

YUGOSLAVIA EXPECTED TO BOW TO NAZIS' WISHES

NATION IS SCHEDULED TO GO INTO HITLER'S NEW EUROPEAN ORDER



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt greets the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg and her husband Prince Felix, as they arrive at the White House in Washington for a three-day visit.

With the royal couple was their 21-year-old son, Jean hereditary Grand Duke of the little country now occupied by Germany.

Investigation Of Skipper Stab-Death Slated Here

PASSES IN HOSPITAL Police Say Wounds Were Inflicted by James Rich, 22, On October 1

Coroner Asa W. Allen last night announced plans to conduct an inquest into the death of Richard Skipper, 38, a painter, of 912 South Second street, who died at 6:05 o'clock last night in James Walker Memorial hospital after a four month's illness.

Police headquarters quoted the attending physician as saying that Skipper's death was attributed to severe stab wounds in the stomach allegedly inflicted by James Rich, 22, a plumber's helper, of 913 South Fifth street.

Serving Sentence Rich is now serving a 12 months road sentence on charges of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill with serious injuries resulting, police records disclosed, in connection with the case.

Rich allegedly stabbed Skipper during an argument on the night of October 1, 1940, at the corner of Fourth and Dawson streets, police reports revealed last night.

Found guilty of charges of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill with serious injuries resulting, early in December in recorder's court, Rich was sent on December 20 to the Columbus county prison camp at Whiteville to begin serving a year on the roads, according to police records.

Officer J. C. Long swore out the warrant against Rich on the (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Spofford Announces Ten Per Cent Wage Increase

A ten per cent increase in wages for all employees of Spofford Mills was announced last night by J. Holmes Davis, Jr., president of the company.

The increase, effective Monday in all departments of the factory, will go to 450 employees.

Shipyard Railroading Work Starts Soon

150,000 Job Will Employ 300 Workers

Length of Time Needed to Lay Six Miles of Tracks Depends on Grading

RAILS SHIPPED HERE Atlantic Coast Line is Constructing Turn-Off from Its Belt Line

The job of laying six miles of railroad tracks at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company's yards at Sunset Park at a cost of approximately \$150,000 is expected to be started in about three weeks, J. E. Dennis, representative of the shipyard contracting firms, said last night.

From 200 to 300 workmen will be employed on the project, the length of which will be dependent on the completion of grading operations at the shipyards, Dennis said.

Building Turn-Off The Atlantic Coast Line railroad company is now building a turn-off from its belt line into the shipyards between Central and Southern boulevards at Sunset Park.

The turn-off track into the shipyards will branch out into five tracks wide and then into a leader track, seven tracks wide.

Filling in operations for the turn-off track will be begun by the dredge Cherokee during the week-end, possibly Sunday morning, Dennis said.

Tracks are being shipped here from Ohio, special switches, turn-offs, and crossings from Cincinnati, and switch and cross ties are being furnished by the Gulf State Crosstie company.

Tracks will be laid as each section of the grading work is completed for the project, which will cost about \$150,000, not counting the cost of filling in operations of the dredge, Dennis said.

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BRIDGES ARRESTED ON U. S. WARRANT

West Coast Labor Leader Accused of Having Been Member of Red Party

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—Harry Bridges was arrested today on a Justice department warrant charging him with having been a member of an organization advocating violent overthrow of the United States government.

The west coast longshoremen's leader, an Australian, was cited to appear March 31 for his second deportation hearing.

Bridges, cleared of communist connections in a Labor department (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina and South Carolina: Generally fair, colder east and central portions Saturday; Sunday fair and continued cool.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 15, 1941.

1:30 a. m. 52; 7:30 a. m. 55; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 51; maximum 59; minimum 49; mean 55; normal 48.

Humidity 1:30 a. m. 100; 7:30 a. m. 100; 1:30 p. m. 84; 7:30 p. m. 82.

Precipitation Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 86 inches; since first of month 2.32 inches.

Tides For Today (From Tide Tables, published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.) High Low

Wilmington 12:07a 7:20a 12:32p 7:45p

Masonboro Inlet 10:10a 4:35a 10:35p 4:30p

Sunrise 6:57a; sunset 5:56p; moonrise 10:15p; moonset 9:13a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Feb. 14, at 8 p. m., 10.25 feet. (Continued on Page Two; Col. 3)

Threats Of World-Wide Conflagration Increase

LONDON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Fear of world-wide conflagration involving a German invasion of Britain timed with thrusts at Suez and Gibraltar and a Japanese grab for Singapore increased among diplomatic and military authorities tonight.

Invasion of this island remained the No. 1 consideration in discussions of a possible plan of grandiose proportions to seize at one swoop three of the world's most strategic positions—Gibraltar, Suez and Singapore—while the German army and air force try to break England.

Despite continuous and growing alarms in the Balkans and tension in the Far East, Britons remember well that all surface signs pointed to a Nazi thrust toward southeastern Europe just before Adolf Hitler launched his overpowering drive into Norway and through the lowlands and France last April and May.

The gradual tightening of British censorship is viewed by foreign observers as one sign that the British are not allowing the present clamor in the Balkans to divert their attention from the perils of an invasion of England.

Not since Nazi bombers hammered Coventry and submarines ranged the North Atlantic in packs last fall has it been so difficult to assess—for publication—the British empire's position.

Other indications that Britain expects to deal with plenty of trouble are the army's re-

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Plan To Block Transfer Of Warships Is Drafted

Six Vessels Believed Sunk by Nazi Raider

FUNCHAL, Madeira, Feb. 14.—(AP)—More than 100 survivors landed here today reported that six ships were believed sunk when a German raider, probably a pocket-battleship, attacked a British convoy steaming northward between Madeira and the Azores.

The Germans have announced that six ships were wrecked last Sunday in a convoy off the Portuguese coast. An attack on another convoy, in mid-Atlantic, was reported by the German high command yesterday in which 14 ships were destroyed.

A line between Madeira and the Azores is about 700 miles southwest of Portugal.

The survivors, four of whom were taken to hospitals, said the raider hurled salvos of shells into the convoy for half an hour and then sped over the horizon.

BRITISH TAKE TWO TOWNS IN AFRICA

Troops Have Advanced 130 Miles Into Italian Somaliland from Kenya

CAIRO, Egypt, Feb. 14.—British imperial troops have advanced 130 miles into Italian Somaliland from Kenya, military sources indicated today in announcing the fall of the Fascist towns of Afmadu and Bullo Erillo.

Five armored cars were taken at Afmadu, where a heavy raid by the South African air force had put most of the garrison to flight before British ground forces arrived, a communique stated, and four cars were seized at Bullo Erillo.

At Bullo Erillo, it was said, Italian resistance was strong. (The loss of Afmadu already had (Continued on Page Two; Col. 6)

SEVEN MEN KILLED IN FACTORY BLAST

Explosion at Du Quoin, Ill., Blows Debris Over Quarter of Mile Area

DU QUOIN, Ill., Feb. 14.—All seven men at a plant manufacturing liquid oxygen explosives for coal mining were killed today in a blast so terrific it blew debris over an area of a quarter of a mile and hurled one of the bodies 250 feet.

The explosion, wrecking the plant of the United Electric Coal companies' Fidelity mine and damaging several auxiliary buildings, (Continued on Page Two; Col. 5)

War Interpretive

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON Whatever the intentions behind current Axis maneuvers, military and diplomatic, Britain appears determined to force the issue in Southeastern Europe. British classification of Rumania as "territory under enemy occupation," has that look. It makes Rumanian oil wells legitimate objectives for British bombers. All that is lacking is a rout for RAF bombers without violating somebody's neutrality. Possible Air Route That route may be provided overnight, if Bulgaria Yugoslavia yield to reported Nazi pressure to permit passage of German troops toward Albania. Turkish in-

American "Eagle" Reported Killed

Edwin Ezell Orbison, above, regarded as one of the outstanding pilots of the Eagle Squadron of Americans flying for the R. A. F., has been reported killed in action. He is from Sacramento, Calif., and was a student at the State college there.



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ENGLISH 'CHUTE TROOPS CAPTURED

Reported to Have Landed in Italy With Plan to Blast Waterworks

ROME, Feb. 14.—The capture of a group of heavily-armed British parachutists said to have floated down through the moonlight on southern Italy with the intention of dynamiting the regional water works and communications system was claimed today by the Italian high command.

They landed Monday night and early Tuesday morning, the high command reported, in the provinces of Calabria and Lucania—where the Apulian aqueduct, the biggest in the world, runs to supply 2,677,000 Italians with drinking water—but all were captured "before they could cause the serious damage which they intended."

How many were taken into custody was not announced—the communique merely describing them as "nuclei of parachutists armed with machine guns, hand grenades and explosives"—but it was stated that in a clash during the capture an Italian civilian police deputy and a citizen were killed.

(The Rome radio, however, gave a more circumstantial account, saying specifically that 19 parachutists had been seized along with another group of unstated size.

The wireless account said the British, carrying maps of the district, had taken over some farms in the area, preventing the peasants from giving an immediate alarm in their attempt to "blow up and damage chiefly the hydraulic works built by the fascist regime."

(One parachutist broke his leg in descending, it was stated, and was almost immediately captured by Italian police, having been "abandoned by the others."

"Soon," the account went on, "the alarm was given and the (other) parachutists, who had (Continued on Page Three; Col. 5)

Closed Senate Meet To Hear Reports Asked

Proposal is Prompted by Shadows of New Crisis in Europe and Asia

JAP THRUST IS FEARED

Australia Says it Will Face Any Crisis With Deliberate Purpose

BY J. C. STARK

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MANAGER ELECTION BILL IS ENROLLED

Chairman of Elections Body Scheduled to Receive Copy Tuesday

RALEIGH, Feb. 14.—Chairman H. G. Carney, of the New Hanover county board of elections, is expected to receive early Tuesday morning a duly certified copy of the law authorizing Wilmington to vote on the city manager issue.

The bill was formally enrolled and ratified this morning.

Representative John R. Morris, of New Hanover, immediately requested Secretary of State Thad (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

LEGISLATURE GETS BILLS TO TIGHTEN WAGE-HOUR LAW, REDISTRICT SENATE

By JOHN FEELE

RALEIGH, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The legislature today pressed toward final adjournment, speeding major legislation to enactment and receiving Broughton-backed bills to redistrict the senate and to tighten the maximum hour law.

Introduction of the senate's reapportionment measure rounds out the redistricting program. The legislature has already carved a 12th congressional district in western North Carolina. A bill to reapportion the lower house has passed that body and now awaits senate action. A proposal to streamline judicial districts has been shelved.

The senate redistricting bill, introduced in both houses, changes the set-up in 11 of the 33 senatorial districts in the state. The west would gain one senator. Mecklenburg and Guilford would elect a senator apiece.

The senate also got a bill to eliminate exemptions from the present maximum hour law, in accordance with the majority recommendations of a wage-hour commission. Employees, working overtime, would be paid at time and one-half their regular pay under the legislation. Governor Broughton has endorsed the bill. In the house Representative McEachern of Hoke sent up a similar measure.

Rejecting pleas to postpone consideration, the senate approved on second reading a bill to levy a 50-cent "crash tax" on automobiles to pay for hospitalization up to 21 days of highway accident victims. The vote was 30 to 10. Several senators said they favored passing the measure out of regard to the late Dr. Long, of Halifax, who introduced it.

The LeGrand bill to make subversive or fifth column activities misdemeanors on first offenses and felonies on second convictions was passed by the senate without debate and ordered ratified into law. Similar approval was given a measure to set up a state-wide marketing system as recommended by Governor Broughton.

Another Broughton-sponsored bill, creating a new department of motor vehicles, also won floor approval in the senate.

The lower house passed and sent to the senate a much-buffed measure by the Mecklenburg delegation to give rights of eminent domain to bus companies seeking to acquire sites for union terminals in cities of more than 30,000 population. Such sites would have to be approved by the utilities commissioner.

Senator McBride of Hoke set the stage for enactment of the (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)

ARMY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Army orders today: Lieutenant Colonel Clarence M. Reddig M. C., Denver, to Charleston, S. C. Philander C. Riley, retired, Fayetteville, to duty, Fort Bragg.

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