YugoSlavia And Greece Invaded

n Resistance In Face of Blitz - Review Of Week-End Events

The inevitable and not unexpected invasion v Germany of YugoSlavia and Greece commenced at dawn Sunday. Germany declared war on Greece but invaded YugoSlavia without any formal declaration.

The German army, with tanks and armored ears, marched into YugoSlavia to be met with powerful counter-blows by the YugoSlavs. The invasion occurred at many points. It was expected that the YugoSlavs might retire to natural defences in the mountains. By pre-arranged olan the government almost immediately removed from Belgrade to a safer place in the mountains.

In the invasion of Greece eleven German divisions are reported moving in the Struma River Valley. The Bulgarian army had joined with the Germans in invading Greece it was said at first but later indications were that Bulgaria was not vet in the war.

The signing of a friendship and non-aggression treaty between Russia and YugoSlavia just before the German invasion commenced was regarded as a matter of considerable significance. Military participation by Russia, however, is considered very unlikely. It may be a source of supplies to YugoSlavia.

It was considered possible Turkey might not wait longer but invade Bulgaria.

The German attack on YugoSlavia is from Austria, Rumania and Bulgaria.

Chaotic communications held up exact particulars of the invasion, early reports on the conflict being vague.

Following the invasion of YugoSlavia and Greece at dawn Sunday morning, the Germans are pursuing typical blitz tactics with the use of heavily mechanized and armored forces on land and dive-bombing aerial attacks on cities and transport and communication lines. The Axis attack on the two Balkan nations commenced simultaneously from several points. It was officially announced that Greek advance forces were holding their positions at all points except one in determination to keep the enemy in his own territory.

The British Broadcasting Corporation repeated a statement of D.M.B. (German) News Agency that the Greeks were putting up stubborn resistance in the Struma River Valley.

Such reports as were available indicated that YugoSlav resistance was equally stubborn. However, the extent of land fighting was uncertain. Communiques from both Belgrade and Athens expressed confidence of ultimate victory. Both charged Germany with unprovoked attack.

Germany charged the two nations with provoking the invasion. United States was charged by Berlin withe encouraging the YugoSlav resist-

The Nazi excuse for invasion of Greece was the presence there of British troops which Germany was determined to drive out of all Europe.

London charged Hitler with issuing a mass of diabolical lies in order to justify a campaign of mass murder.

United States Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox predicted that the Axis would find Yugo-Slavia and Greece tough opponents and that the nature of the two rugged countries would present difficulties for highly mechanized warfare.

London announced officially that the British policy in assisting Greece and YugoSlavia is to "hit the enemy wherever he appears." The British government has sent to Greece—"our brave ally"—an Imperial army including veterans of Sir Archibald Wavell's campaign in Africa.

The Germans delivered a terrific air attack with 250 planes on Belgrade which city had three raids on Sunday. Large fires were started. Salonika has also been raided. Athens had two alarms but no raids.

The Nazi endeavour is evidently to cut the YugoSlav army in half, a move which the Yugo-Slav military leaders are taking measures to circumvent.

It is believed the Germans are making an all out effort to reach Salonika.

The Italians are co-operating with the Germans in YugoSlavia.

YugoSlav forces have been massed to fight division after division of the Germans in their blitzkrieg attack.

An Athens communique reported heavy fighting in the Struma River Valley with German forces from Bulgaria. The Greeks were holding their positions everywhere and inflicting heavy

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War News

ADDIS ABABA CAPTURED CAIRO-In the East African campaign British forces, climaxing their unparalleled advance in the face of great difficulties, Sunday captured Addis Ababa, The capital of Ethiopia. The Duke of Aosta, Italian governor, personally thanked Lieut. General A. G. Cunningham for measures taken to protect Italian civilian population. The advance on Massaua, seaport and last remaining Italian stronghold in Eritrea, is proceeding steadily. East of Bengasi, Axis forces are still being held as the British concentrate to give battle. Tripoli was heavily bombed by the Royal Air Force.

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BRITAIN IS QUIET

LONDON-There was enemy aerial activity of light character on the west of England during Saturday night, Two Nazi planes were shot down, one on land, one in the sea. All England was air raid free last night. As a result of repeated heavy bombing of Brest, it appears almost certain that the big German warships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst have been put at least temporarily out of commission. Last night the Royal Air Force bombed occupied France and Calais and Boulogne on the coast.

JAPANESE REVERSE

SHANGHAI Japanese forces are reported in full retreat before the Chinese in Kwansi Province, thousands being killed and wounded. An emergency meeting of the war council of Japan is called in Tokyo for next week to consider the situation in China.

REFUSES TO SURRENDER KHARTOUM-The commander of the Italian garrison at Massaua, Italian Eritrean port, has rejected the British demand for surrender. Instead, the Italians

at Massaua will fight to a finish, he declares.

MANILA CONFERENCES

MANILA-An Anglo-American-Netherlands conference will be such questions as the use by United States of the British nav-United States of the British naval base at Singapore and the shipment of war supplies from the United States to China via Burma and to Greece by way of the Red Sea.

BRITAIN SEEKS SHIPS LONDON- Sir Arthur Salter, ago in United States, ports.

ALGECIRAS EVACUATING is being evacuated. This is taken and Gondar in Ethiopia. as an indication by some that extension of the war to Spain may be expected.

TO USE DANISH SHIPS WASHINGTON - The United States government is working on plans to take over thirty-nine Seized Danish ships to be useu for transport of war materials via the Red Sea and Suez Canal to Greece and YugoSlavia.

CABINET MINISTER KILLED BERNE-Father Franz Guliyesterday.

NAZIS LOSE DESTROYER LONDON-A German destroyer + French leader. torpedoed by a British plane yesterday was believed sunk and another destroyer damaged, the Air Ministry said in a communique which also reported another attack on Brest naval base where the battleships Gneisenau and Scharnhorst are in shelter.

Rate to Unprecendented Ten Shilling in Pound

cal year.

American Halibut Livers Are Also Sold on Local Fish Exchange

First American halibut of the 1941 season was sold at Prince Rua total of 63,500 pounds at from 12c and 7c to 12c.6c and 7c per pound. Four Canadian boats disposed of

End Of Second Day Of German Smashes Sees No Gains Of Any Importance In Balkan Warfare

withdraw east of Bengasi in North aircraft hammering their cities. under secretary of shipping, is Africa but in East Africa had capto ask United States to turn tured Markos, 120 miles northwest over to Great Britain Italian of Addis Ababa after the capital and German merchant ships fell without a fight on Sunday. which were seized a few days More than ten thousand prisoners have been taken in Eritrea since March 25 and Imperial forces are VICHY-The Spanish port of drawing closer to the Red Sea Port Algeciras across from Gibraltar of Massaua and towards Dessie

Cannot Fight Former Allies, States Petain

VICHY. April 7: (CP)-Marshal Henri Phillipe Petain, * * Premier of France in a radio * vitch, minister of public works + address today declared that + in the YugoSlav cabinet, is re- + French honor forbade any ac- + ported to have been killed in + tion against France's former + the third air raid on Belgrade + allies. The Marshal's speech + + called for French unity but + mention General * + Charles deGaulle, the Free +

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis-A disturbance has passed inland giving heavy rains on the coast. Another disurbance from the west is approaching the Queen Charlotte Islands.

West Coast of Vancouver Island-WORTHING, Eng., April 7: (CP) Fresh to moderate southeast winds, Rural Dean E. W. D. Penfold, overcast and mild with occasional

medal but has never made an ar- light south winds, cloudy and mild with showers.

THERE'S A BOND BETWEEN THEM

An interesting commast approvided by this picture, and by clipper plane. The crew of

a Bren gun carrier chat with a local inhabitant who has halted his donkey and asked the progress

of the war. The picture was made somewhere in Northern Ireland where British troops are ready to

YugoSlavia and Greece Putting up Stiff and Effective Resistance Against Hordes of Hun Aggressors

BERNE, April 7: (CP)—Advices reaching here to-IN AFRICA night said that German forces had not captured any strategic points at the end of the second day of Nazi smashes on a 750-mile front into Greece and YugoSlavia. Both CAIRO, April 7: (CP)—The Bri YugoSlavia and Greece were reported today to be putting tish command announced today up a stiff stand against German mechanized divisions that its forces were continuing to — battering their frontiers and Axis

The Germans claimed they were pushing down the narrow Struma Valley into Greece and across the YugoSlav borders from the north and east but details were still meagre owing to disrupted communications.

German Merchantman

Scuttles Off Peru-Fate of Other is Mystery

LIMA, Peru, April 7: (CP) -The fate of the crew of the scuttled German merchantman Rermonthia, which reportedly sank in flames 180 miles off shore five days ago, developed into a mystery to-

The Hermonthis, a 4838ton Hamburg-American Line vessel, and the freighter Muenchen, 5619-ton North German-Lloyd Line ship, sailed from Callao without papers March 31.

The crew of the Muenchen reached shore last Thursday and reported that they had taken to lifeboats after scuttling their vessel when they were intercepted by the Canadian auxiliary cruiser Prince Henry. They said that the Prince Henry shot three shells over the Muenchen, circled the scuttled ship. and. then headed for the Hermonthis about twenty miles away.

ARMED TO TEETH

KASSALA, April 7: (CP)-Every has been reached and negotia-Abyssinian in this Anglo-Egyptian, tions are proceeding satisfactorin the 1926 general strike, has re- Prince Rupert District and Queen Sudan town was "armed to the, ily in connection with the bitu-British Chancellor Raises Basic ceived his 25-year long service Charlotte Islands— Moderate to teeth" with abandoned Italian minous coal and Ford Motor Co. weapons, to greet the British when distputes. they recaptured the place.

Bulletins

COMMONS IS RISING OTTAWA-The House of Commons will rise tomorrow for the Easter Recess, being called to reconvene on April 28.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY VICTORIA-Hon. John Hart, minister of finance, is making surveys which it is estimated may result in economies of \$1,500,000 in various government departments.

REGINA WINS

REGINA - Regina defeated Lethbrdge one to nothing last night in the opening game of the Western Canada Allan Cup finals. The second game will be played tonight. The third match, if necessary, will be played in Calgary Saturday.

SETTLING STRIKES WASHINNGTON -The labor situation in the United States looks better today. A basis of settlement for the big Allis-Chalmers strike at Milwaukee

BOSTON TAKES OPENER BOSTON-Boston Bruins won the opening game of the Stanley Cup hockey series last night. The score was 3 to 2. Boston scored three goals before Detroit got started, the Red Wings coming through with their two counters in the third period. The second game will be played in Boston Tuesday night.

CANADA POLISH PACT OTTAWA-Poland and Canada signed an agreement late Saturday providing for the training of a Polish army in Canada. The signatories were Premier Sikorsky of Poland and Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada. General Sikorsky left Ottawa yesterday for Washington. It is understood he will make arrangements for the raising of a Polish army in the United States.

LONDON-Reuters reported tonight that the British government has decided to withdraw its diplomatic missions from Hungary because that country has become a base for operations against the Allies.

POUND STERLING

NEW YORK, April 7: (CP)-The British pound sterling was unchanged at \$4.03 on the New York foreign exchange market today.

INCOME TAX

LONDON, April 7: (CP)-Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Kingsley Wood boosted Britain's basic income tax rate today to an unprecedented ten shillings in the pound and lowered exemptions but left taxes on beer, tobacco and spirits untouched as he budgeted for a record £4,200,000,-000. He called the figure domestic expenditures as it does not touch materials coming from the United States under the "leaselend" bill. Such supplies would be far beyond the figures of £5,-000,000,000 by the end of the fis-

First American Halibut Landed

pert today when five boats landed 52,500 pounds at 11c and 7c to 12.2c

For American halibut livers 37c; was paid today. This would amount to 40.7c in Canadian funds, it is computed.

MORAL SUASION, MAYBE

made special constable and J. P. rain.

repel a German attempt at invasion.