

NAZI PLANES BLAST LONDON WITH TONS OF BOMBS

Wilmington Bids F. D. R. Hewlett To Guard Today

F. D. R. Jr.—A Man Of Note



Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., wasn't the chap who said "Let who will rule the nation, if I can but write his songs," but he's making a start toward that goal. Reported under contract to a new music publishing house, he's pictured in Philadelphia working on the lyrics of his new song, it's called "The Rest of My Life."

Nazis Say Ribbentrop's Talks To Bring 'Action'

MINISTER IS IN ROME

Spain And Egypt Believed Primary Objects For Consideration At Parley

BERLIN, Sept. 18.—(AP)—All informed circles in Germany stressed tonight that Joachim von Ribbentrop's forthcoming conversations in Rome will result in axis "action—no words," and it was hinted that Spain and Egypt are the primary objects for consideration.

Foreign Minister Ribbentrop left today to consult Benito Mussolini and other leaders of fascist Italy, and it was learned tonight that on his return he again will see Ramon Serrano Suner, Berlin's highly-placed Spanish visitor. This fact was taken in political circles as lending added significance to Spain's place in what Germans call the coming scheme of things.

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Weed Grower Convicted Of Evading Excess Tax

VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 18.—(AP)—J. Henry Gaskins, tobacco grower, convicted in federal court here today of evading penalty payments for excess tobacco production, paid penalties amounting to \$1,232 and was fined \$900.

Government attorneys said indictments against Gaskins and three others were the first involving evasion of tobacco crop control regulations of the Triple A.

AIRPORT DEFENSE PROJECT DELAYED

Designation Of Field As Having Defense Value Is Postponed By Army

The United States army has temporarily postponed the designation of Blueenthal airport as having defense value and as being worthy of development by the federal government, it was announced at a meeting yesterday afternoon of the

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Fair Enough

By WESTBROOK PEGLER

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—I take my text that portion of those "few" persons who have betrayed them. To that I would reply, "listen to who's talking." The man who is determined to help labor clean house is himself the head of an organization that is infested with notorious grafters, racketeers, cheats and free-style enemies of every decent principle of the American people and of the liberties which M. R. Roosevelt was hired to uphold.

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Parliamentary Talk At City Hall Are Scheduled

Mayor Cooper And Chairman Hewlett To Be In Charge Of Ceremonies

SPEAKERS ARE CHOSEN

Dosher Asks That All Legionnaires, Ex-Service Men Attend Exercises

As Wilmington's national guard units completed preparations for moving to their camps for a year's training period, all arrangements were finished yesterday for the program in which the city will bid farewell to the departing civilian-soldiers today.

Approximately 500 young Wilmingtonians—now a part of the Army of the United States—will parade past a reviewing stand to be erected in front of the City Hall at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Places Inland, Coastwise And Intercoastal Water Traffic Under I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today legislation bringing most inland, coastwise and intercoastal water traffic under regulation of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

P-T. A. TAG SALE SLATED SATURDAY

New Hanover High School Association Plans Drive For Needy Students

The Parent-Teacher association of New Hanover High school will sponsor its annual Tag Day sale Saturday, September 21, Mrs. J. B. Evans, president of the association, announced yesterday, following a meeting of the executive board Tuesday afternoon.

Eastern N. C. Singing Meet Slated Sept. 22

Senate Seeks To Reduce Draftees' Money Burdens

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Seeking to ease the financial burdens of men drafted for military training, the senate wrote into the excess tax bill today broad authority for the president to establish allowances for dependents.

WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Generally fair to partly cloudy Thursday and Friday.

Temperature	
1:30 a. m. 69; 7:30 a. m. 69; 1:30 p. m. 79; 7:30 p. m. 73; maximum 81; minimum 67; mean 74; normal 75.	
Humidity	
1:30 a. m. 91; 7:30 a. m. 88; 1:30 p. m. 64; 7:30 p. m. 64.	
Precipitation	
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 1.95 inches.	
Tides For Today	
High 11:28a 6:22a	
Low 11:44p 6:35p	
Masonboro Inlet 9:02a 3:01a	
9:19p 3:22p	
Sunrise 5:58a; sunset 6:14p; moonrise 7:55p; moonset 3:22a.	

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 5 a. m., September 17, 9.6 feet.

Papers' Circulation Advertising Units Urged To Cooperate

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 18.—(AP)—Close cooperation between circulation and advertising departments of newspapers was suggested today by L. W. McFetridge of the Tulsa (Okla.) World.

McFetridge, executive secretary of the International Circulation Managers Association, spoke to the Southern Circulation Managers Association convention.

"Circulation is the basis of advertising sales," McFetridge declared, "and for this reason the relationship of the two departments should be extremely close—even to the point that a circulation manager or someone in his department work with the man who sells advertising, and keep him informed of the minutest details of the circulation department."

"From that point on, it is a matter of education," the speaker asserted that "the circulation department should produce circulation in the right numbers and in the right places and through the right tactics so that the advertising job may be made easier."

CARRIER MEASURE SIGNED BY F. D. R.

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"It is my thought to have the home guards made up of men who are older than those being called, or who are otherwise exempted from the draft. If we take those of the draft age, they might be called away."

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Governor Hoey Says Units Will Be Formed When Government Clears Way

LEGION TO COOPERATE

Action On Congressional Bill Necessary Before Work May Be Started

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Lucky Charm



A rabbit's foot is supposed to bring luck—so imagine what four will do. Rescue workers, delving among the ruins of a London building, came upon this rabbit, frightened, but otherwise unharmed, after a Nazi air raid—proof of the old superstition.

GANDHI TO DIRECT ANTI-WAR EFFORT

To Carry Out Task Under Pledge Propaganda Will Not Embarrass Britain

BOMBAY, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Mohandas K. Handhi, once more undisputed leader of India's main anti-imperialist movement, has taken over the delicate task of directing non-violent anti-war propaganda; but under a pledge that it shall not embarrass Britain.

This wisp of a man, to be 71 years old Oct. 2, left for Wardha today after issuing instructions for complete discipline among his millions of followers pending an interview with the British viceroy Lord Linlithgow.

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BRITISH BOMB REICH'S BASES ALONG COAST

London Office Of CBS Is Partially Wrecked During German Attack

NEW YORK, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The London office of the Columbia Broadcasting System has been partially wrecked by German bombs, Edward R. Murrow, chief of the CBS European staff, said in a broadcast from London heard here tonight.

Murrow said that the two top floors of the building were in the street but that a survey was necessary before the complete damage could be determined.

Columbia's London office is at 14 Langham Place, about 200 yards from Broadcasting House, headquarters of the British Broadcasting Corporation.

ENGLISH AIRMEN ATTACK FASCISTS

Heavy Artillery And Other Equipment Bombed Inside Of Sidi Barrani

CAIRO, Egypt, Sept. 18.—(AP)—British airmen heavily attacked Fascist desert troops at Sidi Barrani, 60 miles inside the Egyptian frontier today, military headquarters announced.

The British aerial counter-attack extended from that newly-won Italian base clear along the Mediterranean coast into Libya, it was said officially.

Singled out especially for bombardment were heavy artillery and other equipment which the Fascist had moved into Sidi Barrani.

Italian planes lifted to meet the British but were ineffective in the series of raids, the British said.

The British said the Italians were busy attempting to get their cannon into position when bombs rained among them.

At least ten fires were started in attacks on Italian transports at Buqbuq farther west, the second city the Italians occupied in the Egyptian offensive.

At Begzi, Libya, about 350 miles west of Sidi Barrani, the British said Italy's biggest military air-drome in North Africa went up in flames after British fliers swept down upon that point. The fires could be seen 70 miles away, it was said.

AMERICAN PLANE FREED FOR SALE

Foreign Nations May Buy Commercial Version Of Army's Bomber

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Officials made the disclosure today after Secretary Hull was asked at his press conference whether Great Britain would be permitted to buy duplicates of the 17-ton army planes which have flown repeatedly to South America and returned.

Officials said the Boeing company of Seattle, manufacturers of the B 17 bomber, had been authorized "some time ago" to negotiate for foreign sale of the commercial model, subject to federal export license.

Whether orders were placed was not disclosed.

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DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE

More Planes Take Part In Raid Than During Tuesday-Wednesday Assault

TWO RAIDERS DOWNED

Germans Strafe Center Of London; Drop Many Large, Blazing Oil Bombs

LONDON, Sept. 18.—(Thursday)—(AP)—Thundering tons of high explosives showered on battered London and suburbs last night and early today from a steadily increasing force of Nazi attackers who left heavy damage and a mounting list of casualties in the Empire Capital.

More planes took part in the raid—the 12th overnight assault since Germany began her "all out" assaults on London—than in the Tuesday-Wednesday overnight raid which caused heavy casualties.

British Active
But while the Germans dumped their bombs on London, British bombers were visiting destruction on German bases on the Nazi-held French and Belgian coasts in violent attacks against "invasion ports."

The German bombers caused great destruction in the slums of East London in the early phases of the raids. Now they have turned their attention to the fashionable sectors of the capital as well, subjecting them to heavy bombing.

In the latest punishing attack, coughing men and women stumbled from fashionable apartments after direct hits were scored by incendiary bombs in central London.

Big bombs were hurled at the Metropolis from the north rim to the south, east and west.

The shopping area, long the home of many of the world's famous fashion stores, was hit again and again by high explosive projectiles.

The plate glass in the windows of one department store which was not touched heretofore was smashed by a bomb exploding in the street in front of the store.

Two Raiders Downed

London's anti-aircraft gun barrage brought down at least two of the raiders—one of them a Junker 88, Germany's latest type of bombing plane.

The raiders violently strafed the center of London, dropping fat, blazing oil bombs in an effort to set fires in the city to guide them to their targets.

Flame bombs showered over the central area of London.

A tremendous explosion jarred a building in central London; a row of houses in north London was demolished; and a heavy bomb fell near a shopping center, throwing debris high into the air.

Through a storm of steel thrown up by the anti-aircraft batteries, the attack was pressed home with increasing violence in the fifth hour of the raid. Explosive bombs fell steadily in the heart of the city.

As the raid wore on through the morning darkness, the Germans continued to pound central London with high explosive bombs. Three bomb also fell in a north-west London district, demolishing a house and shattering all windows in a large apartment block. Police rescued several injured persons.

Across the English channel, the British bombers beat furiously at the Nazi-held French and Belgian coasts in the heaviest of all their long series of assaults on German bases, and the red in London's skies was matched by the flames

Italians Seek To Mop Up British Forces In Egypt

ROME, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The fast-striking army of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani spread southward from its new Egyptian base at Sidi Barrani today in an effort to mop up strong armored forces which the British have planted in desert ravines to conduct a "guerrilla warfare on wheels."

While the Italian blackshirts and native soldiers, attended by water carriers, headed on toward the Suez Canal, the Fascist press extolled the "valor" of dusky Libyan warriors who, it was said, performed a march

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