

DARING BRITISH ARMADA BOMBARDS PORT OF GENOA

Churchill Promises Win Without U.S. Force SHIPS INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE ON FACTORIES

Says Germans May Be Going Into Bulgaria

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SOLDIERS NOT NEEDED Declares War Is Soon Going to Enter Upon Phase Of Greater Violence

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Germany's expected invasion of Bulgaria perhaps has already begun.

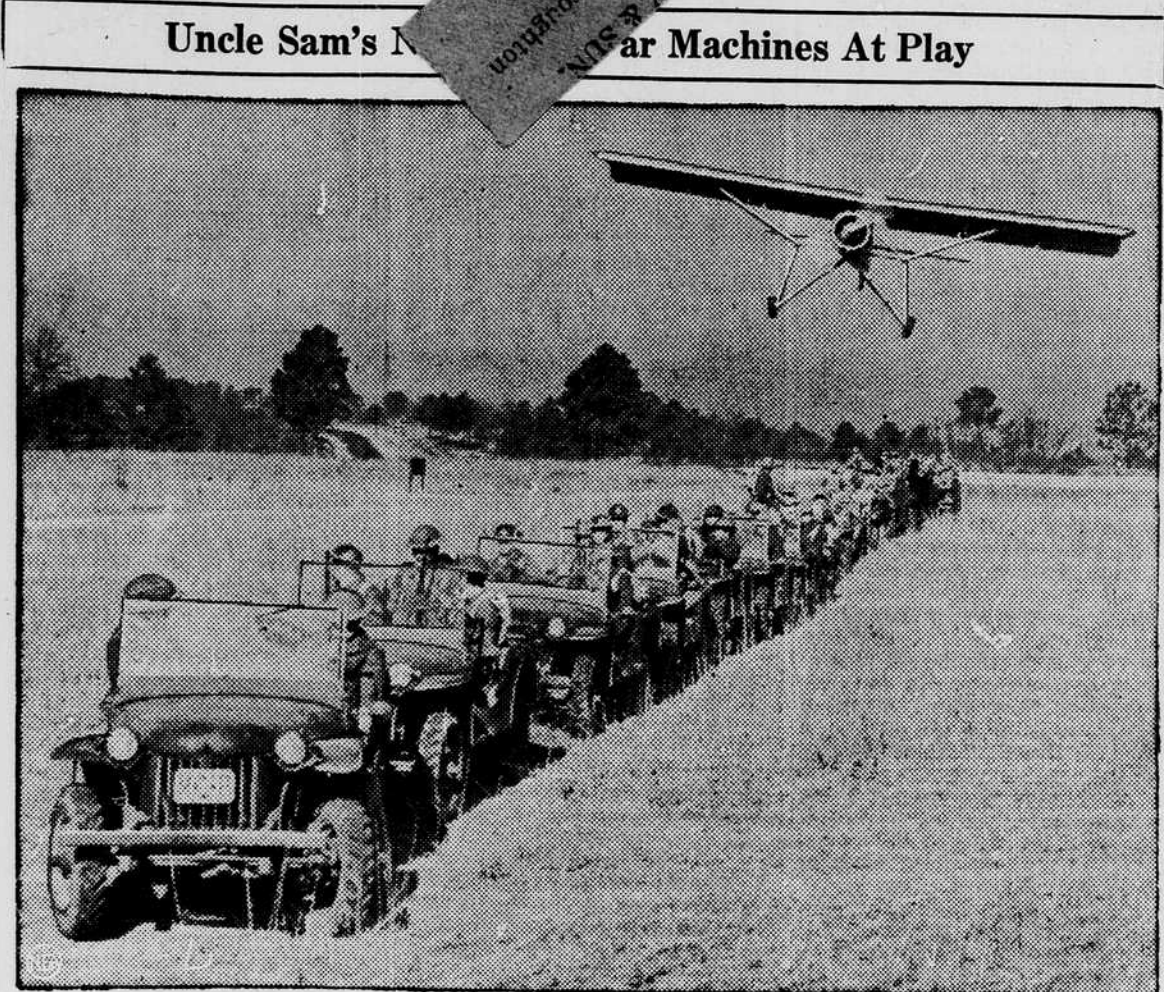
On this point Churchill was emphatic. American aid in the form of supplies now seems assured, he said, to clinch a British victory.

BRUNSWICK NEGRO KILLED BY SHERIFF

Brewington Shot When He Attempts to Assault Deputy Magrum Tripp

SOUTHPORT, Feb. 9.—Arthur Brewington, 30-year-old negro, was shot and killed by Sheriff Dillon Caney, of Brunswick county, early this morning in Northwest township.

British Not Asking U. S. To Become Active Ally



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British Take 5 Generals In Drive Toward Tripoli

EL AGHEILA IS SEIZED English Within 10 Miles of Border of Libya's Westernmost Province

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Britain's rapidly advancing army of the Nile, its speed apparently unchecked, reported today it had smashed almost one-half of the way between captured Bengasi and Tripoli.

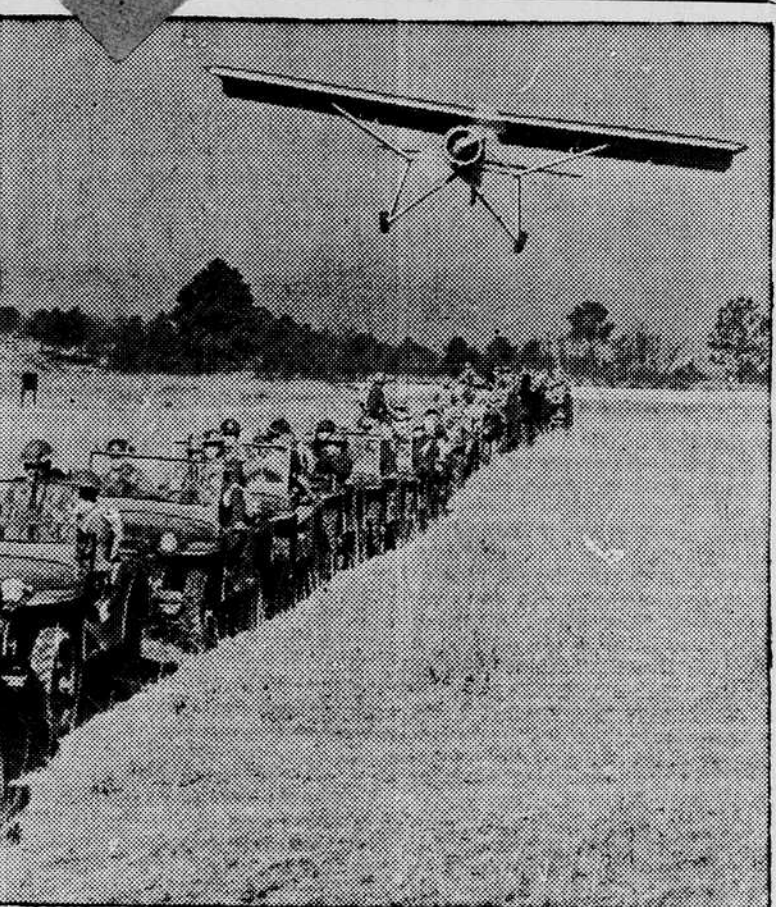
On Coastal Road

This placed the British vanguards part way around the Gulf of Sidra, about 150 miles southwest of Bengasi, on the tortuous coastal road which crosses 600 miles of desert waste to Tripoli.

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Uncle Sam's War Machines At Play



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GRAZIANI EXPECTED TO OPPOSE BRITISH

Sharp Earthquake Felt At Eureka, California

EUREKA, Calif., Feb. 9.—(AP)—A sharp earthquake was felt here at 1:45 a. m. (4:45 a. m., E.S.T.) today.

CLIMB IN RETAIL TRADE REPORTED

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WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Generally fair Monday and Tuesday, slightly warmer Tuesday and in west portion Monday.

Taft Proposes 7 Amendments To Lease Bill

Leaders Predict British Aid Measure Will Be Approved by March 1

DEBATE IS PLANNED

Wendell Willkie Expected To Testify Before Committee Early in Week

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—House passage of the administration's British aid bill was followed today by new demands in the senate for changes in the measure, but leaders predicted the legislation would be approved without major alteration by March 1.

Transfer Opposed

Another would forbid repair of foreign ships in American ports, a third would prevent the President from transferring naval vessels to foreign powers, and a fourth would prohibit the disposal of any defense article until after congress had appropriated money to carry on the aid program.

Taft suggested, too, that "defense articles" sent to warring "democracies" should be limited to those manufactured in this country.

Willkie has favored the bill "with modifications." He is expected to testify Tuesday.

DREDGE CHEROKEE ARRIVES FOR WORK

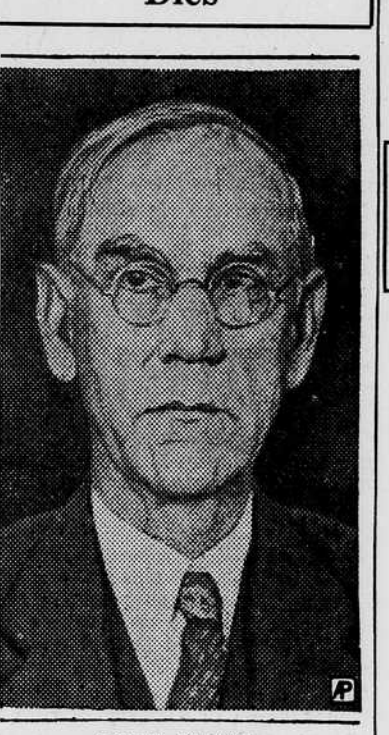
Is Scheduled to Begin Work At New Shipyards at Sunset Park Tuesday

The hydraulic dredge, Cherokee, of the Merritt Dredging company, of Charleston, S. C., arrive here last night and will begin work of dredging in the area in front of the new shipyards at Sunset Park Tuesday morning, Harry Merritt, one of the partners of the firm, said.

City Manager Vote Bill Rules Suspension Slated

Suspension of the rules in the house will be asked when the bill to provide an election on the question of establishing the city manager form of government here is introduced in the lower body of the legislature today, Representative Jack LeGrand said yesterday.

Dies



REED SMOOT, 79, EX-SENATOR, DIES

Gained Wide Prominence As Co-Author of Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Former United States Senator Reed Smoot, 79, of Utah, who gained national prominence as co-author of the Smoot-Hawley tariff act, died here today after a lingering illness.

During his 30 year tenure in the senate which ended in 1932, the republican senator became chairman of the senate finance committee and the ranking member of the appropriations committee.

DARST SPEAKS AT DEDICATION HERE

Large Crowd Attends Dedication of Community Hospital Nurses' Home

"While nations are preparing for the destruction of other men, we here today are preparing for safety, health and happiness," Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of the East Carolina diocese of the Episcopal church, said in an address dedicating the new Nurses' home of the Community hospital in the Wilston High school auditorium yesterday afternoon.

War Interpretive

BY EDWARD E. BOMAR

The British navy's bombardment of Genoa and the prospective Nazi move into Bulgaria referred to by Winston Churchill appear to signal the 1941 opening of the war's main show.

SHIPS INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE ON FACTORIES

Pour 300 Tons of Shells Into Possible Base for German Expedition

PLANES ALSO ACTIVE

Electric and Boiler Works Hit and Many Drydocks, Warehouses Damaged

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A British armada, sweeping darily into a close corner of Italy's Mediterranean coast, poured 300 tons of shells at dawn today into the great Italian port of Genoa, the admiralty announced.

ITALIANS DAMAGE HISTORIC CHURCH

Twenty Women and Children Killed During Raids On Six Greek Cities

ATHENS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Italian bombers raiding at least six cities and localities in Greece today heavily damaged the historic church of St. Sophia in Salonika and killed 20 women and children in Ioannina, the ministry of home security reported late tonight.

The church of St. Sophia, one of the best examples of Byzantine architecture, was hit squarely by one bomb, which damaged the bell tower and destroyed the left aisle and part of the women's section.

DARLAN ADVANCED IN VICHY REGIME

Admiral Is Appointed Foreign Minister by Petain; Flandin Is Ousted

VICHY, France, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan, commander of the French navy, emerged tonight from a week of intense political jockeying between German-held Paris and unoccupied France as the new No. 2 man in the French government.

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