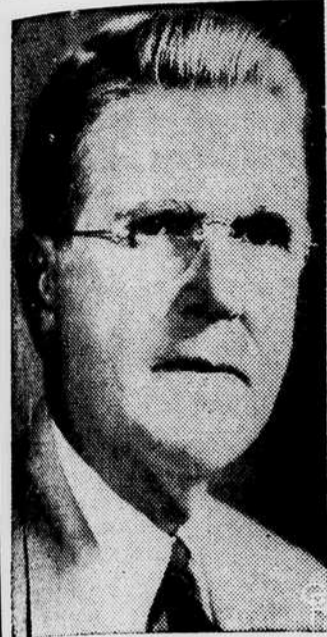


GREAT BRITAIN SEIZES FIVE ITALIAN FREIGHTERS

50 Killed In Russian Air Raid On Finnish Town

Quits Politics



Decision of Senator Vic Donahy to retire from official life at end of present term, is construed in Washington as a blow to democratic chances in Ohio, in the November elections. Donahy is regarded as an almost magic vote-getter in the Buckeye state and his absence from the ticket will be sorely missed.

LOCAL BUSINESS

WILL SHOW GAIN

Harold Jeter Says Industrial Census Will Be Completed By March 15

Volume of business in Wilmington will show a distinct gain in the census of 1940 over previous years, Harold Jeter, county census enumerator, predicted last night.

However, Jeter added, no definite figures in regard to the volume are yet available.

The figures now being gathered will not be released until late in the fall, after they have been tabulated and compiled by the Bureau of Census in Washington.

In regard to the population census, which will begin on April 1, Jeter said there is no way of knowing at this time whether Wilmington will show any worthwhile gain.

The business census is now nearly complete and will be entirely finished by March 15, Jeter said. Outgoing business houses are now being canvassed.

He is assisted by H. Z. Clowe in the enumeration.

REPUBLICANS WIN

ELECTION IN IOWA

Sixth Congressional District Holds True To Form And Names Goodwin

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 5.—The Sixth Iowa district held true to its republican traditions in electing its republican today by electing Robert K. Goodwin, youthful mayor of Des Moines, to fill the unexpired term of the late Congressman Cassius C. Dowell.

Byron G. Allen of Des Moines, democratic candidate who campaigned on a New Deal platform, conceded defeat.

With 165 out of 218 precincts tabulated, Goodwin held a three-to-two lead over Allen.

The vote: Robert K. Goodwin (R) 24,555; Byron G. Allen (D) 15,316; W. W. Klein (Ind.) 321.

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Partly cloudy, slightly warmer, extreme west portion breezy; Thursday, fair and slight warmer.

Scores Hurt; Shelter And Hospital Hit

Two Hundred Bombs, All Effective, Are Dropped By 32 Warplanes

BITTER BATTLE RAGES

Finns Bomb And Machine-Gun Russians Attempting To Cross Viipuri Bay

BY MAX HARRELSON

HELSINKI, March 6 (Wednesday).—(AP)—At least 50 persons were killed and scores wounded in a small south central Finnish town yesterday when Russian planes executed one of their worst bombing raids of the war.

Five direct hits were scored on a hospital, and one bomb dropped on an air raid shelter.

The raiders, diving out of the clouds to 1,400 or 1,700 feet, swept over in two flights 50 minutes apart.

Fifteen of the bombs struck in the vicinity of a military hospital and one big explosive missile went directly down the stairway from the top of the four-story building to the bottom.

Twenty-five persons, nearly all of them women, were killed when a bomb hit the top of the air raid shelter.

Two hundred bombs, all effective, were dropped in the raid by 32 planes just after a party of five foreign newspaper correspondents and photographers arrived in town. (Military censorship forbids naming the town).

The attack, a sample of the air warfare which Russia is pressing home, came as the Finns with their own air force had bombed and machine-gunned Red army detachments attempting to cross ice-crusted Viipuri Bay. The Finns said they still were holding the Russians at the outskirts of that battered port.

Troops Drowned
Some Russian troops were drowned and several tanks sunk in huge fissures of the ice of Viipuri Bay, opened up when bombs and artillery fired on the attackers coming west in an attempt to encircle the city.

The Finnish high command said fighting still was in progress among the rugged inlets at the mouth of the bay.

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U. S. Inspects Honduran Freighter On 'Suspicion'

HALTED AT SOUTHPORT

San Luis Allowed To Continue After Two-Hour Visit By Customs Agents

The Honduran motor vessel San Luis, which discharged a cargo of sugar here yesterday, was inspected by customs service officials on "suspicion" at Southport yesterday afternoon after she had cleared from Wilmington.

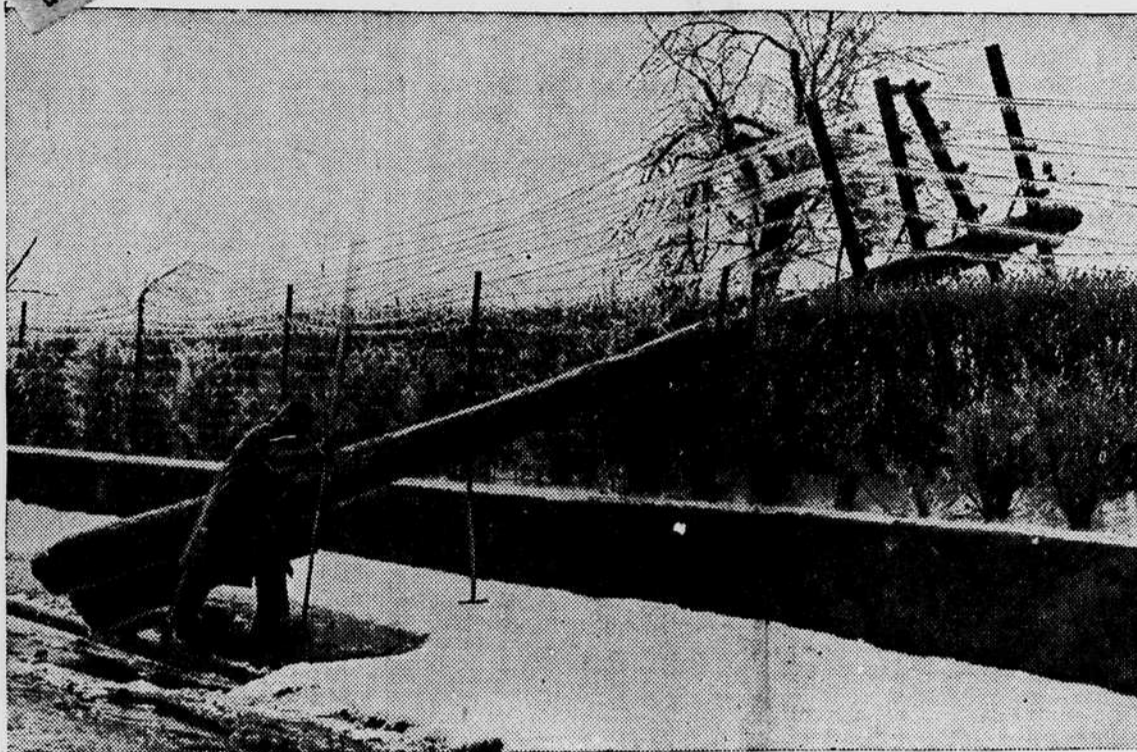
John Bright Hill, collector of customs, last night did not divulge the nature of their "suspicions" and only said that they were not confirmed.

Stopped By Coast Guard
Upon orders of the customs service, a Coast Guard patrol boat from Oak Island stopped the outgoing freighter and stood by while customs officials gave the vessel a two-hour inspection.

Mr. Hill said that their inspection revealed that everything was in order and that the San Luis was allowed to continue on to her destination at Havana. The ship cleared Southport at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Under present neutrality laws, all foreign vessels must undergo a rigid inspection at every port of call. Mr. Hill said that the San Luis arrived with her cargo of sugar late Saturday and that customs officials were unable to inspect the ship before yesterday.

FREAK ICE STORM CRIPPLES EAST



The most crippling storm of freezing rain and wind to hit the New York metropolitan area in 25 years inflicted untold damage to trees and homes, wrecked power lines, felled miles of telephone wires and put 1000 fire alarm boxes in the Bronx out of commission. Typical destruction, caused by rain freezing as it landed, is pictured above, where a Rutherford, N. J., power-line pole has crashed down from the weight of ice on wires.

SALE OF COUNTY BONDS SCHEDULED

Money From County Home And School Issue Will Be Available On April 1

Following approval of the issue by the Local Government Commission in Raleigh yesterday, J. A. Orrell, county auditor, predicted the money from the sale of \$98,000 in county home and school bonds will be received by April 1, or possibly sooner.

Of the bond issue, \$86,000 will be in school bonds and \$12,000 will be county home bonds.

They will be placed on sale at Raleigh on March 19 and Orrell predicted the county will get an unusually good interest rate, possibly as low as two per cent.

The funds are to be used for repairs to various schools throughout the county and for improvements at the county home.

The bond issue represents the county's credit leeway for the fiscal year—two-thirds of the amount by which the county's debt was decreased during the year just past.

The school bonds were requested last summer when the school board drafted an improvement program for several school buildings.

Censors Threatened By Blue Pencil Shortage

LONDON, March 5.—(AP)—A sudden shortage of blue pencils for censors threatened to hold up the war tonight.

Officials of the British press and censorship bureau vainly combed stores for new supplies. The crisis was averted when a big stock of the instruments essential to word destruction was found in the storerooms of London university, where the censorship bureau operates.

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'Pageant Of Foods' Opens Before Large Crowd Here

ANOTHER MEET TODAY
Miss Chambers Explains Preparation Of Many Excellent Dishes

A near capacity audience was on hand yesterday afternoon for the opening session of the "Pageant of Foods" cooking school, sponsored by the Star-News, at the New Hanover high school auditorium.

The second in the series of four meetings will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Miss Ruth Chambers, conductor of the school, was introduced by Jack Hope, editorial writer of the Star-News, who in turn was presented by James L. Allegood, advertising manager, who welcomed the ladies present to the second annual cooking school.

Miss Chambers immediately made everyone present feel at home with her friendly, get-acquainted manner of "Good Afternoon," and then proceeded with her opening of a four day series of lectures on the "Pageant of Foods."

In her opening lecture she showed how to make an English grill, leg of lamb Francaise, Swedish meat balls, Chinese vegetable, an interesting dish of Armenian origin called pirags, a Panama salad, roast Canadian style bacon, and a new and easier way of making French fried potatoes prominent on the day's menu.

However, they, like all the other recipes on the program, were well suited to the American taste and the methods of the American home-maker. Then, just to show our true colors, Miss Chambers said, there's that good old American favorite, apple pie, as the star dessert. One of the new things about this pie is its crust, she said.

Miss Chambers based her opening lecture on lessons around recipes, new cake methods, lessons in buying, and closed with a grand exhibition of culinary art.

The program starts off with a pork shoulder roast, the first of

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BRITISH CONSTABLE HURT AS POLICE BREAK UP NEW RIOTING IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, March 5.—(AP)—Stones flew in strategic, long-troubled Jerusalem today and one British constable was injured as police broke up fresh Jewish demonstrations against new British laws restricting the transfer of land from Arabs to Jews.

Windows were broken in Jaffa Road and in a theatre.

Police imposed a curfew from 3:30 p. m. to 1 a. m. on the Jewish quarters of Jerusalem city of Tel Aviv.

Miss Henrietta Szold, of Baltimore, and a group of leaders of the Jewish Women's council presented a memorandum on the land of laws to British authorities, who will forward it to London.

Large Hanger At LaGuardia Airport Burns

Million-Dollar Fire Sweeps Through Block-Long Incompleted Building

OTHERS PROTECTED

Five Firemen, Airport Manager Escape Burial Beneath Mass Of Metal

NEW YORK, March 5.—(AP)—A million-dollar fire late today swept an incompleted block-long hangar at LaGuardia field, the city's new \$40,000,000 municipal airport.

The hangar, valued at \$1,250,000, was under lease to Transcontinental and Western Airways and was to have been put in operation late this month. It was the center one of a bank of three.

Early tonight, while red-hot steel slabs from the roof and sides of the vast sprawling building still were crashing heavily to earth in thin showers of sparks it appeared that the initial peril to the two adjoining hangars, of similar size and cost, had been averted.

LaGuardia Present
Among other officials at hand was Mayor LaGuardia, who led the long campaign for the construction of the great airport, which was built by WPA labor and is near the New York World's fair grounds, at North Beach, Queens.

While an official statement as to the cause of the fire awaited investigation, William H. Peters, a WPA laborer, said it had sprung up as a "small blaze" in a paint locker. Police Inspector John La Garrene said it appeared accidental.

No airplanes were inside. The flames apparently leaped directly from the paint locker to the

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TOBEY CONTINUES ROW OVER CENSUS

Raps F. D. R. For "Obtruding Himself" Into A "Legislative Matter"

WASHINGTON, March 4.—(AP)—Accused by President Roosevelt of making a "political" row about 1940 census questions, Senator Tobey (R-NH) struck back tonight with a charge that the President was displaying "poor taste" by "obtruding himself" into a legislative matter.

Tobey is leading the fight to delete questions about personal income from the census on the ground they are an invasion of privacy. Asked about this at his press conference today, the President said:

"The whole thing is a political move. Everybody accredited to congress knows that is the sole motive."

He said he wondered whether any newspaperman present had any statistical information he wanted to hide from the government. The chief executive quickly added that he had nothing to hide and believed none of the newspapermen had.

One reporter asked about the census question "have you ever been

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Wants \$90,000



A New York school teacher for forty-seven years, Mrs. Theodore L. Woodward presented the city with a \$90,000 bill. Unless she receives that amount she will sue, and add her pension benefits. She charges that "because of political manipulation" in 1908 she has been denied to substitute teaching most of her career.

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GERMANS ACCUSED OF SLAYING POLES

Government Of Former Nation Claims Nazis Executed Schoolboys

PARIS, March 5.—(AP)—The Polish emigre government, in an advance resume of data which is to go into a "white book," tonight accused the German conquerors of executing schoolboys, men and women en masse as part of a deliberate campaign to exterminate the native population of Poland.

(The German government previously has denied Polish charges of mass executions in the occupied regions.)

The official communique cited a long list of alleged atrocities and called them "worthy of the worst tyrants of antiquity."

Among the crimes the emigre government said had been committed were:

The shooting at Bydgoszcz of 136 Polish schoolboys, 12 and 13 years old.

"Massacre" at the same place up to the end of December of 6,000 Polish men and women.

Deportation from Gdynia of 350 Polish hostages and their execution, after they were forced to dig their own graves. Among those executed were listed the burgomaster, the port superintendent, chief judge of the district court and the manager of the local bank of Poland branch.

The Polish government also declared the Germans had installed machineguns in choirlofts in some churches to terrorize the congregations.

Citing alleged instances of interference with religious services and the closing of churches, the Poles charged a statue of Christ in one case was taken from a church and cast into a bonfire.

Wayside crosses and chapels have been removed in many places throughout western Poland, it was alleged.

The monument to the Polish hero, Kosciuszko, and the statue of Woodrow Wilson at Poznan have been demolished, tonight's paper asserted.

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Act Answers Sharp Protest On Blockade

Steps Up Economic Warfare Against Nazis By Announcing Big Loan

WILL BOOST EXPORTS

Italian Ships Escorted Into Contraband Control Base Off Deal

By DREW MIDDLETON

LONDON, March 5.—(AP)—Britain today seized five Italian ships, at least two of them laden with German coal, in emphatic answer to a sharp Italian protest and stepped up other phases of her economic warfare against Germany by announcing a \$300,000,000 (about \$1,200,000,000) war loan and launching a determined campaign to increase her own exports.

Despite Italy's pointed warning of a severe strain on political and economic relations between the two powers by the newly enforced coal blockade, the Italian ships were escorted into the contraband control base off Deal, southeastern England, while a search was underway for other coal-bearing ships which slipped out of Rotterdam.

Four Ships Loading
In all, 12 Italian ships have left Rotterdam in the last two days and four more are loading. They were taking on their cargoes in the Netherlands port when the British seizure order went into effect March 1.

Today's moves to further strangle German exports were accompanied by Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon's announcement that lists for the new war loan would open March 12 and a government white paper promising efforts to obtain the "greatest volume of export trade possible" to bolster England's financial and economic defenses.

The loan is to be for 15 to 19 years at three per cent and will be issued at par. It will be redeemable at par on Oct. 15, 1959, and the treasury may redeem the issue in whole or in part any time after Oct. 15, 1955.

Ten per cent of all subscriptions are payable upon application and the balance on April 15, 1940. Sub-

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PALESTINE JEWISH QUESTION REVIVED

Labor Opposition Of House Of Commons Calls For Vote Of Censure

LONDON, March 6.—(Wednesday).—(AP)—Great Britain's newest restrictions on Palestine's Jews today precipitated a demand from the labor opposition in the house of commons for a vote of censure against the government—the first of the war.

Debate later today on drastic restrictions promulgated on the sale of land by Arabs to Jews threatened to cut the government majority to an abnormally small figure. It was recalled that the government margin was only 88 votes last May 17 in favor of adoption of a white paper which declared it was not part of British policy that "Palestine should become a Jewish state."

The vote of censure will be moved by Laborite Philip Noel-Baker when he opens the debate on the new land restrictions in commons this afternoon. He will ask the house to vote that the government acted without authority of the

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The European War Situation

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON—Britain seizes five Italian ships in coal-blockade net; announces \$1,200,000,000 war loan, plans to develop trade in United States and South America; government's Palestine policy evokes labor demand for vote of censure in commons.

MOSCOW—Russia reports capture of town northeast of Viipuri, two islands southwest of city.

HELSINKI—Finnish planes bomb Red army forces crossing Gulf of Finland ice to encircle Viipuri; battle for ancient port reaches city's outskirts.

With the British expeditionary force in France—E. E. F. communique reports German capture of British prisoners in raid, British retake post; orrarily lost to Nazis.

PARIS—Polish emigre government accuses Germans of executions en masse in campaign to exterminate Poles.

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