

BRITISH, GERMANS TRADE AIR BLOWS

Nazis Strike At London As English Planes Active Over France

LONDON, March 2—(Sunday)—(AP)—German raiders struck intermittently at London and England's south coast last night and early today.

Three air raid alarms were sounded in London after nightfall. The third came shortly after midnight but it lasted less than an hour.

British fighter planes swept over northern France yesterday afternoon, shot down four German planes—three fighters and a bomber—and returned without a loss, the government reported.

The fighter raid followed up overnight bomber attacks in which, the air ministry news service said, the German ports of Wilhelmshaven and Emden were pounded despite thick weather which kept Nazi raids on Britain to a minimum.

The three Nazi fighters were downed in an "offensive sweep" across the channel, the ministry of information reported. The bomber, it was said, was shot down into the channel later by RAF fighters.

MANY CAROLINA RAIL WORKERS' PAY HIKED

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hour and for short lines 33 cents an hour. By far the largest group affected will be the maintenance of way employees, including crossing, bridge flagmen and gatemen. It will also include clerical workers, station workers, shop laborers, red caps, dining car and kitchen workers where their present wage is lower than the minimum established.

Third Order

This is the third wage order that has affected lower paid workers in industries that predominate in the Carolinas. Other wage orders were for hosiery (40 cents an hour for full fashioned and 32 1/2 for seamless) and for textiles, for which a minimum of 32 1/2 cents an hour was established.

All three of the trunk lines operating in the Carolinas were in the first five for the country from a standpoint of wage increases and number of workers affected.

The Seaboard Air Line topped the entire list with pay increases totaling \$688,000 for 4,722 workers; the Atlantic Coast Line was second with increases totaling \$611,000 for 3,969 workers; and the Southern was fifth, trailing the Illinois Central and Texas and New Orleans, with increases totaling \$412,000 for 4,380 workers.

Twenty trunk and short line railroads were affected by the wage order. According to figures submitted by the trunk line railroads, 26,000 of these employed at less than 36 cents an hour were employees of railroads classed as "western lines," 24,000 by "southern lines," and 6,000 by "eastern lines."

The increases for "southern lines" total approximately \$1,500,000 with the three trunk lines operating through the Carolinas accounting for \$1,691,000 of this amount.

OFFICE NOT INCLUDED

Pay increases which became effective yesterday on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad and the Seaboard Air Line railway, will not have any great effect on Wilmington due to the fact that those who will receive the pay boosts will primarily be maintenance of way employees.

The pay increases will have no effect in the general offices of the Coast Line here, it was learned last night.

RAF IS READY TO ATTACK GERMANS WITHIN BULGARIA

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giving German troops passage or face a British declaration of war. But the British minister to Sofia, already has said that such a declaration, coupled with RAF bombing of German communication lines in Bulgaria and Rumania, was a likely consequence of such an occupation as was carried out today.

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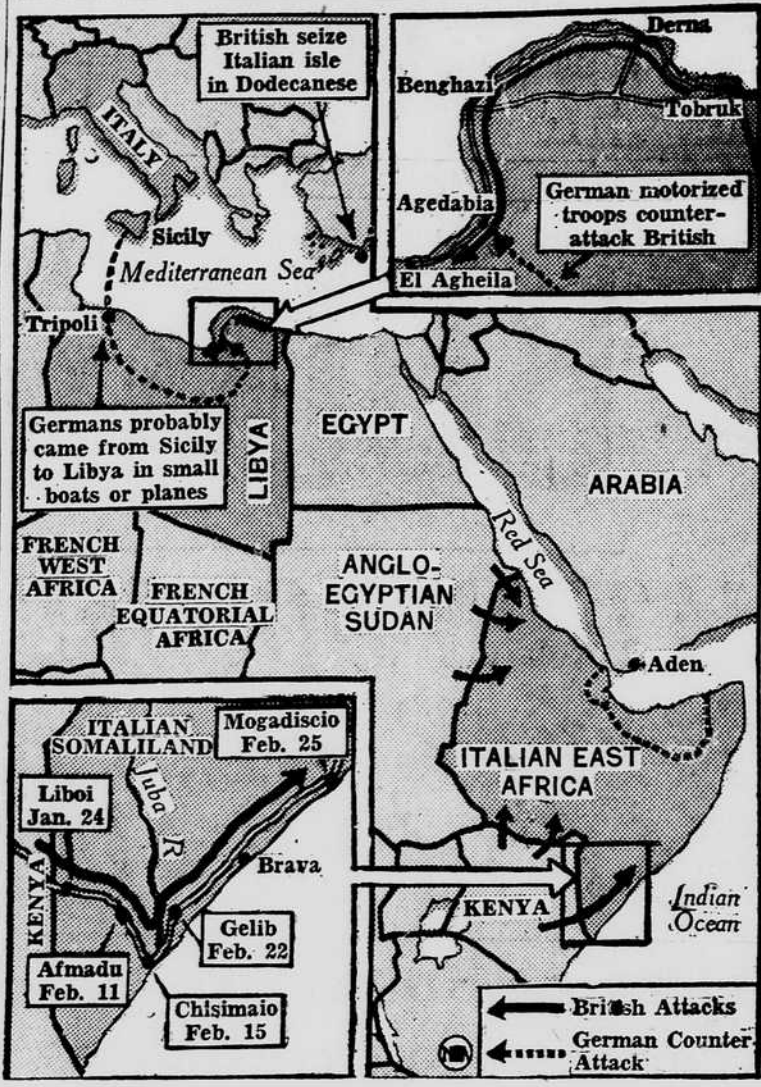
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FOES OF BRITISH AID BILL ATTACK EX-ENVOY BULLITT

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Those who have, of course ought to know about political and other kinds of dementia praecox."

The galleries tittered, and Senator Tobey interposed, to their further amusement:

"Does the senator agree with me that this 'Bullitt' is a dud?" Wheeler took the floor at the outset of the session to continue a long prepared speech that he began yesterday. Several senators, Lucas (D-Ill.), Tunnell (D-Del.), and Smathers (D-N. J.), also had prepared speeches.

Administration leaders, concerned over the continued lengthy speech-making, talked among themselves, meanwhile, of longer sessions next week in an effort to speed a final vote.

Galleries Jammed

Less than half the Senate seats were occupied, but the galleries were jammed.

In another departure from his prepared text, Wheeler said "Responsible officials of the government" had told him "we must set up a totalitarian government in the United States in order to fight totalitarian governments across the water."

The bill, he said, would convert "our great charter of democracy into an engine of autocracy." Wheeler began by referring to an argument which arose yesterday over the bill's provision that existing defense articles to a maximum value of \$1,300,000,000 only could be transferred to Great Britain or other nations. He had contended that by placing arbitrary valuations on naval vessels Mr. Roosevelt could transfer as much of the fleet as he chose to England. Proponents of the bill, particularly Chairman George of the Senate foreign relations committee had replied that "value" was "value" and definitely limited the extent of such transfers.

Returning to the argument, Wheeler read from the "Corpus Juris" a passage that said value was determined by many considerations. It could be market value, use value, sentimental value, or any one of several such things.

"Do you mean the market value?" Wheeler asked, addressing the proponents of the bill in general. "Do you mean its replacement value? What do you mean by its value? Do you mean the cost of it?"

It was unfair to the President, he said, to give him the power involved without laying down, simultaneously, criteria for the interpretation of the word "value."

Senator Vandenbergh (R-Mich.) interrupted at that point to say he intended to propose an amendment basing the \$1,300,000,000 limitation on the cost of replacing the articles transferred.

"I venture the prophesy," he said, "that the amendment will be turned down because the purpose is that the term value shall mean anything they want it to mean."

WINANT GREETED BY KING GEORGE

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marshal, the king impulsively reached out and pumped first Winant's hand, then Cohen's.

"I am glad to welcome you," he said, warmly.

Winant's navy blue overcoat and gray suit both were crumpled after the long journey and his white collar was a little worse for wear.

He and the king grinned frequently during their short chat as March breezes whistled through the station. Winant, bareheaded, kept his gray hat tightly clenched in his fist.

The female is larger and stronger than the male in many birds of prey, and can handle larger prey.

GREEKS ARE READY TO FACE GERMANS

Say Will Hold Out Despite Possible Nazi Assistance To Fascists

BITOLJ, Yugoslavia, March 1.—(AP)—The Greek army will be able to hold out even should Nazi troops aid Italy against the Greeks in Albania, Greek sources in this border city declared tonight.

With German forces one country nearer the Albanian battle front through occupation of Bulgaria, these sources maintained that the Nazi mechanized equipment was unsuitable for a quick offensive and that the terrain would prevent the mass employment of troops.

The Greeks are better at adapting themselves to special conditions involved in the Albanian fighting, they declared.

Italian preparations for a big offensive were at their peak, it was said, but no major activities on the battle front today were reported.

BULGARIAN MOVE MAY MEAN FINAL BALKAN SHOWDOWN

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be an entering wedge for the Axis into the Near East despite the Turkish-British defensive alliance.

Von Ribbentrop asserted that as a matter of fact the power of Britain already was broken—"that is evidenced by England's appeal to other lands for help. This help, even if it comes, will be too late."

For, he said, "the Axis armies are drawn up, ready for action, to grab and strike England wherever she shows herself." The states represented here today are on watch and ready to make their contribution to the final triumph of our common cause."

PHILOFF SIGNS

Present besides Von Ribbentrop were Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philoff, who affixed his signature to the treaty at 1:50 p. m. (6:50 a. m. EST), Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano, the Japanese ambassador to Germany, Lieut. Gen. Hiroshi Oshima; and representatives of the other Axis members, Rumania, Hungary and Slovakia.

Adolf Hitler himself, accompanied by the chief of his armed command, Field Marshal Wilhelm Keitel, was waiting in the middle hall of the old palace, to which participants in the ceremony walked to receive the Fuehrer's congratulations.

Philoff declared that Bulgaria was determined to "continue friendly relationships with Russia," and defined the purpose of joining the Axis as "the possibility for stable development and bringing about a just peace."

Russia Informed

In this connection, political circles said Russia was kept informed of the negotiations preceding Bulgaria's decision and presumably was completely agreeable.

Hitler was host to the entire signatory party at a late afternoon luncheon. Informed sources said that afterward he conferred with Count Ciano in Ribbentrop's presence. The Fuehrer wore his gray military uniform.

In his remarks at the signing, Von Ribbentrop said the alliance undertaken to "counteract every attempt of England to hitch additional states to her war chariot (possibly a reference to Turkey, Britain's friend) and to bring England to her senses and force her to make peace through the concentration of all the political, military and economic strength of the three great powers"—Germany, Italy and Japan.

He predicted that in 1941 "the misty veil of British propaganda will be finally torn up," and reasserted the German theses of an Axis bent on delivering the world from "laboring for England."

MANY HOMELESS IN GREECE AS RESULT OF BIG EARTHQUAKE

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The public minister of assistance was dispatched to Larisa.

The epicenter of the shocks was at the town of El Assona, where there was much damage. The quakes also were felt in Karditsa and Trikkala, but there the damage appeared negligible and no casualties were reported.

WALL OF CHINA

The Chinese wall is 17 feet wide, and about 16 feet of it remains above ground. Including the spurs, curves and loops, its length is 2550 miles.

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OBITUARIES

OWEN T. STUCKEY

Owen T. Stuckey, 62, who died Thursday, was buried in Oak Grove cemetery yesterday after funeral services were held from the Church of Christ by the Rev. G. L. Priggen and the Rev. R. B. Jarrell.

Active pallbearers were: L. C. Williams, Anthony Stewart, A. C. Farrow, Mr. Filpot, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Livingston.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Viola Stuckey; one son, Owen Stuckey, Jr., three daughters, Mrs. W. B. Boney, of Hickory, Va., Mrs. W. E. Morris, of Fayetteville, and Miss Annie Stuckey, of Wilmington; one brother, Louis Stuckey, of Wilmington.

MRS. LAURA J. POWELL
WHITEVILLE, March 1.—Mrs. Laura J. Powell, prominent Columbus county teacher who died Friday, was buried today after funeral services were held from the First Presbyterian church by the Rev. J. R. Kennedy, pastor of the church, and the Rev. T. E. Simpson, of Darlington, S. C.

Surviving are a number of nieces and nephews. Mrs. Powell was a sister of the late Mrs. Donald McRackan of Whiteville, and the late Dan McKeithan of Darlington. Three half-brothers, John, George and James Daniels, all of Whiteville, preceded her to the grave.

CHARLES T. DEEVER

BLADENBORO, March 1.—Charles Thomas Deever, 63, died at 6:15 p. m. at his home here tonight.

Funeral services will be held Sunday at 3:30 p. m. by the Rev. L. L. Todd, pastor of the West Bladenboro Baptist church.

Interment will be in the Sandhills cemetery near Bladenboro. He is survived by his widow and the following sons and daughters: Jack, Julius, Johnny, Evelyn and Marie Deever, all of Bladenboro, and Dewey Deever, of the Panama Canal.

MISS MARY JOLLY
WHITEVILLE, March 1.—Funeral services for Miss Mary Lee Farrell Jolly, 15, of Freeman, who died Monday morning in the Columbus county hospital here from in-

juries received early Sunday night in an automobile-truck collision near Lake Waccamaw, were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the late residence in Freeman.

The Rev. H. F. Bean, assisted by the Rev. R. J. Rasberry, conducted the services. Burial followed in the Flynn cemetery.

Miss Jolly is survived by her mother, Mrs. Georgia Farrell Jolly; stepfather, D. C. Jolly; one brother, Andrew Farrell, of Freeman; and one sister, Mrs. J. J. Robinson, of Carolina Beach.

LEE BLACKBURN
CLARKTON, March 1.—Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. today for Lee Blackburn, who died yesterday.

His wife and several children survive him.

POWELL ACCUSED IN LIBEL ACTION

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The warrant charges Powell, Cooper and "other unknown persons" with "fabricating evidence to be used in an administrative hear-

ing to prove falsely that Young was drunk, doped or crazy and ran the car into a post in a yard where they knew the same was false."

It further alleges that the "fabrication" to "dismiss" Young and "prevent said Young from obtaining further employment."

Chairman Powell declined to comment except to say: "Of course I will be at the hearing. Of course I in Mr. Young's cases are published."

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