

FRIDAY, JAN. 24, 1941

# BRITAIN STEPS UP ATTACKS IN AFRICA

Selassie Rallies Tribesmen  
In Ethiopia; Rerna Next  
Goal in Libya.

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and Maraua, both west of Tobruk. Raids were made on Italians at Neghelli, Ethiopia, and Italian bombers were destroyed on the ground or shot down at Keru in Italian Eritrea, the British claimed.

British armored columns were astride the main road junction south of Derna, opening the way to a direct advance on Benghazil across the Libyan plateau. Advance units were driving in toward the fort system of Derna preparatory to investing it for later operations.

It was indicated that the important Italian seaplane base of Bomba, 46 miles east of Tobruk, was cut off by the British and possibly in British hands. The base was reported abandoned by the Italians several days ago.

An Australian report said that 25,000 prisoners had been taken at Tobruk, although the official high command estimate was more than 14,000 "so far."

## Rome Admits Attacks

The Rome communiqué admitted the sweeping nature of the British attack in Africa, reporting fighting on the Kenya border, Italian Somaliland, west of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and another British air attack upon Rhodes in the Italian Dodecanese Islands.

The Italians claimed some resistance was still going on in the western fortifications of Tobruk and reported an air raid on Malta. The British, it was admitted, bombed Derna. Capture of some prisoners on the Albanian front was claimed.

Other developments included: The Greeks claimed they had captured 250 Italians in fighting above Klisura. Reports indicated that hostilities in that area were increasing in severity. Italian reinforcements, including mechanized units, have been brought up to meet the threat to Berat and Valona, while Greek forces have been strengthened, possibly for major pushes.

A frontier report from Yugoslavia said that the Italians had ordered the civilian population of Valona, threatened by a Greek drive, evacuated.

## Japan's Offer Accepted

In the Far East Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsukata of Japan asserted that Japan would require 30 to 50 years for the "ideal" establishment of her "new order in East Asia." Matsukata denied charges that Japan had aimlessly watched the war between Thailand and French Indo-China.

The Japanese Foreign Office announced that both French Indo-China and Thailand (Siam) have accepted Japan's offer to mediate in their hostilities over frontier territory and that negotiations were expected to start in Tokyo soon.

In addition to accepting Japanese mediation Thailand and Indo-China have agreed to a truce, the foreign office said.

Meantime, Bangkok reported hostilities still in progress with the Thailand air force carrying out a severe bombardment of Cambodia.

A clue to Italy's economic and financial status appeared in an announcement of a new bond issue to be placed on sale in February—the first issue since the war started. It will carry 5 per cent value and the bonds will be sold at a discount of 2½ per cent.

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## I Was Knocked Down'

MASS DEATHS IN  
RUMANIA BARED

Frontier Reports Indicate  
2500 Slain in Bucharest  
In 3-Day Revolt.

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been imminent for years due to smouldering unrest among the radical Iron Guard faction. Preparations were undertaken for the uprising with the motto: "victory or death."

Many students were known to have participated in the break. Antonescu declared that they were misled by "brigand leadership."

Antonescu was said to have welcomed the showdown with the Iron Guard faction after weeks of under-surface tension and clashes.

The first sign that Antonescu was coming out on top in the conflict came yesterday when he appealed to the nation over the Bucharest radio.

This showed that Antonescu had sufficient power to regain control of the radio station which had been seized by the rebels.

Many streets of Bucharest show the scars of the fighting. Hundreds of windows have been broken. Many jewelry stores were raided by "gangsters" during the battle.

Antonescu's assumption of leadership of the Iron Guard, it was said, has given confidence to the public. The Rumanian leader has the Iron Guard green shirt on a number of occasions but was not active in the organization before becoming Premier and up to now had only been considered a Guardist sympathizer.

It was understood that the insurgents wrecked the machinery of the newspaper *Universal* which had always defended the Fascist movement.

The Iron Guard press refused yesterday to publish the appeals of Antonescu and today none of the Iron Guard newspapers appeared on the streets.

Some elements of workingmen's unions asserted today that they had been "led into error" by Communists.

"This would indicate that some of the unions had joined the Iron Guard in the uprising."

Today it was noted that everywhere in Bucharest, at least, Antonescu's troops were in command with the German Army giving its moral support.

MRS. L. B. SWANSON  
HERE 15 YEARS, DEAD

Mrs. Laonda B. Swanson died today at her home, 526 Blue Ridge Road. She was 35.

A native of Rush County, Mrs. Swanson had lived in Indianapolis 15 years. She was a member of the Northern Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, Edward E.; two daughters, Shirley Ann and Jane Ellen Swanson, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller of Rushville; a sister, Mrs. Bernice Carl of Homer, Ind., and three brothers, John and Joseph Miller of Rushville and Frank Miller of Indianapolis.

Services are to be at 2 p. m. Monday at the Planner & Buchanan Mortuary. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

IOZZO DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF  
HOW YOUNG DISHER WAS SHOT

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Iozzo said he fell to the floor during the fight, tried to get up, fell again and "that was the end that I remembered."

"I was at the bar," he testified, "starting to check the register and a little after midnight the colored fellow told me Dominic was having some trouble with a party."

"I saw a fellow arguing with Dominic and Mary (his son and daughter). The Disher family had been back there. They were standing up in a group listening to the argument."

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