

War Moves Today

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Offensive operations which the British have started against Italian forces in North Africa seem primarily for the purpose of disrupting the new enemy advanced base at Sidi Barrani and the newly constructed line of communications running back to the Libyan border. Associated with this movement is an effort to cut off the Italian forces at Sidi Barrani and vicinity.

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Since then they have dug wells and made more effective the desert road connections with Libya, about 80 miles westward, where the main Italian Army is centered.

Sidi Barrani has been transformed into a fairly strong base for any eventual Italian drive eastward through the Egyptian desert to Alexandria, Cairo and Suez. If the enemy position there can be disintegrated it will be necessary for Marshal Graziani to reorganize all his plans for an offensive.

The Italians have moved most of their Sidi Barrani forces slightly southward from the Mediterranean Coast line. The coast is open to bombardment by the British Mediterranean fleet and Graziani has tried to overcome this handicap by getting as far as possible out of range of the naval guns.

The British drive is aimed against the southern extension of the Italian front, which apparently extends some 35 miles away from the coast. The British strategy is to fold up the Italian right wing in an effort to force it back to the coast as targets for the British fleet.

Were that to happen, the Italians

would have to abandon Sidi Barrani and begin a retirement toward Libya. Between Sidi Barrani and the Libyan border there is no first-class intermediate base. Once the Italians were dislodged from Sidi Barrani, it would be unsafe for them to try to make a permanent base elsewhere than along the Libyan frontier.

As an alternative to being driven back to the coast, the Italians might move their entire force westward toward Libya, retreating by a straight line along the 35-mile front which runs south from Sidi Barrani. Such an operation, however, would require complete abandonment of Sidi Barrani without determined resistance.

The importance of Sidi Barrani to the Italian plans, however, makes it certain that Marshal Graziani will have to resist the British advance to the utmost.

30,000 Italians in Egypt Reported in British Trap

Greeks Roll Forward in Albania, R. A. F. Hammers Port of Valona.

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Increased the Government was confident the Nazi threat could be overcome.

In Moscow, it was disclosed that Soviet Union defense preparations are being pushed with greatest vigor. This followed persistent reports that Russia has refused to agree to German thrusts into the Balkans.

Soviet Russia is "encircled" by capitalistic foes, according to a speech by Gen. G. K. Zhukov, commander of the important Kiev military district, and the Red Army "must be trained to feel the bitterest hatred and contempt for our enemies," regardless of who those enemies may be.

Balkans Nearby

The foreign area most directly "encircled" the Kiev district is the Balkans, especially Rumania, where the Nazis recently have tightened their grip.

Referring to military developments, the Fascist newspaper spokesman, Virginio Gayda, said that Italy was confident of eventual victory, but realized that the war involved great sacrifices.

African War Front

The British version of the desert operations in Egypt was that the Italian lines had been slashed through to the coast and that an effort was being made to drive the Italians back from advance bases at Maktila and Nebiwa so that the British naval and air force could bombard them.

London admitted, however, that the Italians had superior numbers and possibly superior equipment and the outcome of the battle may depend upon speed of maneuver.

From the Italian viewpoint, a Rome communique said that the British obviously were attempting to force the Italians to fight on two fronts—Greece and Africa—both of which presented difficult supply problems and it was suggested in Fascist sources that the British would concentrate all of their power against Italy because of in-

ability to strike at Germany at present.

The Rome communique admitted that Libyan troops on the advance lines had been forced to fall back on Sidi Barrani after fierce fighting but said that the famous Blackshirt Division and the first Libyan Division withstood attack "of exceptional violence" on Monday and yesterday. The fighting continued severe, it added.

Greek-Italian War

Dispatches to Yugoslavia said Greek artillery shells were crashing into Telepini, setting fires and causing heavy casualties. The shelling came from the village of Benca, which they occupied early today after a fierce battle. They also were attempting to outflank Fort Palermo, into which Italians who formerly held Porto Edda had been driven.

It was reported that fierce fighting also raged on the Central Front where Italians were said to have repulsed in stubborn fighting a Greek attempt to enter the village of Gramsi.

The Greeks were reported to encircle Gramsi and to have pushed troops to within a mile of the town.

An Athens communique said that British and Greek planes attacking Valona, hit a number of harbor establishments and buildings in an effort to break the line over which Italian supplies and reinforcements have been moving from Italy.

The Italian communique reported no developments worthy of mention on the Albanian front.

Reaction to Hitler Talk

While British sources viewed Adolf Hitler's speech in a Berlin arms factory yesterday as a sign of weakness, dispatches from Turkey indicated belief—or hope—that the Balkans would escape a new war thrust at least until spring.

Turkish sources indicated more strongly than ever that Soviet Russia had failed to fall into line with German plans in the Balkans and that no immediate Nazi move in that direction (to aid Italy or to attack Britain in the Near East) was to be expected.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County	City	Total
1939	40	52
1940	50	87
—Dec. 10		137

Injured 5 | Accidents 14
Dead 1 | Arrests 122

TUESDAY'S TRAFFIC COURT

Violations	Cases	Convicted	Fines
Speeding	45	44	\$230
Reckless driving	12	11	9
Failure to stop through street	18	14	14
Disobeying traffic signals	16	12	16
Drunken driving	0	0	0
All others	115	111	37
Totals	206	192	\$306

MEETINGS TOMORROW

Indianapolis Real Estate Board, luncheon, 10 a. m.
Hotel Washington, noon.
Advertising Club of Indianapolis, luncheon, 12:30 p. m.
Indianapolis Athletic Club, luncheon, 1:30 p. m.
Caravan Club, luncheon, Murat Temple, noon.
Oil Club, luncheon, Hotel Severin, noon.
Construction League of Indianapolis, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.
Indianapolis Camera Club, meeting, 110 E. Ninth St., 8 p. m.
Beta Theta Pi, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.
Lambda Chi Alpha Alumni Association, luncheon, Rust Cafe, noon.
Indianapolis Motor Transportation Club, Inc., luncheon, Fox's Great House, noon.
Indiana Horticultural Society, annual meeting, Hotel Severin, all day.
Sigma Chi, 4th anniversary, dinner, Indianapolis Athletic Club, 6:30 p. m.
Fennell Co., luncheon and meeting, Claypool Hotel.
Veterans Administration, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6:30 p. m.
Wilde, luncheon, dinner, Claypool Hotel, 6:30 p. m.
Hoosier Legion, 53, meeting, Hotel Severin, 7:30 p. m.
Eli Lilly Co., breakfast and dinner, Hotel Severin, 8:15 a. m. and 6 p. m.
Farm Security Administration, school, Hotel Severin, all day.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Clerk's Office. The Times therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Charles Albright, 28, of 623 N. Beville; Carmen Pax, 21, of 418 E. Ninth.
William E. H. 4015 Orion.
Laverne Gardner, 22, of 1432 N. Linwood.
Paul T. Smith, 20, of 2009 Boulevard.
Place, Elvora C. Brock, 18, of 1225 N. Senate.
John Jackson, 28, of 22 W. Arizona.
Jeanne White, 19, of 1532 E. Ohio.
Kenneth S. McCoy, 21, of 1532 E. Ohio.
Martha Stanford, 19, of 5303 Julian.

BIRTHS

Millard, Louise Leslie, at St. Vincent's.
Wilbur, Pauline Armstrong, at St. Francis.
Earl, Virginia Armstrong, at St. Francis.
Forrest, Martha Glendell, at Coleman.
Thompson, Emily Kurrie, at Coleman.
John, Ruth McClelland, at Coleman.
George, Mary Scruggs, at 1510 Selwyn.
Walter, Marcia McDaniels, at St. Vincent's.

Walter, LaVerne Harely, at Methodist.
Norbert, Kathryn McAfee, at Methodist.
Edward, Dorothy Huber, at Methodist.
William, Jennie Duncan, at Methodist.
Ralph, Barbara Holmes, at Methodist.
Lee, Maude Hooker, at Methodist.
Howard, Della Kinney, at St. Francis.
Bryan, Elizabeth Crump, at Coleman.
Frank, Florence Herron, at City.
Curtis, Marcella Porter, at 3132 Lancaster.

DEATHS

Florence Mitchell, 69, at 2028 Brookside.
Influenza.
Maud L. Thomas, 56, at Central Indiana.
brain tumor.
Ella Greenwood, 80, at 1339 S. Richland.
chronic myocarditis.
Ruth Shuppper, 35, at Coleman, toxemia.
Charles Gail, 73, at 520 E. Vermont.
cerebral hemorrhage.
Reuma Thomas, 44, at Veterans, tuberculosis.
Bertha Korbewicz, 75, at St. Vincent's, chronic nephritis.
George Henry Jaeger, 43, at Long, cardiac decompensation.
Fred C. Reimer, 74, at 442 N. LaSalle, pericarditis.
Frema Wright, 61, at City, cerebral hemorrhage.
Amanda O. Whitner, 79, at 1415 W. Ohio, broncho-pneumonia.
Cora B. Palmer, 68, at 20th and Arlington, cardiac vascular renal.
Margaret A. Thieske, 86, at 1335 Barth, chronic myocarditis.
Charles Earl Salstead, 51, at 108 S. Butler, coronary occlusion.
William Earl Schooley, 50, at 543 N. Gray, cerebral apoplexy.
Custave C. Urgan, 55, at 3701 E. Michigan, cerebral hemorrhage.

OFFICIAL WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight and tomorrow; slightly warmer tonight with lowest temperature about 38.

Sunrise 6:37 Sunset 4:20

TEMPERATURE

—Dec. 11, 1939—

6 a. m. 25.11 p. m. 43

BAROMETER

6:30 a. m. 30.24

Precipitation 24 hrs ending 7 a. m. 0

Total precipitation since Jan. 1 26.25

Deficiency since Jan. 1 11.72

MIDWEST WEATHER

Indiana — Cloudy, occasional rain in south and rain or snow in north portion tonight and tomorrow, slightly warmer to night.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES, 6:30 A. M.

Stations Weather Bar. Temp.

Amesbury, Tex. Cloudy 30.07 33

Bismarck, N. D. Snow 30.24 25

Boston Cloudy 30.25 35

Chicago Cloudy 30.39 29

Cincinnati Cloudy 30.34 35

Cleveland Cloudy 30.39 35

Chester Cloudy 30.04 30

Dodge City, Kan. Snow 30.15 23

Jacksonville, Fla. Foggy 30.30 48

Kansas City, Mo. Snow 30.20 30

Little Rock, Ark. PCldy 30.13 51

Los Angeles 29.85 55

Mpls-St. Paul PCldy 30.18 74

Mobile, Ala. Cloudy 30.25 42

New Orleans Foggy 30.27 46

New York Cloudy 30.27 37

Ola, City, Okla. Cloudy 30.13 37

Omaha, Neb. Cloudy 30.33 31

Pittsburgh Cloudy 30.38 34

Portland, Ore. Clear 30.27 37

San Antonio, Tex. Rain 29.94 67

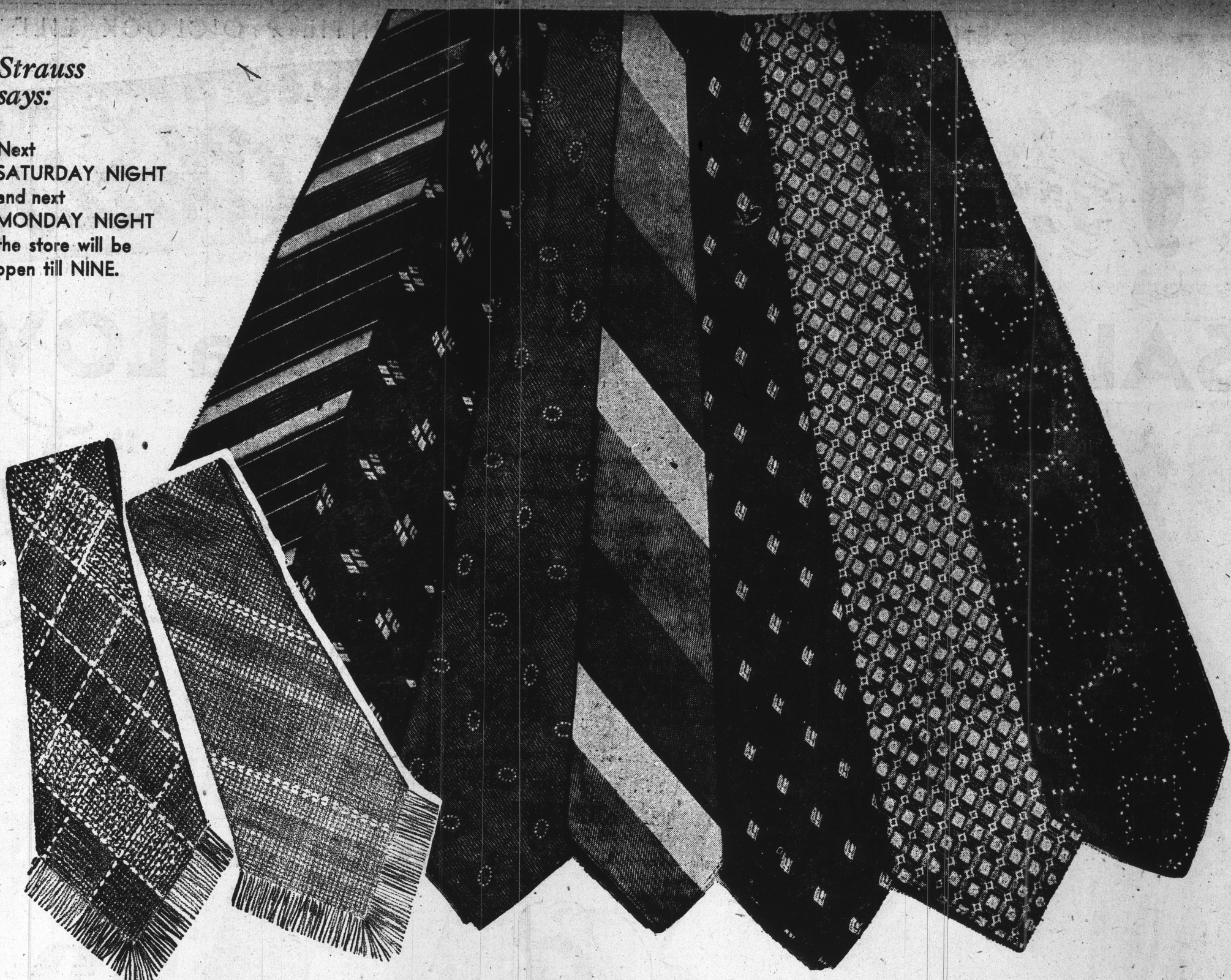
San Francisco Clear 30.35 52

Tampa, Fla. Clear 30.35 52

Washington, D. C. Cloudy 30.33 48

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