

WILKIE FAVORS F. D. R.'S 'LEND-LEASE' ARMS BILL

Nazi Planes Make Another Effort To Burn London

Firemen Seek To Check Big Fires' Spread

Great Numbers Of Warplanes Pass Over British Capital At Intervals

GROUND GUNS ACTIVE

Many Planes Turned Back At Thames Estuary And Jettison Bomb Loads

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The Nazi air force made another attempt to burn London tonight, showering down high explosives and incendiaries on certain districts while scores of regular firemen and auxiliary fire service men, aided by hundreds of civilians, risked their lives to prevent the spread of flames.

Great numbers of planes passed over the city at intervals to the accompaniment of violent anti-aircraft fire.

Spread Operations Raiders also spread their operations over other parts of England, attacking a southwest town for some hours while the ground defenses tried to drive them off.

Reports said scores of Nazi planes were turned back at the Thames estuary and jettisoned their loads in the marshes under the heavy anti-aircraft fire.

The incendiaries which dropped on one town in the Thames estuary were reported to have done little property damage and all fires were quickly controlled.

A dozen incendiary bombs fell on houses in a town near London and were quickly extinguished. Auxiliary territorial service girls and volunteer watches helped extinguish these bombs.

Start Early The raiders began coming over early in the evening while the capital was still clearing away the debris of last night's four-hour raid which, due to the quick work of hundreds of citizens, fell in fire

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PLANE PRODUCTION DELAY IS CLAIMED

O'Mahoney Avers Work Is Held Up Because Of Aluminum Shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Senator O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) asserted tonight that the production of warplanes "has been seriously delayed" because of a shortage of aluminum which he attributed to policy of "keeping supplies" down in order to keep prices up.

O'Mahoney said that the justice department's anti-trust action against the Aluminum Company of America provided an "illustration of the relation of economic concentration to national defense."

"Whether or not this company has engaged in monopolistic practices as alleged by the department" (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

WEATHER

FORECASTS North Carolina: Generally fair Monday. Tuesday considerable cloudiness. Possibly followed by light rain in the mountains, somewhat colder in north and east portions Monday night and Tuesday. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday) Temperature 1:30 a. m. 34; 7:30 a. m. 29; 1:30 p. m. 46; maximum 52; minimum 29; mean 40; normal 46. Humidity 1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 79; 1:30 p. m. 21; 7:30 p. m. 45. Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.60 inches. Total since first of the month 0.77 inches. (From The Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington High 9:47a 4:30a Low 10:10p 5:12p Masonboro Inlet High 7:57a 1:56p Low 7:48p 1:52p Sunrise 7:18a; sunset 5:24p; moonrise 6:30p; moonset 7:00a. Cape Fear river stage on Jan. 12, at 8 a. m., 10.70 feet. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 3)

Dies



JAMES JOYCE, 59, AUTHOR, PASSES

Writer Of 'Ulysses' Succumbs In Zurich Hospital Following Operation

ZURICH Switzerland Jan. 13.—(Monday)—James Joyce, Irish author, whose "Ulysses" was the center of one of the most bitter literary controversies of modern times, died in a Zurich hospital early today despite the efforts of doctors to save him by blood transfusions.

He would have been 59 years old Feb. 2.

Joyce underwent an intestinal operation Saturday afternoon at the Schwesternhaus von Rotenkreuz hospital.

For a time he appeared to be recovering. Only yesterday his son reported him cheerful and apparently out of danger.

But during the afternoon the writer suffered a sudden relapse and sank rapidly.

He died at 2:15 a. m. (8:15 p. m. e. s. t.).

His wife and son were at the hospital when he died.

Joyce was born in Dublin, Feb. 2, 1882, into a family of some consequence but poor economic resistance and before the author was out of his teens poverty was upon them.

The family's social deterioration and some of the bitterness and embarrassment Joyce felt at its successive downward steps were set down in his first novel "A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man" which appeared in 1916.

This novel revealed the beginnings of that experimentation in words and technique which were to attain fruition in "Ulysses" and slop over as most critics felt in the chaotic passages of "Finnegans Wake" his last work.

Joyce as befitted the son of an Irish gentleman who was also a Roman Catholic, attended Clongowes Wood college and Belvedere college Dublin both Jesuit institutions and took his degree at Trinity college.

He had a faint smattering of medicine which served him well in "Ulysses" but his interests were essentially literary.

Padraic Colum, the Irish writer and a fellow student at Trinity, said once that Joyce was noticeable among the students who frequented the National library at the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 1)

Greeks Tepeleni As Italians Flee



Victory Means Break Of Whole Italian Front In Central Albania

ACHIEVE DRIVE'S GOAL Fascists Driven Out Of Klisura Continue Their Northward Retreat

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The capture by Greek soldiers of the mountain village of Tepeleni, which the Greeks claimed meant a definite break of the whole Italian front in central Albania, was reported tonight in Yugoslav border advices.

The frontier reports said the little town fell with hardly any fascist resistance and that the main Italian army was fleeing to the mountains northwest of Tepeleni.

Achieve Drive's Goal The fall of Tepeleni, if verified, means the Greeks have achieved the object of a two-pronged offensive against Tepeleni and Klisura, 10 miles eastward of Tepeleni, Klisura was captured Friday.

(Tepeleni is 55 miles south of the important fascist port of Valona, on the Adriatic sea, and is connected with that city by a highway built by the Italians during the World war.)

Border reports said the Greeks entered Tepeleni from the south and encountered little resistance.

The city already had been evacuated by the Italians, it was said.

The Greek captors of Klisura were reported yesterday as driving on toward Berat, 30 miles north of that town.

(With the good road connecting Tepeleni and Valona, the Greeks apparently will use Tepeleni as a springboard for a fresh drive in Valona.)

ITALIANS RETREAT

ATHENS, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Italian troops driven out of Klisura when the Greeks took that Albanian town (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

CAPT. KIRKPATRICK VIEWS CAMP DAVIS

Contractors, Representatives Report Work Continues At A Rapid Pace

Camp Davis, the Army's new anti-aircraft firing center at Holly Ridge was given a "routine inspection" by Captain Kirkpatrick, of the Quartermaster corps in Washington, D. C., yesterday, Lieut. Col. Albertis Montgomery construction quartermaster said last night.

Col. Montgomery said that there were no new developments at the camp yesterday, and that work appears to be progressing satisfactorily.

Contractors representatives said last night that work continued on (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

Judge Burns Nazi Flag



Declaring she was acting as she hoped "any true American patriot would," Municipal Judge Ida May Adams, of San Pedro, Cal., burns a small Nazi flag which precipitated a court row. The flag was brought into court by a seaman charged with assault after the asserted display of the flag in a private home.

Reds Have Not Consented To Nazi Troop Movements

RELEASE COMMUNIQUE Moscow Says Has Not Been Informed On New Move By Germans In Bulgaria

By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Soviet Russia has not consented to any passage of German troops into Bulgaria nor has she been informed of such a move if it has occurred, it was announced officially late tonight.

A special communique distributed by Tass, official Soviet Russian news agency, was broadcast by the Moscow radio at 11 p. m. (3 p. m., E. S. T.), an hour ahead of the usual news bulletin.

Consent not Asked The Tass statement, in denial of foreign press reports, asserted German never has asked Russian consent to the entrance of German soldiers into Bulgaria and Bulgaria never has approached Russia with an inquiry regarding the passage of German troops through her borders.

A similar communique was issued at the time of the entry of the Germans into Rumania last fall.

Russia and Bulgaria traditionally have maintained close and friendly relations as "sister Slavic" nations. (Tass denials of reports allegedly published outside Russia usually constitute the Kremlin's method of making its position known by indirect rather than by a direct statement.)

(With German troops stationed on the Danube river across from Bulgaria there has been speculation as to whether Germany asked her pact partner, Russia, to permit (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

Large Liner Aground Off Florida Coast



Liner Manhattan, With 200 Passengers Aboard, Not In Immediate Danger

CUTTERS GO TO SCENE No Abnormal Weather Reported As Craft Grounds Off Lake Worth Inlet

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 12.—(AP)—The liner Manhattan, of the United States Lines, bound from New York to California with 200 cruise passengers went aground off Lake Worth inlet early tonight. The ship was reported in no immediate danger.

Two coast guard cutters—the Mojave from Miami and the Vigilante from Fort Pierce—were ordered to the scene, five miles north of here.

Investigate Earl Wallace, boatswain in charge of the coast guard's Peanut Island station, and five guardsmen went out to the vessel in a small boat to investigate. Wallace said the master told him the ship just needed to be pulled off.

Apparently the ship grounded about 9:00 p. m. (EST).

The coast guard said there was no abnormal weather in the area nor was there any information as to how the ship came to ground.

The coast guard cutters Vigilante and Mojave were dispatched. The coast guard said the ship drew 33 feet of water and officials knew of no reason she might be so close into land in the area.

Needs Assistance The only information the coast guard had of the Manhattan's plight was a terse message from the master: (Continued on Page Two; Col. 1)

CHURCH DAMAGED BY FLAMES HERE

Fire Results In Considerable Loss At St. Matthew's Lutheran Structure

Fire caused by sparks from a stove flue damaged the St. Matthew's Lutheran church, at 921 North Fourth street, to the extent of several thousand dollars yesterday morning.

The blaze was discovered in the attic of the church while the Sunday school was in session at 10:27 o'clock. However, all persons managed to get out of the church without being injured.

Fire Chief J. Ludie Croom said that the fire had made considerable headway by the time firemen arrived on the scene. The blaze, he said, was in between the ceiling and the roof.

The entire roof was destroyed but most of the blaze was confined to that part of the church.

The Rev. Carl H. Fisher, pastor of the church, said that the damage was so great that the church leaders (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

Landon Says Willkie's Present Stand Would Have Cost Nomination



TOPEKA, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Alf M. Landon, commenting on Wendell Willkie's modified approval of President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" arms bill, said tonight "if Mr. Willkie had revealed that to be his position before the republican national convention he would not have been nominated."

Willkie's position is "essentially the same as Mr. Roosevelt's," the 1936 republican presidential nominee said. "That is, we must get into the war if necessary to help England win.

"If Mr. Roosevelt had revealed that to be his position before the election, he would not have been re-elected."

Landon was head of the Kansas delegation at the G. O. P. national convention in Philadelphia last June and helped swing the state's 18 votes to Willkie on a crucial ballot.

Liquor Vote Bill MAY BE OFFERED Measure May Be Introduced In North Carolina Legislature This Week

RALEIGH, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Bills which would call for a statewide referendum on liquor, create a 12th congressional district, and provide a certain taxation exemptions for homeowners may be introduced in the general assembly this week.

Highlight of the week's session, however, will be the introduction of a record-breaking tax-appropriations program, which has been drafted by the advisory budget commission and which will be turned over to the law-makers at noon on Tuesday.

After a week-end's rest at home, the legislators will resume their deliberations at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, and committee appointments are expected to be announced at that time by Speaker O. M. Mull of Shelby and Lieut. Gov. Reg Harris of Roxboro.

One source said that dry members of the assembly have collaborated on a bill calling for a state wide referendum on liquor, and that the bill would be ready for introduction by Wednesday. The measure will be backed by signatures of some 30,000 Tar Heels, which have been obtained by Cale K. Burges of Raleigh, leader of the untried dry forces.

Senator Stringfield of Cumberland was said to be ready to introduce a bill allowing certain tax exemptions for homeowners. A constitutional amendment adopted in 1936 gave the legislature the power to exempt homeowners—homes occupied by their owners—up to \$1,000.

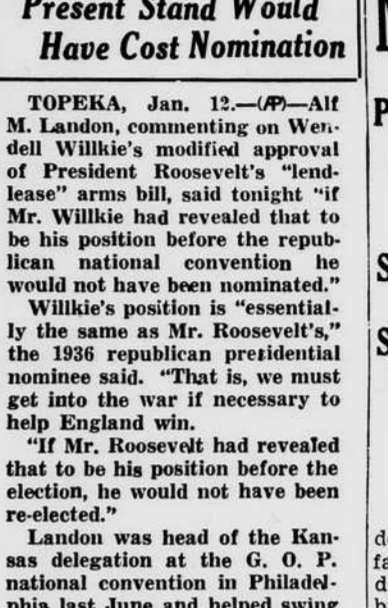
A bill to give more "power and dignity" to a state interracial commission may be introduced by Senator Gray of Forsyth.

Representative Volger of Mecklenburg was quoted in Charlotte as saying that the legislature would receive a state-wide bill to give municipalities the power to extend their city limits, providing the municipalities were in position to supply water, sewer, fire protection and other services. At present, the legislature alone has the power to extend city limits.

Under re-apportionment conforming with the 1940 census fig-

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Says Assumes Stand 'With Modification'



Plans To Fly To England Soon For Private Survey Of World Situation

SEES U. S. EMERGENCY Says Measure Should Grant Powers To The President For 'Fixed Term'

By CHARLES E. HARNER NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie declared today he favored "with modification" President Roosevelt's "lend-lease" arms bill, and announced he would fly soon to England for a private survey of the international situation.

He asserted the bill should grant powers to the President "for a fixed term, not too far in the future," and that congress should not be "harried" in its passage.

The defeated republican presidential candidate expressed the belief the nation faced an emergency under which "extraordinary powers must be granted to the elected executive."

Issues Statement His announcement was contained in a 1,200 word statement given to newspapermen in his office in the hotel Commodore and amplified through questions and answers at a press conference.

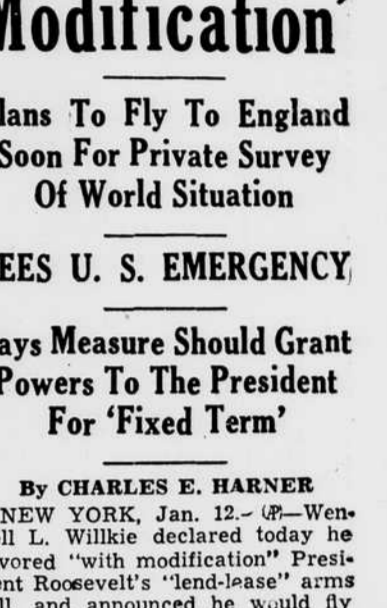
Concerning his trip abroad, Willkie made it clear that he would go solely as a private citizen, and said he sought personal contact with the situation abroad "just as I did when I was practicing law and wanted to know the facts of a case."

He disclosed that he had applied for a passport three days ago directly to secretary of State Hull, and had received the secretary's approval within three hours. He said he intended to travel to Europe by clipper, would stay in England two or three weeks, and would probably return to the practice of law when he came back.

The so-called "lend-lease" bill, now before congress," said Will-

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CARDENAS' LAWS WILL BE REVISED



Special Session Of Mexican Congress Slated To Be Held Next Month

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Conservative revision of much of the basic legislation adopted during the Cardenas administration will be approved in February's special session of congress, legislators leaders predicted today.

In calling the February session, President Manuel Avila Camacho made public a list of bills he will submit for enactment.

Politicians asserted the broad scope of the projected legislation indicated the President had decided to embark with little delay on his oft-predicted conservative "consolidation" of former President Lazaro Cardenas' program.

Marked for revision were the general law of labor, the civil service code, the law of national edu-

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ITALIANS DAMAGE BRITISH WARSHIPS

Says One 'Seen Sinking' And Another Hit From Air In The Mediterranean

ROME, Jan. 12.—(AP)—In the continuing German-Italian Mediterranean offensive against Britain's naval might, the Italian high command reported today that a British cruiser was "seen sinking" after a torpedo attack and another cruiser was hit from the air.

One of two Italian torpedo boats which attacked an imposing array of British ships, the Italians said, was sunk but their torpedoes left a cruiser in a sinking condition and two destroyers with flames leaping up.

The bombed cruiser was the fifth British warship reported hit in two days and was marked up as a German score. It was said (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

Wheeler Says Approval Of British Aid Bill Will Mean 'Open Warfare' For U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said tonight that if congress approved the administration's bill empowering President Roosevelt to send vast quantities of war supplies to the "democracies" it would mean "open and complete warfare" for the United States.

Discussing the legislation on the American Forum of the Air (MBS), Wheeler added that the form of the bill "definitely stamps the President as war-minded."

Senator Lee (D-Okla.) speaking in support of the measure, contended that the United States' only chance of escaping war was to send aid to England.

"England," he said, "is the only barrier between America and a baptism of blood. "Hitler is at war with America today. He is making war on us

economically, politically and morally. Only one obstacle prevents him from making war on us in a military sense, and that is England.

If England is willing to furnish men to fly the planes we should be willing to furnish the planes. Suppose it does take our wealth. That is not as precious as the blood of our boys."

The forum discussion furnished a pretense of what is expected to be prolonged senate debate on the measure which would give the President broad powers to transfer military equipment to Great Britain, China, Greece and other nations opposing the Axis.

Under plans of democratic leaders, the house will act first on the legislation. Its foreign affairs committee is scheduled to begin hearings tomorrow with Secretary Hull

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War Interpretive

By EDWARD E. BOMAR In the joint German-Italian air attack on a British convoy in the narrow straits of Sicily, there is a suggestion that the combined Axis forces may attempt to carry out a project at which Italy unaided failed dismally—to cut the Mediterranean in two.

From present indications, however, the odds seem to be that Nazi help immediately in sight is "too little and too late" to do much more than keep Italy in the war until Germany's prospective supreme bid for victory against Britain in the spring.

Three Objectives Three possible objectives of the joint Italian and Nazi air forces in the Mediterranean, aside from supporting the defenders' retreat cut off.

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Italian Warplanes Chased From Five Bases In Libya

CAIRO, Egypt Jan. 12.—(AP)—Fresh British guns hauled across the Libyan sands joined the shelling of the besieged Italian seaport base, Tobruk, tonight under the constant protection of British aviators who reported Italian planes have been chased from five air bases in eastern Libya.

The new artillery came 70 miles from the Bardia region where it had played a major role in softening Italian defenses for the final British-Australian attack on that captured fascist base.

Tobruk, with a garrison believed smaller than the nearly 45,000 troops who were killed wounded or captured in Bardia, had been caught in a ring of British steel for five days with the defenders' retreat cut off.

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War Interpretive

British military observers say now that Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, Italian commander in Libya, must fight in the future without his air eyes as the Royal Air force they declare has seized command of the air.

An RAF communique tonight told of more attacks on the Italians in Libya and a raid by the fleet air arm on Palermo on Sicily's northern coast.

The RAF said fighters maintaining a constant patrol in eastern Libya reported "Derna, Martuba, El Trimmi and El Gazala were all clear of enemy aircraft except for a considerable number that were unserviceable" and that the Bombardier seaplane base, between Tobruk

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