

F. R. ASKS CONGRESS FOR SHIPBUILDING AUTHORITY

Reds, Rumanian Clash On Border

Nazis May Be Ready To Take Over Rumania

Cancellation of Passenger Rail Traffic in Hungary Stirs Balkans

FULL CONTROL LOOMS

Many Rumanian Guards Being Killed Nightly On Bessarabian Frontier

BY ROBERT ST. JOHN BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Repeated border clashes on the Russo-Rumanian frontiers, cancellation of passenger rail traffic in Hungary and reports that Germany would take over Rumania formally combined tonight to keep the Balkans in a state of disturbed anxiety.

First U. S. Troops Arrive in Newfoundland



Officer makes last-minute inspection of rifles, as the first group of U. S. troops, in fur helmets and winter garb, sail from Brooklyn army base on the troop transport Edmund Alexander, outbound for Newfoundland—first hemisphere defense base acquired from Great Britain in the destroyer deal actually to be occupied.

Influenza Epidemic Gains In Eastern Part Of State

MEETINGS RESTRICTED

Many Schools Shut Down And Theatres Closed In Hendersonville

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—(AP)—The influenza epidemic which came out of the west had spread today to the easternmost parts of North Carolina, causing the closing of many schools, some restriction of public gatherings, and loss to business and other activities of hundreds of workers.

BRITISH ATTACK NAZI SEA BASES

Bomb Emden, Bremerhaven, Leave Wilhelmshaven 'A Waste Of Flame'

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—With a bright moon and their first bombs in flight, the RAF crews battered German North Sea bases overnight, the air ministry said today, bombing docks at Emden and Bremerhaven and leaving Wilhelmshaven "a waste of flame."

Strike Of CIO Workers At Plane Plant Slated

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 16.—(AP)—A strike of CIO United Automobile Workers at the Ryan Aeronautical company was set for next Tuesday after a peace meeting called today by a federal conciliator failed to effect settlement of a wage dispute.

Stimson Sees Possible Air Drive On U. S.

Says America Would Be In Danger Of Invasion If Nazis Beat Britain

SECRETARY TESTIFIES Hoover Advocates Giving Great Britain 'Every Possible Aid'

By RICHARD L. TURNER WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Secretary of war Stimson asserted today that if Britain should succumb to the Nazis, America would be in danger of invasion from the air, and he urged Congress not to forbid President Roosevelt to transfer American warships to nations battling the Axis.

CAMP DAVIS ROAD PARLEY SCHEDULED

Action On Proposed Improvements To Be Taken At Meeting On Jan. 21

Action on proposed improvements on highways leading from Jacksonville to Wilmington and Burgaw will be taken at a conference of highway officials and representatives of the three counties most affected on Tuesday, January 21, at Camp Davis at Holly Ridge.

TRAINING PROJECT LEASE IS SIGNED

Board Takes Another Step Looking To Establishment Of NYA Center Here

The county commissioners yesterday gave the federal government the "full speed ahead" signal on a \$32,500 NYA machine shop project for Wilmington.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Cloudy with occasional rain Friday probably ending Saturday, somewhat warmer Friday, colder Saturday or Saturday night.

Grand Jury Recommends School Safety Measures

Provision of further safety measures in county school buildings, a number of which need immediate repairs, and renovation of parts of the courthouse building were recommended by the grand jury in a report submitted yesterday afternoon to Judge John J. Burney, presiding over the January criminal term of New Hanover superior court.

WANTS \$313,500,000 PROVIDED FOR WORK; SUBCHASERS SOUGHT

Fernstron Will Supervise Shipyard Operations Here

MESSAGE PRESENTED Establishments of Special Building Ways Is Asked By Chief Executive

400 WARBOATS ASKED President Urges Fast Construction of 200 Proposed Cargo Vessels

Karl D. Fernstron, professor in the department of Business and Engineering Administration at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, will be in charge of operations of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company during the construction of 24 cargo vessels in Wilmington, Capt. Roger Williams, vice president of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company, announced last night.

GERMANS SHOWER BRITISH TOWNS WITH FIRE BOMBS

LIMIT LONDON RAIDS

England's Effort to Reduce Power of Night Attacks Brings Rewards

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(Friday)—German raiders showered two West English towns with fire bombs last night while limiting their assaults on London to two quick thrusts which drew intensive anti-aircraft fire in the capital's outskirts.

JAPS SEE THREAT IN FLEET MASSING

Newspaper Advises Roosevelt To Withdraw The Ships From Hawaii

TOKYO, Jan. 16.—(AP)—A newspaper controlled by the Japanese foreign office today described United States Pacific fleet concentration as "a challenge and a threat" and advised President Roosevelt to withdraw the warships from Hawaii as the best way to keep American troops out of foreign wars.

War Interpretive

BY KIRKE L. SIMPSON The British-Axis battle for control of the central Mediterranean gateway seems certain to bring the war close home to southern Italy.

Legislative Committees Continue Work On Budget

RALEIGH, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Eleven new bills were introduced in the general assembly today, but the spotlight remained on the joint finance and appropriations committees, which continued the tedious task of whipping into shape a record-setting budget which will approximate \$163,000,000 for the 1941-42 biennium.

Nazis Claim Direct Hits on Illustrious

BURNEY REDUCES CORBETT'S TERM

January Criminal Court Is Closed After Lengthy Docket Is Cleared

Judge John J. Burney closed the January criminal term of New Hanover superior court at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon after David Sinclair, district solicitor, had cleared a heavy docket involving minor infractions of the laws.

MARTIN O'BRIEN SUCCUMBS HERE

Retired Businessman Had Been in Declining Health Several Years

Martin O'Brien, 90, prominent retired businessman of Wilmington, died at his home at 210 North Third street early this morning after having been in declining health for three or four years.

WARBOATS ASKED

Text of President Roosevelt's message recommending shipbuilding program is on page 2.

By REG INGRAHAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Congress received a request from President Roosevelt today for authority to proceed with immediate "emergency" construction of 200 cargo ships, and a recommendation from the house naval committee that 400 subchasers and other small craft be added to the fleet.