

BRITAIN LAUNCHES EGYPT BLITZKRIEG

Captures 4000 Italians in Stab Through Defenses To Mediterranean.

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tween Libya and the Italian mainland.

The Italian war communiqué which in recent days has reflected reverse after reverse in Albania was silent—possibly significantly—concerning the new developments in Egypt.

Greek-Italian War

The Greek Army was reported to have unleashed a new offensive on the entire 150-mile Albanian front in an effort to smash Italian defenses before 80,000 new Italian reinforcements can be thrown into action.

Heavy fighting was reported north of Pogradec, where Greek troops were assaulting a chain of Italian outposts hastily erected in the Mokra heights above Lake Ochrida in an effort to protect their retirement toward Bitola.

Greek dispatches said that Italians retiring from the south Albanian base at Argyrokastron had been attacked and dislodged by pursuing Greek troops. They added that Fascist soldiers were being evacuated from the coast north of Porto Edida because of guerrilla attacks which had cut their lines of retreat and were pouring deadly machine gun fire into the retiring columns.

Italy Moves Up Troops

It was said that 80,000 Italian troops and much ammunition had been disembarked at Durazzo in the last few days. These troops and supplies are being moved up toward the central defense line which the Italians are organizing along the line of the Shkumbin River with Elbasan as the central bastion.

The advance outpost of this line is said to be at Tepelini which is protected by a 6000-foot mountain upon which the Italians were reported to be installing artillery batteries and machine gun posts in expectation of the Greek attack.

R. A. F. Co-operates

Royal Air Force units co-operating with the Greeks are attempting to hinder Italian defensive efforts and the sending of new troops and supplies to Albania. R. A. F. planes were reported by their command to have attacked Valona heavily despite bad weather.

In the central sector of the Epirus front it was said that Greek progress was being slowed by heavy weather.

The last isolated Italian units in the area north and west of Pogradec were said to have been mopped up today.

The Italians now are talking about a coming battle for Valona which may be decisive for Italy's position in the country. The Rome communiqué indicated that Greece will hold the initiative in the war by again reporting Greek attacks on the seacoast and central fronts—attacks which it claimed were thrown back with heavy Greek losses.

An official Rome communiqué set Italian losses in the Greek war during November at 3428 troops killed, wounded or missing.

Italian losses in North Africa during the month were placed at 42 killed, 107 wounded and 10 missing. In East Africa the figures were 26 killed, 70 wounded, seven missing.

Balkan Diplomacy

A move of possible significance in the Balkan situation was the revelation that Hungary and Yugoslavia probably will sign a treaty of non-aggression and friendship at Belgrade tomorrow. Hungary's Foreign Minister Count Stephen Czarky and Yugoslavia's Foreign Minister A. Cincar-Markovich will be the principals in the ceremony.

It was not yet clear whether the Axis was employing its satellite state, Hungary, as the entering wedge of a drive to bring Yugoslavia into the Axis framework of Balkan nations which now includes Hungary, Rumania and Slovakia.

War at Sea

The Germans reported continued successes in the siege of Britain. The High Command asserted that a Nazi raider believed to be operating in Atlantic waters had sunk more

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total

1939 40 52 52

1940 48 87 136

Dec. 9—

MONDAY'S TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convict Fines

Violations tried paid

Speeding 17 14 \$104

Reckless driving 2 2 0

Failure to stop at 13 13 29

through street 13 13 29

Disobeying traffic signals 30 24 11

Drunken driving 2 2 35

All others 66 59 50

Totals 130 114 229

MEETINGS TODAY

Bolero Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Young Men's Club, luncheon, Y. M. C. A., noon.

Tau Omega, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Gyre Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Mercator Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

Universal Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

University of Michigan Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Alpha Club, luncheon, Columbus, K. of C. Clubhouse, noon.

Lutheran Service Club, luncheon, Canary Inn.

Finance Paper Credit Group, luncheon, Men's Grill, 11th and Illinois, noon.

Automobile Motor Truck Association, luncheon, Antlers Hotel, noon.

Chamber of Commerce, all day.

Indiana Hospital Association, annual meeting, Hotel Washington, 8:30 p. m.

Indiana Athletic Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, 12:15 p. m.

Indiana Title Association, luncheon, 10 a. m.

Alpha Omicron Alpha Gamma chapter, meeting, Hotel Washington, 2 p. m.

AMERICA LISTED BY FUEHRER AS ON ENEMY SIDE

Promises Harder Blows for British and Eventual German Victory.

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little. The German people can stand it. They will appreciate it if I rather wait longer and save them many sacrifices that can thus be avoided."

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that the German freighter Idarwald, trying to run the blockade from Tampico, Mexico, sank after being set afire. A prize crew from the British cruiser Dromedary which intercepted the vessel was unable to prevent the sinking.

The 45 men of the Idarwald are prisoners aboard the Diomedes, the London announcement said.

The Canadian destroyer Saguenay has been torpedoed by an enemy submarine in the eastern Atlantic," and 21 men are missing and presumably dead, a naval communiqué issued in Ottawa said. Eighteen ratings were wounded.

No details were given, but it was reported that the destroyer was escorting a convoy somewhere off the Irish Coast in the "U-boat zone."

The communiqué said the Saguenay was able to reach port and is being repaired.

The British Admiralty reported shipping losses for the week ended Dec. 1 at 52,000 tons, an unusually low level. This compares with a German claim that 227,000 tons were sunk in that week.

Aerial War

The war in the air was at one of its temporary standstills. Germany reported British planes made only a single incursion into western Germany last night while London said attacks were made on the Nazis submarine base at Lorient, on the French coast.

There was no air activity of moment over Britain.

Far East

French Indo-China and Thailand reported exchanges of bombing raids.

Authoritative sources in Hanoi, French Indo-China, said that Thailand airplanes bombed the frontier town of Savannakhet twice yesterday, damaging hospital grounds and severing telegraph wires, but causing no casualties.

French planes were said to have retaliated last night by dropping 3400 pounds of bombs on Undorn, an airport 25 miles south of Vientiane, causing fires. The French also dropped leaflets, it was said.

Thailand reported that French Indo-Chinese airplanes bombed and machine-gunned Government offices and other buildings in Nakornnayok, and, French big guns at Savannakhet fired 100 shells into Kukdahan, destroying native houses.

Britain sought to bolster its position to the Axis in the Far East by following the \$100,000,000 American loan to China with an announcement that British financial aid to the Chinkung Government would be boosted by \$40,000,000.

No Bombs

Hitler Ringed by Eight Big Anti-Aircraft Batteries.

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