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World Affairs

Hitler has taken a forward step towards bringing war with the United States down on his head. At middle of the week his submarines and battle cruisers were reported to be off the North Atlantic coast by several independent sources.

Passage of the Lease-Lend law was the death knell of his dreams of power and empire, for it made available to the British the limitless wealth and resources of the United States.

The sole hope of the Axis to survive is to stop the flow of American planes, guns and war supplies to England. At best an impossibility it is not expected that the best efforts of the Germans will but account for a small part of what is sent for the English to fight with.

During the last war exactly the same course was followed and no appreciable success was produced by unrestricted submarine warfare.

Hitler is counting on the Japs to keep Uncle Sam so busy in the Far East he will have no time for the Atlantic problem.

The Nipponese have tried to get a Russian Promise of hands off while they do their part in the German plan.

The Italians have not been able to improve their situation. Practically surrounded by the English who have dared them to come out and fight so often the English have ceased to regard Mussolini as a danger at all. It is known that the Italian internal situation is very bad, so bad that Hitler has had to step in and take over almost all authority. And it is apparent Hitler is going to come out on top there regardless of how the war ends, for victory for Hitler will not mean victory for Italy.

A week ago the English sent a vast fleet of troopships to the eastern end of the Mediterranean sea to reinforce forces there. reports have it that the convoy sailed right past Italian land forts with out drawing fire and were not molested at all. It has long been suspected that the English plan would be to start a land offensive at the same time Hitler started his invasion try. The near million English troops in that quarter seem to bear the idea out as they are being steadily augmented almost daily by new troops arriving from near and far colonies.

In the Far East all is abustle. The Japanese are all excited. At last their dreams of power seem near realization. By simply keeping the English in the Far East and the United States so busy they will not have time to help England at home they will inherit the Far Eastern possessions of the white democracies. So they think. By acquiring the Far Eastern parts of the French and English Empires neighbor to their sphere of influence the Japs will tread on the toes of Uncle Sam by getting a strange hold on raw materials vital to American needs. Accordingly he has served notice that if these valuable territories are going to change hands he is going to be their new owners, and if the Japanese think they want to argue our navy is at their door. And with the Japanese navy disposed of the Japanese empire and its dreams would be a thing of the past. Russia has nothing but fanatic hate for Japan, one of the fiercest hates imaginable. Aside from these two things and the fact that Singapore is just bristling with guns and

Joe Louis To Defend Crown Tonight For 15th Time

"If he can't hurt me, how can he beat me?" Simon Asks

By "Bob" Greer
Portly Abe (Simple) Simon, never knocked off his feet in 50 tough battles, gave a one-man ballyho in his own behalf over his chances of doing the seemingly impossible — defeating Joe Louis.

Simon says no one believes him, but he is convinced deep in his heart, that he has an excellent chance against the Brown Bomber whom he meets in Detroit's Olympia arena tonight at about ten o'clock, scheduled for 15 rounds or less. The New York challenger bases his conviction on the fact that he has never been hurt by a blow, that he has never been floored, and Louis, with all his devastating power, cannot hurt him.

Simon, stretching 6 feet 4 inches and weighing 255 pounds, has a physique to stand up under a terrific bombardment (so did Primo.) He has powerful shoulders and a bulging chest and has trained down until not an ounce of fat is on his frame. His hands are the largest in fistic circles today, measuring 14 and a half inches.

Both fighters wound up their training Wednesday. Joe, su-



— JOE LOUIS —

premy confident of victory, breezed through four rounds of boxing while Abe did another four in his camp. The champion is entering the ring for his 15th defense scaling 202 pounds. At this figure, Louis will be behind in weight count by some 53 lbs.

MRS. MAGGIE CROCKETT

Mrs. Maggie Crockett, 60, died at her home Sunday afternoon following a lingering illness.

Mrs. Crockett had lived at Keystone for 29 years, coming to this section from Wythe county Virginia. She was a member of the Methodist church of Wytheville, Va.

Survivors are her husband, Will Crockett; two sons, Preston and Luther; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Edwards of Keystone; one sister, Mrs. Annie Woods, of Shelbyville, Ky.; four brothers, Charlie Green of Maitland, Crockett Green of Austinsville, Virginia; Jack Green of Radford, Va., and Early Green, also of Austinsville. One son in law, Chauncey Edwards of the city.

Funeral services were held in Mt. Chapel Baptist church with Rev. Watkins officiating. Burial took place at Eckman. The Kimball Undertaking company had charge of arrangements.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means of expressing our appreciation to all our friends for their consideration and sympathy during the illness and death of our wife mother, Mrs. Martha (Mattie) Thornton. Especially we thank Kimball Undertaking company, Rev. R. P. Johnson, Dr. H. P. Evans, Rev. E. G. Holcomb and those who sent floral tributes, furnished cars, acted as pallbearers and those who sent cards and telegrams of condolence.

Nathaniel Thornton
Miss Anna Thornton,
William J. Thornton.

Officials Inspects Local Coal Mines

BLUEFIELD. — Seventeen coal dealers from Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky were guests of the Kopers Coal company here Mar. 23 on an inspection tour of two of the company's 25 mines.

The group left Cincinnati Monday evening in special Pullman car and were accompanied by W. C. Coleman, district manager of the Cincinnati office, W. O. Young and J. J. Sidebotham, sales representatives, and H. J. Spear, assistant general manager of sales for the Kopers Coal company.

They were welcomed in Bluefield by C. R. Bourland, division superintendent of the company's Pocahontas mines, E. B. Burton, chief inspector, and A. F. Castanoli, preparation engineer.

The party inspected the Keystone mine went to the company

club house at Kimball for lunch, and then visited the Carswell mine at Kimball.

The coal dealers who made the trip were: Jerry Hogan, sales manager for Westover Coal and Supply company, Cincinnati; H. R. Harkins, secretary, Leonard Coal and Supply company, Dayton Ohio; J. F. Randall and W. C. Arthur owners, R. and A. Coal company, Dayton; Frank D. McCarthy, president McCarthy Coal company, Dayton; John Krautwater, manager, Ervin Coal and Coke company, Springfield, Ohio; C. S. Goff, manager saoker department, of Louisville Hay, Grain and Coal company, Louisville Ky.; and Henry E. Long, president, Nie-wochner-Long Corporation of Richmond, Indiana.

Numerous others made up the balance of the party.

Goiter an Old Affliction
The goiter affliction is older than written history. Juvenal, the Latin poet, wrote, "Who wonders at goiter on the Alps?"

Les Precieuse Club Holds Interesting Meeting Saturday

The semi-monthly meeting of the Les Precieuse club was held Saturday afternoon, March 23, in the reception room of the American Legion building at Kimball.

Mrs. Rosa L. Redmond and Mrs. Nannie L. Hough, hostesses.

During the business session final plan were made for the benefit dance to be given at the Callaroma club tonight.

One of the features of the evening was bridge. High score was won by Mrs. Fannie Poole and the guest prize by Miss Dorthula Withers. The consolation prize went to Mrs. Lurena Watlington.

Following the bridge was a luncheon with an Irish motif. An informative talk on Ireland, interspersed with jokes was given by Mrs. Ida Whittico. Much interest was created by an explanation of the thirteenth chapter of Revelations by Mrs. Sarah H. Page.

Members present were: Mesdames R. D. Crider, D. T. Murray, Mabel Carter, Lucille DeLoache, Beatrice Howard, Fannie Poole, Lurena S. Watlington, Goldie Calhoun, Rosa L. Redmond, Nannie L. Hough and Miss Lena Watkins.

The guests of the evening were Mesdames Sarah H. Page, Ida Whittico, Pearl Johnson, Laura L. Dillard and the Misses Dorothy Brown, Cortez Purcell, Verna Adams and Dorthula Withers.

Japanese Official Goes To See Stalin

The Japanese government spokesman who last week was called to see Hitler for the obvious purpose of coordinating anti-English operations on a world-wide scale as soon as warm weather enables military operations to be undertaken in Europe, announced that he would call on the Soviet overnment on his way home. It is expected his purpose is to try to wangle some sort of agreement out of Stalin not to attack Japan if she goes to war against the democracies both detest.

Does Not Fly at Night

About eight inches long, the martin is a beautiful steel blue. It is one of the few birds that refuse to fly at night, even when migrating. A powerful flyer, it catches insects on the wing.

German Subs On U.S. Side of Atlantic

German battle cruisers and submarines have been reported on this side of the Atlantic by sources thoroughly reliable.

International espionage men independently reported that at least one large submarine was on the way over and the sinking of several British merchant vessels close to our coasts has lent credence to the story.

It is known that bases for subsmeribles have been secretly built by the Germans in the Caribbean sea and investigation is under way to ascertain if they are operating from these places by the international neutrality patrol.

LAST OF SEASON'S MUSIC RECITAL AT STATE IS PRESENTED MARCH 14th

Institute.—The music department of West Virginia State college, T. D. Phillips, director, presented the last of this school year's highly successful series of recitals. Luther King, tenor, appeared in a dramatically rendered program of classical songs and spirituals His phrasing, control and interpretation of Le Reve from Massenet's famous opera "Manon," was one of the high points of the evening. Handel's "Where'er You Walk," and the spiritual "Crucifixion" arranged by Jean Houston, Mr. King's sympathetic accompanist, was enthusiastically applauded. Several encores followed.

Belleville Choral Ensemble Appears at W. Va State college

Institute. — The Belleville Choral Ensemble appeared at the Tuesday morning chapel services of the West Virginia State college. They rendered a loudly applauded program of spirituals and folk songs in entrancingly primitive rhythm.

Suit of Armor Heavy
A medieval suit of armor weighed 50 pounds or more. Sometimes the headpiece alone weighed as much as 30 pounds.

UNION DEBATERS TO MEET W. VA. STATE FORENSIC GROUP MONDAY

On Monday, March 24, representatives of Kappa Gamma Chi Debating Society, of Virginia Union university, will journey to West Virginia State college where they will debate the question "Resolved that the United States and Great Britain should Form a Permanent Union."

YOST GROCERY INSTALLS NEW FIXTURE

One of the newest grocery fixtures, chilled fruits and vegetables is now available at the C. H. grocery. The products are sold from a special counter which is designed solely for that use.

Keystoneites now have one of the newest advances in food distribution and preservation that is fresh from the scientific laboratory.

Visitors from Salisbury, N. C.

Mr. Anna Chambers and Mrs. Mayme Donald, both of Salisbury, N. C. were called here by the death of their sister Mrs. Mattie Thornton. They will remain several days with the Thornton family before returning home.

Mines Doing Pretty Well

Work on operations near and at Keystone is pretty good now. Tail end of the contract period customarily sees work pick up when users force a scarcity of fuel due to possibility of a shut-down pending the new contract being signed.

No shut-down is expected as both parties seem agreeable on that point. Prospects for good work seem excellent for the next few months.

H. D. Vaughan Appointed To Banking Post

H. D. Vaughan, widely-known Keystone banker was appointed State Banking Commissioner by Governor M. M. Neely, to succeed R. Carl Andrews, who resigned.

Mr. Vaughan's banking career began in the Kimball First National bank. He resigned to accept a position in a Harlan, Ky. bank; was then appointed cashier at Pennington Gap, Va., after serving a short while there resigned to accept the cashiership of the Keystone First National bank.

Many persons on learning he was in Keystone brought their accounts here because of the record of friends he made while at Kimball.

While we know Keystone is complimented in having a citizen so honored we sincerely regret at the same time to lose such an excellent citizen.

Governor Neely certainly knows how to select them, we congratulate so wise a governor.

SPRING OFFICIALLY HERE

Some time yesterday Spring arrived officially and with it appropriately enough, came relief from the coldest wave of the winter.

New Orleans Teachers Start Move For Equ Salaries

A group of teachers here who are greatly interested in equalizing the salaries paid to Negro and white teachers, are prepared to initiate a test case in the courts.

With this idea in mind, the local group invited Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the NAACP, to confer with them over the week-end and advise them on the legal procedure to obtain their objective.

The New Orleans teachers, in planning their action, considered the successful legal action of the NAACP in Maryland and Virginia, and the legal case which has already started in the state of Florida.

They bear in mind, also, the fact that the legislature of South Carolina has agreed to consider the equalization of teachers' salaries; and that the legislature of Alabama recently passed a bill equalizing minimum salaries in the state. From this time forward, both Negro and white teachers will start at the same minimums in Alabama.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Mattie Thornton

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Mattie Thornton of Keystone.

Burial followed in Oak Grove cemetery at Bluewell.

Mrs. Thornton had lived in Keystone for the past 28 years, coming here from Roane county North Carolina. She was interested in community and civic affairs, and was a member of Mt. Chapel Baptist church of Keystone.

Rev. E. S. Holcomb, pastor of Ashland Baptist church officiated at the funeral, assisted by Rev. L. A. Watkins.

Kimball Undertaking company had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Good Friday

And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots...

And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour...

And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

— Luke 23: 33-46

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