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GERMANS CONTINUE HUGE AIR ATTACKS ON BRITA

Boost Plans Delayed RAID INDUSTRIAL MIDLANDS

Strike Snag: Conscription Row Blamed

Wheeler Says Passage Of Bill Will 'Slit Throat Of Last Democracy'

RURKE ENDS SPEECH

Army Intended To Have 900,000 Troops In Uniform By Early Fall

, By RICHARD L. TURNER

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(P)
—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) has warned the senate today that passage of the pending conscription bill would "split the throat of the last democracy still living today" while army chiefs, chafing at congressional delays, said they had been forced to postpone plans for having 900,000 troops in uniform by early fall.

Delivering the day's principal address of opposition to the draft bill, the Montana senator argued that there was no foreseeable danger of an attack upon the United States, that the army was taking advantage of a crisis psychology o "saddle" the country with conscription, and that the army's legitimate manpower needs could be filled by voluntary enlistments. Demanding to know where Secretary of War Stimson and other

men of the stamp of Stimson' planned to send the conscript army, he asked: "Are these administration men not counting upon our invading arge parts of South America-

of defending our country?" Burke Ends Speech finishing a speech begun yester-

day, contended that voluntary enistments were too slow to meet the necessities of the times and asserted that "this country does not want to wait until war comes if unhappily it should ever come,

"Let no one here deceive himself into believing that his would Mr. Burdette said. be a happy lot if by his action he helped to prevent or postpone adequate military training for those (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Asheville Is Isolated From Bee Tree section. The East With Exception Of One Route

RALEIGH, Aug. 13— (AP) — Heavy the storm that spent its fury Sunday on the Georgia and South Carolina coast, tonight isolated Asheville from the east except by one highway route.

U. S. 74 and U. S. 70, main eastern gates into Asheville, were blocked, highway officials reported, and all traffic is being routed by way of Marion, Rutherfordton, Tryon and Hendersonville.

The torrential downpour caused landslides, washed out roads and DISTRICT LEGION

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

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 77; 7:30 p. m. 78; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 80; maximum 84; minimum 76; mean 80; normal 78.

Humidity

b. 67; 7:30 p. m. 81; 1:30 p. m. 82; 1:30 p.

m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 81,

Precipitation

105 inches: total since first of the

Nonth, 10.57 inches.

1:49p 10:48a

Sunrise 5:33a; sunset 7:00p; moon tise 4:38p; moonset 2:27a. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)



Accompanied by his attorney, Martin W. Littleton, right, George Scalise left, ex-convict and former union leader, is pictured as he arrived in New York's general sessions court for trial on charges of stealing \$60,087.27 from the Building Service Employes' International Union, which he headed. If convicted on all 60 counts of his record indictment, Scalise could be sentenced to a maximum of 545 years.

Asheville Is Threatened With Shortage Of Water

Student Drowns When

Boat Goes Over Dam

ASHEVILLE, Aug. 13.—(AP)

Frank Nacke, 20, of Denver, Colo., a student at Black Moun-

tain college near here, was

drowned today when a boat in

which he and a companion were

riding plunged over the Lake

Eden dam into the flood-swollen

The two had gone to the dam

Nacke's body was recovered

several hours later 200 yards

boat went over the dam and had

He was working at Lake Eden

ummer resort, operated by the

GOLDSBORO BLAST

BURNS TWO MEN

Injured When Chemical Ex-

plosion Wrecks Section

Of Weils Warehouse

GOLDSBORO, Aug. 13.-(A)- A

chemical explosion wrecked a sec-

W. A. Jinnette, 40, of Grantham township, and R. W. Pittman, 29,

The men had been using the

small grains stored there. Jinnette

buried under the debris and grain,

clothing on both was burning as

hey emerged from the building.

The explosion was so great that

seriously burned two men.

waters of Swannanoa river.

He apparently had

to open a flood gate.

downstream.

drowned.

IS RESULT OF FLOOD

Three Main Lines Washed Out; All 'Big' Water Users Cut To Minimum

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Aug. 13. This mountain metropolis, beset by floodwaters in low-lying sections, was seriously threatened with a water shortage tonight as dexico perhaps—all in the name the three main lines serving the city washed out.

P. M. Burdette, city manager, said the 24-inch main from the Bee Tree watershed and the two 16-inch mains from the North Fork watershed went out during the

There was a 36-hour supply in the two reservoirs here - White-

before we start training our citi- fawn and Beaucatcher-at 9 p.m. tonight. All "big" water users have been reduced to a minimum,

Lines Out

The city manager reported that the North Fork lines have been out all day, and that the Bee Tree main was washed out between 3

SEVERAL HIGHWAYS and 4 p.m. Two crews were sent into the Bee Tree shed tonight to learn determine what and 4 p.m. the situation and determine what CLOSED BY RAINS the situation and determine what can be done. The city manager reported they hoped to begin rereported they hoped to begin repairs tomorrow afternoon if there tion of the H. Weil and brothers are no further heavy rains in the

> There had been no report on the situation at North Fork. All telephone lines to this watershed were down and bridges on roads lead- were taken to the Goldsboro hosing there were out.

A crew of telephone linemen The explosion ripped off a secrains, loosed upon the mountains of went into North Fork tonight in an tion of the tin roof, tore out a North Carolina by the remnant of attempt to repair the lines and section of the brick wall and suplearn conditions there.

The city manager said that if the building and contents. repairs can be made to the Bee Tree line sufficient water would chemical to treat oats and other be available for Asheville.

A number of persons living in Buncombe county east of Ashe- was extricated by Pittman and ville are connected with country water mains which in turn con-

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Methodists To Meet In City November 5-8

Approximately 500 Ministers And Lay Delegates To Attend Conference

PURCELL TO PRESIDE

Selection Of City Over Durham Made By Special Entertainment Body

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church will be held here on November 5-8 with the Fifth Avenue church as host, E. T. Jones, chairman of the board of stewards of the church, announced yester

Approximately 500 ministers and lay delegates will attend the con- laid plan. ference. Bishop Clare Purcell, of Charlotte, will preside.

Mr. Jones pointed out that while Fifth Avenue church, of which the Rev. C. D. Barclift, is pastor, will churches in the city and vicinity dents of some suburbs said will cooperate in making arrange heard distant shooting. ments and entertaining the dele-Trinity, the Rev. R. L. Jerome, pastor; Grace, Dr. J. F. Herbert, Epworth, the Rev. Walter Pavy,

Notification Received ference was received yesterday DNB. afternoon by Mr. Jones from the Rev. A. S. Parker, of Kinston, secretary of the conference committee on entertainment. Usually the location of the next conference is selected at the close of the previous one but last year, at the meeting in Fayetteville, the Methodists did not follow this course but turned the matter over to a special entertainment committee, of which

Col. J. F. Bruton, of Wilson, is Durham, through Trinity church, also extended a bid for the 1940

meeting.
Mr. Jones said preparations for the meeting, the first conference to be held here since the one at Grace five years ago, will be started immediately.

It will be the second since the unification of the three branches of the church, the gathering in Fayetteville last year completing storage warehouse here today and the merger in the conference.

No Rain Forecast For City, Vicinity Today

For the first time in days, the weatherman saw no rain in sight for today but partly cloudy skies were porting timbers, and set fire to still on the menu.

Temperatures yesterday ranged from a high of 84 to a low of 76 degrees, with the mean two above the normal mark of 78 degrees. Rainfall of .05 inches was reported vesterday, bringing the total since the first of the month to 10.57 inches. Moderate easterly and southeaster dishes rattled in restaurants many the humidity will be high, the weath-

swept out of the Bahamas Sun-

day, wrecking waterfront build-

ings and sending high tides into

The Red Cross reported from

Washington that 25 negroes were killed on St. Helena island

near Beaufort. Eight other ne-

groes died on nearby Ladies is-

land. Reports from these outly-

city streets and homes.

land To Shatter Many Military Objectives

Planes Flying 60 Miles In-

Germans Claim 96 British Planes Destroyed To Set **New Daily Record**

IS 'GENERAL ACTION'

BERLIN, Aug. 14-(Wednesday)-P)-German bombers now are flying more than 60 miles inland from the south British coast to shatter a great variety of military objectives nazi commentators declared today and are threatening London itself. The combat area extends "310 miles from the mouth of the Thames river, through Dover westward, it

was stated, and the onslaught is no individual raids, but "a general action," developing according to a well

Alarm In Berlin

These reports came shortly after Berlin itself experienced a 47-minute air raid alarm this morning. The alarm was the third of the war, but no bomb explosions or gunfire were be host, all other Methodist heard in the downtown area. Resi-

DNB, official German news agency gates. Other churches here are said the German raids on Britain yesterday brought down or destroy ed on the ground 96 British planes -a new day's record.

Fifty were shot down over the and Winter Park, the Rev. W. A. English channel and the British Isles, 16 were brought down in Brit ish attacks on Aalborg, Denmark Notification of the selection of and 30 were destroyed on the ground Wilmington as site of the 1940 con- by German bombs, according to

DNB termed the encounters heightened aerial warfare which eral settlement" for Albania. pointed to an early zero hour for the The Italian press has been hitting troops on the British Isles.

The Germans put their own losses in the day's actions at 24 planes but said five of the crewmen were saved. Fight Over Dover

The latest fight reported by DNB was over Dover and the channel where 19 Spiffires and eight Hurri-(Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

EXCESS PROFITS TAX DELAY ASKED

Chamber Of Commerce Presents Request At Congressional Body Hearing

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13.—(P)— An official of the United States chamber of commerce urged congress today to delay enacting an excess profits tax while a representative of the National Association of Manufacturers favored a "carefully drawn" tax of that type as a temporary, "emergency

Ellsworth C. Alvord of Washngton, chairman of the chamber's federal finance committee, recommended that congress go ahead reliably tonight to have rejected an ly winds will predominate today and and pass, separately from the tax, axis "suggestion" that she formally

FEDERAL RELIEF AGENCIES AID STORM

NAZIS WIDEN RANGE Germans Believed Using Huge Cannon On Britain

CHANNEL WARSHIPS BATTLE

(By the Associated Press) The possibility Germany now has turned her long - range cannon on besieged Britain was indicated yesterday by delayed and fragmentary censored dispatches from England.

AND BATTER SOUTH

Householders in a southeastern coastal city, probably Dov-er, unanimously believed the heavy explosions which killed two and wounded eight Monday were caused by shells, not bombs. British authorities said there was no confirma-tion. They collected fragments for study.

Reports that the shelling of England had started were heard in Switzerland. Corresspondents in Berlin were unable to obtain confirmation. Significance was attached,

however, to an article by Hedtor C. Bywater, noted British naval expert, appearing in the London News Chronicle which discussed German use of "guns across the Channel," or 1940 editions of the "big Bertha" that hurled hundreds of 264-pound shells into Paris in 1918 from 76 miles away. Germany has guns mounted

along the French channel coast which could toss shells into London 90 miles away. From Calais on the continent, Dover's cliffs are only 22 miles away. Bywater said long - range bombardment was "merely a nuisance," because:

1. Britain has retaliatory

2. Effective shelling would pre-suppose that aerial "spot-ters" could loiter above England's coastal targets to direct

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Italians Accuse Greeks Of Territorial Designs with the hourly-increasing threat of invasion, a threat enhanced by

INDICATED TROUBLE

Greece Reported To Have Rejected 'Suggestion' To Renounce Britain

By RICHARD G. MASSOCK ROME, Aug. 13 .- (P) -Italian

pokesmen accused Greec tonight of having terirtorial designs on Italy's Albanian domain and indicated that Premier Mussolini sooner or later will demand slices of both Greek 'higgest success" in the present and Yugoslav territory in a "gen

long-threatened attempt to land nazi at Greece since the week-end disclosure of the death of an Albanian patriot. Daut Hoggia, at the hands, Italians said, of two Greek assassins. Italians also charged Greec is a "silent ally" of Great Britain in the war. Yugoslavia Involved

Yugoslavia entered the Italian pic ture only today, when the newspaper La Tribuna reported the killing of a minor fascist leader, Leonardo Ciurcovich, in the Italian town of Zara on the Yugoslav coast because he objected to a stranger singing a Slav song on Zara's streets.

an italian battle with British defenders of British Somaliland and a Big, four-hour night attack on the British Malta naval base in the Mediterranean.

Italian troops in British Somali land are attempting to reach the ed to have taken Adadleh, about 50 miles south of Berbera.

Virginio Gayda, often spokesman for the fascist regime, declared the Italian government expected the Greek government to "answer for ts new crimes" and asserted that Albania.'

"SUGGESTION" REFUSED ATHENS, Aug. 13.—(P)—(P)reece, faced by Italian pressure to alienate her and Great Britain, was reported (Continued on Page Two; Col. 4) | (Continued on Page Two; Col. 2)

BERN, Switzerland, Aug. 14.

Air Alarms Sounded In

Western Switzerland

(Wednesday)—(AP)—Two air raid alarms were sounded late last night and early today, warning residents of western Switzerland of the presence of unidentified foreign planes. The alarms, starting shortly

before midnight, lasted for about an hour. They were heard in Bern, Geneva and Lausanne.

No firing or explosions were planes apparently lost their way and crossed over Swiss territory in the vicinity of the Jura mountains.

The first group of planes apparently flew south over western Switzerland. Later planes which might have been the same flew back over France.

BRITISH REPULSE ITALIAN ATTACK

These developments coincided with Deliver Assault Against Defense Positions Covering Jugargan Pass

CAIRO, Egypt, Aug. 13.—(A)-Somaliland capital, Berbera, on the Britain's warriors in British Sosea coast. The Italians were report- maliland, who let advancing Italian troops seize three towns, have a force of German warships-both repulsed one general attack, it was surface craft and submarines reported today.

the assault was delivered last Sun-Italy could not tolerate Greece's day on defense positions covering acts against the independence of Jugargan pass, 35 miles southsoutheast of Berbera, capital and FRANCE INDICTS principal port of British Somaliland.

"In spite of intensive support by low-flying aircraft, the attacks were broken up and repulsed by Former Premier Daladier our artillery and small arms fire,' a British communique reported.

The Italians have been driving across the burning wastes of the Somaliland since they captured Hargeisa, Oadweina and Zeila last

(In Rome, the Italian high comon reported Italians had occupied Adadleh, about 50 miles south of

Mintz Recovering From

ton Sunday afternoon.

He received a broken leg, several bruises and scratches in the acci- incompetence "and even sabotage, dent. His condition was reported as satisfactory last night.

SCOTLAND ATTACKED

Germans Apparently Hope To Smash Out An Invasion 'Bridge-Head'

BERLIN HAS ALARM

British Claim Bag Of 32 Bombers, 23 Battle Bombers, 14 Fighters

LONDON, Aug. 14.-Wednesday)—Nazi warplanes shrieked, over the length and breadth of Britain today, scourging the industrial midlands and North Scotland and plunging into the fourth day of an unremitting assault on the south shore, apparently aimed at smashing out an invasion of "Bridge-head."

Planes came over the midlands, neart of industrial England, in seven or eight waves.

The defense of this stubborn island kingdom mounted in tempo a clash of light-draft naval vessels in the channel during yester day's gigantic aerial conflict.

Own Medicine The British, despite their preoccupation with bringing down 69 German planes yesterday, apparently found time to give Germany new dose of her own medicine. Berlin had a 47-minute air raid alarm this morning, and the big wireless station at Bremen shut down abruptly, a possible sign of

RAF planes in the vicinity. Some Britons even speculated hat Germany might give up the invasion idea and try an aerial 'starvation" blockade instead.

This morning's German attack on the English Midlands was the biggest of the war for that district. Bombs burst with a rumble and great glares made the sky lurid. Anti-aircraft gunners kept up a scorching fire. Tracer bullets and searchlights pierced the morning dark.

The picture was much the same along the south coast, in Wales, and in Scotland.

Houses were hit in one Scottish town, a row of huts set afire in another, and many salvos of Nazi combs were said to have fallen in fields. One fatality was reported, and 'minor'' civilian casualties.
Nazi Planes Dawned

As for damage after Tuesday's assault by hundreds of German planes on the channel coast, the British acknowledged only a series of fires and "a few casualties," while reporting proudly that their day's bag of Nazi planes was the biggest yet-32 bombers, 23 battle bombers and 14 fighters. In the English channel itself, as declared to have been beaten off by British motor torpedoboats The British high command said in the channel, but these were its

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ITS WAR MAKERS

And Ex-General Gamelin

Apparently On List By The Associated Press week. British sources have indi-cated they would let the Italians armistice government of Marshal

advance, extending supply lines. Philippe Petain formally indicted tountil they are where the British night before a high court of last appeal the government and military leaders whom it deems responsible for betraying the Third Republic mand said sharp fighting is going by leading it, unready, into war and defeat.

It did not name them but it lumped them as a composite "Monsieur X" in a general complaint. The court itself will fix individual responsibility.

As the blanket charge was placed Auto Accident Injuries before the nation's new supreme court, the old marshal, chief of Louis Mintz is recovering at his state, went before the radio with a home at 1407 South Fourth street stinging rebuke for those who stand from injuries received when he was accused—who obviously include, struck by an autmoobile near Clin- among others, former Premier Edouard Daladier and former Generalissimo Maurice Gustave Gamelin. He said France fell before laziness,

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MEETING PLANNED WEATHER Roy L. MacMillan, Of Ra-North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia: Mostly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday with scattered showers except in the mountains Wednesday. leigh, Will Address Beach Session Tonight

A meeting of the Seventh district of the North Carolina American Legion will be held tonight at 6:30 o'clock at the Atlantic View pier dining room at Wrightsville Beach. Roy L. MacMillan, Raleigh attorney and official in the North Carolina Boys State, will be principal speaker. Legionnaires from Wilmington,

Southport, Whiteville, Tabor City, and Fair Bluff will attend the meeting. Information concerning reservations and transportation may be obtained by calling A. T. Dowdy

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 13. _ (AP) — Assisted by government relief agencies, residents of the coastal plains of South Carolina and Georgia went to work today to dig out of the wreckage of a tropical hurrican that look at least 36 lives, wrought damage of millions of dollars and left

hundreds homeless. The Red Cross dispatched nurses to the stricken area to begin precautionary immunization against disease and otherwise minister to sufferers. The Works Projects administration sent Assistant Commissioner Fred R. Raugh from Washington to assist in emergency Beaufort, south of Charleston,

apparently was hardest hit by

the 80-mile-au-hour, gale that

ing islands were described as incomplete, and fear was expressed that the death toll would be higher. A CCC boy was drowned on Huntington island, near here,

and two persons perished at Savannah, Ga. Sheriff J. M. McTeer of Beaufort county, appointed by Governor Burnet R. Maybank to head relief and emergency areas, estimated that 700 persons in that area were homeless and without food. He appealed to the outside for roofing material and food supplies as quickly as possible by truck.

VICTIMS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA

Large crews sought to open roads sufficiently for trucks to get through, and the state highway department announced that two highways had been opened into the stretch area for "light traffic." Beaufort had been inaccessible since Sunday except by foot Batteries of trouble-shooters

also were at work to restore communication facilities. Telephone calls into the area were being accepted, however, subject to a five-hour delay.

Port Royal, near Beaufort, counted damage to all its residences and business houses.

pier of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad were demolished. Parris Island, site of a U. S.

Warehouses and the waterfront

Marine corps base, reported heavy damage but no loss of life. Damage to Charleston industrial plants was estimated at \$500,000, and Russell McGowan, Charleston attorney, said property damage at nearby Folly island would approximate \$1,000,-

Governor Maybank came here yesterday, surveyed the damage in this and the Beaufort areas, and offered the state government's assistance in relief work. He said food and chlorine to

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