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German Troops Reported Poised for March Into Bulgaria

F.D.R. ASKS BILLIONS FOR ARMS

'We're Off to See Wizard of Oz,' Australians Sing As They Barge In on Bardia to Seize Italians

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WITH THE BRITISH FORCES
AT BARDIA, Jan. 6.—The British flag flies over the Italian Government house in Bardia today. Empire forces have won their greatest victory of the war.

More than 25,000 Italian prisoners, picked of the Italian Army that was to march to the Suez Canal, are in British hands and straggling back to the rear.

Among them are Gen. Annibale Sangiorgi, commander-in-chief of the Bardia forces, called "Electric Beard" because of his sparkling blue-black whiskers; a corps commander and four other generals.

Millions of dollars in war spoils, including at least \$5,000,000 in motor trucks alone, have fallen into British hands.

2 IN ALLERDICE FAMILY DEAD

Mother and Son, 7, Die in Fire; Allerdice Sr., David Jr. Are Burned.

With two members of their family dead in a blazing tragedy, David Allerdice Sr. and his son, David Jr., were in Methodist Hospital today, apparently winning a fight against severe burns.

Mrs. David Allerdice Sr. and her 7-year-old son, Anthony, whom she tried to rescue, lost their lives. Their apartment home at 3617 Washington Blvd. was wrecked early yesterday morning in a fire believed to have been caused by a lighted candle in the front room.

David Jr., halfback passing star on the Princeton University football team, had been spending the Christmas holidays with his family. When he came home early yesterday from a dance, he found the second-story apartment ablaze.

Saves Father's Life

His heroic efforts were credited with saving his father's life.

David Jr. pushed up the front stairs and found his father in a daze trying to reach Mrs. Allerdice and Anthony at the rear of the apartment.

Young Allerdice grabbed his father, but both toppled down the stairs and were knocked unconscious. Regaining consciousness, David Jr. tried again to climb the stairs to save his mother and brother, but was driven back by the intense heat.

Firemen had arrived by that time and they carried out Mrs. Allerdice and Anthony, both overcome by smoke. After efforts by a rescue squad to revive them with inhalators had failed, a City Hospital ambulance doctor pronounced them dead.

Son John Absent

While firemen threw furniture out the second-story windows, Mr. Allerdice Sr. stood barefooted in the snow, painfully burned and overcome with grief.

Another Allerdice son, John, 19, freshman football player at the University of Michigan, was not at home. He was spending the night at the home of Dr. E. L. Lingeman, 513 N. Capitol Ave.

Mrs. W. A. Bowen, who lives the first door south of the Allerdices, says she was awakened by the crackling of the flames and called police and firemen.

It is believed that Mrs. Allerdice discovered the fire and rushed to the rear room where Anthony was sleeping. Firemen were unable to open the door and three of them had to break it down to make the rescue.

Mr. Allerdice Sr. awakened and came into the hall when his wife ran to the back room and it was then that David Jr. rushed up the front stairs.

Mr. Allerdice Sr.'s wife was (Continued on Page Three)

Tragedy Figures



Anthony Allerdice . . . dies with mother.



David Allerdice Jr. . . . saves his father.

SNOW OR RAIN DUE AS MERCURY RISES

Low of 20 Possible; Fire Sweeps Office.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

6 a. m.	11	10 a. m.	20
7 a. m.	12	11 a. m.	22
8 a. m.	11	12 (noon)	24
9 a. m.	15	1 p. m.	26

The first cold wave of the year, which took temperatures to 4 degrees at 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning, had just about spent itself today and Indianapolis was promised higher temperatures to-morrow by the Weather Bureau.

With the higher temperatures there may be light snow late tonight or tomorrow and the snow may change to freezing rains to-morrow, the bureau predicted.

The experience here will coincide with most Middle Western points as the cold wave moves eastward. In Indianapolis two fires attributed to the cold weather were reported.

Apparently caused by an overheated furnace, a fire early today swept through the office-residence of Dr. J. L. Storey, 3434 N. Illinois St., downtown.

No one was at home at the time of the fire. Dr. Storey is on vacation in Brownsville, Tex., and a man he hired to attend the furnace was not on the premises.

Firemen said the blaze had spread to nearly every part of the structure by the time they arrived. Fireman August Schmidt, 50, of 1217 N. Oxford St., was overcome by smoke, but the man was described as not serious.

SCHRICKER HAS AIDS SELECTED

He'll Announce Heads of All State Departments Despite G. O. P.

By NOBLE REED

Governor-Elect Henry F. Schricker will take over control of the State Government in a single swoop a few minutes after he takes the oath of office next Monday.

Ignoring plans of Republican majority legislators to strip him of executive powers, Mr. Schricker, a Democrat, announced today that he will appoint all the major State department heads the same day he takes office.

He declined to discuss possible complications that might result from proposed G. O. P. legislation, setting up four Republican-controlled executive boards to run the Government.

Wilken Gets Post

Mr. Schricker started his long list of appointments today when he named Ed Wilken, of Knox, his executive secretary in the Governor's office and Ray E. Smith, editor of the Hoosier Sentinel, as undersecretary in charge of State penal affairs.

Mrs. Effie Reas Talbot, of Corydon, will be Mr. Schricker's private secretary.

The new State Highway Commission already has been chosen, Mr. Schricker said, "but I will not make the appointments public until next week."

James D. Adams, of Columbia City, former Highway Commission chairman during the administration of former Governor Paul V. McNutt, is expected to be named chairman by Mr. Schricker.

Plans to Name Friday

He also indicated that he intends to name Lieut. Col. John F. Friday as acting Adjutant General during the absence of Adj. Gen. Elmer F. Straub, who will take over a command in a U. S. Army camp soon.

The Governor-elect said he will make appointments in other major state divisions the same day, including the Attorney General, Alcohol Beverages Commission, State Welfare Board, Gross Income Tax director and others.

Republican majority leaders have announced they intend to enact a reorganization bill, putting these departments under four major executive boards, the majority members of which would be Republican elected officials. Mr. Schricker would have only a minority voice on the proposed boards.

The Governor-elect indicated he (Continued on Page Three)

TOWNSEND SEEKING WPA DEFENSE HELP

Times Special

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—Governor M. Clifford Townsend is here today to confer with Chester Davis regarding a possible position in the national defense setup after he retires from the Governorship next Monday.

Governor Townsend has been mentioned for a position in the defense organization, which would bring him in contact with both farmers and organized labor. He also may confer with Sidney Hillman today, it was said.

"My primary purpose is to try and get some WPA funds for the rapidly expanding defense project areas in Indiana," Governor Townsend said.

He is accompanied by his secretary, Tristam Coffin, and expects to return to Indianapolis tonight.

STOCK MARKET UP

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—The stock market advanced and held firm today as traders awaited President Roosevelt's address on the state of the nation. Steels led the upturn.

Under Knife



Ed Wilken . . . condition serious but not critical.

Ed Wilken of Knox, appointed executive secretary to Governor-elect Henry F. Schricker, underwent an intestinal operation Wednesday as the date picked by Balkan diplomats as likely for the Nazi move.

Objective Not Revealed

It was presumed that the German troops would enter from across the border from Rumania where they have been massed in numbers estimated as high as 500,000 in recent weeks.

The information did not specify the objective of the Nazi move. However, it has been made plain by advices from Balkan capitals that Germany has at least two possible movements.

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STATE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEETS

Map Patronage Strategy, Consolidate Forces.

State Republican Committee members convened here today to look over the spoils of the Nov. 5 election.

They were to outline party strategy in connection with the vast patronage privileges that will be given party leaders under the Republican State government reorganization bills.

They also were to consolidate party forces against a possible break in the ranks over legislation and seek a full party vote in the General Assembly on partisan issues.

State G. O. P. Chairman Arch. N. Bobbitt has called all 95 Republican members of the Legislature into full caucus at the Clavop Hotel Wednesday afternoon for ratification of the final draft of the reorganization bills.

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A government source said:

"It is absolutely false that Germany has given Bulgaria an ultimatum or made demands upon Bulgaria either through Piloff or any other channel."

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—It was reported today that Germany has "loaned" 2500 air-planes to Bulgaria and has sent increasing numbers of anti-aircraft crews into Rumania.

ERINIE PYLE IN LONDON

Someone Gave Him a Wrong Tip—He Finds

Scads of Hot Water and a 'Dream of a Bed'

ONDON (By Wireless)—Some

very wrong things were told me in America about the way I would have to live in London.

I was told that even in

the best hotels you could get hot water only

one day a week; that you couldn't get any laundry done, so you had to

throw away your soiled

shirts and buy new ones; that you couldn't

buy any new ones; that there

would be no decent hotel rooms;

that you could get only one egg a week, and no tea; that food was

SOFIA BOWS TO NAZI DEMANDS, ADVICES CLAIM

Move May Come Wednesday; Free Hand for Russia

In Finland Indicated.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (U. P.)—Private advices received by the United Press from New York today that German troops will march into Bulgaria shortly as a result of a Nazi ultimatum which was reported to have been accepted by Bulgaria.

The information reaching the United Press said that the German ultimatum was delivered Saturday and that Bulgaria acquiesced to it unluckily proclaim it so to be.

According to this account, Germany's demands were presented to Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Piloff by Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop at a conference Saturday.

In this connection it was recalled that Piloff was reported to have disappeared from his mountain home on Saturday and left for Salzburg, near Von Ribbentrop's mountain estate.

The information obtained by the United Press indicated that the German demands were submitted at this conference and that Bulgaria, apparently in line with previous advices from Sofia, found herself unable to resist Germany's wishes.

In Budapest a Hungarian censor severed the telephone connection when a United Press correspondent reported the cryptic news that Giurgiu, big Rumanian Danube port opposite Rushchuk, Bulgaria, had been "evacuated" this morning. Previously German troop concentrations had been reported at Giurgiu and the Germans were said to be constructing a big ferry or pontoon bridge there.

Belgrade dispatches mentioned Wednesday as the date picked by Balkan diplomats as likely for the Nazi move.

The operation was performed by Dr. W. D. Gatch, dean of the Indiana University Medical School, who reported Mr. Wilkin's condition as "serious but not critical."

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