

NAZIS STAGE MIGHTY AIR BLITZKRIEG ON BRITAIN

Hurricane Death Toll Reaches 27

Men Seek To Clear Roads, Repair Wires

Coast Guard Radio Reports 25 Persons Killed At St. Helena Island

SEVERAL BOATS SUNK

Large Part Of Charleston Flooded; Power, Telegraph Wires Downed



Windsors Land In Bermuda

The Duke Of Windsor, who gave up the British throne for "the woman I love," arrives at Bermuda with his American-born Duchess, enroute to his Nassau post as governor of the Bahamas. They are pictured landing at the Royal Bermuda Yacht club. The tender carried them from the American liner Excalibur, which brought them from Portugal.

ATLANTA, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The hurricane-swept coasts of South Carolina and Georgia counted at least 27 dead tonight and damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars as work crews concentrated on restoring communications crippled by the worst storm to strike the area in recent years.

While authorities attempted to penetrate isolated towns and islands to check casualties, the Red Cross reported from Washington that it had received word from a coast guard radio truck operating near Beaufort, S. C., that 25 persons were known to have been killed on St. Helena Island.

Wind Sweeps Savannah

Two persons died during the height of the gale in Savannah, where the wind at times reached a velocity of 68 miles an hour. Earlier reports of six drownings at Polly Beach near Charleston, S. C., were not confirmed.

St. Helena Island is off the coast from Beaufort. The message telling of the 25 deaths there was sent the Red Cross by Mrs. A. M. Neighbors, assistant Red Cross director at Parris Island, marine corps base which also was hard hit by the storm.

Red Cross officials said they had received no direct word from either Charleston or Beaufort but that their representatives were trying to get into the stricken area. The recalled that St. Helena island was in the path of a disastrous hurricane in 1892 when between 8,000 and 9,000 negroes lost their lives.

Many boats were sunk during the hurricane, which yesterday blew in from the Atlantic ocean just above Brunswick, Ga., and struck all along the coast until it

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County Protects Workers Who Enter Armed Forces

RESOLUTION IS PASSED

Men Will Be Assured Of Reinstatement To Their Jobs Upon Their Return

The county commissioners yesterday afternoon passed a resolution providing that any county employe joining the armed forces of the United States, either through voluntary enlistment or conscription, will be assured of reinstatement in his job upon his return.

Saying "it is our duty to cooperate with the federal government in its efforts to provide for the protection of our nation," Dr. James M. Hall made the motion. It was immediately seconded and passed unanimously.

"Only fair," Dr. Hall said, "that the county's employes should be protected if they desire to take part in the defense of our country. And it is hoped private employes will follow the example of the county and protect their employes in a similar manner. I think there is still room in this country for a little cooperation and a little patriotism."

The resolution will take effect immediately.

The board formally accepted the appointment of C. B. Parmele to the Wilmington Port commission. The commissioners were notified by letter from Cyrus D. Hogue, chairman, that Parmele had been appointed to the post vacated when B. B. Cameron resigned several days ago.

Another resolution was passed asking that the state highway commission include the remainder of Burnett boulevard in the state system. It is now partly included.

M. L. Harris, operator of a filling station and tourist cabins formerly known as Roosevelt Gardens, was cited to appear before the board on August 26 to show cause why his license to operate cabins should not be revoked.

MANY FOREIGNERS ARRESTED BY JAPS

Tokyo May Boost Pressure On Other Nations To Withdraw From China

TOKYO, Aug. 12.—(AP)—New arrests of foreigners were reported today amid a flare-up of anti-British feeling in Tokyo and signs of official pressure on other nations to withdraw from China.

Domestic Japanese News Agency reported that 19 foreigners had been arrested at Dairen, in the Japanese-leased territory of Kwantung, on charges of disseminating anti-Japanese propaganda and possessing shortwave radios.

Their names and nationalities were not disclosed. Most persons previously jailed in Korea and Ja-

WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Mostly cloudy Tuesday and Wednesday; showers over West and central portions.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Temperature

8:30 a. m. 80; 7:30 a. m. 80; 1:30 p. m. 81; 4:30 p. m. 80; maximum 85; minimum 75; mean 80; normal 78.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 85; 7:30 a. m. 84; 1:30 p. m. 80; 4:30 p. m. 80.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.18 inches; total since first of month 30.52 inches.

Tides For Today

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| High | 5:40a | 12:39p |
| Low | 6:22p | 12:56p |

Masonboro Inlet

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| High | 5:42a | 1:34p |
| Low | 4:30p | 10:39p |

Sunrise 5:32a; sunset 7:01p; moonset 3:49p; moonset 1:33a.

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COMMUNITY FORUM SELECTS SPEAKERS

Durant, Franklin, Sokolsky Tentatively Named To Appear Here This Fall

Speakers for this winter's lecture course were tentatively selected by the executive committee of the Community Forum yesterday afternoon.

They are Dr. Will Durant, Jay Franklin and George E. Sokolsky. In announcing their selections, the committee explained that the choice of speakers was not final and urged the people of Wilmington to voice their opinions on the group named.

The committee is headed by Rabbi M. M. Thurman, who declared that he would gladly receive suggestions for program changes. He explained, however, that the number of season tickets sold in advance must determine the committee's selections. Naturally, the more tickets paid for, the more money the forum will have to spend for speakers. The

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Measure Providing Unified Control Of All Carriers Approved By House

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Legislation providing unified control of the nation's rail, motor and water carriers by the interstate commerce commission won final approval of the house today.

A conference report on the bill which places inland and intercoastal water carriers under the ICC and expands the powers of the commission to effect consolidation and reorganizations of transportation systems was adopted, 247 to 74, an assent to the senate.

The final vote came after a vigorous but futile fight by friends of

Italy Pushes Press Attack Upon Greece

Sharp Propaganda Campaign Threatens To Produce New Balkan Crisis

BERBERA BATTLE NEAR

Rome Expected To Protest Against Slaying Of Albanian Nationalist

ROME, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Italy, already warring with Britain for supremacy in the Mediterranean and North Africa, threatened a new crisis in the Balkans today with a sharp propaganda campaign against Greece, neutral friend of Britain.

A press attack against Greece, charging her with aiding the British and conspiring to foment trouble on the border with Italian-annexed Albania, shared press headlines with reports of a developing battle for Berbera, capital and chief port of British Somaliland, on the Gulf of Aden.

Make Contact

The Italian high command communique said Fascist forces driving across British Somaliland had "made contact with" the main British forces in front of Berbera, but failed to say whether fighting actually was in progress.

(A British communique issued at Cairo said "In Somaliland no operations are reported and the enemy made no advance.")

Reports of the beheading of an obscure Albanian nationalist, Haut Hoggia, by Greek "bandits" opened the campaign against Greece. Fascists said Italy probably would protest, adding that "further complications likely would result."

The latest developments threatened a crisis similar to 1923 when the Italian fleet bombarded Corfu and occupied the Greek-owned island at the entrance to the Adriatic for a month in retaliation for an attack on an Italian mission.

In foreign circles war with Greece over this incident was considered unlikely in view of the expressed desire of Germany to keep the Balkans at peace to supply the Axis powers. Some observers thought an effort might be made to force Greece into the Rome-Berlin orbit.

British Aid Cheered

Fascists accused Greece of supplying the British with fueling bases for warplanes and warships

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ITALIAN FORCES NEARING BERBERA

Fascists Move More Troops, Planes And Tanks Near Egyptian Frontier

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Italy moved more troops, planes and tanks near the Egyptian frontier tonight as the Egyptian frontier across British Somaliland deserts halted within 60 miles of Berbera, British port on the Gulf of Aden.

British officers returning from the Egyptian-Libyan border reported heavy Italian troop movements continued near Bardia, about thirty miles from the frontier, but the forces of Marshal Rodolfo Grazi-

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Talks At Beach



J. M. BROUGHTON

BROUGHTON SEES MANY N. C. GAINS

Says State Is Entering Into Greatest Era Of Industrial Expansion

"North Carolina is entering into its greatest era of industrial expansion, and the development of our transportation systems will aid in this expansion," J. M. Broughton, democratic governor-nominee, told members of the North Carolina Traffic league at their annual banquet last night at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach.

"And I cannot understate the importance of equitable transportation rates in the promotion of North Carolina's industry," he said.

The governor-nominee said, "I believe one of the greatest things North Carolina can do is to dedicate itself to the development of its port resources.

"These resources will feature enormously in this industrial expansion campaign."

He paid tribute to Lt.-Col. George Gillette, Wilmington district army engineer, by saying: "You have here in Wilmington the man who is in charge of all waterways in North Carolina.

"If we keep him here long enough we will have a great system of waterways."

Broughton was introduced by I. M. Bailey, of Raleigh, counsel for the North Carolina corporation commission.

Preceding him on the speaking program, was Stanley Winborne, state utilities commissioner, who charged that the interstate commerce commission "has not always given North Carolina the consideration it deserves."

"It is our duty to bring about a reawakening in North Carolina to the importance of freight rates to the state's industry. It is astonishing to learn the number of business men who do not know the value of freight rates to their business."

He advised that the traffic league get more members and "try to do something about these freight rates."

Peter Brown Ruffin, of Wilmington, who was elected vice-president during the afternoon meeting, presided as toastmaster during the meeting.

As factors in the prospective industrial expansion in North Carolina,

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GEORGIA TOBACCO AVERAGES 18.43

12,752,554 Pounds Sold For \$2,350,342 During Season's First Two Days

(By The Associated Press)

The Georgia bright leaf tobacco auctions established an average of 18.43 cents for the 12,752,554 pounds sold for \$2,350,342.38 during the first two sales days of the season and a federal farm official said "there is nothing in sight that should in any manner disturb the general favorable condition of the market."

The official was Triple-A Field Officer F. B. Lacey, who urged growers not to accelerate the present rate of delivery to the sales placed in 17 south Georgia cities.

The auction sales opened in Georgia last Thursday and 47 warehouses

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ONSLAUGHT BELIEVED BACKED BY BIG GUNS BASED ON CONTINENT

CLAIM AIR CONTROL

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Every Corner Of England Reported Bombed By Waves Of Nazi Planes

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F. D. R. COMPLETES INDUSTRIAL TOUR

Collects Information On Translation Of Billions Into War Equipment

BY ALEX SINGLETON

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, collecting first hand information on the translation of billions of dollars into revitalized fighting equipment, completed tonight his check-up of preparedness progress in the nation's industrial northeast.

Just before leaving by train for Washington, the president told the newsmen that while the progress of the ten billion dollar program was not yet up to 100 per cent, it was getting there fast.

He ended his three-day swing through New England with inspection of the submarine base here and the nearby Groton submarine building plant of the Electric Boat company.

A submarine, a month, he said as he returned from Groton, was the objective toward which the plant was striving, adding that the company had plans for building twice as many undersea fighters as ever before.

Mr. Roosevelt said that during the day he had talked to Governor William H. Vanderbilt, of Rhode Island and Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, about organizing a state guard if and when the National Guard were called up for training. Baldwin informed him that Connecticut already had two state guard companies training in camp.

A bill to permit the president to call up the National Guard and organized reserves for a years' training and now is before a house committee. The president, at a recent press conference, referred to the possible formation of a home guard, and suggested that World War veterans might form its nucleus.

The presidential yacht Potomac, under destroyer escort, brought him here this afternoon after a swing through New England which took him into five of the section's six states and gave him an opportunity to see expanding industrial forces turn steel into swift

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NEW HANOVER MAY LOSE LEGISLATOR

Will Lose Solon If Guilford And Others Gain Men Because Of Census

RALEIGH, Aug. 12.—(AP)—An official survey, based on the 1940 census figures, disclosed today that Guilford and Mecklenburg counties will have four members each in the state house of representatives, providing the 1941 general assembly reapportions its membership.

Since reapportionment on the basis of the new census figures is a plank in the state democratic platform, most sources here are agree that the assembly will take action along this line.

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National Guard Call Bill Passed By House Group

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—But the committee retained the basic principle that guardsmen taken away from their positions shall be restored to their work or another job of "like seniority status."

The members rewrote the amendment of Senator Pittman (D-Ore.) which would permit a guardsman to resign within 20 days after called into service if he had a wife, child or both dependent upon him.

As approved by the committee, the section would require the discharge of any member of any reserve component of the army who

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