

PRISONERS OFFER BRITISH PROBLEM

Must Care For 70,000 Men Captured During Campaign In North Africa

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Headquarters of Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell grappled tonight with the problem of accommodating upwards of 70,000 prisoners taken by the British thus far in their lightning campaign against Italian North Africa.

By sea and by rail, those captured in the victory at Bardia are pouring into the Green Nile valley from the desert at the rate of 2,000 to 3,000 daily — great herds of defeated soldiers who will have to be fed, clothed and housed until the war ends.

The British say they never expected to capture so many. What to do with them after the Sidi Barrani victory last month, when about 40,000 were seized, was an acute problem.

Since then, the army has had more experience in handling prisoners, so preparations for the assault on Bardia included wiring off large enclosures in the deserts for captives. Even then the British staff was surprised at the great numbers taken.

In any event, it was impossible to prepare huge stores of food and water for them, and the first job was to get them out of the desert.

Most are being shipped to Alexandria aboard any vessel available. Others are sent by truck to the railhead in the western desert. Trains go up the line laden with British supplies in the morning; return jammed with prisoners at night.

Large camps in the Nile Delta were prepared hurriedly for the men captured in the first British drive, but now are being emptied to make room for new arrivals.

The chief camp has been established in the Suez Canal zone. (Reports from India last week told of the arrival of several hundred Italian prisoners from Egypt, a disposition not mentioned in this censored dispatch.)

Bund Leaders Ordered To Appear For Sentence

NEWTON, N. J., Jan. 7.—(AP)—Wilhelm Kunze, national German-American Bund leader, and eight associates were ordered today to appear for sentence before John C. Losey of the Sussex county court, who upheld indictments charging them with "promoting race hatred against people of the Jewish religion."

John Winans, attorney for the nine, immediately announced he would carry on the fight. He was expected to appeal after the rural jurist passes sentence, set for January 31, under statutes permitting prison terms of three years and fines of \$5,000 each.

JUSTICE BLACK ILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Justice Black, after being taken suddenly ill in his office at the supreme court this morning, was taken to a hospital, where his physician said he was suffering from influenza.

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As Santa Claus Visited St. Helena



Children who took part in the play presented at the Community Hall at St. Helena last night as the farming colony celebrated Christmas in accordance with the Julian calendar, followed by the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic church, are shown above. On the front row, left to right, Annie Horvath and Annie Zawacki. Second row, Nadya Hutak, Annie Federenko, Raymond Krochmalny, who played the part of Santa Claus, Pete Zawacki, Stella Debaylo and Joseph Horvath. Back row, Walter Zawacki, Annie Debaylo, Katie Duplevich, Stella Hutak, Helen Horvath and Olga Federenko.

Greek Artillery Playing Big Part In Advance In Albania

SOMEWHERE IN THE GREEK FIRST LINE ON THE ALBANIAN COAST, Jan. 5.—(delayed)—(AP)—From the half circles of rock which hide Greek machine-gun crews, I watched Italian infantry platoons scale a canyon wall a mile away.

They were dark little figures etched with the sparse green bushes against the gray limestone. As they climbed slowly, each man choosing a different trail, they must have known they were as visible to Greek artillerymen as flies crawling on a window pane.

"Look what happens now," a Greek gunner beside me said.

The Italians were no more than 20 yards from the crest of the canyon when I heard a Greek shell whine overhead.

It exploded with a flash on the line of the Italians' march.

"Two more shells shook the canyon walls and when the smoke arose the gunner beside me said: 'Good his. If there are any Italians left alive, they'll finish the climb on their bellies.'"

This occurred a quarter of an hour ago and I am writing this in the captain's shelter under a ledge 30 yards from his advance machine gun post and only 350 yards from the Italian outposts.

At our back lies the picturesque seaside village of Chimara, the Greek's latest acquisition. No other correspondents, foreign or Greek, have come this far with the army.

A comparatively long and difficult stretch of coast stands between the Greek lines and the Italian seaside base of Valona, but the Greeks are determined to reach that objective, as they have been determined on earlier objectives.

Five after five on precipitous slopes soldiers carry food, water

Showing Of Portraits Of Lord Proprietors Draws Interest Here

The exhibition of portraits of the Lords Proprietors of the Carolinas, hanging in the Wilmington Museum of Art through February 2, has great appeal for students of history, particularly for those who are interested in this section of the country, museum officials said yesterday.

It was during the rule of these titled men that a nation was born, and a haven of hope founded for those persecuted and oppressed.

The Lords Proprietors, living a life of wealth and ease after the Restoration, felt no kinship with the colonists struggling in the wilderness of a new world, giving birth to a nation which would grant justice and freedom to all.

The Museum officials wish to extend thanks to the staff of the Wilmington Public Library for their cooperation in making available to the Museum valuable maps and documents for research relative to the Lords Proprietors.

INVITES WHITE

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(AP)—General Robert E. Wood, national chairman of the America First committee, today invited William Allen White, honorary chairman of the committee to defend America by aiding the Allies, to become a member of the America First committee.

COLUMBUS MAN HELD ON ASSAULT CHARGE

James Miles, Negro, Jailed Following Arrest Near Little River, S. C.

WHITEVILLE, Jan. 7.— James Miles, negro, is in jail here today on a charge of criminally attacking a 15-year-old white girl near Whiteville.

The negro was lodged in jail following his arrest by officers in Brunswick county, near Little River, S. C., on a warrant sworn out by Sheriff H. D. Stanley, of Columbus.

The victim of the attack is said to have told officers the negro attacked her twice.

Authorities said the attacks were allegedly perpetrated several months ago, and that a warrant for the negro was taken out some time afterward, but Miles has just been located. He filed the county after the alleged assaults, authorities asserted.

Japs Present Strong Protest To England

TOKYO, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A "strong" Japanese protest to Britain, charging abuse of belligerent rights in the examination of Japanese trans-Atlantic travelers at Bermuda, was announced by the government today.

British Ambassador Sir Robert Leslie Craigie received the protest from Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka in a one-hour conference. Sir Robert was said originally to have sought the meeting to object to the asserted use of the Japanese flag by German raiders in the south Pacific.

The cabinet information bureau stated Matsuoka's protest pointed out "that measures taken by British authorities at Bermuda clearly are an abuse of belligerent rights and an illegal act infringing the legitimate rights and free movement of subjects of Japan, which is a neutral country."

COUNTY SPENDING FOLLOWS BUDGET

Half Spent As First Half Of Fiscal Year Ends, Orrell Reports

New Hanover county, half through its fiscal year 1940-41, has spent but slightly more than half of its budget and is generally following the financial plan set at the beginning of the period, according to J. A. Orrell, county auditor.

For the year the county has a budget of \$829,359.48. In the first six months it has spent \$432,302.96 and has a balance of \$406,056.52 left in the budget.

In a number of the items, Orrell pointed out, there are large fixed amounts which are paid out at one time, which might tend to cause the spending of more than half of the amount allocated to those items during any six month period, but by and large all funds are sticking proportionately to the budget.

The status as of the close of business Dec. 31, 1940:

	Budget Appropriation	Expended	Balance
County Home	\$25,746.00	\$12,327.54	\$13,418.46
Food Stamps	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
County Home Bldg.	12,000.00	7,240.12	4,759.88
Dependent Children	40,512.00	19,192.00	21,320.00
General Fund	160,575.01	80,515.46	80,059.55
Health	14,057.42	6,644.16	7,413.26
Hospital (James Walker)	20,000.00	9,999.96	10,000.04
Community	12,711.00	13,210.36	499.30
Old Age Assistance	\$4,900.00	49,773.00	6,164.59
Port Development	11,170.70	5,006.11	6,164.59
Roads	153.04	153.04	0.00
Salary Fund	26,792.45	13,554.00	13,238.45
Schools	58,921.50	33,507.75	25,413.75
School Supplement	122,827.05	41,500.00	81,327.05
School Books	8,000.00	6,204.02	1,795.98
School Buildings	89,477.02	82,093.80	7,383.22
School Pensions	3,890.11	1,296.71	2,593.40
Welfare Department	19,645.50	10,652.84	8,992.66
Debt Service	112,980.68	35,185.19	77,795.49
	\$829,359.48	\$423,302.96	\$406,056.52

NAVAL AIRCRAFT FUTURE BRIGHTER

Admiral Towers Expects 4,000 Planes Will Be Delivered This Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Rear Admiral John H. Towers gave congress a guardedly optimistic forecast on naval aircraft production today but said the navy soon would recommend a change in the Walsh-Healey public contracts act further to expedite the work.

Testifying at the opening of a house naval committee inquiry into the progress of the two-ocean navy program, the chief of naval aeronautics said that while the fleet's air strength had a net increase of only 445 planes last year, approximately 4,000 additional aircraft would be delivered during the current year. This would give the navy a total of about 6,500 planes.

Congress has authorized 15,000 naval aircraft.

Towers said an initial lag had been experienced in getting the \$835,000,000 naval aircraft program rolling but predicted that, in the light of what had happened in British aviation production, the output would go into full swing.

Towers said the Navy department was working on "quite an extensive list" of legislative recommendations which were designed to facilitate the work on both the aircraft and ship construction programs. He said a change in the Walsh-Healey act was among them but did not disclose its nature. The act requires holders of government contracts of \$10,000 or more to meet certain labor standards.

Towers testified that the act had interfered to some extent with the navy's negotiation of contracts but told newsmen later that it had constituted only a "minor difficulty." He said most of the trouble had involved subcontractors who, never having done work for the government before, found the law too complex to make such work profitable or desirable.

SHIPPING NEWS

IN PORT Barges
Sandborn, 423 tons, chartered, C. D. Maffitt, and company, agents.
Harold, 466 tons, loading cargo of lumber at J. Herbert Bate Lumber company.

Tug and Barge
Tug Warbler, 715 tons, with wrecking barge, Chapman, 40 tons, working on steamer Severance, vessel to C. D. Maffitt and company, agents.

Patrol Boat
U. S. Coast Guard patrol boat No. 228 from Elizabeth City, in command of Captain Ethridge to dock at customhouse wharf.

Steamers
(Ital.) Villaperosa, 3,621 tons, held in port account of war.
Severance, 3,653 tons, repairing, C. D. Maffitt and company, agents.

Tanker
Chester O'Swain, 5101 tons, discharging cargo of gasoline for the Standard Oil company.

INWARD BOUND
Steamer
Delsie, 2,064 tons, from Gulf with cargo of fertilizer, C. D. Maffitt and company, agents.

TEXAS COMPANY FINED

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Texas company was fined \$14,000 by Federal Judge Walter C. Lindley on an anti-trust law charge of fixing gasoline prices which the company declined to admit or contest. Court action in which the company entered a plea of nolo contendere and was fined yesterday was disclosed today.

DRASTIC PENALTIES

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—(AP)—DNB, official German news agency, said in a dispatch from Paris today that drastic penalties to combat crime, including execution within 24 hours after arrest, had been announced by authorities there.

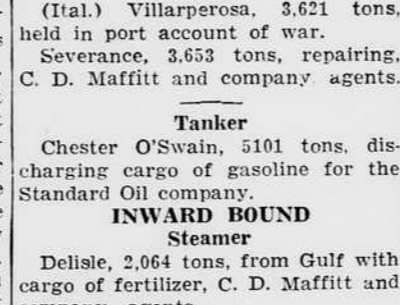
KILLED IN ACTION

ROME, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Don Camillo Caetani, 25, son of one of the oldest and most important families in Italy, whose mother was the former Marguerite Chapin of Springfield, Mass., and New York, was killed in action in Albania last month, it was learned tonight.

SCHOOLS CLOSED

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—(AP)—As health authorities took steps today to survey the spread of influenza cases in Ohio, schools were closed in two districts because of the outbreak.

Like Father ... Like Son



Many people have noted the growing resemblance between President Roosevelt and his third son, Franklin, Junior. The latter's latest picture appears at top, where he is seen starting his new \$1200-per-year job with the Wall Street law firm of Wright, Gordon, Zachary and Parson. The striking likeness is apparent when Franklin, Junior's picture, is compared with that of his father, below, who also started his career as a lawyer.

Navy To Get 4,000 More Planes In '41

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Rear Admiral John H. Towers told congress today that despite delays and bottlenecks the Navy expected to add about 4,000 airplanes to its fleet this year.

The chief of naval aviation, testifying at the opening of an investigation of the Navy's shipbuilding and aircraft programs by the house naval committee, disclosed that the number the Navy expected to receive this month was 334—about double that of December.

In response to questions by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga), Towers said that while he was "of course not satisfied" with the present output, he felt that everything possible was being done to remedy the situation.

MIRIAM HOPKINS FLAYS CENSORS

Dirt In Play In Their Own Minds, She Says At Boston



BOSTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Miriam Hopkins, the actress, laughingly favors flinging the Boston city council into the harbor "the way the tea once was."

She expressed her opinion in an interview after the council unanimously adopted an order yesterday calling for a censor's investigation of a new play, "Battle of Angels," in which she is starring.

The vote was preceded by Councilman Michael J. Ward's demand that the police go to the theater and "close it up."

Police Commissioner Joseph F. Timilty and a censor attended the evening performance and announced the play, written by Tennessee Williams, could continue if certain lines

Bomb Hits On Two German Ships Claimed

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—British bombers damaged an "enemy" merchantman off the coast of Norway and scored a direct hit on an "enemy" tanker off the Netherlands coast yesterday, the air ministry reported today.

STUDENTS RESTRICTED

CLEMSON, S. C., Jan. 7.—(AP)—The Clemson college military department, as a precaution against influenza, today ordered all students restricted to the campus until further notice.

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Wilmington township tax listers will be on the main floor of old court house daily 8:30 A. M., to 5:30 P. M., (Sundays excepted), beginning January 2nd, 1941.

County tax listers will meet their usual appointments as advertised.

Harnett listers will meet at the court house January 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st.

Cape Fear, Federal Point and Masonboro listers will meet at the court house January 30th and 31st.

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