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AFL Plans Strike On U.S. Work

Extensive Defense Projects Periled By General Call For Western Walkout

PRECAUTIONS TAKEN

Showdown Reported Looming In CIO's Dispute With Coal-Mine Operators

BULLETIN

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 9.—(AP)—AFL building tradesmen announced tonight they would not recede from their ultimatum to engage in a general strike tomorrow on $25,000,000 in defense projects unless wage demands were met.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—A general strike involving a dozen naval projects in the San Diego, Calif., area was threatened tomorrow in connection with a three-way dispute involving AFL craftsmen, the Navy and private contractors.

AFL officials put the Navy on notice that unless contractors met demands for wage increases, workers would leave jobs on more than $25,000,000 worth of defense projects. The Navy had served notice that unless a strike already in force at two projects was ended, it would take over the construction itself.

Navy officials estimated about 3,500 men were involved in the threatened general strike which would affect work on barracks, an air base, a destroyer base and a housing project.

The union demanded that pay on the Navy projects be brought up to the scale paid on other similar work. This would be a $1 a day increase and would give electricians $12, tilesetters, cement finishers and iron workers, $11, carpenters, $10, and laborers, $7.

Sheriff Bert Strand and Police Chief Clifford Peterson said they

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FOUR SOLDIERS BURN TO DEATH

Flaming Gasoline Sprayed In Collision; 12 Reported Injured

FORT LAWN, S. C., Nov. 9.—(AP)—Four soldiers were burned to death and 12 others injured seriously in a collision of two Army trucks early today. One of the injured was not expected to live.

One truck was loaded with gasoline containers. It exploded and showered flames upon occupants of the other truck, loaded with soldiers participating in the Carolina war maneuvers.

The dead, members of Company A of the 103rd Field Artillery, are:

Privates Robert P. Gardiner of Riverside, R. I.; Emil Jagiellowicz, Providence, R. I.; Herman R. Weisman, Philadelphia, and a private tentatively identified as Rocco Stagnolo.

The critically injured was Pri-

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Youth, 19, Killed, Girl Hurt As Auto Turns Over

NORTHWILKESBORO, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Odell Hemric, 19, of the Cycle Post Office section, was killed and Blanche Johnson was seriously hurt today when their car left the road 16 miles east of here and turned over. 2

DOUBLE GLAMOR DEPARTS GOTHAM

New York is surely a bit duller with the departure of this pair. Rita Hayworth and Marlene Dietrich, glamorous stars of the films. They are shown together as they left by train for Hollywood.—Central Press Photo.

18 Killed, 40 Injured In Ohio Train Crash

Witnesses Claim Many More Dead As Crack Flier Smashes Into Control Tower

KENTON, O., Nov. 9.—(AP)—At least 18 persons were killed tonight as a Pennsylvania passenger train, identified as The Pennsylvanian, crashed into the control tower at Dunkirk, nine miles north of here. About 40 were reported injured.

Five of the dead were passengers, occupants of the second car from the locomotive, and the sixth was the fireman.

None of the victims was identified immediately.

The train was bound from Chicago to New York.

C. S. Willeke, Dunkirk barber, said he saw 12 bodies and estimated "at least 12 or 13 more are dead." Only 18 dead were officially accounted for, however.

The dining car of the train was ripped open, Willeke said, and he saw five bodies caught in its wreckage. Seven others were in nearby debris, he added.

Willeke said it appeared that the

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Mayor Bellamy Lauds Work Of Marine Corps, 166 Years Old Today

Mayor Hargrove Bellamy Sunday called attention of Wilmington to the fact that Monday is the 166th anniversary of the founding of the United States Marine Corps and stated that he considered it particularly fitting that the people join in the observance of this anniversary in view of the many young men of Wilmington and vicinity who now comprise the ranks of this branch of the armed services.

He commented on the many advantages offered young men between the ages of 17 and 30, without dependents, physically fit for military service and with no military obligations, by the Marine Corps and upon the excellent reputation of this branch. 2

SPANISH DUKE RECOVERED

MADRID, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Doctors reported today the Duke of Alba, Spanish ambassador to London, completely recovered from a heavy attack of pneumonia.

FAST NEUTRALITY ACTION FORECAST

House May Vote Thursday On Senate Charges In Ship Arming Bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Administration supporters, confident that next weekend will find American ships free to sail any seas, urged today that speedy steps be taken to "deliver the goods" to Great Britain and Russia.

Senator Lee (D.-Okla.) one of those active in the successful fight for Senate approval of legislation lifting the Neutrality act's restrictions on American merchant shipping, said he and others of like views felt that President Roosevelt ought to take advantage immediately of the new freedom of

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City Policeman Reports Being Fired On During Chase Of Three Negroes

City Policeman E. A. Soule reported Sunday that he was shot at late Saturday night while chasing three negro men at the north end of the Fourth st. railroad bridge.

Mr. Soule said he gave chase to the negroes after hearing cries of, "Help" and "Robbery"! This cry was followed by a shot, he said.

The negroes made their escape, but later Officer Soule said he talked with a man giving his name as L. B. Smith who said he was robbed of two packages of cakes he was taking home.

RAF Hits Savagely At Enemy

Both Italy And Germany Bombarded Despite Big British Losses

AFRICAN BASES HIT

Furious Offensive In Libya Seen As Preparatory To Opening New Front

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Ignoring heavy plane losses averaging 4½ to one, the RAF bombarded both Italy and Germany heavily again last night in a stepped-up air offensive regarded in some quarters as Britain's answer to persistent demands for a second front.

Essen, home of the great Krupp munitions works, and other industrial centers of Germany's strategically important arms producing Ruhr valley felt the main weight of a strong British bomber force, while an Italian high command announcement disclosed that British planes pounded Italy for the second successive night, hitting the big port of Naples and other points in Southern Italy and Sicily.

In addition the RAF intensified a day and night offensive against axis strongholds in North Africa,

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RED CROSS DRIVE LAUNCHED TODAY

Goal Set At $12,900 Due To Increased Demand; Parade Planned

The Wilmington chapter of the American Red Cross begins its week-long annual Roll Call drive Monday with the goal set at $12,900.

This increased goal, three times greater than the $4,500 raised by the roll call last year, is made necessary, officials pointed out, because of the expanded services of the local chapter due to the demands of the present international and local situation.

The drive gets under way at 9 a.m. with a parade in which the ROTC unit of the New Hanover High school, the ROTC band, the Red Cross nursing corps and the Red Cross motor corps will take part.

The route of the parade lies from the High school on Market st., to Front to Red Cross headquarters and back to the school.

Almost simultaneously, voluntary workers will begin canvassing the streets, homes and offices for memberships and donations in all parts of the city and its suburbs. 1

Vichy Reports Arrest Of German's Assassin

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The British radio broadcast a Vichy news agency report tonight that a man described as a Polish Jew had been arrested for the assassination of Lieut.-Col. Paul Friedrich Hotz, German commander at Nantes, on Oct. 20.

This announcement said French and German police were on the trail of another group responsible for the assassination of Dr. Hans Gottfried Reimers, German military lawyer, at Bordeaux, Oct. 21.

ARABIAN LEADER SLAIN

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Reuters reported today that Fakhri Bey Nasha Shibi, leading Palestine Arab, had been assassinated in Baghdad. He was among the leading Arab supporters of the British cause.

WEATHER

FORECAST:

North Carolina—Fair to partly cloudy and continued rather cold Monday and Tuesday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday):

(By U. S. Weather Bureau)

Temperature:

1:30 a. m. 48; 7:30 a. m. 45; 1:30 p. m. 58; 7:30 p. m. 47; maximum 61; minimum 42; mean 52; normal 58.

Humidity:

1:30 a. m. 67; 7:30 a. m. 55; 1:30 p. m. 38; 7:30 p. m. 51.

Precipitation:

Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.19 inches.

Tides For Today:

(From Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey):

	High	Low
Wilmington	1:40a.	7:57a.
	2:07p.	9:45p.
Masonboro Inlet	11:20a.	5:18a.
	11:51p.	6:02p.

Sunrise 6:40a; sunset 5:12p; moonrise 10:40p; moonset 11:47a.

Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville at 8 a. m., Nov. 9, 9 feet.

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GOODBYE TO THE GOOD OLD .45

It's new and it's the army's best. After exhaustive tests of five different types of short, light rifles, U. S. Army experts recently adopted this Winchester carbine. Gun, which is four and half pounds lighter, seven and a half inches shorter than the Garand, present basic rifle, will largely be used to replace the .45-caliber pistol among infantry troops. It's advantage over pistol, which is primarily a defensive weapon, is that it is effective either on offensive or defense.—NEA Photo.

Russians Report Major Battle Flaming Along Crimean Front

New Encircling Drive Launched On Leningrad; Nazis Cripple Soviet Transportation

MOSCOW, Monday, Nov. 10.—(AP)—Fighting of "particularly fierce" proportions on the Crimean front was reported by the Soviet information bureau today in a communique broadcast by the Moscow radio. The official announcement said six German planes were downed near Moscow Sunday.

In addition to the Crimean fighting, it said Soviet troops battled the Germans "on all other fronts."

A supplementary announcement said the Red air force annihilated two battalions of German infantry Saturday, destroyed or knocked out 30 tanks, 30 field guns, 350 trucks loaded with troops and supplies, 30 gasoline trucks and a number of other vehicles.

The Moscow radio disclosed that the Germans also were bringing up new reserves to the Moscow front, and said it is obvious that a new and furious offensive will be launched within the next few days at the approaches to the capital.

It added that "our troops are ready."

Moscow dispatches reported gains in the Volokolamsk sector, 65 miles northwest of the capital, where charging Red cavalrymen were said to have recaptured the important village of "S."

Russian ground forces, support-

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2 HELD PENDING PROBE OF HOLDUP

A. J. Blake Tells Sheriff's Deputies Of Slugging, Robbery Near Beach

Two men were held by sheriff's deputies Sunday night as officers continued their investigation of charges filed by A. J. Blake, 808 Orange street, that he was robbed of between $25 and $30 in cash, slugged and left unconscious by side of the highway near Carolina Beach Saturday.

The sheriff's office stated that Arno M. Rogers, member of a balloon barrage training unit at Camp Davis, and James Roy Webb, a civilian, were being held pending completion of their investigation.

Blake reported he was riding in an automobile with two men when he was attacked and robbed. 2

Mercury Drops Swiftly To 36-Degree Low Here; Continued Cold Tuesday

Another chilly day was in prospect Monday for Wilmington, with the mercury scheduled to fall to about 36 degrees as the early morning's low temperature.

The Weather Bureau, in announcing the prediction for the season's record low temperature, also said indications were that the cool weather would continue through Tuesday.

The predicted low of 36 was contrasted with a low of 42 early Sunday and a maximum of 61 at 2 p. m.

At 9 p. m. Sunday, the mercury was reported dropping at the rate of two degrees each hour. At that time it stood at 43.

Swedish Freighter Runs Aground Off St. Pierre

ST. PIERRE, St. Pierre-Miquelon, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The 1,239-ton Swedish freighter Gudmundra ran aground Saturday on Little Miquelon island in a fog, and it was believed she would be a total loss.

The crew was picked up by a tug, and it was expected the men would be brought to this capital of the Vichy French islands off the South Coast of Newfoundland.

U. S. PUBLISHES NEW BLACKLIST

Export Ban Now Extends To 1,523 Firms; Guatemala Hard Hit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—The United States today extended its trade blacklist to 653 additional firms and individuals in Latin-American nations. Fifty-nine names were removed from earlier lists.

The list is made up of persons the government deems "to be acting for the benefit of Germany or Italy or nationals of those countries and persons to whom the exportation directly or indirectly of various articles or materials is deemed to be detrimental to the interest of national defense."

With today's additions and deletions, there are 1,523 firms and individuals on the list.

Guatemala headed today's additions with 232 firms. Of these, a majority were plantations devoted to coffee or other agricultural products.

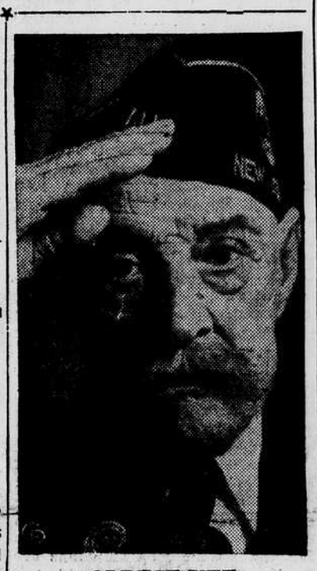
In making the list public, Secretary of State Hull said that arrangements had been worked out with the Guatemalan government whereby limited amounts of coffee produced on these plantations would be permitted to enter the United States so that Guatemala may fill is quota under the Inter-American coffee agreement. 1

Soldier Victim Of S. C. Bus Accident Identified

FORT JACKSON, S. C., Nov. 9.—(AP)—A soldier killed in a bus accident near Aiken yesterday was identified today by post officials as Pvt. Earl D. Matthews, Company A, 34th Infantry, Eighth Division of Ft. Jackson. His nearest relative was listed as Andy Matthews, Route 2, Bowling Green, Ky.

ENGLISH TOWN BOMBED

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Several German planes attacked a southeast England town tonight after a day free from German raids throughout the United Kingdom. No deaths were reported immediaty. 2



OLDEST VET

Reported to be the oldest World war veteran in the United tates, George S. Carpenter was feted by his buddies of the Rutherford, N. J., American Legion Post No. 109, on the 100th birthday. — Central Press Photo.

ARMORED UNITS IN MOCK BATTLE

Three-Day Tests Slated For Armys Newest Rolling Groups

CHESTER, S. C., Nov. 9.—(AP)—A three-day mock battle beginning tomorrow in the Fourth Army Corps maneuver area is designed to determine how well an entire armored corps will function with the "rolling" Fourth division, recently motorized.

The First Armored Corps will be pitted against a numerically stronger "Red" force which will have as its bulwark the 31st, and 43rd divisions, the Third, Sixth, and 107th Cavalry regiments, the 74th Field Artillery brigade and the GHQ anti-tank group.

The battle will bring into play the armored forces against the massive, slowly-moving "square" infantry division. Last week saw the effective teaming of the Second Armored division and the Fourth Motorized division in a swift movement against the Blues.

This week, the "Blues" will have in their battle array the entire First Armored Corps, reinforced by the Fourth.

Military observers will also watch closely the Sixth Cavalry. They want to see how well a fully mechanized cavalry regiment can function in the field.

Two Axis Convoys Destroyed

10 Transport Ships, One Destroyer Sent Down In Mediterranean

BRITISH VICTORIOUS

English Warships Engage Superior Force Just South Of Taranto

LONDON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Under the guns of a heavier Italian naval force, a British warship patrol struck a crippling blow at the supply of Axis armies in North Africa early today when it "annihilated" two convoys, sinking 10 transport vessels and one destroyer and seriously damaging at least one other, according to an admiralty announcement.

Despite the presence of two 10,000-ton Italian cruisers with their superior firepower and Italian destroyers at least double the number of the British, the British force of two small cruisers and a pair of destroyers came off without a scratch, the admiralty said.

The battle was fought south of Taranto, off the instep of the Italian boot.

The British likewise escaped unscathed from a subsequent torpedo-plane attack.

Capt. W. G. Agnew, known as one of the British navy's outstanding gunnery experts, commanded the British flotilla which appeared on the scene as the two convoys—one of eight supply ships and the

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NEGRO WOMAN DIES OF BEATING HURTS

Suspect Sought In Mystery Attack On 54-Year-Old 12th St. Victim

Lizzie Dudley, 54-year-old negro woman, died at Community hospital Sunday afternoon, the victim of a mystery attack at her home, 613 South 12th st., earlier in the day.

The woman was discovered in a semi-conscious condition on the back porch of her home at 1:45 p. m. by her granddaughter, Ruth Andrews. Removed to the hospital, she died at 4:10 p. m.

Police reported no motive for the attack had been found, although a "hot" suspect was being sought Sunday night as officers speeded their investigation.

Hospital attaches reported that the woman had been beaten over the head and about the face, the slayer apparently using a heavy, blunt instrument. Police officers found a hammer and heavy bar in the house, but no evidence that either had been used in the attack.

The attack on the Dudley woman was the second serious case affect-

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Durham Traveling Man Found Dead In Hotel

ATLANTA, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Ralph B. Craig, 55, of Durham, N. C., was found dead here tonight in a hotel room. City Detective H. C. Newton identified Craig as a travelling representative for the New York quinine and Chemical company.

Newton said the man had been dead more than a day. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

LATE ACTORS' MOTHER DIES

CHICAGO, Nov. 9.—(AP)—Mrs. Josephine A. Sills, 82, mother of the late Milton Sills, motion-picture actor, died today at her home.

15 Per Cent Tax On Salary Proposed As Treasury Seeks To Curb Inflation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—(AP)—You're getting too much money! that is the official Treasury reason for asking Congress to levy between $4,000,000,000 and 5,000,000,000 of new taxes next year. One suggested method is a 15 per cent tax on salaries and wages.

Not that the Treasury doesn't need the money, but as the philosophy of the new tax proposals can be gleaned from Treasury experts, the more important thing is to "mop up" extra change in people's pockets to prevent inflation. The views that follow are what these experts say are the facts:

1. The Treasury does need more money. In spite of a $3,500,000,000 tax law just passed, the Treasury faces a deficitt of from $15,000,000,000 to $25,000,000,000 in the next year.

2. Because of defense industry, wages and other forms of income will be higher than ever before. The national income next year will probably be about $100,000,000,000, compared with about $85,000,000,000 this year.

3. While the people may have $15,00,000,000 extra spending money, the defense program will permit them fewer things to buy. For instance, the government already has curtailed output of automobiles and refrigerators.

4. The natural thing for people to do is to try to outbid each other for the consumer merchandise that can be bought, thus forcing prices up. That's inflation.

5. If prices go skyhigh, most everyone will be impoverished because their money won't buy much. This would hurt, especially persons living on fixed incomes such as pensions and annuities. Also, it would hurt the govern-

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German Troops Occupy Late Tolstoy Estate

KUIBYSHEV, Soviet Russia, Nov. 5.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Front-line dispatches from Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, said today that German troops had occupied the estate of the late Russian author, Leo Tolstoy. The estate, in the vicinity of Tula, had been converted into a museum by the Russians.

Greatest Armistice Day Celebration In City's History Set For Tuesday

The program for one of the greatest Armistice day celebrations to be held in Wilmington in many years virtually was complete Sunday night with the announcement that the large string of horses, being brought here for the harness races Tuesday afternoon, will arrive Monday and will be stabled at the Legion horse-show grounds.

Not since post war days has Wilmington observed Armistice day with as much ceremony and feteing as will be seen here Tuesday, the 23rd anniversary of the close of the World war.

Federal, city and county offices and many private offices will be closed for the day. Throngs of soldiers from Camp Davis, the Marine base at Jacksonville, Camp Gibbins and other Army posts will fill the city.

Under the sponsorship of the American Legion, one of the largest Armistice day programs Wilmington has ever seen has been planned.

Opening the day's events will be a gigantic parade in which the 17th training group, a composite Coast Artillery regiment, 700 men strong, the ROTC unit and band from New Hanover high school, and the Williston high school band will march.

Col. G. F. Humbert of Camp Davis will be grand marshal of the parade, which will form at Market and Fifth at 10 a. m., march down Market to Third, past the reviewing stands on the steps of the City Hall on Third to Red Cross, down Red Cross to Front, along Front to Market and back to Market and Fifth.

At 10:30 a. m., the troops will

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No Parking

Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen again pleaded Sunday night for cooperation from the public in keeping certain streets open for the Armistice Parade Tuesday. The streets which the chief is asking people not to park on from 9 o'clock Tuesday morning until after the parade are: Market from 17th to Third, Front from Market to Red Cross and Red Cross from Front to Third. Thousands of soldiers from Camp Davis will march 12 abreast down these streets.