

THE BRITISH AT VITAL PORT

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Battleships Damaged Duelling at Dakar

LONDON, Sept. 25.—(UP)—An official statement tonight said that allied forces were being withdrawn from Dakar, the French port on the west coast of Africa.

The withdrawal was ordered because it was realized that a victory could not be achieved without a major battle, the statement said.

The ministry of information, making the announcement, said that the withdrawal was decided upon after British warships sank two French submarines and duelled with coastal batteries and the French battle cruiser Richelieu.

(The Richelieu was reported in drydock at Dakar for repair of damage sustained during the fighting at Dakar and Gibraltar.)

British forces, led by Gen. Charles de Gaulle, head of "Free Frenchmen," had tried to take Dakar because, London asserted, Germany planned soon to move against the vital port.

WAR TODAY

By JOE ALEX MORRIS U. P. Foreign News Editor

British warships battled the defender of the port of Dakar today while Germany and Italy forecast an immediate speeding up of diplomatic and military offensive against the British Empire in Europe, Africa and the Pacific.

A British naval squadron resumed shelling Dakar this morning, according to the French government at Vichy, but according to fierce counter-attacks which prevented the port from being taken.

At Gibraltar, British planes pounded for two hours again today, big fires were reported to have started on the British battleship Renown was said to have been damaged.

A fourth British warship may have been hit at Gibraltar. FOLLOW-UP RAIDS

Way in the air continued furiously, with German planes following up one of their strongest night raids on London by hammering at the west coast port of Bristol this afternoon.

British bombers were said by the London air ministry to have struck back at Berlin, where vital war objectives were attacked, and all along the channel ports including Brest, where barracks were set afire; Calais, where docks and barges were blasted; Dunkirk and Boulogne, where the ports were bombed, and Ostend.

DIPLOMATIC DEBATE HEATED in London and Berlin, Rome, and put greatest emphasis on diplomatic developments, persistently insisting that annexation of British territory could be expected from many points, including Spain and the Balkans.

German troops landed at the Finnish port of Vasa, on the Gulf of Bothnia, after a week-long stay in the Gulf. The full purpose of the German troop movements into Norway, especially northern Norway, was said to be to establish a permanent presence on the coast.

YAPS, FRENCH AGREE The French foreign minister at Vichy officially announced that Marshal Philippe Petain, chief negotiator in Hanou, had negotiated successfully the termination of Japanese aggression at Dong Dang, ending fighting between French and Japanese forces north of Hanoi.

Japan, seeking to take advantage of every development to further the "new order" in Asia, was reported landing troops at the French Indo-China port of Haiphong. Chinese troops were reported counter-attacking.

RAIDING CONTINUES Royal Air Force bombers successfully blasted big power plants, arm factories and other objectives in the "heart of Berlin" the British air ministry said after British war planes had touched off a series of tremendous explosions on the German aviation bases on the French coast.

The counter-blast against Germany appeared to be gaining intensity as "Cortina" attacked London and other British objectives with "super-bombs" that left the middle of the capital stricken with wreckage.

The Italian raid, according to the Columbia Broadcasting System, today quoted a report published recently by the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri that the United States Pacific fleet was en route to Singapore as indicating the possibility of a clash between the United States and British-U.S. combination in the Pacific. (In Washington, Secretary of War Knox denied the fleet had sailed to Singapore.)

Fall Opening Thursday; Contest Offers Prizes

A downtown window-shopping tour will be both pleasant and profitable Thursday night when merchants place autumn merchandise on display in attractively decorated windows.

As an added inducement to window-shopping Thursday night, Bremerton merchants, through the retail trade bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, are offering \$50 in cash prizes in a novel "misplaced article" contest.

Complete rules of the contest will be found on Page 10 of The Sun today, but, briefly, the \$50 cash prize competition will be conducted through window-shopping at the downtown area of 23 business establishments. Misplaced items, obviously not sold by the store displaying them in its windows, will be found. These misplaced articles are to be listed opposite the store names appearing on the contest blank, which was turned in to the chamber of Commerce office on the ground floor of the Elks temple before noon on Saturday.

First prize will be \$25 cash, second prize is \$15 and third prize \$10. In case of tie, the entry which is listed earliest will be judged the winner.

New fall fashions and modes in everything from wearing apparel to household goods will be displayed in gaily illuminated shop windows of the city Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Today's issue of The Sun carries many messages from merchants concerning their new fall merchandise. Articles for the student recently returned to school, for the homemaker, the bride, the debutante and the sportsman will be found attractively displayed.

Legion Advocates Further Ban on Subversive Groups

BULLETIN BOSTON.—The American Legion today urged that military conscription be made a permanent system in the United States.

A demand that "we give all possible aid to Great Britain" was among resolutions adopted on presentation by the committee on national defense at the Legion's 22nd annual convention.

ported and demanded specific action against all activities of subversive groups in the U.S. In approving the report of its American committee, the 22nd annual convention adopted resolutions to ban use of the mails to un-American organizations, to outlaw all groups whose titles include names of foreign countries.

Other resolutions approved called for a ban on "foreign language radio programs" a law against publication of matter which tends to create antagonism between religions and races, and required limitation of members of all so-called subversive groups, and denial of the use of all public buildings to subversive organizations or allied groups.

The report, approved without a second vote, also endorsed the Dietrich resolution for extension of its scope, and urged an increase in the agent percentage of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

President William Green of the Legion, who presided at the convention, said that "it would seem logical and sound for the Dietrich resolution to be extended to Great Britain and her heroic army and navy all support passive short of war."

CITY APPROVES HIGH AVE. WORK

Proposed improvement of High Ave. north of 11th st. was approved by the city council this morning on first reading. Protests from three property owners, who had been notified of the property in the district, were over-ruled.

The commission also approved the assessment rolls of local improvement districts No. 202 and 203, which will be received by the city. Bids for a new pickup truck for the city were opened and received by the committee of the whole for action.

Will Recommission 2 Navy Yard Tugs

Two decommissioned navy tug boats will be recommissioned and replaced in commission, it was learned today at PSE&Y.

The U.S. Challenge, out of service since last May, and the U.S. Paenuloch, which was built out of use since 1927, were towed to a navy yard pier from decommissioned at the west end of the yard.

Kidnap Heroes See G-Men

Edward Benson, 76, of Silverdale, at the county hospital, Sept. 24.

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NAVY UNSHIPPING NEW BASES AT BRITISH SITES

Secretary of Navy Frank Knox announced today that a joint army-navy board will leave within a few days aboard the cruiser U.S.S. St. Louis to survey naval and army bases at selected points in Great Britain in the Caribbean area.

Knox said that the group, which is headed by Rear Admiral John W. Greenham, will visit the Bahamas, Jamaica, Trinidad and other Caribbean points. The board previously had inspected sites at Bermuda and Newfoundland. The base sites were obtained in a trade for 50 average American destroyers.

"We want to get started on building these bases just as soon as the necessary detail are out of the way," Knox said. "These sites include such things as the allocation of specific territory. The joint board is working hard as it can on them."

Knox said that the navy plans to form a posse to search for the sites and to utilize British defenses already there.

Knox, while refusing to comment on latest far eastern developments, said that he had not had any conversations regarding possible usage of the British base at Singapore by the U. S. fleet.

CHILD LOCATED AFTER SEARCH

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. Earl Abbott, 1405 15th st., members of the Bremerton Postoffice's union, united last evening to form a posse to search for the Abbotts' little nine-year-old daughter who had been missing Monday.

The child was found about 10 p.m., asleep on a day bed in the back porch of LeRoy A. Bender, 1123 Winfield ave., Manetta, City police and sheriff's deputies assisted in the search for the girl.

The girl, Yvonne Abbott, left her parents' home about 6 p.m. Monday and was employed by her father at the corner of 11th st. and Roosevelt ave., three hours later, according to her mother. Her father stated her father and she was not reported again until last evening.

It was the third time this month that the child had run away from home. The sheriff's trained bloodhound was employed to find her two weeks ago, when she was discovered at the Bremerton Postoffice.

The Abbott girl was questioned by Mrs. Bender yesterday afternoon. At that time the child told Mrs. Bender that she was "a new girl" at Manette grade school and that her name was "Rosa." She was playing with other children near the Bender residence, and no one was cognizant of the fact that the child had run away from home.

241 Aliens Registered In Local Postoffice

To date, 241 aliens of Kitsap county have registered at the Bremerton postoffice, according to Postmaster Arthur Joseph E. Purvis this morning filed information in Kitsap county superior court charging Richard Spencer Norris and Justice Harrison Powers, navy enlisted men, with five counts of second-degree burglary.

The counts involve entering of, robbing, Brown's Music Store, Schroeder's Ten-Cent Store, Raskin Bowling Alley and the Bremerton Drug Store.

Charge Two Sailors On Burglary Counts

Two sailors were charged with burglary in Kitsap county superior court charging Richard Spencer Norris and Justice Harrison Powers, navy enlisted men, with five counts of second-degree burglary.

Legion Parades in Boston

Usually staid Bostonians really set out for fun and frolic when delegates to the annual American Legion convention put aside preparatory problems and a tight schedule of a new commander to parade through famous Boston streets yesterday.

They line the route of march by the scores of thousands. (ALICE TELEPHOTO.)

Gov. Clarence D. Martin will submit to President Roosevelt to-night the names of 225 persons to serve on 75 local draft registration boards in the state between Sept. 21 and 25 will be required to register for possible military service.

The governor will announce presentation of the boards when they are approved by the president and war department.

Work of the boards will be to send questionnaires out to each man who registers on Oct. 16, inquiring into how many dependents he has and otherwise determining how soon he should be subject to draft for a year's military training.

75 Local Draft Boards to Be Selected by Governor

Each local board to make up the first 600,000 men. Each board will have about 600 men in class 1—eligible for immediate call. Officials believe it possible to survey men sample board area would find it to their convenience to volunteer. Between April and August, 1917, 435,000 men enlisted.

The new Eagle scout is Glendon Patton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Patton, 2011 5th st. Following the presentation, the boy's mother, Mrs. Nellie M. Patton, was given a miniature Eagle badge. She spoke briefly to the scouts, scouts, parents and friends assembled in the Elks temple.

Judge H. G. Sutton presided over the ceremony. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 4.)

35,700 More Called From National Guard

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt today called up 35,700 additional national guardsmen, including Hawaiian and Puerto Rican units for a year's active service beginning Oct. 15.

The executive order, affecting three full divisions and 12 lesser units, brings to 94,200 the number of national guardsmen mobilized to date. Earlier this month, Mr. Roosevelt had ordered 60,500 national guardsmen into active service as of Sept. 15.

Bremerton Sketches - By WILL DANCH



"I snatched it away from Roosevelt field when Babe Kelly wasn't looking. I figured it'd give you girls something to really aim at!"

STATE CHARGES FACE KIDNAPER

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—(UP)—Federal authorities today prepared to turn Wilhelm Jakob Muhlbroch, haw-kneed German alien, over to California authorities for trial on charges of kidnaping three-year-old Marc de Tristan Jr. They intentionally had cleared him of complicity in the kidnaping and murder four years ago of 10-year-old Charles Matton of Tacoma.

In making public Muhlbroch's confession, Earl J. Conroy, assistant director of the F. B. I., revealed that Muhlbroch's activities and whereabouts at the time the Matton boy was seized on Dec. 27, 1936, had been largely veiled.

At the time of the Matton kidnaping, it was learned, Muhlbroch was operating a barber shop in Willows, Cal., and within a month thereafter he was in a hospital as the result of a skin accident on the steps of Mt. Shasta, Cal.

In his confession Muhlbroch had detailed how he studied all recent kidnapings, including the Lindbergh, Matton and other cases, to build the foundation for a "perfect, fool-proof crime."

Muhlbroch was to be removed to San Mateo county jail to face trial under California's "little Lindbergh" law. If convicted, Muhlbroch faces life imprisonment. The death penalty is mandatory only if the victim is harmed.

Two Salesmen Not Endorsed by Vets

Two men, reputedly disabled veterans, who are selling patriotic buttons and emblems on Bremerton streets have no affiliation with any local veterans' organization, it was disclosed today. Representatives of veterans' groups told The Sun the men's letters had not been endorsed by them.

171 Million Dollars Spent for Airplanes

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Blast Shakes City; Six Employees Hurt

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Driver Is Charged

Information was filed in Kitsap county superior court this morning by Prosecutor Purves charging Frederick Balganger, 24, 1146 Hewitt ave., with driving a car without an operator's permit on Sept. 22. Bail was set at \$500.

Get Hospital Funds

KELSO, Sept. 25.—(UP)—County voters will receive \$12,000 grant soon from the state's social security fund to equip a new hospital, it was learned today.