

Boy Killed In Flaming Car Crash

Howard Coleman, Shipyard Worker Of Wilmington, Burned To Death

TWO MAKE ESCAPE

Cousins Of Victim Break Glass; One In Hospital Badly Injured

WHITEVILLE, Oct. 26.—Howard Coleman, 18, shipyard employee of Wilmington, was burned to death at 1 o'clock this morning when the automobile which he was driving overturned and burned near Pleasant Plains church on highway 130 six miles southeast of Whiteville.

His two companions, Royce Register and Woodard Register, cousins of Coleman, escaped from the flaming wreckage of the automobile. Royce, however, is in the hospital here suffering from serious injuries. Woodard Register was treated at the hospital for minor cuts and bruises, but later was released.

The accident is said to have occurred when Coleman drove into a ditch and his car failed to take a curve, overturning in a ditch by the side of the road.

Royce Register told Coroner J. D. Sikes that he kicked the glass out of one of the car windows and pulled himself and Woodard Register to safety.

All three of the young men were employed at the North Carolina (Continued on Page Three; Col. 4)



THREE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS of Alexandria, Va., accused of a hitch-hike slaying, are led into Bel Air, Md., court for arraignment. They were held without bail for grand jury action in the murder of Grainger G. Browning, of Mount Olive, N. C. Left to right, are Herbert Cox, 16; Sheriff Bennington; Ida May Price, 15; Mrs. Bennington; Leona May Cunningham, 14.—Central Press Photo.

New Tokyo Premier Says 'No Retreat'

Speech Interpreted As Definite Warning Japan Will Adhere To Expansion Plan

TOKYO, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Premier Gen. Tojo declared in an Osaka speech today Japan "must go on and develop in ever expanding progress—there is no retreat!" This must be Japan's course, the new chief said, even though "world environment is changing so quickly we cannot tell what lies in store."

ARKANSAS STORM CLAIMS 4 LIVES

Small Communities Swept By Tornado; Troops Aid Rescue Work

RUSSELLVILLE, ARK. Oct.—(AP)—At least four persons were reported killed by a tornado that swept through part of Dardanelle, Fottsville and a small rural community known as Okedoke south of Russellville late today.

Sheriff John Forehand said he saw a white man, a white woman and her baby, who had been killed in the Okedoke community, and a negro woman who was killed at Dardanelle. He said he did not learn the names of the victims.

Acting at the request of Gov. Homer M. Adkins, Maj. Gen. William Hood Simpson of the 35th division tonight dispatched a detachment of troops from Camp Robinson to Dardanelle.

Troops sent to the area included a composite infantry company of about 150 men, a platoon of 40 engineers, two officers and 16 men with two ambulances.

Governor Adkins called state police from Little Rock, Fort Smith and Clarksville to escort the soldiers and assist in relief work.

From first reports, it appeared the main force of the blow struck in Yell county, south of the Arkansas river from here. All telephone lines were down to towns in that section.

BROOKLYN WOMAN KILLED

JACKSONVILLE, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Miss Lillian Weitzman, 50, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died in a New Bern hospital of injuries suffered in an automobile accident early today.

GERMANY SEEKS FRENCH SLAYERS

Prisoners Of War Offered In Trade For Information On Agitators

VICHY, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Vichy leaders announced today they had reason to believe that the Germans would free prisoners of war whose families give information or help in tracing anti-Nazi terrorists in France.

Efforts continued, meanwhile, to save the lives of 100 French hostages marked for death at Nantes and Bordeaux unless the actual slayers of one German officer at each city are apprehended. Fifty hostages have been executed already for each killing.

The deadline for 50 hostages in the Nantes case is midnight tomorrow and for a like number in the Bordeaux case it is Wednesday midnight.

POLITICS FORBIDDEN

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—(AP)—City officials of Nancy in occupied France have been forbidden to engage in political activity, "either on or off duty," under threat of dismissal, DNB reported today in a dispatch from Paris.

The order, pronounced by the mayor, requires city officials and employees to sign a statement assuring that they "are neither Communists nor De Gaulle (Free French) supporters" and that they will follow loyally Marshal Petain's directions.

GENERAL KILLED

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—A General Ottenbacher, identified as the commander of a German air division, has been shot down in his plane over the Moscow front and has died of the resulting injuries, the Moscow radio reported tonight.

Irate Georgia Students Ask Curb On Talmadge

ATLANTA, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Storming students of the Georgia University system demanded today that the legislature convene in emergency session and curb the executive power of educator-ousting Gov. Eugene Talmadge.

College demonstrations of the past two weeks climaxed public reaction that followed Talmadge's reelection of Dean Walter D. Cocking of the Education school of the

DAR AIDE DIES BOSTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Mrs. Emily Frances Baxter Hurd, 67, former vice-president of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, died yesterday.

Reds Fall Back From Vital Base

Stalino, Important Donets Basin Industrial Center, Abandoned

MOSCOW LINES HOLD

Repeated German Assaults In Center Of Far-Flung Defenses Hurdled Back

MOSCOW, Monday, Oct. 27.—(AP)—Abandonment of Stalino, important Donets basin industrial center, after several days of violent fighting in which German losses were placed at 50,000 officers and men was announced early today by the Soviet information bureau.

On the Moscow front, said the communique, strong German counter-attacks west and southwest of the capital were repulsed with heavy Nazi losses yesterday. It reported day-long fighting of gigantic proportions throughout Sunday in the Mozhaik and Maloyaroslavets areas, 57 and 65 miles to the west and southwest.

Continued heavy fighting still rages in the regions of Kharkov, 140 miles north of Stalino, and Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, 40 miles west of Rostov on the Don, the Russians said.

NAZI DRIVE CHECKED

KUIBYSHEV, Russia, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Soviet big guns firing point-blank at charging German tank columns have checked a new Nazi penetration of Red Army defenses southwest of Moscow, front line dispatches reported tonight.

These artillery rehemotions were declared literally blasting to a pulp the roads over which the Germans thrust their salient. After repeated

CANADIAN FLIERS BOMB AXIS SHIPS

Wide-Spread Sea And Land Raids Staged Against German Objectives

LONDON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Royal Canadian Air Force Coastal Command squadron, which in its first month of operations is said to have damaged at least 30,000 tons of German shipping, added three more Nazi vessels to its total in fierce early-morning attacks off the Netherlands coast today, the air ministry announced.

After the Coastal command had made its morning attack, Blenheim of the Bomber Command, with fighter-escort, returned to strike at Axis shipping off the Dutch coast in the afternoon.

During the day, British offensive patrol flights were made over north and northwest France, and objectives in the Dieppe, Cherbourg and Brest areas were attacked, a communique said tonight.

Earlier, squadrons of British fighters had swept over northern France, "but few enemy aircraft were seen," the statement said.

Wounded Hitchhiker Continues To Improve

The condition of George Priesting, 14-year-old hitchhiker shot by E. W. Shepard at Holly Ridge following a robbery of Mr. Shepard's home, was reported as improved by attaches at James Walker Memorial hospital Sunday night.

The youth, removed to the Wilmington hospital Friday for medical attention, was reported to have spent a quiet day Sunday and his condition was declared to be "satisfactory."

NEWS FLASH

CLANTON, Ala., Oct. 26.—(AP)—At least 14 persons were burned to death and eight others were believed dead tonight in a wrecked and flame-enveloped Montgomery-Birmingham bus, which caught fire after striking a bridge four miles south of here.

Night Policeman B. R. Plyler said the bodies were burned to a crisp, but officers at the scene thought 22 had been taken from the wreck.

At the Spencer Funeral home here, attendants said only 14 bodies had been removed. None was identified.

George Easterly, passenger in a car which was following the bus, said it struck a concrete railing and "fire ran all over it in a few seconds."

"We could see the passengers running and screaming as the fire spread. It was all over in a few minutes."

Eight persons, including the bus driver, were in Central Alabama hospital here, most of them seriously burned.

AMERICA FIRST BAN DEMANDED

'Violence And Bloodshed' Feared If La Guardia Fails To Act

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Declaring that violence and bloodshed would result from the America First committee rally scheduled for Madison Square Garden Thursday night, three civic groups today appealed to Mayor F. H. La Guardia to stop "this outrageous meeting from occurring."

A telegram signed by Dr. C. S. Weiss, editor of Uncle Sam's Digest; Samuel Nieman, president of the Sons of Liberty, and Joseph Goldsmith, president of the Taxpayers union of New York City, added that "observers at other meetings of America First groups found in the audience notorious Frontists, Nazis, hate-breeders and Fascists, also traitors to our country."

Charles A. Lindbergh, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) and John Cudahy, former ambassador to Belgium, are to speak at the rally.

Meanwhile, station WOR replied to charges made by the New York chapter of America First that the three major networks had refused "proper and adequate" coast-to-coast radio time for the Thursday session by releasing a letter from Henry Moodyberry, the committee's

Police Chief Casteen Warns Bike-Riders To Remain Off Sidewalks

Warning that riding bicycles on city sidewalks is a violation of the law, Police Chief Charles H. Casteen Sunday night called on Wilmington youths to discontinue the practice immediately or face arrest.

"We have received several complaints," he said, "and one or two accidents have been reported recently."

"Unless the riding of bicycles on sidewalks is stopped at once, we will cite the riders and holt them into court."

Chief Casteen also warned automobile drivers against parking their cars on plazas or parkways between the curb and sidewalk.

WINDSORS BACK IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The Duke and Duchess of Windsor returned to New York tonight after a week end at the Gladstone, N. J., estate of C. Suydam Cutting.

FDR Urges Lewis To Call Off Ordered Mine Strike

UMW CHIEFTAIN SILENT ON PLEA TO AID DEFENSE

President Roosevelt Says Vital Steel Production Must Go On

CONFERENCE SET

Myron C. Taylor To Meet Union Leader In Private Discussion

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt appealed for a second time tonight to John L. Lewis to call off a strike in the vital captive coal mines that supply the sinews for steel, but the United Mine Workers chieftain made no move to reply.

The White House made public a letter in which the president told Lewis that Myron C. Taylor, former chairman of the board of the United States Steel corp., would meet Lewis Wednesday "to see if you and he in private and personal conference can work out a peaceful solution of the problem."

Mr. Roosevelt, in asking Lewis Friday to keep the 53,000 miners at work in the steel company-owned captive pits, had suggested the Lewis-Taylor conference. Lewis replied yesterday that he was ready to meet with Taylor, but that he did not feel warranted in calling off the strike which started last midnight.

Since the mines do not operate Sundays, first effects of the walk-out probably will be manifested tomorrow morning. The miners are seeking a union shop, under which all workers would have to join the UMW.

The president told Lewis he was (Continued on Page Three; Col. 2)

SABOTAGE HINTED IN \$500,000 FIRE

FBI Agents Start Probe Of Blaze In Important Defense Plant

PORTLAND, Me., Oct. 26.—(AP)—Possibility of sabotage in the \$500,000 early-morning fire in the defense-busy Southworth Machine Co. main plant, which is engaged in making airplane parts, was being investigated tonight.

Pearce J. Francis, state insurance commissioner, said that 10 days ago one of the fire extinguishers at the plant was found to contain stone, sand and "other foreign matter."

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were called in to investigate the fire. The Southworth plant held \$1,000,000 worth of defense orders for small parts for Curtiss-Wright airplane motors. Officials said that machinery used at the factory—precision-tooling equipment difficult to replace—plunged into the basement of the brick-veneered building as the main floor collapsed.

Seven employees were in the factory when the fire broke out and Francis said they would be questioned.

TRAFFIC VICTIM DIES

ROANOKE RAPIDS, Oct. 26.—(AP)—E. B. Davis, 56, of Roanoke Rapids, died tonight of injuries he received last night in a traffic accident near here.

WEATHER

FORECAST: North Carolina—Cloudy and warmer with showers in mountains Monday afternoon and night; partly cloudy and colder Tuesday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 3:30 a. m. 50; 1:30 p. m. 73; 7:30 p. m. 65; maximum 73; minimum 48; mean 60; normal 62.



FOUR-MONTHS-OLD DAWN wails her misery and loneliness from a crib at St Vincent's Orphanage in Chicago. Brother Richard, 2, stands by to comfort her, but he is lonely, too. They and two other children were abandoned by their young mother after she had made desperate and futile attempts at securing them food and shelter.—Central Press Phonophoto.

FDR Praises Navy; Urges U. S. Unity

Chief Executive Says Fleet 'Fit, Ready' To Do Part In Defending Americas

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—(AP)—A call for all Americans to sacrifice their personal, sectional and group interests "in order that we may remain united and unconquerable" was issued by President Roosevelt tonight in a letter ushering in the nation's celebration of Navy Day tomorrow.

Addressed to Secretary Knox, the letter was made public by the navy department, which, in cooperation with the unofficial Navy League, had arranged for scores of naval shore establishments to observe Navy Day with suitable demonstrations of their part in defense.

Mr. Roosevelt alluded to the vastly expanded sea operations of the Navy by mentioning "our fleets far out in the Atlantic and Pacific" and the forces that support them "in our far-flung bases."

The chief executive will speak on a program beginning at 10 p. m., EST and to be broadcast by all networks.

The president said, in his letter to Knox that while the country had celebrated Oct. 27—Theodore Roosevelt's birthday—as Navy Day for the last 19 years, "this year we go further and expand that observance to Navy and Total Defense Day," a change whose significance will be clear to all right-thinking Americans.

"You know and I know that such modification implies no change in spirit from past anniversaries," Mr. Roosevelt wrote Knox. "Rather, it strengthens that spirit in identifying it with the responsibility of the nation's defense."

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CITY WILL HONOR U. S. NAVY TODAY

Mayor Bellamy Calls Upon Wilmington To Offer Defense Homage

Wilmington joined with the rest of the nation Monday in paying homage to the American Navy.

The day was set aside in a Navy day proclamation by Mayor Hargrove Bellamy following a request by the Army and Navy Affairs committee of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce J. W. Jackson chairman.

Calling attention to President Roosevelt's declaration of a national emergency and to the fact that the Navy now is employed in the dangerous operation of protecting U. S. rights and commerce on the high seas, Mayor Bellamy said it was particularly "fitting at this time not only to pay tribute to the traditions and glories of the past, but also to acknowledge our gratitude to the men of our Navy of today who are performing such valiant service in behalf of our country."

Wilmington post No. 10, American Legion, through Commander Robert Strange, joined Mayor Bellamy in asking that Wilmingtonians properly observe Navy Day

GREATER LOVE ATLANTA, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Two-year-old Donald Neil Barron accidentally fell into a backyard fish-pond and drowned. His mother, Mrs. Seward G. Barron, found him. Clutched in the boy's arms was his pet puppy, a little bulldog.

Associated Charities Open Campaign Today

Workers in the annual financial campaign of the Associated Charities meet at 9 a. m. Monday at the Woodrow Wilson Memorial hut, corner of Fourth and Princess sts., to launch the organization's \$5,000 appeal for funds.

Chairmanned by James E. L. Wade, the canvassers have been drawn from the various churches. Each church has been asked to furnish a team. Most of the teams had been chosen by Sunday night and were ready to initiate the three-day drive.

Mr. Wade and the Rev. Sankey Lee Blanton, president of the Associated Charities, asked every worker to be on hand promptly at

Nazis Claim Bombing Of Russian Kremlin

BERLIN, Oct. 26.—(AP)—Bombing of the Kremlin, home of the Soviet government, was reported today by the German high command.

(Kuibyshev dispatches have said Premier Stalin still was in Moscow with the military heads defending the Russian capital). The news stimulated Germans, who commented that their air force had "delivered dynamite right to the Soviet headquarters."

5,000 See Impressive Field Mass At Davis

First Pontifical Field Mass in honor of the Feast of Christ, the King, was held at Camp Davis Sunday morning at 10 o'clock with approximately 5,000 soldiers, sailors, Marines and civilians present.

The 93rd CA (AA) band and soldiers of the 93rd, 94th, 95th, and 96th marched from their respective areas and assembled at the heater on C Ave., where His Excellency, Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, D. D., the Bishop of Raleigh, and his assistant, the Rev. John A. Brown, secretary to the bishop, headed the procession which then marched to the Service club where the Sacred Altar was erected.

The march started from the theater with the band of the 93rd play g. followed by the honor guard, which was composed of members of the 93rd, then Bishop McGuinness, dressed in the robes of his office, assisted by the Rev. Brown and the Rev. Herbert Gallagher, O. F. M., vice-commissary of the Franciscan of the Holy Land, Franciscan Monastery, Washington, D. C., crucifer, acolytes: crozier, mitre, bugia, book and

(Continued on Page Three; Col. 1) NAZIS SINK CRUISER BERLIN, Oct. 26.—(AP)—German dive bombers have sunk a British light cruiser in the Mediterranean off Bardia, DND stated tonight.