

SNOW, LOW TEMPERATURES SWEEP OVER N. C.

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THIRD SHIP AGROUND

Denmark Begins Probe To Learn If Attack In Territorial Waters

By LYNN HEINZERLING
COPENHAGEN, March 24.—(AP)—German merchantmen found the sea routes to Scandinavia increasingly hazardous, as a British submarine sank another German coal steamer off the Danish coast today, and Norway protested against violation of her waters by British warships.

British warships in seemingly large numbers hovered off the coasts of Denmark and Norway ready to swoop on unwary enemy vessels.

The German freighter Edmund Hugo Stines, 2,589 tons, with her cargo of coal, was sunk this afternoon west of the spot where the 4,641-ton ore carrier, Hedderheim, was the victim of a British submarine four days ago.

Third Ship Aground
A third German freighter, the 2,000-ton Ostpreussen, loaded with coal, was aground off the west coast of Denmark after three days of harried cruising off the coast of Denmark to avoid British warships.

The Stines was shelled by the submarine, and after an explosion she went down about three miles off the west Danish coast. Twenty of her crewmen, two of whom were injured, were landed safely, but her captain was captured by the British.

The ship had almost reached Sævi (Skagen) at the extreme northern tip of Denmark on the Kattegat entrance to the Baltic, when it was ordered from Germany

REYNAUD'S REGIME GAINING STRENGTH

Wavering Members Of Chamber Press Rally To Its Support

PARIS, March 24.—(AP)—The new government of Paul Reynaud, which set off to a shaky start last week, is gaining strength as wavering members of the chamber of deputies and previously critical sections of the rightist press rally to his support.

The one-vote majority which the premier received in his first test in the chamber Friday was increased to 17 as the official journal disclosed that several deputies had switched their stand.

Of five who voted against Reynaud, three announced they are now with him and two announced themselves as abstaining. Of two others listed as not voting, one has declared for the new government and the other abstained.

These changes, coming on the heels of others recorded yesterday, gave Reynaud a total of 277 votes

WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Clearing and cooling; cold Monday; Tuesday fair, rising temperature.
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday).
Temperature
1:30 a. m. 47; 7:30 a. m. 36; 1:30 p. m. 45; 7:30 p. m. 43; maximum 53; minimum 35; mean 44; normal 55.
Humidity
1:30 a. m. 50; 7:30 a. m. 54; 1:30 p. m. 49; 7:30 p. m. 78.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 1.40 inches; total since first of the month, 1.11 inches.
Tides For Today
High 11:04 a. m.; 5:56 p. m.
Low 1:30 p. m.; 6:10 p. m.
Moonset 9:25 p. m.; moonrise 6:06 a. m.; sunset 6:27 p. m.; sunrise 5:50 p. m.; moonset 7:02 a. m.
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Lois Andrews, 16-year-old showgirl who is going to wed comedian George Jessel, 42, phones her fiancé to come up and meet his mother-in-law-to-be, in New York. Mother is Mrs. Geraldine Gourey, 33, of Los Angeles, who counseled the couple to "wait a while."

Fighting Nations Take Time To Observe Easter

WAR'S ENGINES STILL NORWAY PROTESTS TO GREAT BRITAIN

Celebration In Holy Land Opened With Service In 'Garden Of The Tomb'

(By The Associated Press)

A world with half its population under arms paused in its blood-shedding Easter Sunday to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. In the name of the Prince of Peace who died to end strife between man and man, war's engines were all but stilled on Europe's deadlocked western front in a tacit truce.

From his throne in the Basilica of St. Peter in eternal Rome, Pope Pius XII broadcast a deeply troubled plea for "peace, concord and unity" among nations.

The war prevented the usual large influx of pilgrims into Palestine for Easter, but hundreds of Australian and British soldiers worshipped at a brilliant service in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The celebration in the Holy Land began with a dawn service in "The Garden of the Tomb."

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JAMES B. ALLEN HURT IN WRECK

Automobile In Which He Was Riding Collides With Bus At Sunset Park

James B. Allen, young white man of 2119 Gibson avenue, was slightly injured yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock when the car he was driving collided with a Tide Water Power company bus at the intersection of Central boulevard at Sunset Park and the Carolina Beach road. He was treated for lacerations of the head and released from James Walker Memorial hospital. The accident occurred just as the bus left the side road and entered the highway. Allen told officers he was traveling between 50 and 55 miles per hour and was unable to stop in time when he saw the bus enter the highway. Two other persons in the car with Allen were not injured, nor were any passengers on the bus. No arrests had been made last night.

Huge Sun Spot Affects Wire, Radio Service

Long Disruption Of Communications System Is Worst In 30 Years

CAUSE IS EXPLAINED

Large A. P. Network Out Of Use For Four Hours And Ten Minutes

NEW YORK, March 24.—(AP)—A huge spot on the sun played hob with communication today.

Disruption of telegraph and short wave radio service was the worst in 30 years, some experts said. The American Telephone and Telegraph company, largest land-line owner in the country, said it was the worst case of traffic impairment its engineers could recall.

Cable communication between Europe and the New York AP office broke suddenly at 10:20 a. m. One channel was restored at 1:50 p. m. and a second at 3:07. Service to Latin American countries was unaffected, inasmuch as it follows a north-south course.

Direct Cause
The direct cause, according to Director William Barton of the Hayden Planetarium, was an "enormous" spot on the sun, resulting in severe earth currents.

What happened was this, he said: The sun spot is caused by a tremendous electrical disturbance on the sun.

The disturbance bombards the earth with a stream of electrical charges.

The earth's magnetic force deflects this stream of charges toward the North and South Poles and the stream, in heading toward the poles, disrupts other electric currents traveling at right angles, like conflicting streams of traffic.

The force is so strong that it will sometimes reverse the direction of current in a circuit.

Aurora Not Visible

The Aurora Borealis, or Northern Lights, is a manifestation of this rush of particles to the poles; passing through the atmosphere it lights it up just like a current illuminates the gas in a neon tube sign. The Aurora was not visible last night, however.

For four hours and 10 minutes, starting at 10:30 a. m. (EST), the Associated Press network of 285,000 miles of leased wires was out of use—except in a 500-mile radius around New York City.

The A. T. & T., besides being cut off entirely from Europe for hours, reported domestic telegraph service disrupted intermittently as far away

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Surrenders



Louis Martinez, 23, nonchalantly lights a cigarette after his surrender to police in Oakland, Cal. He was wanted for questioning in the death of his 20-year-old wife who was found stabbed to death with a canny knife in their home.

FOREIGN AIRPLANES FLY OVER HOLLAND

German Command Charges Allied Craft Violated Netherlands Territory

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—(AP)—Netherlands air patrols reported at 10:20 p. m. (4:20 p. m. EST), tonight that several foreign airplanes were flying across the northeastern part of the country in a southwest-erly direction.

The identity of the planes was not immediately disclosed. Early today lookouts had reported several unidentified planes had flown over the northern provinces, also in a westerly direction, and that others, headed east, had passed low over Friesland province.

Lookout stations signalled one another after sighting the planes first at Winschoten, near the German frontier, shortly before midnight. Lookout reports traced their progress across the country westward.

VIOLATION CHARGED

BERLIN, March 24.—(AP)—The German high command charged today that Allied warplanes had violated Netherlands territory eight times late last night and early today in scouting flights over Germany in which German anti-aircraft shot down one invader.

(Lookouts in the Netherlands reported several unidentified foreign planes over the northern part of

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Britain Shows Concern Over U.S. Views On War

LONDON, March 24.—(AP)—Britain showed mounting concern over what the United States thinks about the war which today was keeping up a steady pace of isolated air and sea engagements.

The question of America's attitude overshadowed accounts of actual developments—the loss of one British plane in a night reconnaissance flight over Germany and reports from Copenhagen that another German merchantship had been sunk by a British submarine.

Britain also counted her 31st naval loss of the war—the sinking by mine of the 210-ton trawler Loch Assater, an Aberdeen fishing boat converted to naval uses. All the crew members were rescued.

"Hitler Thinks He Can Fool the United States by Talking Peace and Good Will," "Goebbels' Lies Sweep America" were some of the headlines with which the Sunday press showed growing interest in the United States' reaction to war incidents.

Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax, in a message broadcast during the British Broadcasting company's

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World Peace, Unity Urged By Pope Pius

Advocates Settlement Of Relations By Rules Of 'Truth And Justice'

WORDS BROADCAST

Says Mankind Turning In-ventive Genius To Use Of 'Slaughter, Ruin'

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK

VATICAN CITY, March 24.—(AP)—Pope Pius implored for "peace, concord and unity" among nations today in an Easter homily in which he advocated settlement of their relations "not by force, but by rules of truth, justice and charity."

The words of the pontiff, who spoke from the throne briefly in Latin immediately after celebrating Easter mass in the Basilica of St. Peter, were broadcast by the Vatican radio and rebroadcast in the United States.

The pope expressed fear that the European war would bring more frightful sufferings, with ruin for nations. The pontiff, declaring that treaties had been violated, also deplored violations of international law which he said had occurred in bombardment of open cities and civilian populations.

No Countries Named

He said mankind was turning its inventive genius to the use of "slaughter and ruin." He named no countries in deploring violations of treaties and international law but in Vatican circles it was said that he has been saddened by the suffering of Poles and Finns under German and Russian attacks.

Only by returning to Christian principles, he said, could peoples eventually get together in understanding and friendship.

Although Pius XII had celebrated Easter masses in St. Peter's when he was an archpriest of the church, today was the first time he had celebrated the sacrament there as pope. Last year he watched from the throne as Federico Cardinal Tedeschini led the Easter rites commemorating the resurrection of the Prince of Peace.

After the mass and the homily the pontiff appeared on a balcony and

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COOPER ANSWERS INSURANCE QUERY

Explains His Plan For Financing Retirement Plan For Officers, Firemen

Replying to a query from S. G. Ostot, executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Insurance Agents, Mayor Thomas E. Cooper, candidate for governor, yesterday explained his plan for financing a pension or retirement fund for firemen and police officers in North Carolina.

Cooper announced he contemplated taxes on non-resident insurance companies for this purpose when he announced he was a candidate for the democratic gubernatorial nomination some time ago.

Saying, "I am always ready and glad to commit myself on any mat-

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WALSH SAYS HE THOUGHT THAT, ON THE WHOLE, THE EFFECT OF THE 22 AGREEMENTS MADE WITH OTHER NATIONS HAD BEEN BENEFICIAL TO THE UNITED STATES.

There were reports on Capitol Hill that President Roosevelt had indicated to legislative leaders that he would veto the legislation if it reached him with

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WHITE EASTER EXPERIENCED; IS COLD HERE

25 DEGREES HERE ANNUAL PARADE HIT

Inclement Weather Slated To Continue With Low Of 33 Degrees Today

RAIN IS EXPECTED SPORTS POSTPONED

Agriculturists Say Frost Would Result In Damage To Truck Crop

Crews Put To Work In Effort To Remove Sleet And Snow From Highways

A 35-degree thermometer reading combined with rain and sleet practically cancelled Wilmington's Easter parade yesterday and only a few hardy souls ventured forth with their ne wifery during the afternoon. The inclement weather is scheduled to continue today. The weather man predicted last night today's minimum will be about 33 degrees with cloudy skies and probable light rains.

Rain And Sleet
Yesterday dawned fair enough, although it was cold. But as the day grew older the elements seemed to form a combine against the paraders as it rained, sleeted and dropped nearly to the freezing point.

The minimum was 35 degrees, occurring at shortly after dawn yesterday. The maximum, reached yesterday afternoon, was 53 degrees.

Agriculturists in the county predicted last night if frost occurred it would do considerable damage to fruit trees and truck crops now above the ground throughout the county.

Now well under way are carrots, beets, lettuce, and turnips and most fruit trees are in full bloom. Farmers predicted the fruit crop will be cut two-thirds if a hard freeze or heavy frost hit during the night.

The temperature at midnight was hovering just above the freezing point and a light wind was blowing. Farmers said if the wind continued it would avert visitations of frost.

Wilmington and New Hanover county were not alone in their dirty weather and low temperatures yesterday as a wave of snowstorms and freezing weather swept the entire state. Five inches of snow were reported in Raleigh and in Greensboro the golf tournament was called off due to snow.

Weather men predicted higher temperatures and sunshine will arrive early this week.

N. C. HOUSING ACTS TO BE CHALLENGED

Kinston Citizens Seeking Invalidation Of Housing Authority There

RALEIGH, March 24.—(AP)—Constitutionality of housing authority acts of the 1939 general assembly will be challenged this week before the state supreme court, which will reconvene Tuesday to hear a capital case from Cabarrus county.

Legislative enabling acts for housing authorities are challenged in an appeal by John G. Cox and other Kinston citizens for invalidation of the housing authority of Kinston, Judge R. Hunt Parker denied the plaintiffs an injunction, and his decision was appealed.

Kinston plaintiffs, setting forth that they own property on which rentals will be reduced by new housing, contend that all housing authority acts and actions are "illegal, unconstitutional and void" because they delegate legislative and judicial functions to city aldermen and housing officials, because they change the map of the municipal corporation, because they are discriminatory and because they take private property without due process.

Judge Parker found that Kinston had unsafe and unsanitary housing that constitutes a hazard to life and increases crime, disease, sickness and vagrancy and retards school children.

He ruled that housing acts and certificates are legal, housing legislation constitutional, housing promotes public welfare and plaintiffs were not entitled to maintain an action against the authority.

TRIPLETS CHRISTENED

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 24.—(AP)—Faith, Hope and Joy, 6-month-old triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franz were christened at Easter services today by the Rev. Paul F. Hausmann at St. Peter's Evangelical church.

Winston-Salem, Greensboro And Several Other Cities Receive Snow

SPORTS POSTPONED

Crews Put To Work In Effort To Remove Sleet And Snow From Highways

CHARLOTTE, March 24.—(AP)—A mantle of white hid the green grass and myriad spring flowers throughout the larger part of North Carolina, this Christmas-like Easter and midday who watched the moon in a cloudless sky last night with visions of sunshine and splendor had to put her low cut dress, open sandals and blue-ribboned bonnet right back in the band box.

Sunrise worshippers found the temperature about or below freezing and those who attended regular church services in mid-morning found when they left to go home that snow, anywhere from one to five inches, covered everything, and showed no sign of abating during the dull gray day. And at many places the snow was still falling tonight, making some highways slippery and dangerous for holiday travelers.

Crowd Shivers

At Winston-Salem an estimated crowd of 35,000 worshippers—smaller than usual—shivered in sub-freezing weather as they were awakened before dawn by the roving Moravian band to attend the denomination's traditional sunrise service at the Home Moravian church, held each Easter. Hardly had the liturgy been read at God's Acre, the Moravian burial ground, than snow began falling from a leaden sky.

The steady fall of the snowflakes played havoc with the sports events. At Greensboro the second round of the \$5,000 Greensboro Open golf tournament had to be postponed.

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BRITAIN WILL CUT COTTON PURCHASES

Move Is Another Step In Effort To Conserve Its Foreign Exchange

WASHINGTON, March 24.—(AP)—British trade authorities have informed American officials that the United Kingdom expects to curtail purchases of American cotton in a further move to conserve foreign exchange.

Disclosing this today, agriculture department officials forecast difficulties in disposing of 1940 cotton abroad and predicted that the government would again be asked to advance large sums to growers in the form of loans on unmarketable surpluses.

The United Kingdom has been by far the largest recent importer of American cotton. It took 1,526,000 bales during the seven months

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Springtime Is House-Renting Time

The Spring renting season is here, and many prospective tenants are relying on Want Ads to bring the descriptions of houses, rooms and apartments that are now available or will be available in the next 30 days.

Delivering renting messages to the thousands of families that read the Star and News leaves no time for Spring Fever.

If you haven't already advertised your vacancy, do so at once, for the prospective home-seekers are on the lookout for desirable listings every day in the week.

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