

BRITISH AIRPLANES BLAST AT TORBRUK

Drive Westward in Libya;
R. A. F. Attacks Brest;
Greeks Gain on Coast.

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deeper into Libya in what may become a race with German air force reinforcements for Tobruk.

Other developments included:

In Albania the Greeks drove on toward Valona despite bitter resistance from the Italians. British airmen attacked the central base of Elbasan.

R. A. F. Attacks Brest

In London it became known that the fifth of Britain's great new super-dreadnaughts, the Duke of York, recently has been launched. This would indicate that at least some of these battleships are now on duty with the fleet.

Bangkok reported a new outbreak of hostilities between Thailand and French Indo-China.

British planes attacked Brest, on the French invasion coast, for the second straight day yesterday and also attacked German airfields, the Air Ministry said.

German reconnaissance planes caused four daylight air raid alarms in London as they sought to penetrate the city's defenses in what British described as a vain search for fires supposed to have been started during the night in a blitzkrieg raid. The fire bombs were rained on London for hours, but this time London was ready. Fire fighters and civilian volunteers put them out.

Fire Started, Berlin Says

Berlin said that the Luftwaffe, despite unfavorable weather, dropped explosive and incendiary bombs on London yesterday and attacked military objectives in Southern England and ships in the British coastal area.

The official DNB news agency claimed that large fires were burning in the center of the British capital.

A merchantman of between 3000 and 4000 tons, from a convoy at the south end, was said to have received two hits from bombs of medium caliber which caused the vessel to list heavily.

Fire Awaits Nazi Reply

Neutral Eire had no reply to her protest to Germany against the dropping of bombs in Irish territory, and today prepared for new raids. Principal problems were the evacuation of school children from cities, restriction of lighting and distribution of emergency powers to combat looting during black-outs.

Vichy was cheered by arrival of U.S. Ambassador William D. Leahy. He called upon Foreign Minister Pierre Etienne Flandin and presented his credentials as the representative to the Government which Saturday officially dropped its designation as a "republic."

He came as reports from Berlin and Rome emphasized that substantial differences continue between Vichy and the Axis powers, due, the Axis spokesman said, to a "clique" in France which opposes the kind of "collaboration" Berlin wants.

Air Warfare

When the German planes arrived over London last night, thousands of women and boys ran to rooftops and helped put out hundreds of incendiary fires which a week ago would have burned buildings or block of buildings. Crowds caught at bus and streetcar stops stood in doorways and ran to put out fire bombs as they dropped in the street.

Women and children stood in the streets, in intervals between bomb showers, and chanted in unison:

"We want some more."

The fire raid was not on the concentrated scale of the first one. But hundreds of bombs were dropped and the raid was a fizzle. Damage was done to many buildings, but there was not a single big fire in the entire London area, according to all reports.

At some points, according to witnesses, scores of persons raced each other to be first to put out bombs with sand or stirrup pumps.

Serious damage was done in raids on towns in other parts of Britain but the raids were light, comparatively, and there were few casualties.

There was gunfire during London's forenoon raid alarm periods today, but it was soon evident that the guns were driving back reconnaissance planes from the outskirts and few bombs were dropped.

Battle of Bardia

The Italian public was being prepared for news of the fall of Bardia but no flat announcement of its loss had been made by the Italian High Command.

However, dispatches from Benghazi told of British moves toward Tobruk and the High Command admitted the fall of "strongholds" at Bardia. Italian dispatches told of battles now raging over 10,000 square miles of Libyan territory.

While the capture of Bardia was believed to end for the immediate future any possible Italian land threat to Egypt, capture of Tobruk would remove the possibility that this advanced position could be used by German and Italian air forces in attacking Egypt and British land positions.

Diplomatic Front

In connection with a reported Nazi march on Bulgaria, Turkey was closely watched.

Turkey has declared, however, several times that she would go to war the moment any foreign troops occupied Bulgaria, whose borders reach within 90 miles of the Bosporus and the Dardanelles.

A dispatch from Istanbul said a law prolonging military service for many branches of conscripts was expected to be passed by Parliament today. The period of infantry training was to be increased from one and a half to two and a half years; artillery training from two to three years, and Navy service from three to four years.

The Berlin newspaper *Der Monat*, commenting on general conditions, said: "In view of the unity of the Axis powers it is only natural that German and Italian troops of all branches appear" wherever it is most favorable for them, whether it is in a German or Italian scene of war. This was interpreted as a suggestion that Germany would intervene in the Mediterranean.

Observers said that if Germany crossed Bulgaria, her purpose would be to cut Turkey off from Greece and seize the Greek port of Salonica. In the event of such an invasion, it was said, Jugoslavia would be an unhappy spectator, taking no action even though it has a free zone at the port of Salonica and would lose her only contact with the non-Axis world if she fell.

WEEK-END TRAFFIC CLAIMS 8 HOOISERS

By UNITED PRESS

At least eight persons died in Indiana highway accidents over the week-end.

The most serious crash took four lives when a Pennsylvania Railroad train struck an automobile 10 miles northwest of New Castle.

The dead were: Richard Swartz, 25, of near Kennard, and Carl Thornberry, 30; Mrs. Fay Thorneberry, 28, and Mrs. Bernice Fine, 32, all of New Castle.

Carl Johnson, 32, and his wife, Mrs. Ethel, 29, drowned when their car plunged from the highway atop a flood control levee near there and sank 15 feet into a drainage ditch leading into the Ohio River.

Harold Norton, 34, Evansville, died Saturday after his car ran off the highway near Rockport.

Calvin McClelland, 82, Noblesville, died Saturday night after he was struck by an automobile while crossing the street.

ICC IS PREPARED FOR DEFENSE EMERGENCY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6 (U.P.)—The Interstate Commerce Commission advised Congress today that it is prepared to invoke emergency measures at any time to insure a free flow of defense materials over the nation's railroads.

The Commission, in its annual report, pointed out that while it controls the operations of motor and water carriers it has no emergency powers over those types of transportation. The National Defense Commission may recommend remedial legislation in that respect, the report added.

FIRST TWINS OF 1941

Dr. Loren H. Martin delivered what are believed to be the first twins born in Indianapolis in 1941 yesterday. The boy and girl were born to Mrs. Betty Mogenburg at home, 43 N. Jefferson St.

IN INDIANAPOLIS

Here Is the Traffic Record

County City Total
1940 0 0 0
1941 0 0 0

Jan. 4 and 5—

Injured 8 Accidents 34
Dead 0 Arrests 32

SATURDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convic. Fines
tried tions paid

Speeding 3 3 \$10
Reckless driving 3 2 2
Failure to stop at through street 0 0 0
Driving in traffic signals 2 2 1
Drunken driving 0 0 0
All others 5 3 2
Totals 13 10 \$15

MEETINGS TODAY

Schlesinger Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Service Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Foreign Club, luncheon, 54½ W. Washington St., 8 p.m.

North End Realtors, luncheon, Canary Club, noon.

Notre Dame Club, luncheon, Board of Trade, 6 p.m.

Board of Tr., dinner, Board of Trade, 6 p.m.

Indiana University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

International Association of Retired Bakers and Baffin Pastel Clerks, meeting, Big Four Building, 2 p.m.

American Foundrymen's Association, meeting, Hotel Washington, 6:30 p.m.

Ind. Soc. of Optometrists, state convention, Hotel Severin, all day.

Bruce P. Robison Post No. 133, annual meeting, Hotel Central Christian Church, 6:30 p.m.

Indiana State Swine Breeders' Association, meeting, Claypool Hotel, 10 a.m.

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Peninsular Motors, dinner, Hotel Severin, 7 p.m.

Schricker Aids



Ray E. Smith . . . secretary of Clemency Commission.

BAR'S INQUIRY TACTICS BARED

Court Probers to Conduct Case 'Like a Lawyer Preparing Evidence.'

"Law case methods" will be used by the Indianapolis Bar Association in its investigation into alleged Municipal Court irregularities.

Clarence F. Merrell, investigation committee chairman, said that evidence would be prepared on the basis of investigations by subcommittees appointed Saturday.

"We're going at this in the same way that a lawyer would go about preparing the evidence in a law case for presentation in a law court," Mr. Merrell said.

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