

# BATTLE STAGED BETWEEN BRITISH, FRENCH SHIPS; NAZIS BOMB TRAIN IN FIERCE RAIDS ON BRITAIN

## Carol Seeks Men To Meet Twin Threats

### Rumania Opens Its Prison Doors In Search For All Available Men

## NAZIS WILL NOT AID

### King And His Advisers Discuss Hungary's Demands For Transylvania

By ROBERT ST. JOHN  
BUCHAREST, July 3.—(AP)—Rumania, almost despairing of the help she had expected from Germany, opened her prison doors tonight in a desperate search for every available man to meet threats from within and without her borders.

It was announced that prisoners whose sentences would have been finished between now and Nov. 15, and those serving sentences of not more than six months for minor offenses, would be turned loose.

On guard against violent anti-Jewish demonstrations which already had weakened the country internally, in her hour of grave outer peril, police in armored cars followed by truckloads of gendarmes paraded the main boulevards of Bucharest tonight.

### Dark News

The news from Berlin that Germany had backed away from the idea of giving formal assurances of help against any further attacks on Rumanian frontiers felt heavily upon officials who had hoped for a close tieup with the Reich after renunciation of Franco-British ties. It came just as King Carol was giving audience to three pro-German politicians who are Transylvanians—natives of the area which Hungary wants to regain from Rumania.

To Carol's palace went General Ion Antonescu, former war minister in the Goga (pro-Nazi) cabinet; George Bratianu, a dissident liberal leader, and Dr. Alexander Vaida-Voevod, a former premier who in 1934 prophesied that the Nazi iron guard would some day lead Rumania.

Thus it appeared that the king, despite Berlin's disclaimer of assurances of aid for Rumania, still was seeking urgently to come to

## GRIST IS NAMED THEATRES CHIEF

### Appointed City Manager; Bertram Goes To Royal; Autrey Stays At Bijou

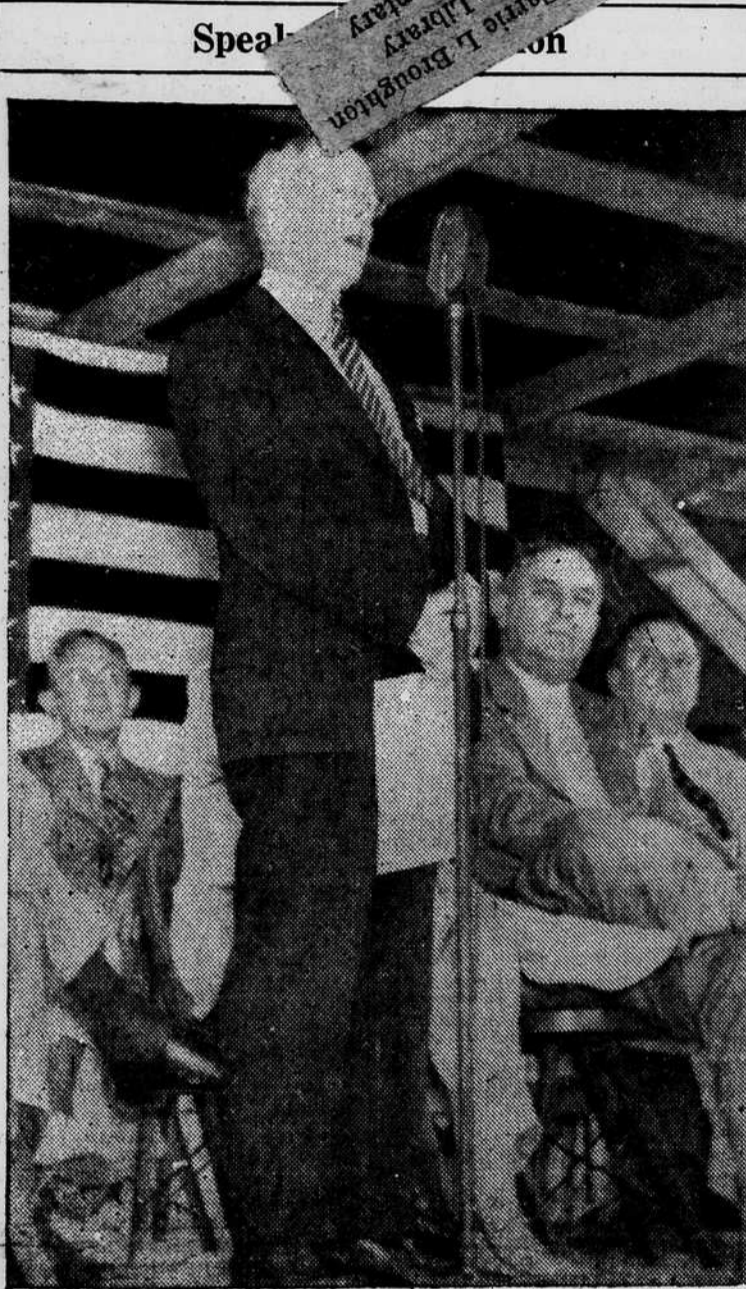
A new managerial setup for Wilmington Theatres, Inc., taking effect following the death of George W. Bailey, and "conforming to the policies set up by Mr. Bailey before his death," was announced yesterday.

A. S. Crist, coming to Wilmington from Wilson, will be city manager as well as manager of the Carolina theatre. V. R. Bertram, former manager of the Carolina, will be moved to the Royal. The

## WEATHER

**FORECAST**  
North Carolina: Mostly cloudy, showers and scattered thunderstorms Thursday and in east portion Friday. Rising temperature Friday and in west portion Thursday.

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Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell is shown speaking at the dedication ceremonies at the New Brooklyn Homes, negro low-rent housing project, here yesterday morning. In the left background is C. E. Korngay, a member of the Wilmington Housing authority, while on the right are J. E. L. Wade, city commissioner, and R. K. Creighton executive secretary of the Raleigh authority.

## Movement Of Ships Here Put Under C. G. Control

### AEL CRAFT INCLUDED Hungarian Reservists Are Called To Duty

BUDAPEST, July 3.—(AP)—A stream of Hungarian military reservists poured into concentration points along the Rumanian frontier today for the third successive day.

In the cities and towns of this country, which is demanding the return of Transylvania from Rumania, air raid precautions were set up in the railway yards of Budapest, vital key to the country's communications.

The mobilization of thousands upon thousands of men—some 50 years old—jammed every highway and railway line in the eastern section of the country.

## DETAILS OF WEED SET-UP DEMANDED

### Wallace Asked To Reveal Program Before Opening Of Markets On Aug. 8

WASHINGTON, July 3.—(AP)—Senator George (D-Ga.) urged Secretary Wallace today to announce details of the new tobacco program before the Georgia and Florida markets open August 8.

## CITY TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY

### All Public Offices Will Be Closed; Big Crowds Are Expected At Beaches

Today—164 years after the adoption of the Declaration of Independence—Wilmington will observe the Fourth of July with little fanfare.

No speaking exercises, parades, band concerts or any of those affairs usually associated with the holiday will be held, as far as could be learned last night.

All city, county, state and federal offices will take a full holiday, as will practically all stores and private offices.

The weather man has added something of a damper to the festivity.

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## Negro Housing Project Here Is Dedicated

### Associate Justice Seawell Principal Speaker At New Brooklyn Homes

## PRaises UNDERTAKING

### Says It Is Monument To Aroused Consciousness Of Public Social Duty

Associate Justice A. A. F. Seawell, of the North Carolina supreme court, speaking yesterday morning at the dedication of New Brooklyn Homes, negro low rent housing project, told his audience the project was a monument to "an aroused consciousness of public social duty . . . a monument to a new conception of the relation of government to the social life and needs of the people for whom government exists."

Justice Seawell was the principal speaker on a program held to observe the completion of Wilmington's first step toward caring for its ill-housed citizens.

The speaker declared the supreme court has recognized the fact that the slum clearance work is accomplishing a great deal in the direction of establishing a relationship between government and crime and is endeavoring to remove the conditions leading to this relationship.

"Simplicity of living under conditions which are favorable to the moral and peaceful existence and development of society call for simplicity of government. It is quite true that those who are least governed are the most fortunate. But when we are confronted with congested conditions of living, more particularly in very populous towns, we begin to realize that there are social complications and social evils that are far beyond the power of private agencies and institutions to remedy, and which legal processes are ineffectual to control.

"Government certainly should keep pace with these conditions," he said. "It should not be confined merely to the dry cogs of its operative machinery. The people, I think, have a right to look for something better: That government itself may be called on to aid, as far as it may, the efforts of men and women everywhere under its broad aegis to live in security, dignity and decency.

"If this interpretation cannot be given to the constitution," he said, "then it is time to amend it by those deliberate processes which have been provided; to go down into its vital parts, its articles, and its sections and its clauses, and to write there, plainly and unmistakably, those provisions which will make it more adjustable to human progress, which shall give to the individual a new security for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and which shall invest that boasted declaration with a significance it never had before.

"A Sad Thing"

"In dealing with the increasing complex social problems," he added, "it would be a sad thing if government never went to school. Government, if it fulfills its duty to the people, cannot be bound up in a haze of abstractions. It must be more than a Declaration of Independence wrapped up in a Star-Spangled Banner. There must be an approach to reality. Administration is not a matter of stratosphere. It must make contact with the things

have withheld its approval if it had found Knox to be an "interventionist." Questioning had revealed him to be in favor of "moral and economic" aid to the Allies by American citizens and not by the American government, the statement said. It added that he was opposed to any action which would involve this country in the war.

On the senate floor, Senator Barkley (D-Ky.) announced that the Knox nomination, and

that of Henry L. Stimson as secretary of war—approved of the galleries, Senator Committee—would be brought up next Monday. To the applause of the galleries, Sen. or Connally (D-Tex.) objected to the delay, asserting "the senators were elected to do business."

After approving the Knox nomination, the committee considered and approved a house bill authorizing the ex-

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# FRENCH WARSHIPS OPPOSE BRITISH EFFORTS TO KEEP FLEET OUT OF NAZI HANDS

## ENGINEER IS KILLED

### 24-Hour Total Of Air Raid Casualties Raised To 20 Killed, 197 Hurt

## NAZI PLANES DOWNED

### Raiders Range All Over England, From Scotland To Southern Coast

LONDON, July 4.—(Thursday)—The first German bombing of a moving train in Great Britain killed the engineer with bomb fragments in the climax of prolonged raids unleashed by the Nazi air force yesterday and last night against the British Isles.

Seven persons were reported killed and 77 wounded in the day's aerial attacks, putting the 24-hour total of air raid casualties at 20 dead and 197 wounded.

British anti-aircraft guns and fighter planes brought down six and damaged four of the German bombers that roared solo and in waves in the day-long raids yesterday and last night.

Passengers Escape

The only passengers on the bombed train were two women and two children.

"It was a miracle that we escaped and I put it down to our presence of mind in crouching near the floor," said one of the women, Mrs. P. Steward.

The toe of her right shoe was blown off. The train was filled with fragments of flying glass.

Mrs. Steward said she heard two explosions, then saw a plane swoop down. A number of bombs were dropped along the tracks.

The sixth Nazi plane to fall was shot down in the evening by a British fighter over southeast England, the air ministry announced.

The raiders ranged all over England, from Scotland to the southern coast in an accelerated prelude to the expected invasion. The casual-

## RED UNION ASKED BY LITHUANIANS

### 10,000 Soldiers Reported To Have Urged Formal Union With Russia

STOCKHOLM, July 3.—(AP)—Nearly 10,000 Lithuanian soldiers were reported tonight to have marched from the Kaunas garrison and demanded formal union of their country with Soviet Russia.

The correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper Tidningen reported from Kaunas that the soldiers congregated in Kaunas' sports palace and cheered Russian military speakers. The men were said to have carried huge portraits of Lenin and Stalin, Premier-Foreign Commissar Vyacheslav Molotov and Klementi E. Voroshiloff, chairman of a Russian committee of defense and former war commissar.

Officers attempted briefly to inter-

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## Safe In The Land Of The Free



Happy are these four British refugee youngsters as they excitedly "man" the rail of their ship, gliding up the Hudson river. They were among 233 passengers recently landed in New York from the Holland America liner Volendam, which arrived unexpectedly, flying the British flag.

## 1,000 Killed When Nazi Sub Sinks Prison Liner

### ARE ITALIANS, NAZIS French Liner Sunk By Mine In Atlantic

BERLIN, July 3.—(AP)—The German press reported tonight that the 28,124-ton French liner Champlain sank several days ago when it struck a mine in the Atlantic enroute to America with many passengers. The reports published here said all the passengers were saved but that a few crew members drowned.

The Berlin papers which published the story quoted French newspaper sources as saying that the loss of the liner was announced by the General Trans-Atlantic line.

The luxury liner, stripped of her finery for prison-ship service, carried about 1,500 internes and 500 guards. This presumably was the second consignment of prisoners for Canada, where the first contingent arrived last week.

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## BATTLE OFF AFRICA

### British Admit Moves To Take Former Ally's Ships Meets Resistance

## CASUALTIES REPORTED

### French Admiral At Oran, Algeria, Declines To Accept British Terms

LONDON, July 4 (Thursday).—(AP)—French and British warships are fighting each other off the north coast of Africa, the British ministry of information reported today, as a result of Great Britain's renewed efforts to keep the navy of her conquered ally, by force or agreement, from falling into the hands of Germany and Italy.

The British reported that a sudden move to place all French warships in British ports under control of the royal navy was completed successfully with "only two casualties."

At the same time, the ministry of information said, French vessels in North African ports were offered conditions "designed solely for the purpose of keeping them out of German hands." In the vicinity of Oran, Algeria, action had to be taken against French vessels because the French admiral would not accept these conditions, it said.

Seek Control

The ministry said steps were begun yesterday to put the French warships under British control "to ensure that the French fleet should not be used against them by the common enemy."

The operations of bringing the scattered sections of the French war fleet under British control still are proceeding, the ministry said.

The ministry statement follows: "It will be recalled that the French government, relying upon

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## BRITAIN REFUSES JAPAN'S DEMANDS

### Standing Firm Against Request To Close Chinese Military Supply Road

TOKYO, July 3.—(AP)—Britain was reported authoritatively tonight to be standing firm against Japanese demands for closing of the motor road from Rangoon, British Burma, to Chungking, China—"The road to Mandalay"—over which military supplies have been passing to the Chinese armies of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Defeated France already has

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