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## Day Is Dark As Italy Enters Into The War

### BULGARS HOPE AND STAKE ALL ON NEUTRALITY

SOFIA.—Bulgaria is without allies and without agreements or pacts which would bring aid in case of attack and is banking on absolute neutrality to keep out of war.

To put it in words attributed to King Boris:

"Bulgaria is attempting to be neither heard nor seen," for it feels that this is not the time to emphasize desires or express any viewpoint other than that of neutrality. Although Bulgaria has territorial claims against neighbors, official spokesmen have repeatedly stated that in the event any Balkan states are attacked it will make no move to aggravate their position.

Bulgaria has not renounced claims for Rumanian Dobruja, an outlet to the Aegean or the former Bulgarian territory now held by Yugoslavia by any means. But it has decided to file away all acts and moves directed toward the realization of these claims until a more propitious time.

**Outside Balkan Entente**

Bulgaria repeatedly has refused to join the Balkan Entente. It also has refused to join any common agreement with the Balkan and Danubian countries—an agreement which the Turks have been most active in trying to force—to present a united front to face any and all aggressions.

With both Greece and Rumania guaranteed by the Allies, Turkey, a British and French ally by the Anglo-Franco-Turkish agreement, Bulgaria feels, because of its key position, that neutrality is more of a guarantee against action in the Balkans than if alignment on the side of the Allies were taken.

But Bulgaria still is on the spot. Any action in the Balkans would bring the war to some neighboring country; bring the war to its borders. And therein lie the fears. If either Greece, Rumania or Yugoslavia are involved in war, some power would want the right of passage of troops through Bulgaria.

**Map Shows Vulnerability**

One look at the map and the truth of the statement is more emphasized. Turkish statesmen often have said in event of any action in the Balkans, Turkey would not wait until the danger arrived at its doors before acting.

Is the thin arm of eastern Greece wide enough to permit large scale military operations in event Italians make a drive for Aegean and the Dardanelles? The Bulgarians fear not.

Would the Allies be content with only the sea route to send troops to aid Rumania in event that country is attacked, provided that route could be kept open and troops could be landed in Rumania? The Bulgarians fear not.

The Bulgarians hold no fears of Russian. But would an invading German or Italian army, or a combination of them both driving for the Black Sea and the Dardanelles, respect Bulgarian neutrality? The Bulgarians fear not.

They are facing realities; they are ready to defend their frontiers against all comers. But they have only to look at the map to know that they are on the spot.

### Bullock 4-H Club Meets On Friday

The Bullock 4-H Club met Friday, June 7, in the home of Mrs. Wilson.

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Lillian Adams. Members talked about ways of making money to go to Cahabab Cavern and also told each one what to bring Friday night, June 14, for a community entertainment.

Members present were: Lillian Adams, Maxine Beck, Bernice Hutton, Lillian Ruth Sudderth, Lena Mae Bishop and Geraldine Smith.

There were two members absent, Helen Dempsey and Norma Jean Howard.

**SUIT IS FILED**

A suit styled Laura Noble, et al vs. Wanda E. Griffin, et al, has been filed in the 88th district court, according to the records of District Clerk John White.

### The Return From Flanders Fields A Helping Hand Wounded, Weary--Happy



Lying on a stretcher on the quayside of an English port, after being carried out of the inferno of Flanders, one of the more severely wounded British soldiers is given a drink by a comrade.



Happy was the homecoming of the B. E. F. troops rescued from the Flanders trap, despite the fact that many, like the two pictured above, stumbled ashore wounded and weary.

### Chemical Warfare Seen Improved By New Weapons, Not By Guns

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—New methods of spreading gas and liquid fire will increase the destructiveness of chemical warfare if it should come to that in the present struggle, according to Maj. Gen. Amos A. Fries, retired, former chief of the U. S. chemical warfare service.

Gen. Fries, who opposed United States moves to outlaw gas by treaty, discussed some of the effects of chemical warfare while attending the National Sojourners convention here.

Explaining his successful fight to keep this country from signing a League of Nations concord banning the use of gas, Gen. Fries asserted:

"I'd like it better if chemicals were not used in war, but no method of warfare has ever been abandoned in all history so long as it is highly effective.

**Treaties No Protection**

"To depend entirely upon a treaty to protect a nation against a deadly prey is not common sense. Every treaty," he continued, "is a 'permanent' treaty but there is no guarantee that treaties will not be broken.

"Nations will continue to use any deadly weapon that they feel will help them win."

In light of this, he said, every nation, including the United States is prepared both to use and defend itself against chemical warfare.

The general contended that there are no new gases or other chemicals that would be any more effective than the old ones used in the World War. However, he added, the means of sowing them, through the use of airplanes and new mortars rifled to increase accuracy, have added to their horror.

**Gas Not Fatal**

Gen. Fries debunked the popular idea that gas is an instrument of wholesale death whenever it is used. Rather, he said, its value lies in the element of surprise and in making soldiers helpless so that forces can destroy them.

"The surprise value of such materials was demonstrated at Ypres, Belgium, on April 22, 1915, when the British were caught unprepared and every man in the path of the gas was made so helpless that he was wounded or killed," the general said.

"As for the civilian population," he declared, "gas is easier on them than explosive bombs. If you can get to a gas shelter that has no openings for the gas to get in, as many as six persons may remain there for 48 hours without fresh air and not be gassed. By that time the gas will have disappeared."

The belief that large bodies of men were killed in the last war by gas is not true, Gen. Fries insisted.

**Scarred Lungs Heal**

"There were very few," he said, "and except in the severest cases short of death, gassed men have fully recovered. Even when gas scored the lungs, the scar tissue that formed with healing has been insurance against tuberculosis.

"Blindness, too, was not experienced, though stories had it so.

**THE WEATHER**

WEST TEXAS—Fair west mountains and southwest portions. Cloudy tonight with showers in southeast portion and warmer Tuesday.

### NYA To Install Radio Projects In Seven More Towns

AUSTIN.—Plans for the establishment of additional Texas National Youth Administration Radio Projects at Marshall, Canyon, Lubbock, and Austin have gone to the Washington NYA Office for approval, according to J. C. Kellam, State NYA Administrator.

Permits from the Federal Communications Commission to operate amateur radio stations have already been received for Projects operating at Ranger, Inks Dam, Waco and South Houston, Kellam said. At present these stations use radio telegraph, but later it is planned to include voice communication.

Supervised by a licensed operator, boys assigned to these Projects are taught the fundamentals of set servicing, methods of communication, broadcasting, and radio manufacturing.

"The primary purpose of the development of radio projects within the NYA Program," the State Youth Administrator said, "is to provide work experience and related information in a comparatively new field. Among the benefits which we seek to give Texas youth on these Projects are increased employment opportunities, development of talent through broadcasting activities, acquisition of skill in various phases of electrical work, and knowledge of the elemental principles of a young science."

### Christian Laymen Will Meet Tonight

Laymen of the First Christian Church of Ranger will meet this evening at 8 o'clock at the church. Dick Jones will be in charge of the meeting. All men of the church have been urged to attend.

### Ten Guides Outlined For Mental Health

ALBANY, N. Y.—Dr. Horatio M. Pollock of the New York state mental hygiene department believes there are 10 "fundamental characteristics of mental health:

"A sense of well being, keenness of observation, soundness of judgment, clearness of thought, accuracy of memory, control of emotions, stability of will, continuity of purpose, friendliness of attitude and freedom of expression.

### Fellowcraft Degree Planned By Masons

The Masonic Lodge will meet Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Masonic hall at which time a fellowcraft degree will be conferred. All members are urged to attend.

### COOPERATION ON STAMP PLAN IS PROMISED

County Auditor Don Parker, Secretary H. J. Tanner of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce and Pleas E. Moore, secretary of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce, have covered Eastland County securing cooperation in trying to secure the Federal Surplus Commodity Food Stamp Plan for Eastland County.

The three have secured signatures of all grocery stores in the county on a petition asking that the plan be put in operation in Eastland County, and have also secured letters from all banks in the county, stating that each of the banks will cooperate in any way possible if the plan is put in operation in the county.

Signatures of groceries in Ranger and a letter from the Commercial State Bank of Ranger were secured by Moore; Tanner secured signatures of groceries in Cisco and Eastland and letters from the banks of the two towns, and Parker and Tanner visited Rising Star, Gorman and other towns in the county securing promises of cooperation.

It is hoped that, with this material available, and with the promised cooperation of Congressman Clyde L. Garrett and Senators Tom Connally and Morris Sheppard, that the food stamp plan may be secured for this county in the near future. Work on securing the plan has been underway since last December, with Tanner taking the initiative in the work.

### A A A Cooperation For 1940 Is Seen

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.—With an estimated 40,000,000 acres of cropland and 85,000,000 acres of rangeland signed up under the AAA for 1940, officials here believe participation in the program will be the largest of any year since the program began.

Latest reports indicate that more than 414,000 Texas farms will operate under the Agricultural Conservation Program in 1940, an increase over the 1939 participation of nearly 4,000 while approximately 1,200 additional ranches will practice range-improvement measures under the Range Conservation Program, bringing the number of ranches cooperating to 26,100.

To these farmers and ranchmen will go the greater portion of the \$89,000,000 available to Texas for full participation in the AAA program, George Slaughter, chairman of the state committee, pointed out. Full cooperation requires planting within soil-depleting acreage allotments and earning the maximum available for soil-building and range-improvement work by adopting specific conservation practices.

In the range program the entire payment is made for conservation work done, while in the farm program part of the payment is made for soil-building work and part for taking a portion of the cropland out of soil-depleting crops.

### Train Conductor Saves Doe Caught In A Wire Fence

AUSTIN, Tex.—There is one deer still alive in Llano County today due to the thoughtfulness of a train conductor, H. M. Hamilton, it is reported to the State Game Department. Hamilton stopped the Southern Pacific train running from Austin to Llano recently when a deer was seen entangled in the fence along the right-of-way of the railroad. The crew liberated the doe, which was not badly injured.

Train crews apparently often assist wildlife. Last year it was reported in Texas a freight crew forced tramps to sweep out grain cars at a spot where turkey congregated. Up in Montana a general order has gone out to all train crews to refrain from tramping around in tree grass where a mulard hen had courage enough to build her nest within ten feet of the Great Northern tracks. Engine-men are ordered not to blow down boilers or open overflows in the vicinity of the nest.

### Don't Breath It To a Soul



This truck load of potential breath-perfume was brought here to Kansas City, Mo., for the opening day of the new \$1,000,000 city market. Onion-seller Louis Studna (left) gives his sales talk to buyer S. Genova. It is expected that \$25,000,000 worth of produce will flow through the market annually.

### U. S. Assembling The Worlds Largest Machine To X-Ray

WASHINGTON.—Scientists at the Bureau of Standards are assembling and testing the world's largest X-ray machine, weighing 20 tons and capable of generating more than 1,500,000 volts.

The machine is intended primarily to assist in determining potentialities of high voltage rays in the treatment of cancer and other types of X-ray therapy.

An indication of the power of the machine—and its economy—is gained by comparing it with an equally effective amount of radium. Where the X-ray machine cost approximately \$500,000, the amount of radium necessary to create the same voltage would cost in excess of \$50,000,000—and probably could not be gathered in one place, even if the money were available.

The laboratory in which the machine will be housed is 60 feet tall, completely copper-lined and fitted with 12-inch concrete walls to prevent radio reactions from disrupting the rays. When making observations, bureau scientists will be enclosed in a small anteroom surrounded by 16-inch concrete walls.

### McDonald Opens His Campaign In Eastland Address

William H. McDonald, former district clerk of Eastland County and former state land commissioner, opened his campaign for Railroad Commissioner at his home town, Eastland, Saturday night, with a statewide radio hookup.

Mayor C. W. Hoffmann of Eastland was master of ceremonies in the 30-minute broadcast. He opened the speaking with a short talk in which he praised McDonald, and then introduced Milburn McCarty, Eastland attorney and former president of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. McCarty introduced McDonald.

McDonald, in his talk, stressed his experience, from the time he was in school, to the present, in giving the people of Texas an insight into his qualifications as a railroad commissioner.

Following the speaking a dance was given to the public, sponsored by the friends of the candidate. A large crowd attended both the speaking and the dance which followed.

### New Hope Plans A Supper, Speaking

An old fashioned supper and candidate speaking will be conducted at New Hope, five miles west of Gorman, on Wednesday night, June 12, it was announced here today.

The public has been invited to attend.

### BATTLE STILL RAGING OVER FRENCH LINES

#### England Loses Aircraft Carrier, Norwegians Give Up Fight To Aid Allies In France

Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy threw 2,500,000 men and 3,000 planes at Hitler's disposal today when he announced Italy's entrance into the European War.

Before a cheering crowd in Venice, Mussolini announced his declaration and pledged the integrity of his neighbors. Italy went into the war, Mussolini said, because the Allies would not re-adjust the colonies and economic claims of Italy.

England said the Allies offered to discuss the Italian demands in messages transmitted through President Roosevelt. Meanwhile the English and French peoples were calm in the face of this newest threat.

German officials said the Allies had anticipated the Italian blow and will not be content to rest solely on the defensive.

The day was dark for the Allies, as the British announced one of her severest blows of the war, in the loss of the 22,000-ton aircraft carrier *Glorious*, and 30,000 more tons of shipping.

Meanwhile the battle raged in France at some points no more than 25 miles from Paris. Four thousand German tanks and more than a million men broke through the Seine defenses, moving closer to the capital.

The department of censorship moved from Paris and it was thought other departments also had evacuated the capital. Premier Reynaud said that France was in difficulty, but she was not down.

The American Red Cross also abandoned the French capital to safeguard relief work.

The Norwegians capitulated to the Germans, two months after the Norwegian invasion, while the Allies withdrew their forces from Narvik, after completely damaging the iron ore port, in order that their forces might be sent to the Western Front.

King Haakon and Prince Olav went to London and were planning to carry the fight on along the Western Front.

Russia and Japan reached an agreement on the Mongolian border and a new era of better Soviet-Japanese relations is expected.

### Committee Votes For Larger Army, Use of The Guards

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The House Military Affairs Committee today voted 14 to 8 to increase the size of the standing army of the United States to 400,000 men.

At the same time the committee voted to give President Roosevelt power to call out the National Guard, in the event of an emergency, but limited its use to this country and its possessions.

### Suit Is Dismissed One Transferred

An order dismissing the suit, at the cost of the plaintiff, has been issued by Judge George L. Davernport in 91st district court in the divorce suit styled Electra Hattox vs. J. C. Hattox.

The order has been filed with District Clerk John White.

The case of the Independent Eastern Torpedo Company vs. Arnold Oil Company, filed in the 91st district court, has been transferred to the 88th district court.

### American Boy Dives In Allied Air R

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The first American civilian to die in the European War, eight-year-old Alfred Ritter, was announced today. The boy was killed Allied bombing raid Germany, the State announced today.

The boy was born in a city and lived in Pennsylvania.

SERIAL STORY

AN EYE FOR A GAL BY HARRY HARRISON KROLL

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YESTERDAY Steve Hogg tells Rosy that the Tollivers are...

CHAPTER VII

THOUGH Rosy McAfee said the words under his breath...

Then she caught sight of his dark shape by the fence...

"How come you're here?" he demanded, and in spite of himself...

"You're one of these here college students that when they look at a-b-c's they've got to have teacher say, 'Them's a-b-c's.'"

"Ah, I know—I haven't been watching you, but I've seen, just the same. So you would tell Steve he was a liar, and you'd go back and lap up what they fed you, and that would be the end of a second-hand job of doing the right thing."

FOR a moment Rosy breathed heavily, saying nothing.

"I reckon you wouldn't believe a word I said."

"You must say it and let me see if it's a word that my judgment told me could be believed."

"All right!" she cried. "Then here's the word. What Steve was telling you about the Tollivers having a meeting one night just before that Fourth of July game was so. They had such a meeting, and Sock Tolliver—Dr. Tolliver to you—was there, and they drew lots, and Sock got the call to kill your pappy. You see, it was Steve himself that seen it and overheard the whole thing."

"But how do you know it was Steve?"

"That night Steve was following one of the Tollivers. He had a gun and he aimed to kill him and overheard the whole thing."

"Well, I reckon that'll make a good boy out of you! Now what you aim to do about it?"

"Looks like I've got to kill me a man."

"In her temper she was panting. 'If there's a speck of manhood in you, that's about all that's left!'"

"What do you mean by that crack?" he wanted to know.

WHEN he came out at the summit of the ridge, he was in a region where someone had been timbering. The cutter was hewing second-growth hickory for bolts and handle lengths.

from this high vantage. Rosy sat down again, running his fingers through his hair. He began to get excited. Hogg was in too big a hurry about selling off this timber. He had been too anxious to follow Rosy down to Lincoln College, check up with him there, make a full report to Hannah.

"Rats!" Rosy scoffed to himself. Steve Hogg put her up to it; now he was trying to prove something on Dr. Tolliver, trying to get Rosy involved in a killing scrape. For family honor. For the sake of an oath made when Rosy was just a child, to get his eye for eye. And on the most powerful argument of all, the alleged accidental murder of his father.

"Still running. Rosy came into the village and went straight for Jesse Leverage's cabin. It was of logs and lost in garden and yard trees. Rosy beat on the door. 'Come!' called a cracked voice. Rosy went in. Uncle Jesse was a smallish man, and his years, white upon his thatch, had never mattered to any one. And almost everybody in Hell-in-Damnation had made good use of his wisdom and profited by it, or failed to make use of it and had suffered in consequence.

"Well, howdy, huh! That you, Rosy McAfee?"

"It's me, Judge. I come to ask you something. Sometime I've got to know, or find out quick."

"Set. What you want to know?"

"Well, I want to know something about how come Steve Hogg, who's my cousin, has all the old land up on Wild Cat Ridge, when there was a time it belonged to my father. What I want to know is, how did it happen after daddy was killed that this land and timber all turned up in the possession of my cousin? How did my father lose it? When did he sell it, if he sold it at all? Just what is back of all this?"

"I've just come from the ridge, and somebody's timbering out all the first class stuff, all the prime hickory, and poplar and white oak. And I know who it is. It's Steve."

"Well, how come? Don't you reckon that might be mine all right? There's something stinking to the creek and I come to you to find out what it is."

(To Be Continued)

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



THE PAY OFF

BY HARRY GRAYSON NEA Service Staff Editor

Homegrown, tipped by a batting outpour...

Little State Law Exists to Combat Fifth Columns

AUSTIN, Tex.—Little state law exists to combat "fifth column" activities in Texas.

Treason is defined both by statute and by the state constitution to consist only in levying war against the state...

Other defense laws would become operative if the United States became engaged in war.

Disloyal language also is punishable in time of war. The statute is drawn in such a way that it makes no reference to disloyal language over a telephone.

The punishment also applies to such conduct toward any of the officers of the United States. The result may be by word or deed.

MODERN MENUS

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX NEA Service Staff Writer

TOMORROW'S MENU: BREAKFAST: Baked apple, scrambled eggs, whole-wheat toast, marmalade, coffee, milk.

LUNCHEON: Creamed eggs with green peas on toast, rolls, cookies, tea, chocolate highball.

DINNER: Tomato juice casserole of pork chops and potatoes, green beans, tomato, cucumber and lettuce salad, cherry pie, cheesé, coffee, milk.

CHOCOLATE HIGBALL: One-half cup chilled milk, 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup or cocoa syrup, 1/4 cup cold ginger ale, vanilla ice cream.

CHOCOLATE PINEAPPLE FLOAT: Three-fourths cup chilled milk, 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup or cocoa syrup, 1/4 cup crushed canned pineapple and juice, chocolate ice cream or vanilla ice cream.

MINTED CHOCOLATE: One cup chilled milk, 2 tablespoons chocolate syrup or cocoa syrup, 2 to 3 drops peppermint extract, 3 tablespoons whipped cream.

"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



RED RYDER By Fred Harman



U.S. To Extract Oil From Coal

PITTSBURGH.—Research aimed at perfecting methods of obtaining gasoline from America's coal reserves is being conducted by a 16-man staff at the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

Spurred by a \$10,000 appropriation for new laboratory equipment, approved by Congress, the group of engineers and technicians under Dr. H. H. Storch, director of coal hydrogenation work for the bureau, is pushing studies to unravel the huge store of gasoline contained in coal seams in the event of a future shortage of petroleum-produced gasoline.

Experiments are being undertaken with special apparatus to study liquefaction of coal dust at pressures up to 10,000 pounds per square inch. Previous equipment made possible achievement of a pressure of only 5,000 pounds—point at which certain types of coal do not liquefy.

Dr. Storch described the program as a type of preparedness effort, looking to the time when petroleum supplies will need to be augmented from other sources.

"Highly efficient oils can be manufactured from coal at present, but only at a cost considerably higher than for petroleum-produced gasoline," he said.

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