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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

By R. D. MILLAN and JAN YINDRICH
United Press Staff Correspondents
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 pick 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 Berganzoli, 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.
The way is open to Tobruk, 60 miles to the west, and the British forces are eager to go.
Bardia fell 35 hours after Australian infantry behind Russian-manned British tanks had opened the final assault.
The Empire forces broke through 16 separate lines of barbed wire defenses and a deep, wide tank ditch to storm the city. They advanced, the Australian infantrymen singing, "We're Off to See the Wizard of Oz," the wizard being Mussolini, for 300 yards across flat open desert sand under one of the worst artillery bombardments these correspondents have seen in years of war reporting, and another 200 yards in the face of direct machine-gun fire.
It was understood that Australian casualties were fewer than 500 men.

They entered the city through a shower of bullets from windows of houses—and the resistance collapsed. By thousands, the Italians began pouring out into the streets to surrender.
The day had broken in a blaze of desert sunlight which threw a glow over burning Bardia when on Friday the advance began.
The tanks at the first glimmer of dawn had wheeled into position, throwing up clouds of dust, the noise of their motors drowned in a sudden din of artillery and naval gunfire directed at the Italian stronghold.
The Australian infantrymen behaved as if they were going to a picnic as they fixed bayonets and started out.
For 18 days they had been concentrating secretly and waiting for the signal to go, while artillery, airplanes and warships pounded Bardia until it was in burning ruins.
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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 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, 5133 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 kick 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's name 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 tomorrow by the Weather Bureau.
Firemen said the blaze 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 his condition was described as not serious.
Jacob Dalley, 59, Terre Haute, Ind., caretaker on the lot of the Scanlon Auto Sales, 3942 E. Washington St., was burned on the left ankle and foot yesterday when a trailer on the car lot caught fire.

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 C. 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 campaign manager, as 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.
He also indicated that he intends to name Lieut. Col. John 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 Beverage 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)

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 at Methodist Hospital today.
The operation was performed by Dr. W. D. Getch, dean of the Indiana University Medical School, who reported Mr. Wilken's condition as "serious but not critical."
He is expected to be confined to the hospital for two or three weeks. While he is recovering, his duties as executive secretary will be handled by Tris Coffin, present secretary to Governor Townsend.

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 strategies 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 Claypool Hotel Wednesday afternoon for ratification of the final draft of the reorganization bills."
FRENCH BLIZZARDS KILL 13
VICHY, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—Blizzards and heavy snowfalls throughout France and temperatures that fell to four below zero were reported today to have caused at least 13 deaths.

TOWNSEND SEEKING WPA DEFENSE HELP

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, Tristram 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 uptick.

SOFIA BOWS TO NAZI DEMANDS, ADVICES CLAIM

Move May Come Wednesday; Free Hand for Russia in Finland Indicated.

(Copyright, 1941, by United Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—Private advice received by the United Press in 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 the Nazi demands.
According to this account, Germany's demands were presented to Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Filov 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 advice 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 Giugiu, big Rumanian Danube port opposite Ruschchuk, Bulgaria, had been "evacuated" this morning. Previously German troop concentrations had been reported at Giugiu 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.
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 days.
The information did not specify the objective of the Nazi move. However, it has been made plain by advice from Balkan capitals that Germany has at least two possible movements.
One would be a direct push on to Salonika which would bring Nazi troops to the coast of the vital Aegean Sea.
Russia's Position Not Clear
The other would be to bring pressure on Greece to end her war against Italy under threat of German invasion and to bring pressure on Turkey to remain neutral under the same threat.
Russia's position in this situation is not clear, some Balkan reports, however, have suggested that Germany has promised Russia a free hand in Finland in return for Soviet non-intervention in the Balkans.

German Ultimatum Denied in Sofia

SOPIA, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—Highest official sources today denied that Premier Bogdan Filov has "yet" seen German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.
A government source said: "It is absolutely false that Germany has given Bulgaria an ultimatum or made demands upon Bulgaria either through Filov or any other channel."
BUDAPEST, Hungary, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—It was reported today that Germany has "loaned" 2500 airplanes to Bulgaria and has sent increasing numbers of anti-aircraft crews into Rumania.

Ernie Pyle in London

Someone Gave Him a Wrong Tip—He Finds Scads of Hot Water and a 'Dream of a Bed'

LONDON (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 things; that there would be no decent hotel rooms; that you could get only one egg a week, and no tea; that food was so scarce it would be wise to bring concentrated food tablets and plenty of beef bouillon cubes.
Well, you ought to see where I'm staying.
My room is the last word in good taste. It is completely modern and comfortable. There are deep chairs, and a bed that is a dream. I have two telephones, and a waiter, maid and valet who come when I ring. My bathroom is as big as an ordinary room, and the water is scalding hot 24 hours a day.
Above all, the radiator gives off real heat. I'm as warm as I would be at home.
On my first morning here I asked if it would be possible to get an egg for breakfast. I not only got an egg, they brought me two eggs, ham, toast, jam and coffee, and they've been bringing the same thing every morning. Honestly, I feel ashamed to eat it.
Of course, only a tiny portion of London's population is living like this. My circumstances don't give anything like a true picture of how England is living today, for there is rationing of food and economizing in fuel, all of which I shall tell about later.
But my life now is at least a true picture of how it is possible to live in London if you pay the price. And the price I pay the hotel is \$6 a day, which includes breakfast.

SHIP TRANSFER COMPLETED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—Transfer of 50 over-age U. S. destroyers to Great Britain has been completed and all of the vessels are now in the hands of the British, the Navy Department announced today.

High Court Upholds NLRB Desist Order

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—The Supreme Court today reprimanded the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago for refusing to sustain a National Labor Relations Board order against the Link-Belt Co., a Chicago machinery manufacturer.
The lower court had set aside the NLRB decree on the ground it lacked substantial evidence. The Board carried the case to the high court and this tribunal held today that the Labor Board has the power to draw inferences from the facts in a labor dispute.
The NLRB decree in question asserted that the company interfered with and dominated the Independent Union of Craftsmen, an unaffiliated organization, and required the firm to disestablish it and cease recognizing it as a collective bargaining agent.
Charges against Link-Belt were filed by the C. I. O. Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.
In another case, the Court ruled that a company's refusal to sign a written labor contract with a union after they have reached an agreement on terms is an unfair labor practice.

STEPHENSON PAROLE PLEA UP WEDNESDAY

At 10 a. m. Wednesday the State Clemency Commission will consider the petition of D. C. Stephenson, former Klan leader, for a parole.
Alban Smith, his attorney, will represent Stephenson, who now is recuperating at a La Porte hospital, from a gall bladder operation, Mrs. Martha Salo, commission secretary, said.
The former Klan leader, serving a life term for murder in connection with the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, was granted a temporary parole for the operation. It will expire Jan. 18.

A Rundown On Mr. Pelley

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'We Look Forward to a World Free From Fear'

ARMED DEFENSE of democratic existence is now being gallantly waged in four continents. If that defense fails, all the population and all the resources of Europe, Asia, Africa and Australasia will be dominated by the conquerors. The total of those populations and their resources greatly exceeds the sum total of the populations and resources for the whole of the Western Hemisphere—many times over.

Our actions and our policy should be devoted primarily—all most exclusively—to meeting the foreign peril ... all our domestic problems are now a part of the great emergency.

The immediate need is a swift and driving increase in our armament production.

Our most useful and immediate role is to act as an arsenal for them as well as for ourselves. They do not need man power. They do need billions of dollars worth of the weapons of defense.

Such aid is not an act of war, even if a dictator should unilaterally proclaim it so to be.

The basic things expected by our people ... are: Equality of opportunity ... Jobs for those who can work ... Security for those who need it ... The ending of special privilege ... Preservation of civil liberties for all ... Enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress.

We should bring more citizens under the coverage of old-age pensions and unemployment insurance. We should widen the opportunities for adequate medical care. We should plan a better system by which persons deserving or needing gainful employment may obtain it.

A part of the sacrifice means the payment of more money in taxes. No person should try, or be allowed, to get rich out of this program, and the principle of tax payments in accordance with ability to pay should be constantly before our eyes to guide our legislation.

We look forward to a world founded upon ... freedom of speech and expression ... freedom of every person to worship God in his own way ... freedom from want ... freedom from fear ... The world order which we seek is the co-operation of free countries, working together in a friendly, civilized society.

Polices Police On Radio Test

SEATTLE, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—While police radio operator Hadley Clarke lined up his station on test calls, he whistled a few bars of "Down Argentine Way." Another officer ran into the room.
"Hey," he shouted. "You can't do that. We haven't any contract with ASCAP."
Mr. Clarke finished the test with "Old Black Joe."

RESURFACING URGED FOR CENTRAL AVENUE

Project Would Bring North-South Artery Nearer.

The resurfacing of Central Ave. from Ft. Wayne Ave. to 34th St., which would bring the City one step nearer to the vision of a through north-south artery, was proposed by the Works Board today.
The improvement would be part of a plan, proposed several years ago, to create a through highway from the North to the South Side via Central Ave. and S. East St.
Part of the work was completed with the reconstruction of S. East St. two years ago.
Board members conferred with James P. Tretton, Indianapolis Railways, Inc., general manager, on the possibility of getting the utility's aid for the improvement.
Mr. Tretton said the company would be willing to remove the streetcar tracks, but would await the City's estimate on the cost of resurfacing before considering sharing the expense.
City Engineer M. G. Johnson was ordered to prepare an estimate of the cost.

LOWER COURT GIVEN LINK-BELT REBUKE

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TURN AMERICA INTO ARSENAL, MESSAGE SAYS

Favors Arms Loan to All Who Fight Tyranny; New Taxes Suggested.

(Text of Message, Page Six)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt today asked Congress for appropriations and authorizations to provide "billions of dollars worth of weapons" for nations fighting against the march of aggressors in all parts of the world.

Such assistance from an America turned into a tremendous arsenal is essential said the President, because the future of the United States and all the Americas is menaced seriously by the tyranny of aggressor nations across the sea.

Without naming any specific figure, Mr. Roosevelt said that billions are needed and are asked for to provide the weapons by which democracies can defend themselves.

Explaining that these weapons would be loaned to the embattled democracies—such as Britain, Greece and China—he did not, however, make specific recommendations to carry out these transactions, that will come later.

The President delivered his message in person to a joint session of Congress which had just counted the electoral votes and declared him elected for the first third term in American history. Radio carried his words throughout the country and beamed them abroad in six languages.

He gave Congress assurance that "for what we send abroad, we shall be repaid, within a reasonable time following the close of hostilities, in similar materials, or, at our option, in other goods of many kinds which they can produce and which we need."

Repeats Scorn of Threats

The President said he was speaking at an unprecedented moment in this country's history "because at no previous time has American security been as seriously threatened from without as it is today."

Mr. Roosevelt reiterated his scorn of threats from the dictatorships that they might regard United States aid to the embattled democracies as warlike acts.

"When the dictatorships are ready to make war upon us, they will not wait for an act of war on our part," he said. "They did not wait for Norway or Belgium or the Netherlands to commit an act of war."

Calls for Sacrifices

Transformation of America into an arsenal for world democracy, said Mr. Roosevelt, will entail sacrifices including heavier taxes which he will recommend in his budget Wednesday.

But he said that "the happiness of future generations of Americans may well depend upon how effective and how immediate we can make our aid felt."

"We must all prepare to make the sacrifices that the emergency— (Continued on Page Three)

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