

Farm Measure Fails To Win Majority Vote

Bankhead Bill Appears Headed For Uneasy Resting Place For Time

WANT VETO SUSTAINED

Agricultural Group May Receive Proposal For Later Action

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(P)—The Bankhead farm bill, vetoed by President Roosevelt on the grounds it is inflationary, tonight appeared headed for an uneasy resting place with the Senate Agriculture Committee, possibly to be brought up again at some later date.

At the end of a day of tense Senate debate, Senator Bankhead (D-Ala.), author of the measure designed to raise some farm price ceilings, conceded that the two-thirds vote necessary to override the president's veto was lacking. He asked that the bill be sent to the Agriculture committee, but a vote on his motion was deferred until tomorrow.

Majority Leader Barkley of Kentucky said he would ask that the veto be sustained, an action which would kill the bill for this session, but doubted that the necessary votes to defeat Bankhead's motion would be mustered. Only a bare majority is needed to carry the motion.

While some Administration men said returning the bill to committee would mean it was dead, Barkley said it would be "a shotgun behind the door" since it could be brought up again whenever the Farm Bloc felt it had the votes to pass the measure over Mr. Roosevelt's veto.

"To settle this thing now," Barkley said, "would do more to strengthen the morale of this country than anything else that might happen. It might settle a lot of problems that are around the corner."

Senator Bailey (D-N. C.), asking that the veto be sustained, told the Senate the issue should be clear-cut. "We are dealing with necessity," he said. "We'll either stand on our stabilization program or falter down the road to its wreckage."

President Roosevelt, at his press conference, asked reporters what the Senate was doing about the bill and, told it probably would go to the Agriculture committee, remarked that was one way of not having to commit yourself.

Bankhead indicated the farm members felt they would gain some advantage by returning the bill to committee.

Asked if this meant the measure might be held as a club over the

CUSTOMS REVENUES

Customs collections are dropping consistently, the report of E. C. Sneed, collector of U. S. customs here, revealed Tuesday.

Lack of imports, a reflection of war conditions, was ascribed as the reason for the drop-offs in customs receipts.

March collections totalled \$48,751.83, as against the \$638,903.46 realized in the same month of 1942.

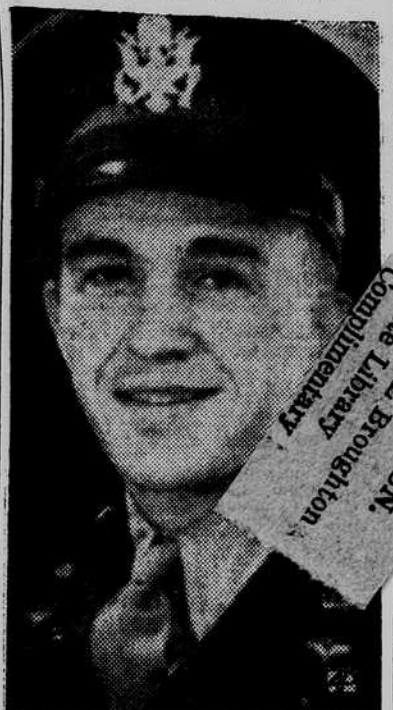
Customs receipts during the past month were \$247,754.56 below the January, 1943 collections, and were \$36,338.87 below February receipts.

Civic Clubs Here Urged To Bolster Home Morale

The leaders of civilian communities throughout the land are the people who will determine whether we win the war. Gentlemen, it is up to you! Major General Homer R. Oldfield, commander of the Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center at Camp Davis, told the 100 members of service clubs in the city who attended an Army Day luncheon in St. Paul's parish house at noon Tuesday.

The Army Day celebration, planned as a joint program for all the service clubs in Wilmington, was held in honor of distinguished military personnel who staff the various Army posts in this area. Major General Oldfield, introduced by James L. Allegood, program chairman, reminded the clubmen that it was the cracking of the German's morale that lost the First World War for Germany, and won the war for the Allies.

He Raided Paris



Lieut. Harold W. Whiteman, 23, of Atlanta, Ga., was the navigator of the "Fighting Pappy," one of the U. S. Flying Fortresses which raided Paris April 4 to bomb the Renault motor works. "We really plastered the target," said the youthful lieutenant when he and his companions returned to their base in England.

SOLDIER DIES FROM INJURIES

Driver Of Truck Re-Arrested On Charge Of Manslaughter Here

O. H. Kesse of 214 North Second street, driver for the MacMillan and Cameron Oil company, was re-arrested by city police on charges of manslaughter Tuesday night after Pvt. Lloyd W. Slover, Camp Davis soldier, died at the station hospital at the post Tuesday afternoon of injuries received when he was struck by an oil truck, allegedly driven by Kesse, here Sunday afternoon.

The driver was released under \$2,000 bond for his appearance in recorder's court here Wednesday.

Kesse had previously been awaiting trial on charges of reckless operation and driving without an operator's license, brought by investigating officers shortly after the accident at the intersection of Fifth and Orange street.

According to the police account of the accident, Slover, in company with Pvt. Thomas Soad of Camp Davis, was walking across Fifth street toward the west.

Kesse's truck, they said, was traveling west on Orange street, also, and as it reached the plaza in the center of Fifth street swerved suddenly into the right-hand lane of Fifth.

As the truck made the turn, it struck Slover who was in the act

1ST RENT TRIAL REQUESTED HERE

OPA Seeking Prosecution Of Local Landlord On Excess Rate Charge

Alleging violation of maximum rent regulations, the Office of Price Administration will seek prosecution of L. E. Everett, 604 South 16th street and his agent, Mrs. Millie Everett Smith, through the Federal courts, Clerk of U. S. Court, W. A. Wylie revealed Tuesday.

According to Mr. Wylie, this is the first case of violated rent regulations to be introduced by OPA here. The case will be heard by Judge J. M. Meekins at Wilson on April 12.

The plaintiff, listed as Prentiss M. Brown, OPA national administrator, alleges that Everett has been receiving a monthly rent of \$25.00 on a domicile, occupied by

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Reds Drive Nazis Back Near Izyum

Acknowledges German Defensive In Vital Sector

HEAVY FIGHTING SEEN

Sharp Battles Reported In Chuguev Area Southeast Of Kharkov

LONDON, Wednesday, April 7.—(P)—The Russians announced today that they had driven the Germans tacked Russian positions, fighting in a strong counterattack south of Izyum on the Donets front, and late broadcasts from Berlin acknowledged that the Nazis were on the defensive at one point in this sector.

The Red army counterattack was launched after the Germans had frequently attacked Russian positions, finally becoming exhausted in stubborn fighting, said the Moscow midnight communication as recorded here by the Soviet monitor.

The Russians also reported sharp fighting in the Chuguev area of the Donets basin, southeast of Kharkov, a consolidation of Soviet positions on the Smolensk sector of the western front, and fighting in the western Caucasus in which Red troops captured a populated place.

After noting that "no substantial changes" occurred along the entire front during Tuesday, the midnight bulletin told of "stubborn fighting" south of Izyum. About 400 Germans were killed, six of their tanks disabled and five of their guns destroyed. Two more German

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NEW VICTORY TAX RETURNS PLANNED

Employers Prepare To File Initial Payment On Wage Deductions

Wilmington employers are preparing to file their first quarterly payments for the Victory Tax, the new five per cent wage tax which went into effect January 1. Raymond D. Christman, deputy collector of internal revenue, announced Tuesday.

Returns may be filed either through Mr. Christman's office, in the post office building, or through internal revenue headquarters in Greensboro.

Employers in the area are already receiving the forms V-1 on which they are to report the total amount of victory taxes withheld from wages of their employees during the quarter. Individuals who do not receive the forms through the mail may contact Mr. Christman, in the post office building.

Victory tax represents five per cent of all wages paid in amounts over and above \$12.00 per week, which is the exemption for each person.

"There seem to be a number of people who expect to file Form V-2 at the same time," Mr. Christman declared. "V-2 is not to be filed except when an employee leaves the service of an employer. Thus the form is only an information return and not a tax return."

"If an employee remains with an employer for the entire year, he

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WEATHER

Table with weather forecast for North Carolina, including temperature, humidity, and precipitation data for various locations like Wilmington and Moore's Inlet.

Back From 'Death'



Given up for dead long ago, Lieut. Eugene D. Wallace of Los Angeles and two fellow fliers of the Army Air Forces were rescued after hiding for 10 months in a jungle of Japanese-held New Britain island north of Australia. They took to the jungle after their plane crashed on the water near Rabaul.

MEAT BLACK MART INDICTMENTS MADE

7 Corporations And 11 Individuals Charged With OPA Ceiling Violations

NEWARK, N. J., April 6.—Federal authorities disclosed today the indictment of seven corporations and 11 individuals in five states on charges of conspiracy to violate meat price ceilings and quotas.

Their scheme reached "throughout the entire United States," the indictment alleged. It was returned last Tuesday but impounded until today.

Named in the bill were these slaughter houses, packing plants and individuals: Peter Golas, Morris Freund, of the State Packing company, Inc., and the Superb Packing company, Inc., all of Chicago.

Nathan Krupnick, George Moran and the Enkay Packing company, Ind., of Paterson, N. J. Sam and Albert Simon, Jacob Schmidt, the U. S. Packing company, Inc., and the Kansas City Dressed Beef company, Inc., of Kansas City.

Leo Waxenberg, Samuel E. Jacobs, Jacob R. Cohn and the Nebraska Beef company of Omaha, Neb. Herbert C. Liebman and the Liebman Packing company, Inc., of Green Bay, Wis.

In Omaha, Jacobs denied the charges, asserting "we're as innocent as they make 'em." In Kansas City, officials of the United States Packing company, Inc., and the Kansas City Dressed Beef company asserted the Office of Price Administration had checked both companies recently and found everything in order.

"There's some mistake; they're just guessing," said Sam Simon, one of the United States Packing company's owners.

The indictment charged that Golas and Krupnick met between last July 13 and February 27 and arranged to violate the law.

Battle Of The Atlantic Reported In Axis Favor

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(P)—The battle of the Atlantic has taken a turn for the worse, with attacks by German U-boats on Allied shipping to England and Africa increasing, Secretary of the Navy Knox disclosed today.

Ship losses were higher in March than in February, Knox told a press conference. Losses in February, however, are reported to have been among the lowest of any month of the war and the increase in March was interpreted as indicating a trend rather than as marking a new peak of destruction by submarines.

The secretary's statement left no doubt that the German spring offensive in the Atlantic—an offensive designed to disrupt Allied plans for heavy military pressure on Europe this year—was actually under way and probably would be stepped up as the Germans throw more and more subs into combat duty.

The Nazis are still reported to be producing U-boats well in excess of their loss rate. Knox said that up to the present the Nazi attacks had developed "as we expected." The Germans apparently are employing some new tactical maneuvers, however, for the secretary added that "they've changed their tactics more or less." He did not explain what changes had been observed.

The U-boat blows are falling chiefly in mid-Atlantic along the supply routes to England and Africa, Knox said. This gives them an area of operations out of range

BRITISH STRIKE AGAIN AT ROMMEL'S DEFENSE

U. S. SLUGS IT OUT

American P-40 Fighters Shoot Down Four Enemy Planes

RAISE YANKEE TOTAL

Single Squadron Racks Up 79 Axis Craft Destroyed In Battle

AT A FORWARD UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE IN TUNISIA, April 5.—(Delayed)—(P)—United States P-40 fighters slugged it out with the German air force in one of the most furious running battles of the North African campaign today and shot down four enemy planes to boost the total score of their group to 41 victims in the past two weeks alone.

Two of the day's bag were Messerschmitt 109's brought down in quick succession by Maj. Levier Chase of Warwick, N. Y. The twin killing boosted his total of enemy planes destroyed to ten and made him the leading ace in the United States Air Force in this theater.

Italian Fighter Downed

Capt. John Crowder of Route one, Richmond, Va., encountered two Italian Macchi 202's. He shot one down in flames and shot the other so badly it was listed as probably destroyed.

The fourth victim was a white-nosed Messerschmitt 109 shot down by Maj. Franklin Horton of 29 South Irving street, Ridgewood, N. J.

In addition, Lieut. Lassiter Thompson of 1516 Hardaway, avenue, El Paso, Tex., was credited with one Messerschmitt probably destroyed — it was seen going into a spin with its engine badly hit — and another Messerschmitt damaged.

The day's fighting increased to 79 the total number of Axis planes shot down in North Africa by the "mob" — the title given the veteran P-40 group in honor of its 26 year-old commander, Col. William W. Mumery of Seattle, who less than a year ago was a first lieutenant and now possibly is the youngest full colonel in any branch of the United States forces.

Yesterday the group racked up a brace of victories when Lieut. Denver Division of 621 Northwest 40th street, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Bert Gouliatt of 415 Kenny boulevard, Mount Pleasant, Mich., each shot down a Messerschmitt 109 and

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Navy Wings Over Malta



Albacore planes of the Royal Navy fly over the rugged coastline of Malta as they set out on a search for Axis shipping. Below them are the small, irregularly shaped fields of Maltese farmers.

MacArthur's Bombers Blast Many Jap Bases

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Wednesday, April 7.—(P)—Salamaua and Finschafen in New Guinea, Cape Gloucester and Gasmata in New Britain and the islands of Aroe and Timbar have been bombed in new raids by Allied planes, the high command announced today.

Despite the wide area involved, operations were on a somewhat limited scale. Only in the raid on Salamaua, Japanese base on the Huon gulf, was more than one plane involved. In that raid, medium bombers started big fires in the town and silenced anti-aircraft positions. Later a single four-motored bomber bombed the jetty, demolishing supply warehouses.

A single heavy bomber strafed the airfield at Finschafen, on the Huon peninsula, at low altitude, starting fires.

One heavy bomber raided the airfield at Gasmata, New Britain, and strafed an enemy coastal vessel in a nearby harbor.

A single heavy bomber also strafed the waterfront area at Cape Gloucester.

A medium bomber raided enemy installations at Wokam and Kearnari on the Aroe islands, which are 500 miles north of Darwin, Australia.

A medium bomber raided the village of Allit on the Timbar islands. It was also announced by General MacArthur's headquarters that the Sutherland commission has returned to Australia.

Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, chief of staff for General Douglas MacArthur in Australia, and Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of Allied air forces in the southwest Pacific, headed the Army mission which conferred last month in Washington on plans for future campaigns against the Japanese.

Members of the mission, returning to Australia to report to general MacArthur, had no comment to make on the success of their mission. It had been reported here that

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Admiral Vickery Pays Flying Visit To Local Shipbuilding Company

Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, commissioner of the United States Maritime Commission, paid a flying visit to the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here yesterday.

The admiral, who was flown to the airport here, spent the afternoon inspecting the yard and conferring with officials. Admiral Vickery seemed pleased with the operations of the yard and with its production record, officials said.

The North Carolina company has launched 82 Liberty freighters for the commission to date and has contracts for eight more Liberty vessels originally scheduled, plus new contracts for 36 more Liberty type and 60 larger C-2 type ships.

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NEW DRIVE BEGINS

Montgomery Hurls Might Against Foe After Aerial Bombardment

1ST OBJECTIVES TAKEN

Mighty Push To Drive Enemy From Africa Continues Through Night

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, April 6.—(P)—Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery' British Eighth Army, striking out after aerial preparations more crushing than those preceding the victorious attacks on the Alamein and Mareth lines opened a new offensive at dawn today against Marshal Rommel's improvised defenses at the wadi el Akarit.

The first objectives were taken by storm and the mighty push to drive the Axis finally out of Africa continued throughout the day and into the night.

The wadi is some 60 miles south of Sfax, where Rommel may elect to make one of his last stands in Tunisia.

With clockwork precision, Montgomery's fighting men moved forward against the entrenched German machine-guns and infantry positions at 5:30 A.M. after a fierce bombardment through the night by concentrated British artillery.

At bayonet point British troops smashed into outlying enemy posts and, with veteran tank columns in support, the battle to drive Rommel into the narrow confines of the Tunis-Bizerte bridgehead in northern Tunisia continued.

Montgomery, the master of Rommel in every encounter of the last eight months, carefully set the stage for this newest drive by a one-week pause about 20 miles north of Gabes to bring up his troops and supplies.

The Wadi el Akarit, winding across the desert coastal plain from

CHINESE FIGHTING

CHUNGKING, April 6.—(P)—A Chinese raiding party, operating 100 miles behind Japanese lines in the coastal province of Shantung, has been engaged in brisk fighting with 3,000 of the enemy, the Chinese communique said today.

The deep penetration occurred in an area where the Chinese have presented a constant threat to major Japanese rail communications, particularly the line running from Tsingtao on the Yellow Sea to the inland river port town of Tainan. This railway is an important link in the system supplying Japanese forces at the front.

In this clash, the Chinese claimed to have killed more than 100 of the enemy. In another engagement, 200 Japanese were killed out of a force that thrust into Chinese territory in northern Honan province to test the strength of defenses there, it was stated.

NLRB Order Dismissed In Pennsylvania Court

A National Labor Relations board order against the Sun Shipbuilding and Drydock company of Chester, Pa., alleging unfair labor practices, was dismissed by a unanimous decision of the U. S. Circuit court of appeals in Philadelphia last week, it was learned here Tuesday.

The NLRB had ordered the company to disband the Sun Employees' association as a company union. It had also ordered the company to reinstate certain employees.

Officials of the North Carolina company have announced that they will appeal the NLRB order "to the highest courts." Attorneys for the Cape Fear Shipbuilding association have also said that the order will "most definitely" be appealed.

The decision given by the court in Philadelphia holds the Sun Employees' association is a bona fide association for the Cape Fear Shipbuilding association has also said that the order will "most definitely" be appealed.

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