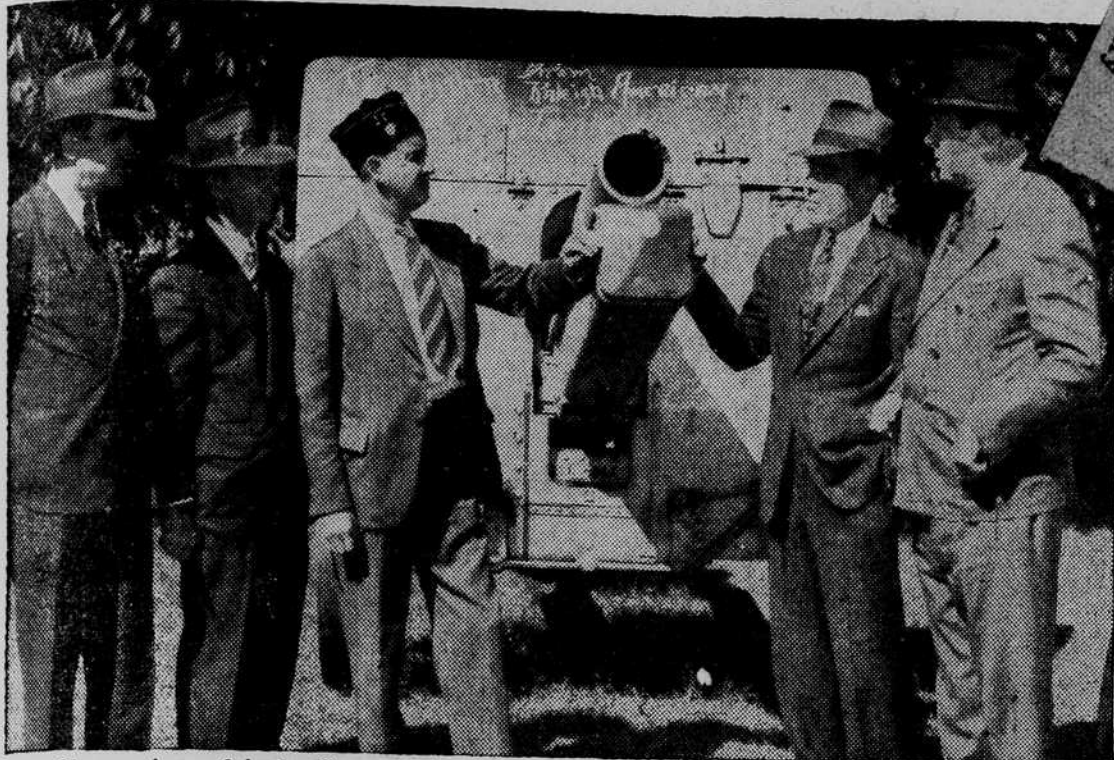


Captured German Gun Is Scrapped



Shown is a 6-inch German howitzer which was scrapped at the North Carolina central prison in Raleigh this week. Left to right are J. B. Vogler, executive secretary of the State Salvage Committee; N. E. Edgerton, committee chairman; Paul Fenner, Raleigh commander of the American Legion; Warden Ralph McLean, of the State prison, and Governor J. M. Broughton. The big gun, captured during World War I, was thrown on the nation's scrap heap by the Raleigh Post of the American Legion.

County Leaps To Second Place In State Scrap Salvage Drive

Total Of 1,313,820 Pounds Collected Here Since October First

New Hanover county leaped to second place in the newspaper-sponsored scrap drive in the state yesterday with collections reaching a new daily high of 792,039 pounds, it was reported by salvage drive heads.

The county was topped in the state drive only by Durham which reportedly had collected a total of 1,534,965 pounds since the campaign started October 1.

Working on the trucks are men from the Quartermaster Detachment (colored) from the Service Detachment (colored) and Corporals Davis and Austin. They are deserving of praise for the fine job they are doing, the committee said.

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Victory Keys



The oldest, and by far the largest, keys to be donated to the Keys to Victory campaign for scrap are these medieval giants dating from the 14th century, which Alfred D. McKelvy of New York turns over to the key drive which is collecting 100 million keys through the country.

LOCAL BEACH HITS HIGH SCRAP MARK

Wrightsville Beach's contribution to the scrap metal drive is between 12 and 15 tons. Town Clerk R. L. Benson, chairman of the resort's salvage campaign, announced today.

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S. Airmen Hit At Japs In Solomons

Task Force From Aircraft Carrier Smashes At Foe In Northern Sector

HEAVY CRUISER IS HIT

Four Other Ships Bombed, Many Planes Destroyed; No American Losses

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—An aircraft carrier task force, striking violently into the heart of Japan's defense area in the North Solomon Islands, has damaged an enemy heavy cruiser and four other ships, destroyed eight aircraft and blasted an airfield, the Navy announced tonight.

The operation, conducted in unfavorable weather, apparently caught the Japanese completely by surprise at one of their most vulnerable points. It was carried through without the loss of a man or plane and without damage to any ship.

U. S. MUST DECIDE ON FIGHTING MEN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—A warning from WPB Chairman Donald M. Nelson that the United States must soon decide how big a fighting force it can efficiently maintain brought the nation face to face tonight with the gigantic problem of how best to distribute its manpower among factory, field and fighting front.

HOUSE APPROVES GUAYULE PLANTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Advised that Guayule promised to exceed expectations as a wartime source of natural rubber, the House quickly voted today to expand plantings of this shrub from 75,000 to 500,000 acres.

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NAZI TANKS PUSH THROUGH INTO STALINGRAD STREETS; GERMANS MAY RETREAT SOON

PROPAGANDA ACTIVE

Enemy Information Lays Foundation For Possible Withdrawal

CLAIM GOAL IS WON

Faint Hint Seen That Military In Control Despite Hitler

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The German propaganda machine laid a foundation tonight for a possible retreat from Stalingrad, where the Red Army's staunch defenses have consumed Nazi troops and machines by the thousands for 45 days of flaming siege.

NAZI SUBJUGATION OF DENMARK SEEN

Evidence Is Accumulating That Danes Soon To Be Under German Rule

LONDON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—Evidence was accumulating tonight that Germany is about to make Denmark a completely subjugated state.

BRITISH REMAIN FIRM ON INDIA

Repeat Determination To Deal With Problem On Original Basis

LONDON, Oct. 8.—(AP)—The government repeated its determination today to deal with the Indian problem only within the framework of the independence proposals made by Sir Stafford Cripps, and the House of Commons gave it support by a lopsided 360 to 17 vote.

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Grew Declares Japanese Facing Ruin—Win Or Lose

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 8.—(AP)—Japan faces sure ruin even if she should win the war, former ambassador Joseph C. Grew told a victory loan rally tonight. "When I say that Japan is ruined," explained the former envoy to Tokyo, "I offer no glib assurance of your triumph and ours in the cause of democracy and human progress. I mean only that, even if Japan were to win the war—which it surely will not—the Japanese people would face the ruin of their business and their social system."

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RUSSIAN ATTACK ON FLANK

Above City Holds Newly Won Points

SOME AREAS RUINED

One Quarter Of Worker's Settlement Smashed By Foe's Fire

MOSCOW, Friday, Oct. 9.—(AP)—German tanks and infantry broke into two streets in a factory suburb of Stalingrad yesterday while the Red Army attacking the Nazi flank above the city held newly-won positions by beating off several small assaults.

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WEATHER FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA - Slightly warmer today. (EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday: Temperature: High 73; low 57; maximum 78; minimum 56; mean 66; normal 68. Humidity: 65%. Precipitation: None. Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., 0.00 inches; total since the first of the month, 0.35 inches. (From The Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey): Wilmington - High 9:55a, 3:45a; Low 9:21p, 4:07p. Masonboro Inlet - High 9:55a, 3:45a; Low 9:21p, 4:07p. Sunrise 6:33a; sunset 5:46p; moonrise 2:00a; moonset 5:47p. Cape Fear river stage at Fayetteville on Thursday, at 8 a. m., 9.47 feet. (Continued on Page Five; Col. 5)

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