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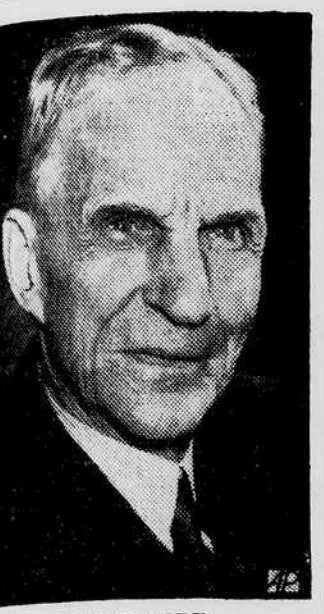
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Naval Board Plans To Inspect Station Sites Here

Wants Big Navy



HENRY FORD

HENRY FORD CALLS FOR MIGHTY NAVY

Industrialist Advocates Fleet Powerful Enough To Protect Both Shores

DETROIT, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Henry Ford declared himself today as a "big navy" advocate.

A navy strong enough to protect both shores of the United States and equipped with "plenty of air-planes" he said, is one of the most vital factors of America's defense.

The 77-year-old industrialist made the statement while completing plans with Rear Admiral John Downes, for the establishment of a branch of the great navy training station at his River Rouge plant, Admiral Downes is commandant of the ninth naval district.

Explaining that young enlisted men sent to the Ford plant from the Great Lakes station would receive three-months courses in various mechanical and technical lines, Ford said they would also be able to continue their academic training.

"When they complete their courses here," Admiral Downes interposed, "they will go direct to the fleet."

Selected through qualifying tests at the Great Lakes station, the trainees will begin coming to the Ford plant on January 11. When the program is fully developed it is hoped to turn out 330 trained electricians, machinists' mates.

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\$50,000,000 NAVY FUND ANNOUNCED

Will Be Used To Provide Facilities At Bases Acquired From Britain

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A \$50,000,000 allotment to provide oil and other storage facilities and ship and plane anchorages at the defense bases recently acquired from Great Britain was announced today by Secretary Knox.

At the same time, he disclosed that an additional 31,908 naval and marine reserves might be called to active duty at any moment and had been so advised. He said that additional reserves from New York and

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City Commissioners Fail To Agree On Truck Lane

The city commissioners yesterday failed to reach an agreement in the matter of designating a truck route around the city for the consideration of the state highway and public works commission.

The city board decided in special session late in the afternoon to leave the matter open and take final action at its next meeting at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

Both the proposed truck routes around the city on 10th and 11th streets were discussed at length, but the designation of a particular route, suitable to all three commissioners, could not be worked out immediately.

Several recommendations offered by James E. L. Wade, commissioner of public work, and W. Louis

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Seeking Field For Possible Dirigible Base

Captain Charles E. Rosendahl and Group Will Visit City Next Week

REQUEST INFORMATION

Mayor Cooper Informed Of General Specifications For Suitable Site

Captain Charles E. Rosendahl and a U. S. Naval board will visit Wilmington next week on an inspection trip to survey possible sites for a lighter-than-air craft station.

Mayor Thomas E. Cooper yesterday received a request from A. S. Farquhar, chief of staff, headquarters Fifth naval district, Norfolk, Va., to furnish information on suitable sites in the Wilmington section.

Advised By Clark
"Captain Rosendahl will be in Wilmington next week to confer with you and others regarding the proposed dirigible field, and he will advise you later the day of arrival," Addison Hewlett, chairman to the board of county commissioners, was advised yesterday in a wire from Congressman J. Bayard Clark.

Mayor Cooper was informed by Farquhar that a board will meet in the near future to consider sites and "it would be helpful if you could send in descriptions of the various sites which you consider suitable."

Mayor Cooper said naval officials had listed such general specifications for a suitable site in the Wilmington section as follows:
First, an area of approximately 640 acres, of shape preferably square.

Second, general location, near the coast, freedom from immediate adjacent populated areas, chimneys, and high tension wires, sufficiently removed from airplane operations to insure non-interference.

Want Level Area
Third, physical features, level or susceptible of easy grading, absence of gullies and creeks, near sea level, and adequate drainage.

Fourth, economic considerations, water and power supply, transportation and communication facilities, railroad spur onto station required, proximity to adequate housing for personnel, and availability of necessary civilian labor.

"It would be preferable to have the above information prior to the meeting of the board," Mayor Cooper was advised, "and then arrangements could be made for a meeting of a delegation if necessary."

According to an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, inspection of sites in North Carolina is part of a general study being made of the entire Atlantic coast, officials said, but no selection would be made unless Congress approved new dirigible construction. One official said dirigibles would be "ideal" for the neutrality patrol, and that congressional approval might be obtained for that reason.

North Carolina sites scheduled to be inspected are near Moyock, Shawboro, Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Columbia, Plymouth.

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CAPTAIN ROSENDAHL

JAPAN MAY MAKE DEMAND ON DUTCH

Will Ask Apologies For Series Of Alleged Injuries In East Indies

TOKYO, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Japan soon will make a formal demand on the Netherlands for apologies and compensation for Japanese victims of a series of alleged injuries and affronts in the Dutch East Indies, it was predicted today by Domei, Japanese news agency with close government connections.

The agency said Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka would call the Netherlands Minister, General J. C. Pabst, to the foreign office for this purpose and also would demand guarantees for the future.

(The Japanese have been demanding important economic concessions in the oil and rubber-rich Dutch East Indies since the Netherlands was occupied in the great German offensive through the low countries last spring.)

(The Dutch islands, now in a weakened and relatively isolated position, have been called by Japanese leaders part of the "greater East Asia" over which Japan proposes at least an economic leadership.)

Domei listed the following alleged incidents involving Japanese:
A Dutch policeman assaulted and seriously injured a Japanese resident and his wife while they were being examined at a police station. The Japanese consul at Batavia already has protested.

ITALIANS RESORT TO AIR ATTACKS

Planes Seek To Break Up Greek Preparations For Further Assaults

ROME, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Reforming their own battle lines in Albania, the Italians said today they had resorted to air attacks to break up Greek preparations for further assaults, slashing at highway junctions, bridges and troops and motor columns.

While acknowledging a raid on Turin, the nation's chief industrial city, on the northeastern plains of Piedmont, the high command countered recent British accounts

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Fair and colder Thursday; fair Friday, continued cold.

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)
(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)
Temperature
1:30 a. m. 65; 7:30 a. m. 53; 1:30 p. m. 53; 7:30 p. m. 48; maximum 55; minimum 48; mean 52; normal 53.
Humidity
1:30 a. m. 95; 7:30 a. m. 99; 1:30 p. m. 77; 7:30 p. m. 83.
Precipitation
Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.06 inches. Total since first of the month 1.86 inches.

Tides For Today
(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.)
Wilmington High 8:48a 3:24a Low 9:05p 4:00p
Masonboro Inlet High 6:38a 12:13a Low 6:51p 12:53p
Sunrise 6:57a; sunset 5:03p; moonrise 5:56a; moonset 4:51p.
River stage at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 a. m., Nov. 25, 9.8 feet.
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Greeks Claim Italy's South Front Broken

Crush 'Systematically Fortified' Position Before Town Of Pogradetz

BRITISH PLANES HELP

RAF Claims Highly Successful Raids On The Albanian Port Of Valona

ATHENS, Nov. 27.—The Italians' stubborn resistance on the southern sector of the Albanian front with the aid of reinforcements of fresh troops and planes sent from Italy was declared tonight in military dispatches to have been broken after fierce fighting.

The Greeks, said a government spokesman, thus were "advancing in a quite satisfactory manner, mopping up the terrain."
Before the town of Pogradetz, Albania, which lies some 20 miles to the north of the strategic and captured Albanian base of Koritza, the Greeks crushed a "systematically fortified" opposition, he added.

British Planes Help
"Thanks to British aviation the reinforcements intended to bolster the Italian troops (in that area) have been unable to reach their destination."

Further Greek advances were claimed generally in the northern and central sectors.
A British Royal Air Force communique said "highly successful raids" had been made yesterday on the Albanian port of Valona, on the Adriatic and opposite the Port of Otranto, from which Italian troops and supplies presumably had been sent.

The communique said bombs hit a big ship which appeared to be sinking as the planes retired, and that damage was also inflicted on quays, the dock area and airport buildings, despite heavy anti-aircraft fire and the presence of fascist fighting planes.

(An Italian high command communique said "enemy aircraft bombed Valona without causing casualties or damage.")
The Greek high command limited its communique to the statement that Greek troops "continue with success in Albanian territory" and listed six abandoned Italian planes as part of the material seized in the Koritza area.

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U. S., REDS SEEK BETTER RELATIONS

Negotiations Aimed At Improved Understanding Revived In Capital

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Negotiations aimed at a better understanding between the United States and Soviet Russia were revived today coincident with indications of renewed diplomatic interest here in the Far-Eastern situation.

Constantine Oumansky, Soviet ambassador, called on Sumner Welles, (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

Dies Committee Reveals Handbook On Reds' Work

The Dies committee made public tonight a 900-page handbook on communism containing documents to show that the communist party planned to oppose any "imperialist war" by impeding activities of belligerent nations.

Containing 231 exhibits, without committee comment, the "red paper" traced communism from the first manifesto to comparatively recent observations on the current European struggle.
One of the exhibits, which the committee said was taken from "The Communist," a magazine published by the United States branch of the party in 1934, quoted the executive committee of the communist international as urging pre-

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Toy Planes With A Serious Purpose



Dive-bombing, which plays such an important part in modern military technique, is one of the subjects closely studied by U. S. Army flying cadets at Randolph Field, Tex. Above, four fledglings hold model bombers to illustrate progressive position of plane in dive-bombing operation. White thread to model bath-tub mark's pilot's line of sight. Instructor at right checks up on the student-pilots.

16 States Note Thanksgiving Today; Stores, Public Offices Close Here

Wilmington will celebrate Thanksgiving today in the usual manner by closing up shop and hovering over the festive board in true Turkey Day style of old.

Business will be put aside for the day, with practically all stores to be closed together with the banks, schools, city, county and federal government offices.
The public library and the ABC stores will also be closed.

Fox Chase
Many local nimrods will shoulder guns through field and wood in search of quail, deer and turkey and in nearby Brunswick a fox chase will be run with several Wilmingtonians joining in the hunt.

The top attraction on schedule for today will be the New Hanover High school-Oxford Orphanage football game at Legion stadium at 2:30 o'clock. The game will be for the benefit of the Masonic Orphanage.

The weather is expected to be clear and crisp in true Thanksgiving manner and in general the day will be one of relaxation and amusement for the populace of Wilmington.

Several churches in the city plan to observe Thanksgiving with special services this morning and tonight. The Temple of Israel, First Christian and Fifth Avenue Methodist churches will hold a union service, while the other churches will hold separate services of thanksgiving.

The Rev. Walter B. Freed will preach on "America, Bless God" at services at the St. Paul's Lutheran church at 8 o'clock this morning. Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour will preach at the First Presbyterian church at 8 a. m., and the Rev. S. L. Blanton will speak at 7 o'clock.

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War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON
In the confusing babble of British debate over the war outlook, one thing stands out:

Mr. J. Bull, the typical Briton, wants action, immediate, aggressive action, against his German-Italian foe. Greek successes against an Italian invader have whetted his appetite for victory. Nazi-Fascist bombing of England has just made him angry and eager to hit back hard.

The mass of Britishers wants to be done with defensive warfare and get to the business of attack at whatever cost. There is a sinister portent in that for Messrs. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

Boost In Advertising Forecast By Jordan

ATLANTA, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Clarence L. Jordan, executive vice president of N. W. Ayer & Son, Inc., advertising agency, asserted here today that more advertising would be placed in newspapers in 1941 than ever before.

Jordan explained in an interview that in depression years national advertisers sought a thinly spread coverage, but that now it was imperative that they intensify campaigns in local markets—a job, he said, that only newspapers can do.

He declared that the war in Europe had failed to interfere with intelligent and scientific advertising and pointed out that the Ayer office in London had earned more in the past 10 months than in any other 10-month period since the branch was established.

British psychology in the face of Nazi assaults, he said, calls for "business as usual."

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ANTI-PARKING LAW REPEALED BY CITY

Action Taken After Large Delegation Appears At Meeting Of Board

The city commissioners yesterday repealed the ordinance against the parking of automobiles on paved streets between 1 a. m. and 6 a. m., after a delegation had appeared before the board and requested that such action be taken.

Last night Mayor Thomas E. Cooper instructed the police force to bring a halt to their campaign of

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PLYMOUTH REJOICES

Washington Offices And Wall Street Markets Will Be Open As Usual

(By The Associated Press)
It's Thanksgiving today in 16 states which disregarded the letter but not the spirit of President Roosevelt's proclamation—that "we give thanks of our preservation" from the "calamity and sorrow" which has befallen others.

The principal celebration will be at Plymouth, Mass., where a re-enactment of the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving will be presented. The traditional last Thursday in November will be observed in all six of the New England states and the weather bureau promised an old-fashioned snow storm to go with it.

Other States
The other states having Thanksgiving today, instead of last Thursday as the President proclaimed, are Arkansas, Florida, North Carolina, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Pennsylvania and Nevada.

Men called into the army under the selective service program appeared to be the principal sufferers from the dual Thanksgiving situation (after the turkeys). Draftees from Pennsylvania and Kansas, for whom last Thursday was just a turkey-less weekday at home, will find themselves encamped today in adjoining states where the celebration is all over.

Government offices in Washington and the markets in Wall Street will be open as usual but the "second Thanksgiving" will see a number of football games, including three in states where it's just plain Thursday.

Men Are Shot While In Jail At Bucharest

'Legionnaires' Take Revenge For Slaying Of Codreanu Two Years Ago

LEADERS DISAPPROVE

Former Premier And Other High Officials Listed Among The Victims

BUCHAREST, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Hot-heads of Rumania's ascendant Iron Guard slew 64, and perhaps more, political prisoners in Bucharest's Jilava prison today in bloody vengeance for the killing of their leader, Corneliu Codreanu, two years ago.

Stern disapproval by both Premier-Dictator Gen. Ion Antonescu and the present Iron Guard leader, Vice Premier Horia Sima, was expressed in a terse government communique which officially announced the unofficial purge after several hours of silence.

Were Exhuming Bodies
The communique stated simply that "some political prisoners" were shot dead by "Legionnaires" (Iron Guards) who were exhuming the bodies of Codreanu and 13 of his followers from the prison courtyard where they were buried during the late regime of King Carol.

It said those shot were "considered principally responsible for the crime against Codreanu and other legionnaires under the last regime."

It did not give the number killed or any other details, but unofficial reports said there were 64. (A report carried in Berlin by DNB, official German news agency, said that even more may have been slain.)

(Through the Rumanian censorship which was clamped on tight early today, reports reaching Budapest through diplomatic channels gave these grim details:
A few hours before dawn, several hundred unidentified men thrust their way into the prison in the Transylvania foothills, seized the keys from the guards, and swiftly unlocked the cells, one by one.

Each prisoner they sought was called out into the dimly-lit corridor and there shot dead without ceremony.
(Some earlier reports had said they were led to the brink of

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'CURB' ON ARNOLD DEMANDED BY AFL

Charges His Anti-Trust Division With 'Destructive Activities'

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor late today demanded a "curb" on assistant attorney general Thurman Arnold, charging his anti-trust division of the department of justice with "unwarranted and destructive activities against organized labor."

The Federation's annual convention unanimously approved a report asserting that the anti-trust division had shown "malice" toward the AFL "alone" in its prosecutions of labor organizations.
At the same time the delegates, coolly noting that a standing committee where it's just plain Thursday.

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British Warships Chase Italian Force Homeward

LONDON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The British Mediterranean fleet attacked a big Italian force at "extreme range" somewhere in the vicinity of Sicily today, the admiralty announced here, and the Fascists were declared to have fled for their base under pursuit.

In the RAF's offensive, British bombers were said officially to have sunk a 7,600-ton German tanker this afternoon off the Frisian Islands—which lie in the North Sea off the German and Holland coasts—and to have "successfully attacked" a second fuel carrier.

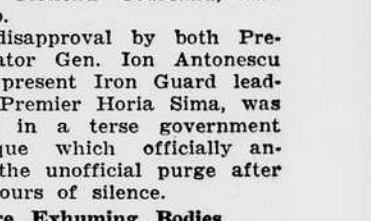
The air ministry said the planes used aerial torpedoes, diving to within a few feet of the sea before releasing them. This mode of attack was similar to that which the British said they used effectively on the Italian fleet in the naval

base of Taranto, southern Italy, Nov. 11.

The first official story of the action in the Mediterranean said: "Information has been received that our naval forces in the Mediterranean."

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