

FLEET COMMANDER REACHES SHANGHAI

Hart Expected To Preside Over Meet To Consider Re-assignment Of Zone

SHANGHAI, Aug. 14.—(Wednes-day)—Using a sea-going submarine as a flagship, Admiral Thomas Charles Hart, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, arrived here this morning for Tsingtau amid Japanese demands for control of the British defense sector of the International settlement.

Britain's decision to withdraw her troops from China will leave Rear-Admiral Moriji Takeda, commander of the Shanghai Japanese naval garrison, as senior foreign officer, but Admiral Hart outranks him and as such it was expected he would preside over a meeting Thursday at which foreign defense chiefs will consider reassignment of the British zone.

Those here who oppose the idea of Japan controlling the British zone, containing some of Shanghai's largest business interests and best residential districts, hoped the American admiral would block the Japanese.

Tang Leang-li, official spokesman for the Japanese-controlled Chinese administration at Nanking, echoed the Japanese military when he expressed the hope that the United States would follow Britain's example by withdrawing the Fourth marine regiment stationed here.

"The Chinese won't tolerate" the transfer of the British sector to American troops, he said.

RELIEF AGENCIES AID STORM VICTIMS

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prevent water contamination were badly needed at Beaufort.

The 263rd Coast Artillery regiment of the South Carolina National Guard, training at Fort Moultrie, was ordered home because, officers said, training no longer was possible at Moultrie because of the storm.

The stor mover, tides apparently were receding toward normal.

In its wake, however, came torrential rains inland that sent rivers surging out of their banks and flooding adjacent areas.

Asheville, N. C., appeared the hardest hit by high waters. The North Carolina highway department reported that only one route from Asheville to the rest of the state was open, all the others being blocked, either by inundation or landslides.

The Southern railway was blocked at Swannanoa tunnel near Ridgecrest by a landslide and near Old Fort at the foot of the mountains by a washout. It was routing its traffic by Spartanburg.

Flood waters in upstate South Carolina closed or threatened to close 25 highways. State Highway Engineer J. S. Williamson reported.

A cloudburst near Augusta, Ga., swelled the Augusta canal, and when a log jammed a water gate, water backed up over three or four blocks near the Union station. Harry Raynes, meteorologist, predicted the Savannah river would rise to 44 feet at Augusta by tomorrow morning.

Two cars of a Washington-Atlanta train were derailed near Toccoa, Ga., because of a washout. No one was hurt. More than 7 inches of rain in the area in the last 24 hours, Southern railway officials said, washed out a culvert.

WEATHER

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Table with 3 columns: Station, High, Low, Precip. Lists weather for various locations including Asheville, Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Burlington, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Duluth, El Paso, Fort Worth, Galveston, Grand Rapids, Havre, Jacksonville, Kansas City, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis, Miami, Minneapolis, New Orleans, New York, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Portland, Me., Richmond, St. Louis, San Antonio, San Francisco, Savannah, Tampa, Vicksburg, Washington, and Wilmington.

GERMANS BELIEVED USING BIG CANNON AGAINST BRITAIN

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3. British bombers could soon locate and "make things warm" for the gun crews.

"It would be surprising if naval and military authorities are not already taking steps to deal with what is merely a nuisance," By-water wrote.

Germany's "big Bertha" bombardment of Paris began March 23, 1918, and lasted until August before French mathematicians and aerial scouts located it.

The huge gun fired every third day because of the wear on the cannon, hurling 303 shells into Paris which killed 256 and wounded 630. One shell struck the Paris church of St. Gervais killing and maiming 156 Good Friday worshippers.

Italians accuse Greeks of having new land designs

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renounce British guarantees of her independence and territorial integrity.

The "suggestion" followed a bitter Italian press attack against Greece, charging her with responsibility for the beheading of Daut Hogria, an Albanian patriot, and felling of British warcraft fighting Italy in the Mediterranean.

High diplomatic sources said Premier General John Metaxas received the "suggestion" from the Italian charge d'affaires at a meeting this morning attended by the German minister and already had answered "no."

After the meeting Metaxas hurried to the palace for a long audience with King George II.

Metaxas also conferred with the British minister. The United States minister, Lincoln MacVeigh, talked with one of the premier's aides at the foreign office.

PLANS TO BOOST ARMY POSTPONED

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who some day may—God forbid—be called upon to defend their country," Burke added.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. William E. Shedd, the army's assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, told the house military committee that the time required by Congress to debate the conscription issue had forced a postponement of the objective of 900,000 men under arms until Jan. 1.

Originally, and presupposing the speedy passage of the necessary legislation, he said, the army schedule called for the drafting of 400,000 trainees on Oct. 1. Trainees plus mobilized National Guardsmen and regular army components would have produced the 900,000 figure. The revised schedule, he said, called for 75,000 trainees on Oct. 15, 50,000 more on Nov. 1, 65,000 on Nov. 15, 100,000 in early December and about 98,000 late that month.

Given Right-of-Way Already approved by the senate, the legislation enabling the president to muster the militia for a twelve-month training period, was given the right-of-way in the house during the day by its rules committee. And a joint house-senate committee on taxes heard representatives of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and the National association of manufacturers assert their views on the proposed excess profits tax.

For the chamber, Ellsworth C. Alvord, urged that legislation permitting manufacturers to deduct the cost of plant expansion for defense purposes over a five-year period be enacted as a separate bill, with the excess profits levy postponed so it would be simplified and improved. Carl N. Osborne of the N. A. M. asked that the excess profits tax be carefully drawn and specifically put forward as an "emergency" measure, not a permanent one.

Downtown, meanwhile, Arthur B. Purvis, chief British purchasing agent, announced that the United States had agreed to supply Great Britain with 1,300 to 1,400 fighting planes monthly, beginning in the "late 1941." The British had wanted 3,000 a month beginning next January, but William S. Knudsen, in charge of defense production, suggested the changed schedule.

Intense Debate In its third day, the senate's conscription debate had lost none of its intensity of feeling, but most senators had obviously begun to feel they had heard all the arguments and were waiting principally for the opportunity to vote. The attendance was slim, and consisted mostly of senators opposed to the bill, intently listening to Wheeler.

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Tobacco Prices Advance On Markets In Georgia

Averages Apparently Better Than 18.43 Cents Set During Opening Sales

VALDOSTA, Ga., Aug. 13.—(AP)—Bright leaf tobacco prices moved skyward today as buyers bid briskly for medium grade stock.

Unofficial reports indicated a steadily strengthening market, with averages apparently better than the 18.43-cents-a-pound set for the first two days of sales.

At Waycross the Journal-Herald reported a "definite upturn" with medium quality grades and lugs bringing advanced prices, and the average "well above the 20-cent mark." The range was from four to 28 cents a pound, with the bulk going for from 20 to 26 cents.

Sales Manager Joe Spence at Pelham reported early sales today averaging about 19 cents. Yesterday the market moved 342,510 pounds at an average of 18.64. The range was from six to 29 cents a pound.

A scarcity of good tobacco and heavy offerings of low and medium leaf were reported from Habiba by Sales Manager W. R. Salter. Today's sales ranged from six to 28 cents a pound, with the bulk at from 18 to 20 cents. Yesterday's official report showed 283,036 pounds sold for \$52,965.25—an average of 18.71.

The Tifton market appeared firm, with an average near 20 cents and a range from five to 34 cents a pound. Yesterday 831,238 pounds yielded \$171,829, an average of 20.55.

Excise profits tax delay asked

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legislation permitting defense contractors to deduct from their taxable income the full cost of new plant installations.

Meanwhile, Alvord argued, the pending 25 to 40 per cent excess profits tax, with which plant amortization is joined, could be subjected to "simplification and improvement." This, he said, was more essential than speed.

Carl N. Osborne, vice president of the M. A. Hanna company, Cleveland, and vice chairman of Nam's government finance committee, came out for an excess profits tax applicable to this year's earnings. He said, however, that the tax should not be made permanent because it involves "inequities."

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GERMANS CONTINUE RAIDS ON BRITAIN

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essentials as the admiralty described the fight:

One small German vessel was rammed; another fired on "almost point blank" by machine-guns and attacked with hand grenades; two larger Nazi ships machine-gunned 'at very close range'; a German "E-boat," or mosquito torpedoboat put under fire in two running battles; a German plane attacking from above set ablaze.

The significant term "larger vessels" was not amplified.

Meet Attacked The British, fighting with the curiously calm ferocity which always has shown when this seat of empire has been threatened, went up to meet the aerial offensive with everything they had.

They claimed an ever-growing number of raiders shot down—making the figure 37 early tonight—against an acknowledged loss of nine defending planes.

Then, turning a moment from the crisis here at home, they announced that British fliers had successfully attacked the Germans from Jutland to the Bay of Biscay.

In this series of day and night attacks on Germany and Nazi-held territory—attacks sent home in some instances "in spite of ice and cloud"—the British conceded the loss of 16 planes.

Nevertheless, they said, they bombed 17 Nazi airdromes, the Nazi seaplane base at Borkum, the Nazi-held harbor at Denhelder, on the Dutch coast, various docks and munitions plants.

But all of this, however destructive it may have been to Germany, was only a side issue to the great showdown here at home—the Nazis' air attacks which already are sweeping the southern coast and now threaten to extend in force to the cargo-choked west coast.

All of these western ports were officially acknowledged to be

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MRS. EMMA V. MINTZ Funeral services for Mrs. Emma V. Mintz, 61, of 605 South 16th street, who died at 3:45 o'clock Monday afternoon in a local hospital after a long illness, will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon from the Yopp funeral home.

The Rev. F. S. Johnston will conduct the services. Burial will follow in the Oakdale cemetery.

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canes were said to have been brought down as against the loss of eight German Messerschmitts.

Dover is at the mercy of German bombing squadrons and its British defenders have been "driven out of the air," German sources declared joyfully tonight.

Among British airports attacked, the Germans listed Detling, Odiham and Farnborough. They said two airport buildings and planes on the ground were destroyed at Detling while 20 planes were wrecked and burned at the other two, and numerous buildings set after by bombs.

The ports and Quays in Bournemouth and Plymouth, munitions works in Exeter and Bristol, and petroleum tanks in North Killingham were listed by the German radio as additional targets heavily damaged.

The radio reported that 12 barrage balloons were shot down at Folkestone.

Merchantmen Sunk Two merchantmen of 15,000 tons each and two patrol boats were declared to have been sunk by air bombs as they moved out of the Thames Estuary.

The great Portsmouth naval base again was pelted with bombs today and the raids on south coast ports have been so effective, these sources declared, that it will be almost impossible for the British fleet to operate in the channel.

Besides pounding English shore points for the third successive day, the swarms of German bombers and fighters today crowded steadily inland to a point where they threatened the defenses of London itself, nazis asserted.

Eastchurch, half way up the Thames toward London, was one of the main targets as the Nazi raiders went into their 72-hour of almost steady bombing and gunning of island strong-points.

German reports indicated that since 15 minutes after midnight this morning, when Walsend, near Newcastle, was bombed, there had been a constant series of bombing raids apparently moving ever farther inland.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES BOYD MAGILL Funeral services for Charles Boyd, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Magill, who died Monday, were held yesterday afternoon.

WOODS INFANT Funeral services for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woods, of Meeker avenue, who died yesterday morning, will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The services will be in charge of Mrs. W. T. Devane, of the Castle Heights church.

MYRA L. CHAUNCEY Funeral services for Myra Lovelle Chauncey, 26, who died early Monday morning at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Chauncey, at Lake Waccamaw, were held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from the late residence.

The Rev. C. A. Jones, of Taber City, assisted by the Rev. N. P. Adams, of Hallsboro, conducted the services. Burial followed in the Lake cemetery.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one brother, Winfield Chauncey, Jr., and two sisters, Miss Pauline Chauncey and Mrs. Richard E. Stone.

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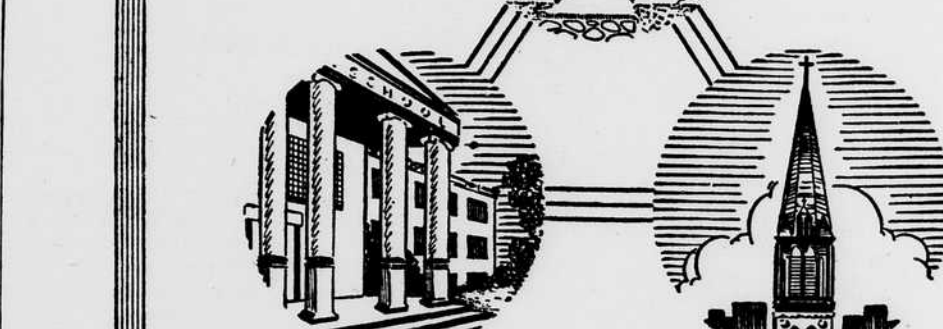
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