

Fire Sweeps Boston Docks Near Navy Yard



This photo, made at the height of the conflagration, shows the fire which resulted in a four alarm at Boston's Mystic docks. Firemen brought the flames under control after a two-hour battle. There were no casualties. The building, which contained foodstuffs of a grocery chain, is near the Boston navy yard in the Charlestown district.

A Week of the War

President Roosevelt told his press conference Pacific councils coordinating the war effort of the United States in the southwest Pacific have been operating for about a month. The military command in the ABDA area itself, the President said, is in the hands of Gen. Archibald Wavell, but strategic problems are referred to Washington and London. The joint military and naval staffs sit in Washington.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House a joint authorization for a \$500,000,000 loan to China. President Roosevelt said the money will make it possible for the Chinese to purchase numerous war materials, both in China and in other countries. He said the loan would be a definite relief for the Chinese financial structure strained by the long war with the Japanese.

The White House announced the U. S. through the RAF has dropped a second pamphlet over several occupied French seaports in the "biggest pamphlet bombing job ever done." The first pamphlet, announced a month ago, stressed the traditional friendship between this country and France; the second told of the rapidly-expanding U. S. war production.

**AIR**  
A Navy aviation training program designed to develop 30,000 of the toughest pilots in the world annually for the Navy and Marine Corps will be put into operation by May 1, Navy Secretary Knox announced. Applications for training are now being accepted. Mr. Knox asked U. S. high school youth to aid the Navy by producing 500,000 aircraft models of 50 different types of fighting planes to be used in aircraft recognition and range estimation in gunnery practice and for training civilians in aircraft recognition. The Office of Civilian Defense invited college flyers and aviation enthusiasts to participate in the Civilian Air Patrol which is seeking to enlist 90,000 civilian pilots. Sixteen years is the minimum age for enrollment for ground service, and 18 for flight duty. The Civil Aeronautics Administration reported a 60 percent increase in private flying during 1941.

**THE WAR FRONT**  
Gen. MacArthur's troops in the Philippines repulsed continuous attacks by the enemy throughout the week. Enemy losses during the week included 11 planes plus an undetermined number destroyed in the air and on the ground in an attack on Japanese-occupied Marshall and Gilbert Islands, many fleet auxiliaries, two transports and "probably" a third, and an enemy warship torpedoed. U. S. losses were 13 planes, two tankers and two freighters. The Navy and Marine Corps reported 1,294 officers and men missing or prisoners of war. The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill to continue the pay of persons in the armed forces and civilian employees of the War and Navy for a year after reported missing, captured or interned.

**NAVY**  
Congress passed the largest appropriation bill in history of nearly \$24 billion in direct cash appropriations and \$4 billion in contract authorizations for the Navy. The Navy said 100,000 men have enlisted since the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Marine Corps has passed the 100,000-man mark in officers and men, both reserves and regulars. Three destroyers and one battleship were launched and two more destroyers and one cruiser will be launched Lincoln's birthday.

**SELECTIVE SERVICE**  
Selective Service Director Hershey asked local draft boards to aid de-

ferment of apprentices in essential war production trades because there is a mounting demand for skilled workers. Gen. Hershey said a plan has been proposed for allowances and allotments to release for induction many registrants now deferred on grounds of dependency. In World War I, he said, payments up to \$50 a month were made. He said no figures will be issued on the number of men who register February 16.

**SHIPPING**  
President Roosevelt told his press conference emergency shipping schedules make it almost impossible to utilize full cargo capacity of American merchant vessels because war developments often make it necessary for the ships to sail without advance notice. The Maritime Commission said through cooperative action with American ship operators, imports of 10 important raw materials increased about 200 percent during 1941. The Commission maintained its ship-a-day construction schedule by launching 14 new vessels during the last half of January. Eight French merchant ships in U. S. ports were requisitioned by the Commission.

**PRODUCTION AND CONVERSION**  
The WPA announced it cleared contracts amounting to \$3 billion in the week ending January 21st. The War Department announced production of .30 caliber ball ammunition was nearly doubled during the first three weeks of January 1942 over the corresponding period last year. War Department Production Director Knudsen announced the Chrysler Corporation will construct a \$100,000,000 plant in Chicago to turn out Wright 12-cylinder air-cooled engines.

War Production Chairman Nelson announced adoption of a system of daily progress reports to check production delays "anywhere along the line." He merged priorities and sub-contracting field offices in a new Bureau of Field Operations to provide "faster, more efficient service to business and industry." The WPA asked the typewriter manufacturing industry which produced 1,000,000 machines in 1941 to cut its normal production 25 percent immediately and convert its facilities to war production.

**CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE**  
President Roosevelt directed the United States Information Service to expand its facilities "so that visitors shall have one central place to which they can go for direction and information." The President said because many businessmen and other citizens "are coming to Washington in increasing numbers seeking information and the assistance of their Government . . . it has become more and more difficult for those coming . . . on specific business to locate the Government official who can give authoritative answers to their questions . . . It is now necessary that there be an integration of the various offices having direct contact with the public, and that their activities be coordinated under the direction of a central office."

**CIVILIAN DEFENSE**  
The Senate passed and sent to the House a bill to create a \$1,000,000,000 fund to compensate American property owners for war damages. The fund would compensate for losses other than life or personal injury to the extent of \$15,000. OGD Executive Landis announced cities in target areas will not be required to submit requisitions for protective equipment including gas masks and auxiliary fire-fighting equipment to be provided by \$100 million of Federal funds. He

Newspapers In South Agree To Cut Size

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 9.—A voluntary reduction in the size of newspapers to meet a possible shortage of newsprint was agreed upon by directors of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association in session here.

The reduction would be made in the number of pages through greater condensation of news matter, the Directors indicated in informal discussion. "Every possible economy of paper will be practiced," said Secretary-Manager Walter C. Johnson, "not because a shortage of newsprint actually exists now, but because there may be one in the future. The paper mills are engaged in fulfilling other war orders, and the S. N. P. A. wants to help meet the situation."

A more active conservation of scrap paper by S. N. P. A.-member newspapers also was indicated by Mr. Johnson.

said the equipment would be allocated to the various areas according to their likelihood of attack, vulnerability and present equipment. Attorney General Biddle established a special War Frauds Unit within the Department of Justice to prosecute all cases involving frauds in connection with the war effort.

**CIVILIAN SUPPLY**  
Price Administrator Henderson announced rationing of new passenger autos to eligible users will not begin before February 26, and delivery of cars purchased but not delivered before the Government froze all sales will begin February 12. The WPA Food Supply Branch asked sugar retailers to take care of small industrial users who have bought sugar from them in the past so they can conduct business on a minimum basis. The OPA Consumer Division said wool products sold during the emergency still must carry a label telling the fiber content of the article.

**PRICES**  
Price Administrator Henderson set ceiling prices for electric phonographs, radios and all tubes and parts at the levels of last October 15th. He also set ceiling prices for washing machines and irons. Wholesale and retail prices were set for passenger autos under the rationing program, including a provision to compensate dealers for storage expenses. The WPA reported that since the beginning of the defense program rents have been increased in 114 of 115 vital defense areas surveyed.

**CLOVER**  
A promising new recruit in the Food-for-Victory campaign is the new high-yielding disease-resistant Midland red clover, introduced last year by several State experiment stations.

COURT NEWS

J. Ruffin Beasley was sentenced to 30 days on the roads in Johnston County Recorder's Court last week. He was charged with being publicly drunk and disorderly.

Durwood Stafford, convicted of chicken stealing, drew a four-months road term and cost, road sentence suspended upon condition that the defendant violate no criminal law for two years.

Upon payment of \$50 and cost prayer for judgment was continued in the case of Arthur McCleeny, convicted of drunken driving. His license is suspended for 12 months.

S. C. Batten, Oscar Brown, Randolph Simms, colored, and Mack Simms, colored—jointly charged with stealing logs—were found not guilty.

Henry Harrington, colored, guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, was given 60 days on the roads; sentence suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

Brodie Howard, colored, was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and sentenced to 60 days on the roads; road term suspended upon payment of cost.

Convicted of drunken driving, Jesse F. Howell drew a 90-day road term, sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and cost. His license is surrendered for 12 months.

Deane Crawford, found guilty of driving while drunk, was sentenced to 60 days on the roads; sentence suspended upon payment of \$50 and cost and license suspended for 12 months. The defendant gave notice of appeal and was set at \$200.

Bennis Taylor, colored, was given six months on the roads for abandoning and failing to support his wife and child. The road sentence was ordered suspended upon condition that the defendant pay into court certain specified sums for the use and benefit of his wife and child.

James Lewis, Negro, charged with assault, was remanded to E. C. Jones, justice of the peace.

Sam Jones, indicted for simple assault, was remanded to W. H. Honeycutt, justice of the peace.

No processes were allowed in the following cases:

Hubert Langdon, assault; Andy Baggett, violation of auto license law; Wesley Johnson, assault; Gardner Wilkins, driving drunk; Edward Anderson, bastardy; John T. Hughes, larceny; and Albert Eason, operating a car after driver's license had been suspended.

TO THE METHODIST OF SELMA

Say, all you Methodist folks around! When Sunday comes, where are you bound?

Do you think your name on the old church roll is going to save your immortal soul?

O say, you fathers, why walk the street?

Or stand on the corner, your friends to greet.

Why not come to church where the best people go

And not hang around or go to the show.

You Methodist mothers, just where do you stand?

On the solid rock or the sinking sand? We worry over serving as Martha of old

But that doesn't fill our starving soul.

Now lay down your burden and make a new rule,

Just say, I'm going to Sunday school. When the day is over you can say, well done,

I've whipped the devil and I've only begun.

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There's not enough of us to crowd the floor

But if you will come—there will be one more.

I think we mothers should stand together,

And go to Sunday school regardless of the weather.

Then we know we are doing the thing we should do

And that means you, and you, and you.

Now just for a change—just try it a while,

And meet us at Sunday school with a great big smile.

You will feel lots better—let the work all go,

When morning comes again 'twill be Monday, you know.

You'll feel like a new woman—your souls have been fed,

You need spiritual food with your daily bread.

Now come to the church on the Sabbath day,

You know every good deed your Lord will repay.

Now come on dear friends—let's all meet together,

In sunshine or rain or the stormiest of weather.

You know the Lord has promised in the Book that is true,

Where a few gather in His name—He will be there too.

—Mrs. James Kemp.

Selma, N. C.

FARM

Questions - Answers

**QUESTION:** Will the spray treatment successfully "cure" blue mold after the disease has infected tobacco plant beds?

**ANSWER:** The copper oxide-cottonseed oil spray method of controlling blue mold in tobacco plant beds is a preventive measure, and is not very effective where plants are already diseased, according to Howard Garriss Extension plant pathologist of N. C. State College. The paradichlorobenzene fumigation treatment is effective as either a preventive or a "cure." These are the only two methods of controlling blue mold that are recommended by State College agencies.

**QUESTION:** Is composition roll roofing satisfactory for covering poultry house roofs?

**ANSWER:** C. F. Parrish, Extension poultryman of State College, says some North Carolina poultrymen have found composition roll roofing very satisfactory, if dressed tongue and grooved roofers are used. He says that a coat of roofing tar should be applied to the sheathing before laying the roll roofing. The lap is cemented with the roofing tar, and nails are not used except at the ends and on top and bottom edges.

**QUESTION:** What is the war-time supply situation, with regard to sodium nitrate used in fertilizers?

**ANSWER:** Fertilizer manufacturers, as well as other users of sodium nitrate are now receiving supplies of the fertilizer under a complete allocations system which went into effect on February 1, according to G. Tom Scott of State College, chairman of the State USDA War Board. In addition to being used as a fertilizer, sodium nitrate is also used for the manufacture of explosives, nitric acid, potassium nitrate and glass, and in the curing and preserving of meats. A shortage of shipping space has resulted in the rationing of this material.

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