pledge to defend the Western Hemisphere?

TRAIN HITS AUTO

William Lobb, 25, of 1529 Woodlawn Ave., escaped injury and a companion was slightly cut and bruised today when their auto was struck by a New York Central freight train at the Shelby St. Belt Railroad crossing. Carl C. Harvey, 1126 St. Peter St., a passenger in Mr. Lobb's car, was given first aid by police.

Nazi Blackout Spreads



Adolf Hitler grabs again and this time Denmark is absorbed into a fast growing Reich. Seven Nazi conquests are shown on this map. In the attempted eighth, Norway, they are meeting resistance.

British Sow Vast Mine Field; Fliers Raid Nazi Baltic Bases

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ed to use Swedish railroads for transit of reinforcements to Nazi forces scattered through Norwegian strong points.

The reports were doubted by a Swedish legation spokesman and responsible German sources said that they had no information regarding such demands.

Announcement of the laying of the new mine field failed to indicate any accommodation for shipping to Finland, Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania or Russia via the Baltic, although a lane was left open for Swedish ships. The admiral announced the new mine field extended up the German and Danish coasts to a point 60 miles southwest of Bergen.

Mines were laid on both sides of the Skagerrak with a 20 miles wide open channel clear down the center of the Skagerrak to the North Sea from Swedish territorial waters. The Kattegat has been blocked completely. Thus Sweden will have an outlet to the sea but the field extends into Norwegian territorial waters on the north and into German and Danish territorial waters on the south.

CELEBRATION HELD BY NEWSBOYS' BAND

Forty years of leading the Indianapolis News Newsboys' Band will be celebrated today by J. B. Vandaworker, thousands of friends and Band alumni and the Band itself. They were to be joined in a downtown parade by bands from all the Indianapolis high schools; the Butler University Band and the Knightsdown Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Band.

The parade was to form at about 2:35 p. m. today before the Indiana World War Memorial, where a concert was to be given. A "rehearsal" will be held by alumni at the Claypool Hotel later and the present Band will give a concert at 6 o'clock in the lobby.

A banquet will be held in the Claypool following the concert in the lobby. California alumni will have a meeting at the same time on the West Coast. Arrangements have been made for a telephonic tribute from that group to Mr. Vandaworker.

BERLIN HINTS OF LAND BOMBING

Veiled Threat Follows Alleged British Aerial Attack on Rail Station.

BERLIN, April 12 (U. P.).—The German official news agency asserted today that British airplanes had bombed a small railroad station in Schleswig Holstein in northwest Germany and that if it was established that the attack was deliberate "Germany is given a complete new basis in waging the war against England."

"This is the first time in the war that enemy planes have attacked a German communications point," the agency said. "If repetition of such an attempt shows that it was planned Germany is given a complete new basis in waging the war against England. The necessary conclusions would immediately be drawn."

British Deny Charge

Hardly had the German official news agency assertion of the Schleswig Holstein bombing reached New York than the British Air Ministry officially denied it. In some neutral countries the belief had been expressed that both sides had hesitated to start land bombing because of the frightful implications of aerial warfare against cities.

The German High Command announced that German troops in Norway had beaten off British air and naval attacks on Trondheim and Stavanger, on the Norwegian southwest coast, and had occupied new areas around Oslo, Narvik and Evjenes. Even as across the Ofoten Fjord from Narvik.

Claim British Attacks Fail

It was announced that British torpedo-carrying airplanes had raided Trondheim and that British warships had attacked Trondheim Fjord, but that both attacks failed and German troops had taken over more Norwegian coastal fortifications and put them in a state of preparedness.

The official news agency said German troops had reached Drammen, 25 miles east of Oslo, and Eidsvoll, 44 miles northeast of Oslo.

"German troops yesterday steadily enlarged the area of occupation near Oslo," the communique said.

The Box Score

In a pre-convention preview of the 1940 Presidential race the Gallup Poll is asking voters in each state: "Which party would you like to see win the Presidential election?" Following are the results for 17 states reported thus far:

LEANING REPUBLICAN	
State	Electoral Votes
New Jersey	16
Massachusetts	17
Iowa	11
Michigan	19
Ohio	26
Total	89
LEANING DEMOCRATIC	
State	Electoral Votes
New York	47
Pennsylvania	36
California	22
Indiana	14
Minnesota	11
Texas	23
Oklahoma	11
Washington	8
Oregon	5
Maryland	8
West Virginia	8
Delaware	3
Total	196

REPORT ALLIES HEM IN NARVIK

British Believed to Have Sunk Five More German Destroyers in North.

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fjord and finally were run aground on the rocky shore.

This naval action left Narvik cut off by sea from any communication with the outside world. While here in the hills and mountains Norwegian troops have formed an iron ring around the town through which it seemed doubtful that the Germans could penetrate. In fact, all reports indicated they were hastily withdrawing detachments which had filtered out on the railroad line and highway from Narvik and concentrating them in the port as if to resist attack.

It was reported to me that a fairly large British force had landed farther down Ofotenfjord which leads up to Narvik before the British destroyers went into action.

Persons who arrived here told me that these troops had advanced to a point across the bay from Narvik called Ankenes. They said that the British had set up their headquarters at the village of Ballangen, down Ofotenfjord a few miles from Narvik.

There was no estimate of the size of this British landing party.

The Germans originally had sent out detachments as far as Osevan-tan but there they met a much larger Norwegian patrol. The Germans had no mechanized troops but were using a few Norwegian trucks which they had confiscated at the Norwegian military base at Narvik. However, the trucks were of little value to them as the roads are blocked with huge snow drifts from the blizzard which has raged for the last three days.

Military men suggested to me that the lines which the Germans had established into the interior were greatly extended and thinly held and doubtless highly vulnerable to any determined Norwegian attack.

In this connection it is important to recall that the Norwegians have a force of some 30,000 men mobilized in this section whereas the German garrison holding Narvik has been estimated at only 5,000 to 6,000 men.

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DEATHS TO DATE

County	City	Total
1939	10	20
1940	8	28

—April 11—

Injured 12 Arrests 18

Dead 1 Accidents 31

THURSDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convicted Fines

Violation	tried	tions	paid
Speeding	11	11	\$52

Failure to stop at through street 4

Reckless driving 11 9 12

Disobeying traffic signal 6 6 11

Drunk driving 0 0 0

All others 21 20 14

Totals 53 50 \$104

MEETINGS TODAY

Indianapolis Home Show, Manufacturers Building, all day.
Exchange Club, Severin Hotel, noon.
Optimist Club, Columbia Club, noon.
Reserve Officers' Association, Board of Trade, noon.
Phi Delta Theta, Canary Cottage, noon.
Delta Tau Delta, Columbia Club, noon.
Kappa Sigma, Canary Cottage, noon.
Jersey Cattle Club, Hotel Washington, noon.
American Communication Association, Hotel Washington, 8 p. m.
Service Club, Hotel Washington, 7 p. m.

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Home Show, Manufacturers Building, all day.
Democratic Editorial Association, Claypool Hotel, all day.
Sigma Chi, Indianapolis Athletic Club, afternoon and night.

BIRTHS

Girls

Kenneth, Marian Havelly, at Coleman.

Boys

Emerson, Norma Johnson, at City.

Emil, Beatrice McMurry, at Methodist.

James, Mary Thackeray, at Methodist.

Kenneth, Dorothy Swanson, at St. Vincent.

Charles, Ruth Henzie, at St. Vincent's.

Walker, Victorene Spaulding, at 3712 Robison.

James, Mary Ramage, at 2117 N. Talbot.

DEATHS

Miller, Selie, 49, at City, aortic aneurism.

Maude Rabolt, 65, at St. Vincent's, mitral stenosis.

Nancy J. Small, 88, at 1036 N. Illinois, chronic bronchitis.

Mary Vance, 33, at City, bowel obstruction.

John Henry Baker, 55, at Methodist, cerebral hemorrhage.

Bertha Cordeiro, 50, at Long, general metastasis.

Iva L. Owens, 62, at Methodist, pulmonary embolism.

Walter Davis, 64, at 3206 Sheldon, cardiac vascular renal.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST—Fair tonight and tomorrow; not quite so cold tonight, with lowest temperature about 28; warmer tomorrow.

Sunrise 5:11 Sunset 6:50

—April 12, 1939—

6 a. m. 23 1 p. m. 38

BAROMETER TODAY

6:30 a. m. 30.35

Precipitation 24 hours ending 7 a. m.82

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 1.17

Deficiency since Jan. 1 3.96

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow, not quite so cold in central and north portions; freezing temperature general tonight; warmer tomorrow.

Illinois—Generally fair tonight and tomorrow, rising temperature late tonight in central and north portions; frost or freezing temperature tonight; warmer tomorrow.

Lower Michigan—More or less unsettled tonight and tomorrow, possibly snow showers in extreme north portion tonight, not quite so cold late tonight; warmer tomorrow in central and south portions.

Ohio—Fair and continued cold tonight; tomorrow fair, not so cold.

Kentucky—Fair, slightly colder in extreme portion tonight; tomorrow fair, slowly rising temperature.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 8:30 A. M.

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