

Belgian fronts are said to have reached Mons as well as Tournai. With the Reich Army apparently

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## CONFUSION MARKS BATTLE IN FRANCE

Reports of Commanders Fail  
to Go Into Details and Lines  
Cannot Be Drawn

### NAZI PLAN ONE OF TERROR

Light Motorized Forces Rush  
Into Towns, Not to Occupy  
Them, but to Create Panic

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
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### German

BERLIN, May 20 (UP)—The text of the German High Command communiqué today follows:

Pursuit continued in Belgium in fighting against the enemy rear guard. The Dendre River has been crossed and in the pursuit the enemy is being driven back.

English troops are hurrying in forced marches toward the Channel ports, while near Maubeuge south of Valenciennes attacks of a French-Belgian Army seeking to encircle the enemy's rear are being repulsed.

The enemy had the heaviest losses, particularly tanks, and now, badly shattered, is retreating westward after this abortive breakthrough attempt.

Some of our tank and motorized units reached the 1916 Somme battlefield on the Cambrai-Peronne Road. Dive bomber and destroyer units smashed a tank column marching northward from Laon, compelling them to turn about.

The entire inner ring of forts at Liege and all but one fort at Namur now are in our hands.

In tank battles of the last few days a first lieutenant in a tank regiment, Baron Nolde, distinguished himself through particular coolness.

On May 19 the German air force intensified attacks on the enemy's communications to the rear and roads along which he was retreating in North France and Belgium.

Attacks on enemy airfields continued successfully.

During armed reconnaissance of a sea area off the French-Belgian coast, two enemy destroyers were destroyed, and one destroyer, a French torpedo boat and three

merchantmen with a total tonnage of about 15,000 were damaged badly.

The enemy's total losses yesterday amounted to 143 planes, of which ninety-five were shot down in air battle, fifteen by anti-aircraft guns and the remainder destroyed on the ground. Thirty-one German planes are missing.

On the night of May 19-20 British planes resumed aimless bombings in Western Germany in which a number of civilians were killed or wounded. The only military objective hit was a war prisoners' camp. A number of war prisoners were killed.

BERLIN, May 20 (UP)—A communiqué of the German High Command today stated:

German troops stormed Laon today. The German war flag is flying from the citadel of Laon.

In the advance from Laon toward the southwest the Oise-Aisne Canal was reached.

### British

LONDON, May 20—The Air Ministry announced today:

The bombing operations of the Royal Air Force were continued last night against enemy lines of communication in the south of Belgium and selected military objectives in Western Germany.

An Admiralty communiqué said: The Secretary of the Admiralty regrets to announce that one of our destroyers, H. M. S. Whitely, has been damaged by bombs and was subsequently beached.

There were four casualties and the next of kin have been informed.

## GOV. BALDWIN MOVES TO SPEED UP DEFENSE

Connecticut's Role Is Explained  
to Labor and Industry

HARTFORD, Conn., May 20 (UP)—Governor Baldwin conferred today with more than 100 leaders of Connecticut industry and labor regarding plans for immediate participation in President Roosevelt's emergency national defense program.

In this State are centered much of the country's munitions, aviation and machine tool industries.

The Governor sought from the industrial leaders an outline of present production and employment conditions in munitions, aircraft, utilities, small tool, textile and allied industries, and discussed with them necessary steps for a broad expansion in these fields.

Cautioning that "America faces a test," the Governor declared, "we must show the world that a democracy in a Republic such as ours can mobilize as quickly and as effectively, and with as great a unity of purpose, as any of the totalitarian States."

"This is not a 'war scare' or a 'spy scare.' Simply, our country and our State now are committed to a program of national defense, and we are going to proceed here in Connecticut with all necessary preparations."

He summoned for a conference Wednesday Mayors of twenty major industrial centers, the adjutant general and the State Police Commissioner to discuss a law enforcement program, aimed primarily to safeguard the uninterrupted operation of vital industries, transportation, supplies and communications, and to prevent possible "fifth column" activities.

The State militia already has been revamped and placed on an "alert" basis with additional anti-aircraft facilities. All twenty-six State armories are under continual armed guard.

## TO RESUME INDIES' RUNS

Netherlands Shipping Committee  
Seeks Larger Java Trade

The Netherlands shipping committee, which was set up last Wednesday, announced yesterday that the disrupted service of Netherlands ships between New York and the East and West Indies would be resumed as soon as possible.

Netherlands shippers will make every effort to increase the movement of freight between New York and Java, making it greater than it was before the German invasion of their country. The lines that will operate ships in the service are the Holland-America, the Rotterdam Lloyd and the Nederland Lines.

The German Army, meanwhile, was making every effort to prevent enemy withdrawal and to hinder Allied reinforcements. Much of this was borne by the air force.

Fighting still was progressing on the southern flank of the narrow Nazi thrust between La Fere and St. Quentin, but the pace in this direction slowed down as the drive evidently veered westward through Cambrai.

On the Cambrai advance, the well-informed Hamburger Fremdenblatt commented, depends much of the future course of the conflict. It called this a war of "breath-taking maneuvers" and said it resulted from the breakdown of France's fortifications along the Belgian frontier which let the Germans plunge almost half way to Paris.

That the Germans sped so deeply into France despite the large Allied armies on both flanks was considered in Berlin as evidence of their reliance on their air force and armored divisions. Their extremely narrow lines easily might have been pinched off with heavy losses except for their seemingly overwhelming superiority.

## IRISH RESERVES CALLED UP

Defense Forces Strengthened—  
I. R. A. Suspects Arrested

DUBLIN, Ireland, May 20 (AP)—It was officially announced today that during the week-end certain classes of reservists were recalled to the colors to strengthen the Irish defense forces.

Meanwhile forty men engaged in military scouting and drilling practice in County Limerick were arrested today by detectives and civic guards. A number of them had firearms. Police said the men were suspected of being members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

## PERSONAL LIBERTY HELD VITAL TO U.S.

Mead Tells Long Island B'nai  
B'rith Freedom and Strength  
Must Be Linked

### BOTH MUST BE BUILT UP

But Senator Warns Against  
Allowing 'Fifth Columns' to  
Make Use of System

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.  
LAWRENCE, L. I., May 20—Declaring that the American people are determined that the calamity of war and destruction of national independence that has befallen neutral countries in Europe shall not be visited upon the United States, Senator James M. Mead in an address here tonight called for intensive effort to build an impregnable military defense for this country, coupled with the strengthening of the country's institutions of political and religious liberty. The two must go together, he emphasized, if this Republic is to be rendered truly safe from aggression without and disintegration within.

Senator Mead spoke before the Long Island Lodge of B'nai Brith at Temple Israel.

"As we build strong and invulnerable our military lines of defense let us also be sure that we are not permitting any 'Trojan horses' or 'fifth columns' to develop under the advantages and liberties of our happy system," Senator Mead said.

Denouncing the "cruel, barbaric pagan leadership" of the totalitarian States, "which desecrate the name of self-government and make the soil of neutral nations in Europe red with blood," the Senator declared that "more than anything else in the world we are determined that that calamity shall not afflict us here."

"That is why I say we must build up our defenses strong," he continued. "We must war against intolerance and bigotry and misunderstanding here in America."

"We have the wealth, the resources and the industrial power to produce the material weapons that are needed for our adequate national protection. We are going to make it work in providing these necessary weapons of defense. But I say to you that our most serious enemy will not be the parastatist, nor the airplane bomber, nor any of the other terrifying implements of modern war. If we are made vulnerable to assault, it will be because we have failed to strengthen, to solidify and to adequately provide the defenses of tolerance, of neighborliness, of goodwill among our own people."

"We must not turn our backs to the domestic problems which confront the nation nor must we blind ourselves to what could happen in the future at the hands of those who are unfriendly to our way of life," Senator Mead added. "I am not warning against the inevitable, but rather I am advocating that we be prepared in every manner against the unpredictable."

New British Press Chief Named  
LONDON, May 20 (AP)—W. L. Smith, former manager of The Times, London, was appointed chief press and public relations officer today in the reorganized Ministry of Information.

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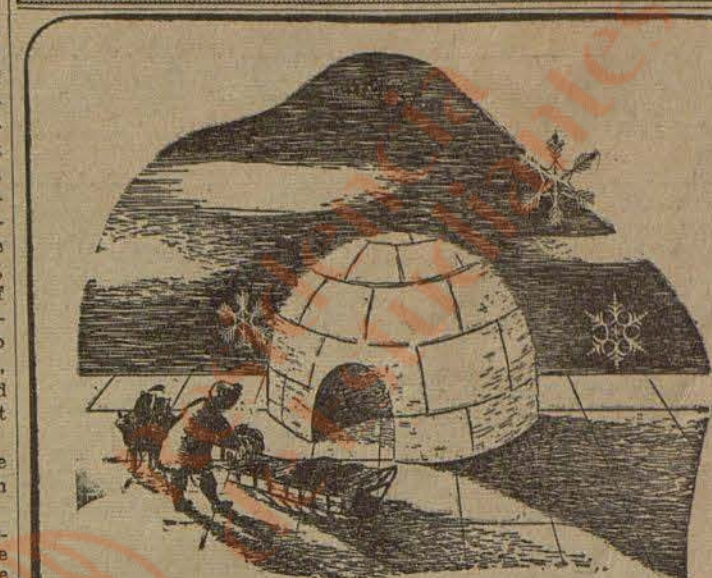
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