

City Asks War Work Contracts

J. L. Morris, Secretary Of Chamber Of Commerce, Leaves For New York

WILL PRESENT CASE

'Favorable' Report Expected From Executive Following 3-Day Meeting

Plans of Wilmington merchants for national defense contracts and sub-contracting will be laid before Washington officials and national manufacturers the first three days of this week by John L. Morris, executive secretary of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, in New York.

Mr. Morris is expected to present a comprehensive picture to the national industrialists of the potentialities of the Wilmington area as a clearing-house for millions of dollars worth of national defense work currently being going to northern and eastern cities.

The chamber chief, since his arrival in this city three weeks ago, has made a thorough study of the industrial plants of the area toward this end, and it is expected that he's armed with the data to bring back to this city the promises of several such contracts.

Meanwhile, W. W. Storm, vice-president of the Wilmington Iron Works, and chairman of the Chamber's industrial committee, is continuing his effort to have every machine shop or other plant in the area equipped to handle even the smallest defense order, registered with the chamber.

THREE KILLED IN WILD CHASE

Discharged Worker Kidnaps Soldier's Mother; Rams Into Auto

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky., Sept. 21.—A kidnaped Columbus, O., mother who was visiting her soldier son at Fort Knox, her abductor and a young civilian were killed in a head-on auto collision near here early today.

The dead are Mrs. Ruth M. Bentz, 46, mother of Pvt. John A. Bentz, Jr., a selectee from Columbus; E. J. Bean, 33, of Broken Arrow, Okla., identified as Mrs. Bentz's kidnapper, and Eugene Myers, 21, of Elizabethtown, a civilian employe at Fort Knox.

State Patrolman G. C. Ray, who reported the accident, said that Bentz forced Private Bentz and his visiting girl-friend, Miss Ruth Vore, 20, also of Columbus, out of their car near Fort Knox and compelled Mrs. Bentz to remain in the car as he drove off, a military police detachment in pursuit.

The patrolman reported that Bentz's "flying" car passed down the highway "on the wrong side of the road" and crashed into an auto carrying Myers and three other young persons, all of whom were injured seriously.

Ray termed Bentz's action "kidnapping," but did not provide a motive. His version of the report made by Sgt. William Ballard, investigation officer of the Fort Knox military police.

The state policeman said that

Knife-Wielder Attacks Anti-Nazi Investigator

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justice Isidro Rivas, a leader in the investigation of Nazi activities in Chile, was attacked in his home today by an intruder armed with a knife. The assailant escaped after inflicting a slight facial injury and the press expressed the belief that the attack was Nazi-inspired.

Inter-American Group Lauds F. D. R. Policies

VALPARAISO, Chile, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The second Inter-American Congress of Municipalities closed tonight with a call for cooperation among all cities of the Hemisphere for defense against totalitarianism and an expression of faith in President Roosevelt as leader of the democratic forces of the world.

STUDENTS PROTEST ARRESTS

SANTIAGO, Chile, Sept. 21.—(AP)—A group of students marched through the streets of Santiago today, asking for the release of the Chileans arrested by order of the German government.



Portrait of a woman, likely related to the 'Favorable' Report article.

STORM RECURVES INTO LOUISIANA

Army War Games Delayed; Storm Flags Up; Vessels Buffeted

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 21.—(AP)—A tropical hurricane sweeping in from the Gulf of Mexico today prompted the army to disperse 400 planes in South Louisiana to safer areas. Coastal residents were warned by the Coast Guard to seek shelter inland.

The storm, which the Weather Bureau said was centered about 7 p.m. (EST) about 225 miles south of Port Eads, La., at the mouth of the Mississippi river, was headed toward the zone in which 500,000 troops are encamped.

The warning to coastal dwellers to seek safety extended from Pascagoula, Miss., to Morgan City, La., while storm warnings from the approaching blow went up from Carrabelle, Fla., to Sabine, Tex.

The storm, which had originated in mild intensity and headed southward last week for the Yucatan peninsula, suddenly recurved and began moving north northwestward today toward the Louisiana

KNOX AND STIMSON OUSTERS ASKED

Impeachment Only Means Of Keeping From War, La Follette Says

DENVER, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Phillip La Follette proposes impeachment of Secretaries Knox and Stimson, saying that would be the simplest means of keeping the United States out of war.

The former Wisconsin governor, speaking at an America First committee rally last night, declared that impeachment charges against the two should be that they are seeking to violate the Constitutional guarantee that the nation cannot be taken into armed conflict except by a vote of Congress.

"If this nation," he said, "is taken into war by some smart alecky program of aid short of war, by trickery, I give warning that those like me, who plead for tolerance, will be as straws in the wind."

National Anthem Halts Fidler Vs. Flynn Fracas

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Playing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by an orchestra halted a brief but spirited fistfight in a night club early today involving Actor Errol Flynn, Jimmie Fidler, movie writer, and the latter's wife, Bobbie.

When the National Anthem began, all three stood at attention and afterward were separated. The crowd cheered.

No damage was done with the exception of a slight gouge in the ear Flynn claims he received from a fork.

Nazis Hint Stern Acts In France

Marshal Petain Pleads For Cessation Of German Attacks

NOCENTS AFFECTED

Reich Army Will Police Country Unless Sabotage, Shootings End

VICHY, Sept. 21.—(AP)—German machine-guns, troops and armored cars will move in against any organized attempt to foment revolution in occupied France, authorized sources from Paris said tonight.

Marshal Petain had just begged Frenchmen to quit attacks on Germans to save all conquered France from reprisals.

The Paris sources said the reprisal shootings of hostages and other executions, which up to now have claimed 35 lives, would be "a mere drop in the bucket to what may happen if sabotage and terrorism continues."

In a broadcast condemning the assaults on German army men, Marshal Petain declared: "These attacks are criminal. They may lead to new troubles. They must be blamed on foreign agents, because it is not in French tradition to attack soldiers in the dark while they are doing their duty."

The authoritative sources from Paris said that despite demands of the eastern front there were still enough German soldiers to enforce peace in occupied France, "even if the French don't want to keep it themselves."

France's chief of state declared his government was seeking out the guilty "by all means at its disposal" and urged particularly that the residents of the German-occupied zone help save French unity by preserving order.

That, he asserted, was their great responsibility to their fatherland.

If such attacks continued, the old marshal said, German reprisals "despite my efforts, may hit innocents."

FLOODS CUT OFF ALBUQUERQUE GAS

Rivers Rise As Torrential Rains Strike Southwest; Some Feared Drowned

ALBUQUERQUE, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Albuquerque's 70,000 residents struggled through a storm-enforced gasless Sunday, deprived of natural gas for heating and cooking as a result of a washout which shattered the city's main pipeline.

Emergency crews repaired the break west of the city today, but officials said it will be at least three days before gas again will be available to hard-pressed householders and businesses.

Meanwhile, torrents from mountain cloudbursts made an estimated 1,000 persons temporarily homeless at Carlsbad.

A wall of water 22 feet high roared into the southern outskirts of Carlsbad last night, sweeping through a working-class section, washing out two railroad bridges and a highway span, and cutting off highway connections to the south.

Red Cross and Home Guard workers evacuated the flood areas. Relief agencies feared there would be some loss of life. A half a dozen persons were rescued from the Pecos river, which at its peak, reached 22 feet from a normal depth of a foot and a half.

At noon today, about half the refugees had returned to their homes.

"I never rose from my seat until the second blow," he said, "and then I took a half-hearted swing at him. I don't make a specialty of boxing or fighting. Bobbie certainly did a better job than I did."

"For some time Flynn has been carrying a grudge against me as a result of certain things that I have written and said over the radio."



FIREMEN ARE SILHOUETTED against the flaming freight shed of the Boston and Maine Railroad at Charlestown, Mass., during height of the fire which, officials said, caused damage which runs in the millions. Firemen and policemen, plus additional firefighting equipment from neighboring towns, including Boston, were summoned as the raging flames threatened an entire section of the town. — Central Press Photo.

35,000 Army Vehicles Ready For Move Order

FIRST ARMY, CAMDEN, S. C., Sept. 21.—Thirty-five thousand Army vehicles, many of them already on the move, will rumble north and south during the next 10 days toward the First Army "battleground" in the coordinated surge of an enormous field force on wheels.

THREE MORE SHIPS TIED UP BY STRIKE

AFL Seafarers Union Says Walkout Will Continue Over War Bonuses

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Three more ships were tied up today by the Seafarers' International Union (AFU) brining the total of strike-bound vessels throughout the country to 19, and the union reiterated it would strike every foreign-run ship under contract with it "as soon as it hits an American port."

SIU heads said the three ships, all owned by the Alcoa Steamship company, were the Alcoa Pathfinder, docked at Brooklyn, the Alcoa Patriot, at Tacoma, and the Alcoa Cutter, at Norfolk.

The union is demanding war bonuses for crews on ships operating in West Indian waters.

The move, a union spokesman declared, was a counter-action to that of the U. S. Maritime commission which took over the freighters Alcoa Banner and Alcoa Trader and dispatched them from New York with government-recruited crews. They sailed yesterday with cargoes for American bases at Bermuda and Trinidad.

The ships were seized after the union refused to arbitrate the bonus dispute with shipowners.

The crews manning the Banner and the Trader will receive prevailing wages, without bonus, able-bodied seamen and firemen getting \$30 monthly and oilers, \$100.

Invited to the White House for a conference were Vice-President Wallace, Speaker Rayburn, House Majority Leader McCormack, Chairman Cannon (D-Mo) of the House Appropriations committee, Rep. Woodrum (D-Va.), who has been directing a sub-committee which will handle the lend-lease fund, and Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the Senate Foreign Relations committee.

White House officials said some of these men might not be able to attend, that some would be asked also from the Senate appropriations committee and that Senate Majority Leader Barkley would not be present because he was absent from Washington.

Pan-American Air Chief Wins Guggenheim Medal

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Award of the Daniel Guggenheim medal for 1941 to Juan T. Trippe, president of the Pan-American Airways system, was announced today by the award board, which paid tribute to Trippe "for the development and successful operation of oceanic air transport." The medal will be presented at a dinner next Jan. 27.

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina: Fair and slightly warmer in west; considerable cloudiness in east with showers on the coast Monday. Tuesday considerable cloudiness, occasional rain in east portion; fresh strong northerly winds Monday and Monday night on the coast.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 67; 7:30 a. m. 68; 1:30 p. m. 81; 7:30 p. m. 73; maximum 82; minimum 65; mean 74; normal 72.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 90; 7:30 a. m. 86; 1:30 p. m. 67; 7:30 p. m. 72.

Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.70 inches.

Tides: (From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Low Wilmington 10:34p. 5:25a. High 10:51p. 5:47p. Masonboro Inlet 8:15a. 2:04a. 8:31p. 2:39p. Sunrise 6:00a.; sunset 6:16p.; moonrise 7:29a.; moonset 7:22p.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m. Sept. 21, 8.80 feet. (Continued on Page Three; Col. 7)

Russians Admit Kiev Abandoned; Nazis Sweep On

MOSCOW, Monday, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Abandonment of Kiev, bitterly defended capital of the Ukraine and Russia's third largest city, was acknowledged officially by the Russians today. Known as "the mother of the Russias," this city of 846,000 population was the first major prize to fall to the Germans in three months of fighting.

Today's early morning communique, devoting one sentence to the retreat from the Ukrainian city, said only:

"After many days of fierce fighting, our troops evacuated Kiev." The Germans had announced Kiev's capture last Friday through a "perfect example of blitzkrieg" embodying all the weapons in the Nazi arsenal, but as late as yesterday, the Russians said a life-and-death struggle still was being waged there.

Offsetting somewhat the loss of this important city were reports that the Red army had recaptured 32 villages and driven the Germans from a strongly fortified line in a central front counter-attack and were inflicting enormous losses upon Germans blasting at the defenders of Leningrad.

Fury of Luftwaffe assaults was emphasized by the Soviet communique which told of the destruction of 60 German planes in Saturday's fighting alone.

In the Gulf of Finland, the Soviet information bureau reported the Finnish coastal defense warship Ilmarinen, 3,900 tons, struck mines during an attack and sank.

In abandoning Kiev, Marshal Semeon Budenny's Ukrainian armies apparently fell back to new positions to reorganize for a defense against an apparent German thrust against Kharkov, the greatest city of the rich Donets area.

German dive-bombers are blasting at Russian defenders of Leningrad "with such ferocity it seems the earth itself will split" and

Racing eastward, wave after wave in formations as large as any the RAF has launched in its daylight challenges to the Luftwaffe, the British bombed their way across northern France and back again today.

Observers who watched the roaring armada ran out toward Cap Gris Nez expressed belief the attack might equal the widespread raids of last Saturday which the

The eclipse lasted 180 seconds, during which the temperature fell three degrees. The corona was said to have been elongated from east to west, rather than a true circle.

In Chungking, the eclipse was 90 per cent Chinese beat gongs and shot firecrackers honoring the ancient custom of driving off the legendary wild dog attempting to devour the sun.

A Weather Bureau observer said a large number of sun spots could be seen near one of the tips of the sun's crescent, but nothing of scientific value was apparent.

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 21.—(AP)—The Hungarian radio announced tonight that the Bulgarian merchantship Rodina was blown up and sunk while en route from a Bulgarian harbor to Istanbul, Turkey, in the Black Sea. The broadcast said an explosion occurred aboard the ship.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) today predicted that if the Germans are successful in the Ukraine, their winter campaign will be a giant pincer-movement, aided by "Franco's Spaniards and Weygrand's troops," toward the Suez canal.

Should a Suez campaign succeed, he asserted, it would "shatter the artery of the British Empire," and put the Germans in a position to project further pincer movements to "master the continents of India and Asia."

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—(AP)—A second blood-transfusion in three days brought some improvement tonight in the condition of Helen Morgan, torch-singer and former Ziegfeld star, who is suffering from a serious liver ailment.

Dr. Samuel Taylor, attending physician, said several additional transfusions were planned to strengthen her condition in a few days.

LA GUARDIA ON AIR NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. La Guardia, director of the office of civilian defense, will discuss "The Police and Civilian Defense" in a broadcast over the NBC-Blue Network at 9:30 p. m. (EST) Wednesday.

Accompanying or subsequent steps, they said, would necessarily be conquest of Odessa and Sevastopol and destruction of Russia's Black Sea fleet.

Behind these immediate objectives, it was said, is Hitler's major goal—the rich Caucasian oil fields. Some quarters said that the Ger-

MOVIES PROBE SHOWDOWN NEAR

Senate Audit Committee May Not Approve Expenses Of Quiz

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Controversy within the Senate over the investigation of the movies approached a step nearer a showdown today when Chairman Clark (D-Idaho) signed vouchers for \$552.04 in expenditures by the Senate Interstate Commerce subcommittee inquiring into alleged war propaganda.

Clark said the vouchers would be submitted to the Senate audit and control committee, headed by Senator Lucas (D-Ill.). Lucas announced yesterday that he would not approve any expenditures until he was informed how long the inquiry was going to be carried on and how much would be spent.

Wendell L. Willkie, attorney for motion picture producers, has charged that the committee's investigation is illegal since it has not been approved by the Senate.

But, Chairman Clark, declaring there were many instances in which Senate committees had made investigations under similar circumstances, said the inquiry would go on again Tuesday with Nicholas Schenck, producer, as chief witness.

The two vouchers thus far signed call for payment of \$3 and expenses to Jimmy Fidler and George Fisher, Hollywood comedians.

Fidler turned in a bill for \$287.54, which included plane transportation from California to Washington and return. Fisher's bill was \$264.50.

PRIVATE TELLS FDR ARMY 'JUST GREAT'

Good Food, More Money Than He Could Make At Home, Soldier Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—(AP)—"Heck, you can't beat it," wrote a private at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., in a letter to President Roosevelt, praising life in the army.

He said he was "learning something in school that would cost me at least 500 dollars if I was a civilian" and added that he hoped to save \$600 from his pay before his discharge.

The private, who was not identified, hoped his letter would "put me in the wrong" with his officers and told the President that if it would, "just tear this letter and say nothing more."

But, instead of tearing it up, the White House sent the letter to the

'Ghost-Haunted' Slayer Commits Suicide In Cell

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 21.—(AP)—Harold Malmberg, 27-year-old convicted murderer, whose conscience tortured him for seven years with the vision of the man he had slain, died today in the Nebraska penitentiary hospital from what Warden Neil Olson said was self-administered poison.

The warden said Malmberg could not shake off the belief that the ghost of the man he murdered "came back every night to sit on his bed and talk to him."

Malmberg admitted murdering Russell Goodwin, a salesman who had given him a ride in 1934 when he was hitchhiking.

Light Quakes Reported

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—(AP)—Two slight, swaying earth movements were felt at noon today. No damage was reported. Similar quakes were felt in nearby cities, including Pasadena, Santa Monica, Montebello and Inglewood.