

Wilmington and Vicinity: Mild with diminishing winds and rains ending in afternoon. Temperatures yesterday: High 71—Low 61.

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REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR AND BATAAN

HURRICANE KILLS 2 IN MIAMI; MOVES UP COAST

INVASION OF PHILIPPINES CONFIRMED

Amphibious Forces Said To Have Landed On Suluan Island

General MacArthur's headquarters in the Philippines, Friday, Oct. 20. (P)—(Army Radio Pool Broadcast) — American invasion of the Philippines was officially proclaimed today by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

By The Associated Press American invasion of the Philippines — almost two and a half years after the fall of Corregidor — was reported by radio Tokyo Thursday. Japanese reports said American amphibious forces from fleets commanded by Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Admiral Raymond Spruance, hit the east-central Philippines and apparently landed fighting men on small Suluan island, in the mouth of Leyte gulf only 400 airline miles southeast of Manila.

There was no American confirmation of Nippon reports that MacArthur had carried out his declared determination of March 17, 1942, when, upon landing in Australia from the Philippines, he said "I shall return."

The Japanese Domei news agency said in a broadcast monitored by the Federal Communications Commission, that U. S. forces had begun their "re-invasion of the Philippines" backed by naval guns of the Pacific fleet and planes flying from bases in China. The China coast is approximately 1,000 miles west of Leyte island.

Domei said the invasion started Monday, U. S. time. It asserted "part of the enemy forces seem to have landed on Suluan island."

A Japanese imperial headquarters communique pictured the "enemy fleet" of warships and troop transports as pushing into Leyte gulf after shore defenses had been blasted with naval shells and aerial bombs for two days. The Japanese said their forces were opposing the invasion.

Domei claimed that U. S. Task Force 58, the mighty carrier armada of Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher that has blasted the Ryukyu islands, Formosa and the northern Philippines since Oct. 9, was not in the Leyte gulf cañon.

LANE, NICHOLS BACK FROM MEET

Mayor W. Ronald Lane and City Manager A. C. Nichols will return to the city Monday morning after attending the International City Managers association conference at Chicago.

The conference opened Friday morning, Oct. 13, and ended Oct. 18, and the emphasis was on municipal problems which will be faced after the war, and general administrative topics.

Fred Rippey, administrative assistant, disclosed yesterday that the assembly of approximately 150 city managers of the United States and Canada discussed general operational problems facing the city governments.

In explaining the relation of Wilmington with the conference, Rippey said that the problem of comprehensive planning and "how to get public participation," was of particular interest to the Wilmington officials. Also of interest to officials here was planning, financing and improving the post-war municipality, Rippey said.

The City Managers association discussed the training of department heads and other administrative personnel, and future municipal trends along the lines of finance, personnel and federal-city relations.

In this country, there are 562 cities under the city manager plan, and 18 in Canada. There are also five in Ireland and the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico is governed by the manager plan. Also there are seven counties in the United States, which operate under this plan, two of which are in North Carolina — Durham county and Guilford county.

In North Carolina there are 25 cities under the manager form of government, including Charlotte, Durham, Greensboro, Asheville, Rocky Mount, and High Point, and Wilmington, which went under the new form of government in 1941.

Reds Smash East Prussia With Big Army

WELL ACROSS BORDER

Berlin Broadcast Admits Russians Digging Deeper Into Reich

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 20. — (P) — A huge Red army, composed of Moscow and Stalingrad veterans and supported by waves of tanks and planes and hundreds of big Soviet guns, has begun the first Russian invasion of pre-war Germany, smashing several miles into East Prussia and still was making headway at midnight, Berlin announced early today.

The fall of Eydtkau, border town 37 miles east of the ten-way junction of Insterburg, and 87 miles from the East Prussian capital of Konigsberg on the German Baltic coast, was announced officially yesterday by the German high command.

Moscow, as is usual at the unfolding of important operations, kept silent about the offensive which Berlin said was backed by 600 tanks and supported at both ends of a flaming 200-mile front by two other massive armies attacking on the northern and southern ends of the imperiled Junker homeland.

A dramatic midnight broadcast from Berlin quoted a German foreign correspondent as saying that the Russians still were digging deeper into the ancient land of the Teutonic knights, and adding: "No battle in the East has ever seen such concentrations of Russian air forces and seasoned campaigners cannot recall a similar surfeit of Russian artillery and tanks."

Another broadcast made earlier said the Russians possessed "an unheard of numerical superiority." While the Germans often emphasize their own inferiority during a severe Nazi reverse, Moscow dispatches previously said that the Russians had massed a tremendous force along the East Prussian frontier, where an army has been poised for two months.

Berlin said German reserves were being rushed to the front, presumably these include units of the new home army of all males between 16 and 60, whose formation Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler announced Wednesday in a speech shown in East Prussia.

Without mentioning the East Prussian sector the Moscow radio last night said "the war has entered its final stage" now that Soviet armies are swarming into Czechoslovakia on a 171-mile front, battling German-Hungarian forces around the strategic road and rail hubs of Debrecen in Hungary, and annihilating Axis troops in Belgrade, invaded Yugoslav capital.

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Blind Solve Production Puzzle For Contractor

DENVER, Oct. 19. — (P) — Nine blind persons have solved a production dilemma for a Denver contractor manufacturing rifle cleaning thongs for the Army. Knots which had to be tied in the thongs were slowing up work; 833 an hour was the best output. Two blind employees hired as an experiment did so well seven more were employed. They stepped up the output as much as 175 per cent, one of them tying 4,000 knots in seven and a half hours.

Board Of Directors, 3d Fleet



Under overall command of Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr. the seven admirals pictured above direct the slashing attacks of the U. S. Third Fleet against Japan's inner defenses in the Pacific. Second in command is Vice Adm. W. A. Lee, Jr., of Natick, Ky.; sparkplug of the fast Carrier Task Force is Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher, with Vice Adm. J. S. McCain, formerly deputy chief of naval operations, in direct charge of carrier units. Other Third Fleet commanders are Rear Admirals Fredericks Sherman, R. E. Davison, G. F. Bogdan and H. B. Sallada.

REP. H. P. FULMER DIES SUDDENLY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19. — (P) — Rep. Hampton P. Fulmer, 69-year-old democratic chairman of the house agriculture committee and dean of the South Carolina delegation, died suddenly late today of a heart attack.

He had just stepped out of an elevator in the Methodist building annex, where he and Mrs. Fulmer had an apartment, when he stumbled. The operator went to his assistance and helped him into the apartment. Within a few minutes the congressman died.

Mrs. Fulmer was away at the time but returned a short time later. Rep. John W. Flannagan, Jr., (D-Va.) moves up to the committee chairmanship. Fulmer's death cuts the number of democrats in the house to 214 compared with 212 republicans. This is the lowest number of democrats in 12 years. There are four minor party members and five vacancies.

The South Carolinian had served 12 consecutive terms in the house, having first taken office March 4, 1921. He had been chairman of the agriculture committee since 1940. Throughout his legislative career and especially since he attained the chairmanship, Fulmer devoted himself to legislation designed to better the lot of the "dirt farmer."

A subject of particular interest to him was what he called the unjust "spread" between prices received by the farmer for his production and the prices paid by the ultimate consumer. Farmers, he maintained, were unjustly penalized for the heavy cost represented by the disproportionate share of food costs taken

GERMANY ECHOES AIR RAID ALARMS

LONDON, Friday, Oct. 20. — (P) — Air raid alarms were sounded early today in southwestern Germany as the Berlin radio reported a strong formation of Allied bombers was over the Rhineland again following up the heavy American daylight raid yesterday by more than 1,000 heavy bombers. Those planes blasted the Rhineland and Ludwigshafen with 3,000 tons of explosives.

Mainz, another Reich industrial city 45 miles to the north, was attacked also in a change of pace for U. S. Eighth air force Liberators and Portresses which had hit Cologne four times during the last four days.

The Germans at Mannheim were still digging out from under debris of a raid by RAF Mosquitos last night when the American heavy bombers released their 2,000 pounders through a thick overcast from altitudes at which temperatures ranged as low as 50 below zero.

The Mosquitos also hit Hannover, 175 miles west of Berlin. One RAF bomber failed to return. Thunderbolt and Mustang pilots reported no substantial air opposition over the three daylight targets, but bomber crews said the flak was terrific. The blow at Mannheim supported American armies punching at the center of the Siegfried line, since Mannheim is a railway supply base as well as a home for Nazi industry producing tanks, guns and trucks. The noted L. G. Farben factory is at Ludwigshafen where a two-mile-long plant manufactures oxygen, synthetic oil and other chemicals.

Berlin Sees Fresh Allied Drive Near

TWO ARMIES INVOLVED

To Be Seaborne Invasion By Way Of Rotterdam, Observers Say

LONDON, Oct. 19. — (P) — The Berlin radio tonight forecast a possible combined offensive by the British Second Army and the American First Army, timed with a seaborne invasion of Rotterdam.

The Rotterdam invasion, commentator Ludwig Sertorius said, must come unless the great port of Antwerp is freed for Allied use "within a very short time."

"Although the enemy needs Antwerp badly," the broadcast stated, "he cannot afford to wait any longer to improve conditions for a new attack by the British, and the first blow may be expected any moment now."

One Berlin military spokesman spread the view that "American penetration at Venray in eastern Holland may be regarded as a curtain-raiser for a new major offensive."

Another said: "Between Eindhoven and Nijmegen, the Second British army is regrouping and reinforcing formations with one infantry and one tank division, also with parts of an American tank division. Preparations for a further Allied major operation between Waal and Meuse are in progress."

BRITISH ADVANCE

LONDON, Oct. 19. — (P) — British troops advancing southward from captured Venray ploughed 3-1/2 miles deeper into the German Maas river bridgehead in Holland today and with a strong American force converged upon the key town of Amerika, astride one of the main railroads leading eastward into Germany's industrial northern Rhineland.

The Germans, given no respite after their costly defeat at Venray and faced with possible encirclement on the Maas west bank, began hastily retreating from strong positions northeast of Venray, and to the south and southwest fell back before powerful American and British drives. It was the eighth day of an Allied offensive to eliminate the German Maas salient and prepare

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POLISH PARLEYS ARE SUSPENDED

LONDON, Oct. 19. — (P) — The conferees in the Soviet capital between the rival Polish factions from Lublin and London have been suspended without final decision, the Moscow radio said tonight. The Lublin group is standing firm on its demand that acceptance by the London delegation of the 1921 Polish constitution be made the basis for any negotiations.

\$20,000,000 DAMAGE TO CITRUS CROP

City Alerted If Hurricane Should Come

A Washington advisory issued at 12:30 midnight said the hurricane had moved slowly north or northeast during the past three hours and was then centered about 45 miles southwest of Charleston.

The Wilmington weather bureau said at 1:30 o'clock this (Friday) morning that winds here would reach their highest velocity at about 4 o'clock and probably not exceed 45 or 50 miles an hour.

Only heavy rain and moderately heavy winds had been felt here up until 11:45 o'clock last night, as the hurricane moved up the state, and reports indicated that the storm probably would not reach hurricane proportions in this area, but high winds were expected to strike some time between 1 and 2 a. m., today. Red Cross, Coast Guard and the Tide Water Power company were on the alert but a definite lull in winds and tides at Southport and Wrightsville Beach was reported about 11:30 p. m.

At 11:20 p. m., the wind at Southport was reported to have slowed down to 32 miles an hour and the barometer had been standing at 29.70 for an hour. The tide was said to be normal and no unusual high tide was noted, a Coast Guard report said.

A 10:20 p. m. report received by the Coast Guard said that the storm had struck Charleston with winds from 60 to 70 miles-an-hour and that the city was in darkness.

The winds in Southport at 10 p. m. had reached a velocity of from 50 to 65 miles-an-hour, varying according by gusts, an official Coast Guard report said.

The barometer reading at Wrightsville Beach at 10:40 p. m. was 29.58, a drop from the 5:30 p. m. reading of 29.72, a Weather Bureau representative reported. He said at 10:40 p. m. that the wind was very strong and a heavy rain was falling. The tide was quite high with the wind from the northeast.

Residents who had not already left the beach, in response to the 4 p. m. warning from the Weather Bureau, were told at 10 p. m. to leave immediately, he added. They were given plenty of time to leave before dark and preparations for shelter in Wilmington were made for those who had no place to stay, he explained.

Little Damage Done In Jacksonville; Beach Homes Destroyed

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 19. — (P) — A tropical hurricane swept northward tonight along the south Atlantic coast after crossing Florida, causing two deaths in Miami and estimated damage of \$20,000,000 to the state's citrus crop.

The weather bureau said the storm probably would reach a point off Cape Hatteras early Friday and pass out to sea.

Relatively little damage occurred at Jacksonville, but nearly 50 beach houses were destroyed by wind and tides at Fernandina beach, 25 miles northward. In the populous Sarasota-Tampa-St. Petersburg area, where the hurricane moved inland at dawn, beach residents were evacuated and no loss of life was reported.

Damage to property in Florida was estimated in the millions of dollars, but no single area seemed severely hit. Although the storm lost some of its force as it moved seaward hurricane warnings were ordered hoisted from Florida to the Virginia capes. Winds of 60 to 80 miles an hour were forecast as far north as Cape Hatteras.

At Key West, six naval vessels were driven aground but none was seriously damaged and there were no casualties. A navy tug which removed 21 men from an abandoned lightship reestablished radio communication today and reported all aboard were safe.

The Miami dead included an unidentified enlisted seaman, who was killed when his motorcycle crashed into the main gate of the Miami Naval Station before dawn today.

Earlier a night watchman, Ronnie Tobias Mangams, 60, was electrocuted when a 23,000-volt power line fell on him.

Winds of 60 to 70 miles an hour accompanied the storm's passage over Jacksonville. Numerous plate glass windows were broken and trees uprooted. Shipyard workers were permitted to leave their jobs before the storm struck. Schools also were dismissed.

The citrus loss estimate came from Gaylor Wiggins, secretary-treasurer of an Orlando company. He said the grapefruit crop loss might be from 40 to 60 per cent and the orange crop damage 15 to 20 per cent.

High tides were caused along the coast and winds in some places reached 100 miles an hour velocity. The storm was accompanied by heavy rains. Hurricane warnings were posted as far north as the Virginia Capes. The weather bureau predicted gales, hurricane winds and heavy rains for the Georgia and Carolina coasts.

Hurricane Razed Cuban Port; Death Toll Now 24

HAVANA, Oct. 19. — (P) — Surgidero de Batabano, south Cuban coastal port built on lowlands and over water, was destroyed by yesterday's hurricane, and its fishing fleet of more than 20 schooners driven as much as half a mile inland, reports from the hard-hit area said tonight.

While tabulations rose to an estimated 24 dead, and U. S. authorities began planning a relief to stricken parts of the island, it appeared that the Isle of Pines, although badly buffeted, had escaped heavy damage. The tiny island, to the south of Cuba, has a population of 10,000 and extensive North American interests. The principal city, Nueva Gerona, reported fallen trees and damaged houses, but devastation generally was less than expected.

WPB Appeals To Children To Be "Paper Troopers"

Wilmington School pupils have been doing splendidly in their waste paper drive, say the group which is sponsoring and encouraging the effort. The nation's stockpile will be considerably larger as a result of their work, and the leading units be the better off financially because of the prizes aggregating 150 which the Wilmington Paper Stock company has put up. The campaign was initiated with the purpose of closing on October 21, but in light of a special appeal from J. A. Krug, chairman of the War Production board, for continuing contributions of waste and scrap paper, it is anticipated that either the school children will go on collecting paper throughout the winter or other groups take up the job when they stop.

WEATHER

FORECAST North Carolina: Mild Friday, diminishing winds and rains ending in afternoon. (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., yesterday. Temperature: 1:30 am, 63; 1:30 am, 65; 1:30 pm, 70; 7:30 pm, 67. Maximum 71; Minimum 61; Mean 66; Normal 64. Humidity: 1:30 am, 97; 7:30 am, 86; 1:30 pm, 82; 7:30 pm, 100. Precipitation: Total for the 24 hours ending 7:30 pm 0.55 inches. Total since the first of the month, 3.72 inches. Tides For Today (From the Tide Tables published by U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey) Wilmington: High 11:54a; Low 7:14a. Masonboro Inlet: High 8:22a; Low 3:06p. Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.; Sunset, 6:32 p.m. Moonrise, 6:28 a.m.; Moonset, 7:59 p.m.

Foreign Affairs Take First Campaign Place

By The Associated Press Foreign affairs pushed further to the forefront in the presidential campaign yesterday (Thursday) with democrats hitting back at Governor Thomas E. Dewey's foreign policy speech and one declaring that republican "economic isolationists" hope to repeat the "conspiracy of 1920" against the League of Nations.

The latter charge came from James M. Cox, the 1920 democratic presidential nominee who had Franklin D. Roosevelt as his running mate when he lost to Warren G. Harding. Dewey's Wednesday address, attacking what he called the "personal, secret diplomacy" of President Roosevelt brought a formal State Department reply taking issue with some of the Republican candidate's remarks concerning the armistice with Romania.