

A. C. L. WILL DISTRIBUTE \$260,000 IN BACK WAGES

Turks Push Military Preparations

Rumanian Oil Areas Prepare For Air Raids

Newspaper Publishes Rumor That Russian-Turkish Army Talks Under Way

NEW FORTS ERECTED

500,000 Turkish Troops In Area Guarding Strategic Dardanelles

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Oct. 20.—Published reports of increasing Turkish military preparations on the Dardanelles and blackout and air raid precautions in Rumanian oil districts and Bucharest tonight added fresh fuel to an uneasy spirit sweeping southeast Europe.

The Budapest newspaper Magyar Nemzet published a rumor that Soviet Russian-Turkish military talks were under way at Adrianople, the Turkish city which occupies a vital corner between the Bulgarian and Greek frontiers.

Athens reports said travelers from Turkey found railway lines to Adrianople jammed with troop trains, and an estimated 500,000 Turkish troops already in the area guarding the strategic Dardanelles.

Build New Forts
The Turks were said also to be busy with new fortifications, and also to be constructing new communication facilities between Istanbul and Salonika, the Greek port which sometimes is called the "key to the Balkans."

There was no complete confirmation of these reports, but it was generally accepted by observers that the Turks were busily pushing their defense measures on the European side of the Dardanelles. On the other hand, Bulgaria, ordinarily quickly responsive to Turkish moves in the region of Adrianople, showed no signs of mobilization despite reported Axis pressure.

Greece, likewise, displayed no unusual alarm, although she was thoroughly on the alert.

Neutral travelers arriving at Budapest from Bucharest said passengers were being searched.

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TURKISH PAPERS FORECAST DRIVE

Stress British Maneuvers Designed To Counter Attack On The Near East

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Turkish press, sighting war clouds for Southeastern Europe in Germany's penetration of Rumania, predicted today that the axis will attempt to drive through to the Near East, and stressed British maneuvers designed to counter it.

The German troops arrived on the scene in Bucharest to "train" Rumanian troops right after the Adolf Hitler-Benito Mussolini Brenner Pass conference, suggested that

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WEATHER

By U. S. Weather Bureau

FORECAST
North Carolina: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday, slightly warmer Monday northeast and north-central portions.

By U. S. Weather Bureau
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday.)

Temperature
1:30 a. m. 64; 7:30 a. m. 48; 1:30 p. m. 56; 7:30 p. m. 50; maximum 68; minimum 48; mean 52; normal 64.

Humidity
1:30 a. m. 73; 7:30 a. m. 79; 1:30 p. m. 54; 7:30 p. m. 68.

Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., none; total since first of the month, 0.13 inches.

Tides For Today
Wilmington High 12:33a Low 7:00a
1:30p 1:30p 8:44p
Hasonboro Inlet 10:26a 4:24a
10:40p 5:04p

Surprise 6:22a sunset 5:31p; moonrise 9:31p; moonset 10:51a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville, at 8 a. m., October 18, 18.9 feet.

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"Hello, Mummy... We Well and Happy... In America"



"New York is lovely; we've been on picnics and parties"—"You'll be glad that Mitzi had three puppies." Little snatches of inconsequential gossip? Yes, but the gladdest sounds parents and children ever heard—part of the short-wave radio program from refugee children in New York to parents in London. Above, Rona and Neville Whitaker laugh for joy at the sound of their parents' voices. But it was too much for brother Allan, right. He's dissolved in tears. Announcer is George Hicks.

Nazis Claim 43 British Ships Sunk By U-Boats

2 CONVOYS ATTACKED
Commander Prien Credited With Bagging Eight Merchantmen During Drive

BERN, Switzerland, Oct. 21. (Monday)—(AP)—Two air raid alarms sounded in Bern, the Swiss capital, last night and early today.

After a 50-minute alarm late last night, the sirens sounded again at 12:19 a. m. (6:19 p. m. EST).

Other alarms were sounded in Zurich and Central Swiss cities last night. The alert periods usually indicate that British bombers are going to or returning from raids on Italy.

Sheriff S. C. Langston said the dead were:
Paul Nalejawa, about 30, of Brownville, Minn., the parachute jumper.

George Zorn, the pilot, about 30, of Greenville, Miss.

Lawrence De Marke, about 30, a Marianna laundry owner, a passenger.

Paul Bowie, about 35, a passenger, former marshal at Briceys.

J. M. Cook, about 55, a passenger, a plantation owner who lived near Marianna.

Joe Campbell, about 22, of Forest City, a passenger.

L. J. Dupuy, a Marianna photographer who witnessed the accident, declared that Nalejawa jumped from a plane piloted by Dick Robertson at an altitude of about 3,000 feet and that Zorn's plane, carrying passengers taken aloft to get a close view of the stunt, began slowly circling the descending parachute.

"All of a sudden," said Dupuy, "a wing of the plane became tangled in the parachute about 500 feet above the ground. The parachute jumper was tossed across the plane and was dangling helplessly from the side of the machine as it crashed to earth. Everyone in the accident was killed instantly."

Although the air show, held at a private field, was billed as "Ace

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ROOSEVELT FAMILY HOST TO ROYALTY

Earl Of Athlone, Others Spend Day At President's Hyde Park Home

HYDE PARK, N. Y., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Members of the governing families of the British empire, the Grand duchy of Luxembourg and the United States assembled with complete informality today at President Roosevelt's Hudson valley home.

At the luncheon table with the chief executive were the Earl of Athlone, Canada's governor general and an uncle of King George VI of England, and Grand Duchess Charlotte of Luxembourg.

Earlier, Mr. Roosevelt had attended morning worship at Ivy-clad St. James Episcopal church. With him in the family pew were Princess Alice, wife of the governor general and granddaughter of Queen Victoria; her daughter, Lady May Abel Smith, and the President's 88-year-

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British Guns, Planes Attack French Coast

RAF Believed To Have Dropped 15,000 Bombs On 'Invasion Ports'

LONDON BOMBED

Southwest England, Liverpool Area And Important Midlands Raided

LONDON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Britain's bombers and big guns joined tonight in a furious bombardment of Nazi springboards of invasion across the channel as mild weather and a calm sea kept alive the peril of a German attack.

Judging from the ear-splitting blasts and the brilliant flashes from across the hazy waters, observers were convinced that not only warplanes but also warships and land batteries were hammering at the German-held coast.

100 A Minute

"An avalanche of bombs was unloosed by British raiders at a rate estimated by watchers on the Kent coast to be 100 a minute," the authoritative British press association reported.

"The unbroken rumble of terrific explosions reverberated up and down the channel like thunder."

The RAF must have dropped at least 15,000 bombs on channel "invasion ports" between 7 and 9:30 p. m. (1 and 3:30 p. m., E. S. T.), the agency said.

Clusters of parachutes dropped by the bombers burned brightly above the dense gray mist covering the sea. Flaming, multi-colored anti-aircraft shells shot up so thickly that the sky appeared sprinkled with tinsel.

Crowds on the English shore ignored the danger to come out and watch the spectacular battle although the firing was so intense it rattled dishes on this side.

Bomb Guns
The terrific bombardment began just after dusk and apparently was centered against German heavy cannon emplacements near Cape Gris Nez.

Earlier, the admiralty reported a successful stab far above the Arctic Circle by the Royal navy's torpedo-

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U. S. COURT TERM OPENS HERE TODAY

Lengthy Criminal Docket Will Be Heard During First Part Of Week

The fall term of United States district court will open here this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, presiding.

A lengthy criminal docket involving a varied number of law infractions will be heard the first of the week. Forty cases involving 60 or 70 defendants, are scheduled to go before the grand jury today.

It is expected that the criminal docket will be completed by Tuesday.

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War Interpretive

BY EDWARD E. BOMAR
German claims of U-boat successes and intensified naval fighting around the British Isles suggest strongly that Great Britain may be sending reinforcements to Egypt at the risk of weakening home defenses.

Nazi surface vessels and submarines appear to have become bolder recently, their activities at testing the purpose to take advantage of any shift of British naval forces to the Mediterranean and to force as many warships as possible to stay home.

With the danger of an early invasion diminishing, Britain can afford the dispatch of limited land

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BIG TASK OF GETTING MONEY TO 6,469 MEN TO BE STARTED TODAY

A. C. L. Office To Start Making Out Checks Today

Pomeroy Nichols, treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company, said last night that the work of making out checks totaling \$260,000 making up the federal minimum wage to 6,469 maintenance employees will be started in the next two or three days.

The checks will be distributed a few days before the regular payday on October 30, he said. It is expected that some of the employees will receive their checks on October 24, when the third year of the Fair Labor Standards Act begins and when the maximum work week without overtime is reduced from 42 to 40 hours.

The payments will be over a 5,000 mile trek by railroad and in six states.

The payments are the result of an inspection by the Wage and Hour division, U. S. Department of Labor, which revealed that the railroad was showing payment of the minimum wage on its books by charging employees rent for box cars and other housing whether they occupied them or not, and with deductions for other goods and services deemed improper by the division. The inspection revealed that many of the domiciles carried on the books were nonexistent.

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Northeast States Shiver In Premature Cold Wave

Fair, Continued Cool Weather Slated Here

Fair skies and continued cool temperatures are on the weather menu for Wilmington and vicinity today, weather bureau officials forecast last night.

A low temperature of 40 degrees is predicted for early this morning.

Weather officials said that there will probably be a light frost in this section but that it will not be enough to be of any damage.

Yesterday's temperatures ranged from a high of 68 to a low of 48 degrees, with the mean six below the 64-degree normal. At 10 o'clock last night the temperature was 44 degrees.

TROJAN HORSES LISTED BY DIES

Says Reds Have Obtained 'Tremendous Influence' In U. S. Government

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Rep. Martin Dies, Texas democrat, reviewing in a book published today the two-year investigation of his committee on 'un-American activities, charged that the communist party had obtained "tremendous patronage and influence in our federal government."

"When we reflect," he commented, "that the communist party is nothing more nor less than a foreign-controlled conspiracy aimed at the destruction of our form of government, the story of Stalin's infiltration into official Washington must be viewed in its true light as one of the major political scandals of American history."

Dies charged in the book, "The Trojan Horse in America" (Dodd, Mead & Co., New York), that "communist Trojan horses"—organizations which he said always denied communist control—had been set up to "bid" for American youth, for the unemployed, for negroes, and for the unpenetrated labor unions and government itself.

He said that "Trojan horse" groups often invited distinguished American citizens to address them.

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Cooper Will Cooperate In N. C. Progress Plan

Meeting was held in Governor Hoey's office and in the hall of the house of representatives with Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, presiding.

Lines of endeavor for which committees will be set up in each county are as follows: Feed and foodstuffs; livestock, dairying and poultry; grading and farm marketing; new industries; health; education; public forum; public libraries; housing; transportation and communication; electrification; tourists; beautification of homes and highways; farmer score cards; state planning; and mineral

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JEHOVAH'S SECT TRIAL SCHEDULED

Right For Witness To Deliver Literature To Be Tested In Robeson Today

LUMBERTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The right of Jehovah's Witnesses to distribute religious literature will be given its first test in North Carolina tomorrow in Robeson county superior court.

E. D. Orrell of New York, alleged leader of the crusading religious sect which has encountered trouble

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IS FULL RESTITUTION

Twenty-Eight Division Roadmasters On Line Will Direct The Payments

N. C. GETS BIG PART

More Than \$7,834 Will Go To Employees In The Wilmington District

ATLANTA, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The regional office here of the federal Wage-Hour division said today that the Atlantic Coast Line railroad would start the job of distributing \$260,000 in back pay to 6,469 maintenance-of-way employees tomorrow.

This amount, the announcement stated, is the difference between the wages the company paid the employees from October 24, 1938, to May 31, 1940, and the wages that should have been paid under the fair labor standards act.

The railroad, which operates in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, agreed to make "full restitution" after court action had been taken by the federal agency and employees, the regional office said.

Twenty-eight division roadmasters of the line will direct the payments. Their paymasters will make a trek totalling some 5,000 miles to take the money to employees on various lines.

Distribution of the money is scheduled to be completed by the latter part of next week.

Among the cities from which \$5,000 to more than \$15,000 will be paid out to various employees are Petersburg, Va.; Rocky Mount, Farmelo, Fayetteville and Wilmington, all in North Carolina; Charleston, S. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Troy, Ala., and Perry, Jacksonville, Sanford, Leesburg, Dannelton, Tribby, Tampa, Lakeland and Palmdale, all in Florida.

Less than \$5,000 but more than \$3,000 will be distributed from Dillon, Florence, Sumter and Orangeburg, all in South Carolina; Jesup,

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HOEY ASKS STATE TO NOTE NAVY DAY

Says People Of This Country Should Be Strong Mentally, Physically

RALEIGH, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoey, in a statement tonight urging North Carolinians to observe Navy Day next Sunday, said it was of prime importance that the people of this country be "strong mentally, physically, morally and spiritually."

His statement follows: "The Navy league of the United States will sponsor the observance of Navy Day this year on October 27. This date was selected because it is the anniversary of the birth of the late President Roosevelt, in recognition of his great contribution to the navy, first in the writing of the naval history of the war of 1812 and later in his leadership in building for the American nation an adequate navy for that period.

"October, as we recall, is the month in which the American navy was founded in 1775 by the continental congress, and this day should

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