

# Nazi Troops Swarm Across Danube River

Motorcycle Soldiers With Machine Guns Cover Arrival Of Mobile Columns in Port Town.

By GEORGE WELLER  
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SOFIA, March 3.—First-hand information reaching this correspondent from the Danube River area, now closed to foreigners, states that heavy mobile columns of tanks, trucks and mounted artillery are now swarming past both the pontoon bridge south of Giurgiu and the ferries playing to the north.

The exact time of the invasion at this point is dated as about 8 o'clock the evening of Friday, Feb. 28, when electric light switches in the town of Rustchuk, on the Bulgarian side, were cut by official order, and remained off all night, ostensibly out of order.

During this period of darkness the pontoon bridge, which had been lying downstream, was floated into position and the first uniformed German soldiers crossed before midnight to join those not in uniform who had already driven trucks and tanks in columns by roads from the Dobrudja.

At the last minute a Communist plot to derange the crossing was discovered in Giurgiu, on the Rumanian side, and as a result extra heavy precautions were taken in Bulgaria.

Motorcycle troops, with leveled machine guns, covered the arrival in Rustchuk of the mobile columns and the long climb up from the river to the town. To protect the local food supply, the Bulgarian authorities decreed that only bread

# YUGOSLAVS NAZI KEY TO BALKANS

If Nation Signs With Axis Hitler Will Get Fine Road to Salonika.

By LUDWELL DENNY  
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WASHINGTON, March 3.—Jugoslavia is now the key to the Balkans, and only a rapid British concentration in the Salonika sector against half a million Nazi troops pouring into Bulgaria can keep Yugoslavia out of Hitler's hands.

If Yugoslavia goes the way of Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria, Hitler will obtain the second and best road to Salonika. If Yugoslavia should lend him her army—the best in Danubian countries—he probably would knock out Greece quickly, either by a "fright peace" or quick conquest.

Even if Belgrade merely permitted the Nazi Army to use the Vardar Valley road, the odds against Greek-British defense would multiply alarmingly. The Germans have been putting more fighting force into Southeast Europe—and that talks loudest in the little countries.

Like King Boris of Bulgaria, the Belgrade Government prefers British friendship to Nazi domination. But, like Boris, Belgrade also is apt to succumb to "the pressure of events" unless Britain acts vigorously.

# Balkan Moves Mapped



The highlights of the war are mapped as the Nazi machine rumbles through the Balkans toward the Greek frontier.

# REPORT CHANGE IN DISTRICTING

Bidder Told Compromise Is Ready; Plan Follows Open G. O. P. Revolt.

Republican leaders moved rapidly today to compromise the Congressional Reapportionment dispute which caused an open revolt among G. O. P. legislators last week.

Fifth District Republicans threatened to block all remaining G. O. P. platform bills unless the reapportionment bill was amended to keep their district in the Republican column in 1942.

Senator Thurman Biddinger (R. Marion), who led the revolt in the Senate Saturday, said he had been informed by party leaders that a compromise amendment would be offered this afternoon.

3d District Joins Revolt  
The bill, as approved by the House, would add Democratic Madison County to the Fifth District. Leaders in that district claimed the change would result in defeat for the Republican Congressman next year.

These changes would be agreed to by the House and the Senate, both Republican, to the Fifth and put Marshall County in the Third District. All three of the counties now are in the heavy Republican Second District.

Expected This Afternoon  
The amendment was expected to be presented for vote on the Senate floor this afternoon.

Senator John W. Van Ness (R. Valparaiso), from the Second District, said he had not heard of any compromise.

"If they were going to take anything from the Second District, I would know something about it," he said.

# FUNDS SOUGHT FOR DEFENSE EDUCATION

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Federal Security Agency today urged in a confidential memorandum to Congressmen immediate legislation to make \$150,000,000 available for educational and recreational facilities in defense production and military camp areas.

Anything which reaches Governor Schick's desk after midnight Thursday, he may stick in his pocket and forget.

# OFFICIAL WEATHER

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST: Partly cloudy and cooler tonight and tomorrow; much colder tonight with lowest temperature about 28.

Sunrise ... 6:15 | Sunset ... 7:06  
TEMPERATURE  
—March 3, 1941—  
6 a. m. ... 51 | 3 p. m. ... 47

BAROMETER TODAY  
5:30 a. m. ... 30.28  
Precipitation 24 hrs. ending 7 a. m. ... .01  
Total precipitation since Jan. 1 ... 2.35  
Deficiency since Jan. 1 ... 3.34

MIDWEST WEATHER  
Indiana—Occasional showers in north portion changing to light snow, partly clearing in south portion, much colder tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy, snow flurries in extreme north portion, colder.

Illinois—Partly cloudy to cloudy, occasional light snow in north portion; much colder tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy and colder.

Lower Michigan—Moderate to heavy snow in north and central portions; rain changing to snow in extreme south portion, colder tonight; tomorrow cloudy, occasional light snow, colder in south.

Ohio—Rain tonight, changing to light snow late tonight or tomorrow morning; colder late tonight; much colder tomorrow and tomorrow night.

Kentucky—Light rain and colder, much colder in west and central portions tonight; tomorrow cloudy and much colder with light rain changing to snow in east and central portions.

STATION	Weather	Bar.	Temp.
Amari, Tex.	Clear	29.50	57
Bismarck, N. D.	Cloudy	30.02	52
Boston	Cloudy	29.77	38
Chicago	Rain	29.38	48
Cincinnati	Cloudy	29.71	46
Cleveland	Cloudy	29.61	46
Denver	Clear	29.69	32
Dodge City, Kan.	Clear	29.32	32
Indianapolis	Cloudy	29.58	34
Kansas City, Mo.	Cloudy	29.36	34
Little Rock, Ark.	PCldy	29.78	38
Los Angeles	PCldy	30.05	50
Miami, Fla.	Cloudy	30.24	53
Mobile, Ala.	Snow	29.73	21
New York	Cloudy	30.09	54
New Orleans	Cloudy	30.02	54
Oklahoma City	Clear	29.76	38
Omaha, Neb.	Cloudy	29.67	38
Philadelphia	Cloudy	29.75	47
Portland, Me.	Rain	29.61	60
San Francisco	Cloudy	29.84	51
St. Louis	PCldy	29.45	41
Tampa, Fla.	PCldy	30.79	47
Washington, D. C.	PCldy	29.58	41

# Rumania Waits British Raids

By GEORGE WELLER  
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SOFIA, March 3.—War operations by Greece and Britain against the Germans occupying Rumania will begin, if the Rumanian Government has not taken steps to force them to leave, by Wednesday.

Such is the content of the British ultimatum that was communicated to Bucharest during the latter part of last week, it was learned here on diplomatic authority close to the Rumanian Government.

Whether the British would begin operations by sending bombers from Greece over the two ranges of Balkan mountains would depend, it was believed, upon whether Britain had already severed relations with Bulgaria by that time, as is expected.

In the Rumanian press, it was said that the purpose of Foreign Minister Anthony Eden's trip to Turkey last week was to gain Turkish acceptance of the right to send a British fleet through the Dardanelles, which might mean an attack on German coastal guns around Constantza and even possible raiding parties. No word of the British ultimatum was published in Rumania.

In negotiating with the British, the Rumanians are said to have asked immunity from bombing for Bucharest, as an open city, and promised to move the German soldiers now housed near the center to their large, but still unfinished, permanent barracks, around such suburban air fields as those at Pietra and Chitila.

# Term Sofia Terror Inspired

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SOFIA, March 1 (delayed).—A wave of lawlessness, of inspired origin has been spreading through the Capital since the night club fusile Feb. 22 between American Minister George H. Earle and a Nazi engineer.

Whether this incident was itself deliberately provoked cannot be said, though Mr. Earle has paid enough money to have Tipperary played to German audiences so that the timing of it would be simplicity itself.

What is more sinister is the extension of the police drive to take in the translators and aids of foreign correspondents which follows closely upon the roundup of anti-Nazi Macedonian groups and officers of the military society, Zveno.

In the first rank of deliberate incidents are the robberies perpetrated in the British consulate at Varna and the passport office in Sofia, which the British themselves kept quiet until the blistering statement issued by British Minister George W. Rendel Thursday night and the unexplained disappearance from an Istanbul-bound train (and the apparent kidnapping of) a Russian-born British clerk who vanished as the train reached the frontier.

Undoubtedly a German hand is behind the disappearance of the entire German effort for sometime has been not to invade Bulgaria openly until a withdrawal by the British prepares the reason for protection of a friendly power as a moral pattern for the occupation. Some friends of Britain in Bulgaria feel that both the United States and Britain, by accepting those provocation incidents, which

# Jugoslavia Surrounded

Indeed, Bulgaria was exposed to Axis troops on only one side, while Yugoslavia is now surrounded on three sides, with hard-pressed Greece on the fourth.

The chief weakness of Britain in trying to hold Yugoslavia—and also Turkey and Greece—is that they share the old fear of Bulgaria that Britain plans to let others do her fighting.

Specifically, they fear Britain will limit her activity to bombing raids, particularly on the Rumanian oil fields, without putting a heavy mechanized army on the Salonika front.

This suspicion that Britain may not put an adequate defense force in the Salonika sector is based on her past performance and present facilities.

British Face Shipping Task  
When more planes and equipment could be enabled Greece to knock Italy out of Albania, Britain chose to use those planes instead in distant Italian East Africa and is still doing so.

Whether such strategy is wise or not, it is calculated to win or lose the British Empire as a whole, it is not calculated to win or lose the Balkan allies.

Obviously Gen. Wavell's forces are not large enough to guard Palestine and Egypt, conduct three African offensives, on the one hand, and separated fronts of Britania-Ethiopia, Somaliland and West Libya, and still have a major force left over for Salonika.

Even if most of the victorious Libyan Army is to be switched to Greece and Aegean bases, as widely anticipated, there is a serious question whether Britain has enough Mediterranean shipping to transport and supply an army able to hold off Axis attacks on Greece from Albania and Bulgaria.

# MEDIATION SYSTEM URGED FOR LABOR

WASHINGTON, March 3 (U. P.).—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson today recommended reestablishment of the World War labor mediation system so that the United States will have the benefit of "every man hour of labor" in the war effort.

Strikes caused a loss of 120,000 man-days of defense labor in the last week of February, and this loss is causing defense officials as much concern as "a shortage of basic materials," Mr. Patterson told the House Judiciary committee.

Before compulsory regulatory legislation is imposed, Mr. Patterson said, the World War labor mediation system should be given a fair trial. He recalled that in only three cases was the board unable to avert strikes through its voluntary mediation.

# DEBATE USE OF FOREIGN SHIPS

American Republics Reported Seeking Unified Policy on Tied Up Craft.

WASHINGTON, March 3 (U. P.).—The American republics today were reported by diplomatic sources to be seeking a unified policy whereby they might acquire for their own use close to 800,000 tons of foreign shipping tied up in their ports.

Chief obstacle to such a policy—or any other plan for the acquisition of tied up shipping—was said to be the attitude of the British Government which might assert a right to seize many of the vessels if they ventured on the high seas.

As present a policy of seeking to acquire these ships is being confirmed for the most part to negotiation between "domestic shipping companies and the foreign owners."

The chief conversations are now going on between the owners of Danish shipping tied up in U. S. ports—estimated at 36 vessels—and domestic operators.

In other ports negotiations were said also to be under way between German owners of some German bottoms now tied up in Central and South American ports and local operators.

The argument used in these negotiations is that, if the ships are sold, Germany will realize some exchange for them to use in any way possible. At the same time the heavy cost of keeping the ships in order would be avoided.

If the German submarine blockade of Great Britain is successful they may sink the ships themselves without losing. If, on the other hand, the American Government should decide to take the ships over, Germany might sink them without any advantage to herself.

Tied-up foreign shipping in the United States is estimated at close to 500,000 tons. This includes 160,000 tons of Danish shipping, 160,000 tons of French—including the Normandie which represents about half this amount—145,000 tons of Italian and an uncertain amount of Norwegian, Hungarian and Rumanian bottoms.

# MRS. URLA F. ELLIS IS DEAD HERE AT 64

Mrs. Uria F. Ellis, an Indianapolis resident 34 years, died yesterday. She was 64 and was born in Crawfordsville.

She was a former member of the Independent Social Club and lived at 435 Harvard place. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist and the Mother Church in Crawfordsville.

Survivors are her son, Stephen J. Ellis; a daughter, Mrs. Marshall D. Montani, both of Indianapolis, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Flanner & Kuhn Mortuary and burial will be in the Masonic Cemetery in Crawfordsville.

# Detectives Find 'Fugitive' in Jail

AFTER DETECTIVES had spent the day searching the City and County for a fugitive Saturday, Sgt. Jack O'Neill, police record clerk, thumbed a few records and produced their man.

He was Floyd Hutson, wanted in connection with the beating of his wife and daughter with a hammer. While detectives were searching for him, Sgt. O'Neill discovered Hutson had been arrested on intoxication and vagrancy charges a few hours earlier by a parole officer. In Municipal Court today, hearing on the warrant charge was continued until March 21 when police reported Mrs. Hutson was in critical condition. Her husband's bond was set at \$500.

# WORKERS READY FOR FLANNER FUND DRIVE

The Flanner House building fund campaign to raise \$150,000 will get under way tomorrow night with the opening of an "advance drive" by the campaign's special gifts division.

The gifts division will hold a "kick-off" meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow at the Indianapolis Athletic Club. The gifts division is headed by Russell W. McDermott, chairman, and Mrs. Kin Hubbard. Although the general solicitation in the campaign is not scheduled to begin until March 14, the special gifts division hopes to have a great share of its work finished by then.

Harry W. Wade, general chairman, is recruiting an army of 500 volunteer workers to raise the \$150,000 goal.

# GLUES LACKING IN \$3800 MILK HOLDUP

Police reportedly were without glue today to the identity of two bandits who held up three employees of the Banquet Ice Cream & Milk Co. Saturday night, obtaining \$1900 in cash and \$1952 in checks.

The holdup occurred in a parking lot at the rear of the firm's plant, 1214 Southeastern Ave. The holdup victims were Charles E. French, credit manager of the company, who was en route to the bank with the day's receipts; Gerald Rushon and Edgar Vehlhaber, route salesmen.

All three were forced into Mr. French's car by the bandits, who, after unsuccessfully attempting to open the money bag, finally slit it open.

The bandits, described as young and "very nervous," several times threatened to kill the three employees.

**FIRE DESTROYS AUTO**  
Fire which swept a storage barn at the rear of 1844 College Ave. last night caused damage estimated at \$600. The blaze destroyed an auto and furniture owned by Cecil E. Taylor, 663 E. 19th St. It was discovered by R. P. Patterson, Claude Kinder and Charles B. Crouch.

# Police Smash Path Through Picket Lines



Hard-riding policemen, the breath of their horses rising in steaming clouds, smash a path through the picket line at Gate No. 1 of the Bethlehem Steel Co.'s Buffalo plant. Police riot squads escorted a cavalcade of workers' cars through the lines of the resisting pickets. The strike was settled and the men returned to work Saturday.

# The HOPPLE VERN BOXELL

WHEN ONE OF THE Representatives threatened to "walk out of this hall unless I am permitted to speak" the other day, Speaker James M. Knapp wisely replied:

"Gentlemen, the State of Indiana might be better off if we all walked out."

And so it might—especially in view of what is coming up. After today, there are just six more meeting days and nights. Some of the things that might happen during this hectic period make you shudder. If this Legislature follows the pattern of all others, it will be hammering bills through so fast some of the weary lawmakers won't know what they're voting on.

This is the period in which the "invisible Legislature" goes in its best (or rather worst) ticks—the time when things like the old "windshield gadget law" creep in.

There are many ways of accomplishing these cute tricks and one of the best is the conference committee method. If a bill is amended in either house, the other is asked to concur in the change.

If it declines, two members of each house are named to a committee to seek a settlement. They may insert or subtract as they please. Then the houses are asked to accept their reports, which are not printed and sometimes explained in his own way by a committee member. Then after the legislators go home the jokers, if any, amend the bill, and nothing can be done about them.

Of course, with a Democratic Governor and his legal staff looking over the final bills turned out by the Republican Legislature, the less chance of these shenanigans. But any chance is too much.

# A Week to Go!

ONE WEEK TO GO, let's look at the record: Bills passed by the House and ready for the Governor's desk, 124. Signed by the Governor, 54. Vetted, 11. Permitted to become law without his signature, 3.

Ninety-nine of the finally approved bills originated in the House and 25 in the Senate. The Senate has passed 176 of its bills to the House, the lower chamber has sent 215 of its measures to the Senate.

The Senate has 27 of its own bills ready for the final vote along with 19 House measures awaiting final approval. The House has 91 of its own bills on third reading, the final stage before passage, along with 55 Senate bills awaiting enactment or rejection.

And anything which reaches Governor Schick's desk after midnight Thursday, he may stick in his pocket and forget.

# In the Middle

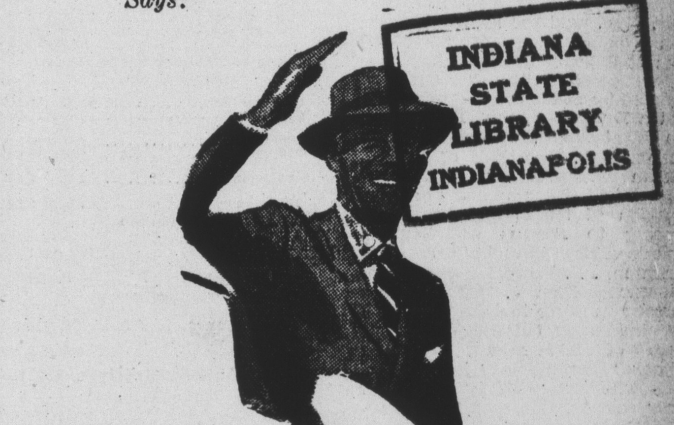
THE COUNTY CLERKS' Association is caught in the middle. It is about to vote on a bill which has wanted for some time but doesn't covet as the Legislature wants to pass it on.

For years, county and city health officers have kept the birth and death records. In many cases, they did a haphazard job at best and many records were lost. But with the advent of social security, national defense and other emergency matters, birth certificates have become very important.

So the local health officers have been getting the information together and providing the certificates at fees ranging as high as \$1 a copy. Various organizations of county officials eyed the lucrative job, including the clerks and recorders.

Shortly after the Legislature opened, a bill giving the duties to the clerks was introduced and the recorders were upset. But when the bill had passed the Senate, it was discovered that collecting fees for the job was forbidden.

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# Here is the Traffic Record

County City Total

1941 ..... 7 10 17

1940 ..... 5 9 14

March 1 and 2—

Injured ..... 24 Accidents ..... 52

Dead ..... 0 Arrests ..... 20

SATURDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases Convicted Fines

Speeding ..... 1 0 \$ 5

Reckless driving ..... 1 0 0

Failure to stop at through street 1 1 15

Disobeying traffic signs ..... 0 0 0

Drunk driving ..... 2 2 35

All others ..... 7 6 5

Totals ..... 12 10 \$60

# MEETINGS TOMORROW

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Men's Club, luncheon, Y. M. C. A., noon.

Alpha Tau Omega, luncheon, Board of Trade Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Merceder Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

University Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Board of Trade, luncheon, Board of Trade, noon.

Knights of Columbus, luncheon, K. of C. Club, luncheon, noon.

Five Paper Credit Group, luncheon, Madison Hotel, 7 p. m.

Indiana Red Cross Institute, Indiana World War Memorial, all day.

Lathrop Service Club, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Indiana Motor Truck Association, luncheon, Hotel Antlers, noon.

Community Health, lecture, Indiana World War Memorial, 8 p. m.

# MARRIAGE LICENSES

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Elmer O. Wilson, 31, of 1205 N. Oakland, 2; Randolph, 31, of 401 S. Washington, 5.

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