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NAZI 'CHUTE TROOPS FILL SKIES

Dutch Fall Back... Amsterdam Bombed... Belgians Hold Firm



German parachute troops by the hundreds swooped down on Belgium and Holland today in the latest development of modern warfare. All day long the Nazis reinforced their men from the air.

By JOE ALEX MORRIS
United Press Foreign News Editor

Adolf Hitler launched a spectacular parachute invasion of Belgium and Holland today in an effort to cut the ground from under Allied armed forces on the new battle front in northern Europe.

Hundreds of Nazi airplanes swarmed over the Low Countries, dropping fully-equipped soldiers at strategic points while German armies hammered at the Belgian and Dutch frontier defenses.

The main aerial attack centered around the Dutch capital at The Hague and the important port of Rotterdam (population 750,000) reported that five bombs did damage and killed seven persons in its central section this morning.

The Germans were reported fighting strongly to capture Rotterdam after hundreds of airplanes had landed reinforcements there by parachute. Late dispatches said the German troops were believed to have reached the center of the city, occupying the Stock Exchange and other buildings. Fires broke out in other parts of Rotterdam.

The calmest place in Western Europe was in France's Maginot Line where there was another night of "all quiet."

Germans Report Defenses Smashed

The German High Command claimed that its troops were smashing rapidly ahead on land after breaking up the frontier defenses in both Belgium and Holland and there were reports in London that the Nazis had reached the Belgian town of Liege.

For the most part, however, the arrival of British and French advance troops at the front lines in the Low Countries appeared to have found the Germans meeting stiff resistance about 15 to 20 miles inside Dutch and Belgian territory on a long and irregular front.

Allied airplanes were fighting back strongly over

both Belgium and Holland, and bombed German bases in the Rhineland, according to the London Air Ministry. London newspaper reports said that British warships were operating off the coast of Holland.

Air casualties were mounting rapidly, with both sides claiming to have shot down hundreds of enemy planes.

The German invasion of the Low Countries, however, was far from blocked and statements by the official news agency in Berlin—partly substantiated in Allied sources—indicated that the situation was extremely serious in the Rotterdam area and possibly at The Hague.

Nazis Follow Norway Pattern

Scores of big German planes, protected by fast fighting ships, flew low over the Rotterdam area and dropped hundreds of German soldiers, some of them in the suburbs of the city itself. The Rotterdam airport was reported recaptured by the Dutch, but the Germans denied this development and furthermore were said to be in possession of the Rotterdam marine barracks.

It was indicated that a severe battle was in progress there and that the Nazis were rushing more and more men to the scene by plane.

Similar parachute troops were being landed around The Hague, capital of Queen Wilhelmina, who today urged the King of Italy to intervene with belligerents to obtain respect for civilians in war time. Tilburg, Slidrecht, and a dozen other Dutch towns reported similar flights of German air fleets over the countryside, parachute troops being landed at various points.

German strategy was obviously designed to follow the pattern that was successful in Norway—the landing of small shock troop forces at strategic points to seize control and the use of huge air transports and fighter planes to reinforce them before the enemy could rally. This system

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TWO-THIRDS OF VOTE COUNTED

Grider Reducing Tegarden Lead; Collins Moves Ahead of Stark.

REPUBLICAN CONGRESS

(20 out of 212 precincts)

STARK 8,918

COLLINS 9,026

PROSECUTOR

(211 out of 341 precincts)

BLUE 12,290

RICHARDSON 8,447

TREASURER

TEGARDEN 13,892

GRIDER 13,661

SHERIFF

PETIT 13,261

HUTSELL 12,593

DEMOCRAT CONGRESS

(140 out of 212 precincts)

LUDLOW 17,477

ERBECKER 2,107

TREASURER

(221 out of 341 precincts)

BOETCHER 18,278

CUNNINGHAM 15,514

CORONER

BOOHER 12,325

WYTTENBACH 11,674

SENATE

WHITE 20,118

SEXTON 20,219

WEISS 17,398

CABLE 17,442

WALLACE 17,406

JOINT SENATOR

WEBB 14,274

BLAIN 13,902

With about two-thirds of the Marion County Primary ballots counted, returns today showed some contests were getting closer while leaders in others were increasing their majorities.

Notable among the changes in trends was in the Republican Treasurer contest in which Neal Grider was cutting down the lead held by Paul E. Tegarden, anti-organization candidate.

In the Democratic Treasurer contest, Walter C. Boetcher maintained a wide majority over James F. Cunningham. Mr. Boetcher's gains

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Feeney Martyr To Safety Day

SHERIFF AL FEENEY received a dislocated right shoulder today in downtown traffic while on his way to help judge a traffic safety parade.

As the Sheriff started across Washington St. at Alabama St., an auto stopped about half way over the line for a traffic signal. The Sheriff backed up, bumping the Sheriff, and then drove on.

Sheriff Feeney judged the contest and it was three hours later before he went to a doctor and learned the extent of his injury.

SESSION OPENED BY DEMOCRATS

Haymaker's Foes Claim 407 Votes in Fight to Elevate Deluse.

The county Democratic convention was opened this afternoon in the Claypool Hotel with the choice of a county chairman still in doubt.

Supporters of Chairman Ira P. Haymaker for re-election asserted it would be "close," but said they had enough votes to win.

The anti-Haymaker faction, supporting City Councilman Albert O. Deluse for the chairmanship, claimed 407 "sure" votes, more than enough to win, after a last minute "count of noses" at noon.

Each of the 341 precinct committees elected in Tuesday's Primary and the 341 vice committeemen—one named by each committeeman—has a vote. Thus, 342 votes are needed to win.

The Deluse slate includes County Recorder Hannah A. Noone for vice chairman; Joseph M. Howard for

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DRIVER FINED \$81, LICENSE SUSPENDED

John Wells Is Convicted of Drunkenness.

Convicted of driving while drunk, drunkenness and failing to give a hand signal, a motorist was fined \$81 and his driver's license was suspended for a year by Judge John McNeil in Municipal Court today.

The motorist was John Wells, 23, of 420 Centennial St., who was arrested after his car sideswiped another in S. East St., 1200 block. The fines were \$25 and costs each on the driving while drunk and drunkenness convictions and \$1 and costs on the signal charge. A 15-day jail sentence on the drunkenness charge was suspended.

Ben Gies, 614 Patterson St., was fined \$25 and costs and must serve 15 days in jail on a driving while drunk charge and was fined \$25 and costs on a drunkenness charge.

Only seven motorists were convicted by Municipal Judge Charles Karabell today, but they were fined a total of \$24, an average of \$3.40.

G. O. P. RIVALS IN SHOWDOWN

Vandivier and Bradford Each Claim Victory in Chairman Row.

By NOBLE REED

More than a year of bitter factional strife between two groups for control of the Marion County Republican Committee was to be climaxed this afternoon at the annual reorganization convention at the Indiana Ballroom.

The final showdown for control rests between the regular party organization headed by County Chairman Carl Vandivier and the opposing faction, led by James L. Bradford, both of whom are seeking the chairmanship for the fall campaign.

Their chances for election hinge upon the 341 precinct committeemen and 341 vice committeemen who are to vote their choices for chairman at the convention.

Supporters of Mr. Vandivier claimed to have the support of "more than enough committeemen to assure the re-election of Mr. Vandivier."

At the same time, the Bradford forces made equally confident claims of victory at the convention.

The meeting had been set for Monday night because of slow balloting, but was reset to today when the tabulation of committeemen votes was completed on schedule.

Mr. Bradford protested the change in convention time on the ground that he was not given enough time to align his forces.

"However, I am glad to say that my supporters have accomplished all the work essential to my success and I can now confidently predict that I will have more than three-fourths of the votes," he said.

Sherwood Blue, candidate for Prosecutor, and Paul E. Tegarden, candidate for Treasurer, both backed by the Bradford faction, announced that they will support him for chairman.

Mr. Vandivier said his supporters had made a careful check of committeemen and found that at least 254 will vote for his re-election.

REX SAILS FROM N. Y.

The Italian liner Rex sailed on schedule today for Naples and Genoa, with 200 passengers—48 of them Americans—aboard.

Youth Groups Take Lead As City Notes Safety Day

Jay-walking was difficult in downtown Indianapolis today and officials sponsoring the city-wide Safety Day hoped that the day's activities would discourage jay-walkers permanently.

Individuals who tried to cross downtown streets in the middle of blocks were halted by Camp Fire Girls and school patrol boys who politely warned them against jay-walking.

At the street intersections, Boy Scouts with long poles saw to it that pedestrian traffic moved with the green lights. In business buildings, Girl Scouts established booths in which they sought signatures on "Safe Driving and Walking" pledges.

The day's ceremonies opened this morning with a parade on Pennsylvania, Washington and Meridian Sts. Floats from the Fire and Police Department, stores and industrial plants were in the line.

Miss Virginia Mennell, 331 N. Cap

BULLETINS

BRUSSELS, May 11 (U. P.).—Antwerp was bombed again this afternoon and there were casualties, but authorities refused to give details. A Belgian aviator was reported to have shot down two German planes, while Belgian anti-aircraft ground fire brought down six German planes in the Brussels area.

HULL WARNS AGAIN

WASHINGTON, May 11 (U. P.).—Secretary of State Cordell Hull again today reminded all governments that the U. S. has a vital interest in desiring maintenance of the status quo of the Dutch East Indies. Shortly before, the Netherlands Government, through its legation here, officially announced today that it had arranged with Great Britain and France for joint protection of the islands "against probable German attempts at sabotage" of the important oil refineries there.

BRITISH REACH HOLLAND

AMSTERDAM, May 11 (U. P.).—British advance troops have arrived in Holland, the British Consulate General here announced today.

ALLIES ATTACK BERGEN

LONDON, May 11 (U. P.).—The Admiralty said tonight that the fleet air arm had made two more attacks on the German-occupied Norwegian port of Bergen, scoring three hits on a warship and setting fire to fuel tanks. The warship was believed to be the 1400-ton training ship Bremse.

REPORT ROTTERDAM FALL

BUENOS AIRES, May 11 (U. P.).—The Argentine legation in The Netherlands advised the Foreign Ministry here today that the port of Rotterdam was under German control.

FRENCH LIST 148 DEAD

PARIS, May 11 (U. P.).—German air raiders yesterday killed 148 civilians and wounded 337 in attacks on French towns, it was announced officially tonight. Greatest loss of life occurred at Stupples in the Oise Department where 40 were killed and 90 wounded.

'WAR BABIES' GAIN, OTHER STOCKS DROP

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"War babies" were favorites on the New York Stock Exchange today, gaining more than two points, but other stocks slipped irregularly. Bonds were lower, with Belgian loans breaking \$340 to \$370.

BERLIN CLAIMS RAPID ADVANCE

Frontier Defenses Reported Smashed; Fighting on Big Scale Expected.

BERLIN, May 11 (U. P.).—The High Command said today that German troops were attacking strongly after smashing Belgian and Dutch frontier defense forces and Nazi sources reported severe battles were in progress for possession of strategic air fields in the Low Countries.

The official news agency said air fields occupied by German soldiers (landed by air transport and parachute) in Holland and Belgium were still in German hands.

(This was contrary to Dutch reports that all airports had been recaptured and Belgian statements that such German units had been neutralized.)

Despite the fighting, the agency said, German reinforcements are being landed by air to strengthen the Nazi troops holding airports and other strategic points in the Low Countries.

The agency denied British reports of "successful attacks" by air against Germans in the Rotterdam and The Hague areas. It also denied a number of British and French charges that Germans had bombed non-military objectives.

(Amsterdam reported bombs fell in the center of the city.)

The Nazis were expected to assault the first main line of resistance in Holland today in the first big scale ground fighting of this war, under which their fathers marched.

Adolf Hitler's headquarters in the field said that 72 air fields in France, Belgium and Holland had been bombed and 300 to

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BRITISH ENVOY SAVED FROM ROME THROG

Protest Lodged; Allies Rapped as Duce Applauds.

ROME, May 11 (U. P.).—(By telephone to New York.)—The British Embassy protested to the Italian Government today against anti-British demonstrations in Rome after Sir Noel Charles, British charge d'affaires, had been rescued by police from a throng of demonstrating Fascist youths.

Sir Noel became involved when a British resident of Rome, who had been assaulted by Italian youths while he was leaving down anti-British posters, called for Embassy help from a hotel to which he had fled.

With a companion, Sir Noel responded. When he arrived his automobile was surrounded by youths shouting anti-British threats and Sir Noel was able to leave his car only after police had pushed back the demonstrators.

Upon leaving the hotel the British diplomat again was surrounded by the crowd. Police again rescued him and then Sir Noel found that his car, bearing diplomatic registration

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Death's Rendezvous



Where military lines are drawn for possibly the greatest battle of all times.

'I Accompanied the B. E. F. Across the Belgian Border'

By RICHARD D. MULLAN
United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH THE BRITISH EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN BELGIUM, May 11 (U. P.).—(Delayed.)—Thousands of British troops poured over the frontier from France yesterday and began taking up battle stations behind tanks and guns of all description, including new weapons still on the British secret list.

I accompanied the British force which began crossing the frontier shortly after daybreak. The movement of troops continued all day and by the time the last were crossing the frontier, the first units were miles inland.

The roads over which the B. E. F. passed were strewn with flowers which Belgian girls had scattered before the rumbling tanks, anti-tank guns and heavy cannon.

German and British airplanes were circling in the blue sky, but almost constant air raid alarms failed to dim the welcome in the Belgians. Belgian civilians aided customs officials in tearing down the steel posts along the frontier.

In some places, heavy and light British tanks began moving across even before the posts were removed.

The troops were in high spirits, passing through Flanders under circumstances far more promising of an early victory than those under which their fathers marched in the mud in 1914.

"It was striking to observe the rapidity with which the B. E. F. moved," one witness said. "The whole army, with anti-tank guns and heavy howitzers, is all mechanized. They moved like one machine and moreover, great

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DUTCH BACK UP ALONG BORDER

Germans Drive Across River; 7 Die in Attack on Industrial City.

By CLIFFORD L. DAY
United Press Staff Correspondent

AMSTERDAM, May 11. —Germany's air armada dropped hundreds of fully-equipped parachute troops on Holland today in a gigantic aerial invasion of the Low Countries.

Dutch and Belgian troops—backed by fast Allied mechanized columns—began off the swamping German land attack along their frontiers.

Nazi airplanes filled the skies in an offensive designed to break resistance by bombardment and seizure of communications centers.

The Hague, capital of The Netherlands, and Rotterdam, important seaport, appeared to be the main German objectives, but five German bombs landed in central Amsterdam, and Brussels reported German bombing planes active through Belgium.

Reports reaching here indicated that German troops last night succeeded in penetrating to the center of Rotterdam, where they occupied the new Stock Exchange and other buildings. Several fires were reported in the old part of downtown Rotterdam.

The Brussels radio station closed down this afternoon, possibly due to an air raid. Seven persons were killed and 10 wounded when the Germans dropped explosives on the heart of Amsterdam between the Royal Palace

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CHURCHILL CABINET LIST IS COMPLETED

Unifies Nation; Chamberlain May Get Post.

LONDON, May 11 (U. P.).—Britons watched the blue spring sky for blitzkrieg German bombing planes today while Winston Churchill, called to lead the Government at one of the gravest times in the country's history, organized a truly national Cabinet.

Britain was now on a complete war footing for the first time in the war, with Army, Navy, air force and police leaves canceled, air raid precaution and home defense corps, including anti-parachutist specialists, fully mobilized and ambulance and fire brigades standing by for an air raid warning. The first complete air raid blackout of the war had been observed during the night.

King George today telegraphed a message of support to the Government.

A "grand week-end" was promised for tomorrow, with the mercury expected to rise to a maximum of between 70 and 75.

'GRAND WEEK-END' FORECAST FOR CITY

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9 a. m. ... 49 11 a. m. ... 59
12 m. ... 53 12 (Noon) ... 61
3 p. m. ... 56 1 p. m. ... 64

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