

N. C. Port Check-Up Launched

Hiers Announces Later Meeting In Atlanta To Press Claims

GOVERNOR TO AID

Bellamy, Hewlett Expected To Join Broughton In Plea For Cargoes

The South Atlantic and Gulf Ports committee of the Southern Traffic league, seeking ways and means of stimulating inter-coastal shipping, will meet in the near future, probably in Atlanta, it was announced Thursday night by J. T. Hiers, secretary of the Wilmington Port commission and chairman of the emergency committee.

A date for the meeting is expected to be set shortly, Mr. Hiers said, stating that the committee would have the two-fold objective of:

- 1-Exchanging shipping information between port leaders of South Atlantic and Gulf ports to the end of attracting increased tonnage of freight to water carriers.
2-To petition the United States Maritime commission for the allocation of coastal vessels to the South Atlantic-Gulf route as quickly as defense requirements permit.

The committee has been assembling freight shipment figures and contacting southern states manu-

44TH DIVISION CHIEF REPLACED

Command Shakeup Takes Place As Armies Engage In Maneuvers

CAMDEN, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—A division commander in the Carolina maneuvers lost his job today, only the fourth day of the two-month field test of the First Army.

The action, by Maj. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, commander of the Second Army Corps and with the approval of Lieut. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, Army commander, came a few hours after a colonel, two lieutenant-colonels and two majors of another division in Fredendall's corps of the 29th (Maryland-Virginia-District of Columbia) had been replaced.

First Army headquarters announced it was "believed" all the officers were over the age-limit of the War department set for their grades. Like General Powell, all were assigned to "special duty" at headquarters pending reassignment. The Second Corps is composed of the 44th, 29th and 28th (Pennsylvania) divisions.

Prior to the start of the First Army maneuvers, German long-range guns shelled the Dover area after dusk tonight. Observers said the shells came from the Cap Gris Nez battery where flashes could be seen.

Senator Reynolds Weds Walsh-McLean Heiress

North Carolina Solon, 19-Year-Old Bride Leave For Miami, Florida

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Robert Rice Reynolds, 57-year-old North Carolina senator, today married 19-year-old Evalyn Washington McLean, his fifth wife.

The ceremony was private, performed by a municipal court judge at "Friendship," the fabulous home of the blond heiress to the Walsh-McLean fortune. Only relative present was Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean, mother of the bride.

Reynolds wore a double-breasted gray, checked suit and the bride a brown spangled dress, decorated with a corsage of orchids and roses.

The couple left immediately by motor for a honeymoon at Miami, Fla., and Havana, Cuba, planning to stop en route at Raleigh, capital city of Reynolds' home state.



SPLINTERS AND MERE FOUNDATIONS were all that remained of homes wiped out by a tornado which struck the outskirts of Kansas City, Mo. The entrance in center background is what was left of a church. Foundation in right foreground is that of the Lukas home in which two died.—Central Press Photo.

FDR Asks Neutrality Repeal To Crush Germany's 'Madmen'

Roosevelt Highlights ACT 'CRIPPLING' U. S. WAR EFFORT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Pertinent sentences from President Roosevelt's message to Congress asking revision of the Neutrality act: The pattern of the future—the future as Hitler seeks to shape it—is now as clear and as ominous as the headlines of today's newspaper.

We know now that Hitler recognizes no limitation on any zone of combat in any part of the seven seas. He has struck at our ships and at the lives of our sailors within the waters of the Western Hemisphere.

It is an imperative need now to equip American merchant vessels with arms. We are faced, not with the old type of pirates, but with modern pirates of the sea.

It is time for this country to stop playing into Hitler's hands and to unshackle our own.

We cannot, and should not, depend on the strained resources of the exiled nations of Norway and Holland to deliver our goods, nor should we be forced to masquerade American-owned ships behind the flags of our sister republics.

I say to you solemnly that if Hitler's present military plans are brought to successful fulfillment, we Americans shall be forced to fight in defense of our own homes and our own freedom in a war as costly and as devastating as that which now rages on the Russian front.

We will not let Hitler prescribe the waters of the world on which our ships may travel. The American flag is not going to be driven from the seas.

22-Year-Old Wife Gives Birth To Triplets; Mate 'Bewildered But Happy'

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Twenty-two-year-old Mrs. Ruth Oehrle gave birth to triplets—two girls and a boy—today.

Her milk-truck driver husband, Roy, 21, was "bewildered, but happy" over the event.

The first girl weighed 3 pounds, and a half ounces, the second, 2 pounds, 15 and a half ounces and the boy, 3 pounds, 3 and three-fourths ounces.

Chinese Claim Capture Of Vital Jap-Held Base

CHUNGKING, China, Oct. 9.—(AP)—A Chinese communique said tonight that two columns of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's troops had entered Ichang, main objective of the current Chinese offensive, after recapturing 11 strategic points in its environs.

The communique said Ichang, the westernmost point of Japanese penetration, now was partly occupied and that Chinese forces might soon be in complete control.

Five To Seven Police Officers To Be Added To Force In Next Week

Five, and possibly seven, additional policemen are to be added to the city force within the next week or 10 days, Police Chief Charles Casteen revealed Thursday night.

Should the seven join the force, it will mark the first time in months that the recently-enlarged department has been at full authorized personnel of 62 men.

Nine officers were added to the department last week, four as replacements for men retired, and five under terms of council authorization giving the city greater police protection.

The newest additions will come from rolls of the Wilmington Police and Fire Civil Service commission.

HELSINKI RAIDED HELSINKI, Oct. 9.—(AP)—This Finnish capital had a 20-minute air raid tonight, marked by heavy anti-aircraft fire at low angles.



SENATOR REYNOLDS ... Bridegroom Fifth Time

Nazis Say Red Lines Crumpled

Soviet Admits Position Is Desperate As Germans Press Steadily On

ARMIES ENCIRCLED

Civilians Join Beleaguered Soldiers In '11th-Hour' Try To Stem Tide

BERLIN, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The German high command declared tonight that the last fully effective Russian armies remaining on the whole of the eastern front were now fatally encircled in two areas along the center before Moscow, and Adolf Hitler's military spokesmen formally proclaimed the setting of the Soviet star.

The great victory, which Hitler in a special order of the day had called "the most essential condition for peace," now had been attained, these authorities asserted.

While there still was much bloody fighting to come, they added, "the military decision has fallen."

Three Red armies, officially declared as without any leadership, were reported facing destruction in the region of Bryansk—about 220 miles below Moscow—along with other units entrapped about Vyazma, some 125 miles west of the capital.

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Pro-Nazi President Of Panama Removed

Arias Flees Into Cuban Exile After Decree Forbidding Arming of Merchant Vessels

PANAMA, Panama, Oct. 9.—(AP)—The Nazi-minded President Arnulfo Arias who ordered "no guns" on U. S. ships flying the flag of Panama was summarily ousted while in Cuban exile today and replaced by a government immediately pledged to "decided support for democratic principles."

An urgent cabinet meeting was called for tomorrow with the "no-guns" order reported to be on its agenda for reconsideration.

Arias fled by plane to Colombia Tuesday, soon after the "no-guns" order of last Monday complicated the Neutrality law repeal debate in Washington, and proceeded from there to Havana, where he was located today.

"The second vice-president of Panama, the first eligible successor to Arias who could be reached immediately, was sworn in as president. For three hours he headed an interim government in probably the shortest term ever.

Then the cabinet he formed called in Ricardo Adolfo de la Guardia, justice minister and physician of pronounced pro-democratic leanings, and handed him the presidency.

Officially, the new government (Continued on Page Five; Col. 4)

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina—Partly cloudy and warmer with showers late Friday afternoon west portion and over central and east portions at night and Saturday morning; cooler Saturday and in west portion Friday night.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) — Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 74; 7:30 a. m. 66; 1:30 p. m. 80; 7:30 p. m. 75; maximum 82; minimum 65; mean 74; normal 68.

Humidity: 1:30 a. m. 99; 7:30 a. m. 70; 1:30 p. m. 60; 7:30 p. m. 72. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.40 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.15 inches.



FORMER NEWSPAPERWOMAN Mrs. Louise Daniels has been named women's editor of the Navy department in Washington and will direct a campaign to tell wives, mothers and sweethearts of Navy men what their loved ones are doing.—Central Press Photo

2 SUSPECTS HELD IN MILEY MURDER

Pair Seized In Fort Worth Agree To Waive Rights Of Extradition

FORT WORTH, Tex., Oct. 9.—(AP) Det. Capt. A. E. Dowell said tonight that two suspects in the slaying of Marion Miley, prominent golf-star and the fatal wounding of her mother, Mrs. Fred Miley, at Lexington, Ky., were under arrest here and would be returned immediately to Kentucky.

Dowell said he described the men to Sheriff Ernest Thompson of Lexington in a telephone conversation and that Thompson replied: "They're the men we're looking for."

Thompson said he was leaving at once for Fort Worth to obtain custody of the men, who signed waivers of extradition.

Miss Miley, 27, was killed instantly and her mother was wounded fatally when two men, their faces masked with handkerchiefs, broke into the Miley apartment at the Lexington Country club Sept. 28.

Police had theorized that the pair were after receipts from a Saturday night dance at the club, which was managed by Mrs. Miley.

The golf star was shot when she went to the aid of her mother.

Food Poisoning Hits 151 Soldiers During Carolinas Maneuvers

CAMDEN, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Public relations headquarters of the First Army said tonight that 151 soldiers of troops attached to the First Corps headquarters, now in the field near Chester on maneuvers, were sent to the base hospital at Fort Jackson for food poisoning.

None of the men was reported seriously ill. The poisoning was attributed to eating food from improperly lined containers not issued by the government.

EX-GOVERNOR DIES

LIBERTY HILL, S. C., Oct. 9.—(AP)—John Gardner Richards, governor of South Carolina from 1927 to 1931, died today at his home here after several months of illness. He was 77.

Dealers Say Gas To Be Exhausted Within 1 Week

Community Urged To Join In Cry To Washington For Ban Lifting

If you want to drive your car after Oct. 18, you better had wire your senator and representative today! Such was the decision Thursday night of more than a score of Wilmington filling station dealers gathered in the Tide Water Power Co. assembly hall to discuss the issue of the critical gasoline shortage facing this community.

Vigorously warning local motorists that the present cry of "gas shortage" is not a cry of "wolf" Bruce Cameron, chairman of the meeting, told dealers that distributors were sitting on the brink of a real catastrophe, over which they had no control.

"It's a hard point to make," Mr. Cameron said, "but for the good of all concerned, and particularly to awaken the people of this community to the fact that a real shortage—under the present OPM quota system—really does exist, I wish that every station in town would run completely out of gas by the 18th and refuse to sell another gallon."

While these appeared to be harsh words, Mr. Cameron cautioned that unless an easement on quotas was received here within the next few days, such was a distinct possibility, and said that his station—the largest in town—would be without supplies on Oct. 18.

The speaker's projected trip to Washington, along with that of J. W. Hughes, was cancelled late Thursday evening when it was learned they could not get an audience with Dr. James W. Frey.

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HOUSING PROBERS TO CALL HILLMAN

Senate Committee Studies Report Employer Of CIO Labor Lost Contract

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Senators investigating a behind-the-scenes labor controversy over defense housing, decided today to call Sidney Hillman, associate director general of the Office of Production Management.

Chairman Truman (D-Mo.) of the Senate Defense investigation committee said Hillman appeared to be the only person in OPM "who knows anything about" failure to award a \$979,000 defense housing contract in Wayne county, Mich., to a low bidder who employed workmen affiliated with the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

P. J. Currier, Detroit manufacturer, who testified his bid was more than \$400,000 under any others on the low-cost housing project, told senators he had been unable to get a go-ahead signal from the Federal Works administration.

A Hillman assistant, Joseph Keenan, former secretary of the Chicago Federation of Labor (AFL) has said that he advised FWA that AFL building tradesmen in the Detroit area were talking of striking if the contract went to Currier.

In addition, the FWA says a three-man board of review in OPM has recommended against giving the contract to Currier. This board was set up to pass upon grievances.

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Wife Of Suicide Mate In Critical Condition

DURHAM, Oct. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Frances Conway Andrews, 24, who was shot in the abdomen last night by her husband, Charles Elmore Andrews, 26, remained in a critical condition at a local hospital tonight.

Andrews, who shot and killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Claudia V. Conway, 46, at the same time he shot his wife, later committed suicide by shooting.

Connecticut Aviator Killed Over England

THOMPSON, Conn., Oct. 9.—(AP)—Flight Commander Andrew Mamedoff, 29, former barnstorming aviator from this town, was killed in action yesterday while serving with the Eagle squadron of the Royal Air Force, a member of his family said tonight.

Chamber Industrial Committee Opens Major Drive For New Manufacturing

Following the lead of its executive secretary, John L. Morris, the industrial committee of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Thursday night launched its most far-reaching campaign in the history of the organization.

W. W. Storm, vice-president of the Wilmington Iron Works, and chairman of the committee, urged that each of the 16 members take a personal interest in one of the six projects of the group, which were endorsed unanimously at the meeting.

Purpose of the gathering, in the words of Mr. Storm, was "to formulate plans for the acquiring of prime and sub-contracts for defense in the immediate future and to secure sufficient new and financially capable manufacturers in the immediate area to cushion

against any possible 'depression' at the conclusion of the emergency 'boom'.

Prime principles of the program as adopted Thursday night were: 1-Expand industrial activity over the entire trading area, comprising a radius of 50 miles. 2-Further the output and

business of all present manufacturers before any competition is brought in from the outside.

3-Plan for sufficient manufacturing and agricultural interests in the area to cushion against any unemployment problem that might possibly arise after the emergency.

4-Bring into Wilmington and its trading area as many prime and sub-contracts on defense work as possible.

5-Maintain a list of all prospective new industries seeking sites, and work toward the end that they may establish plants and factories in this

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