



State Highway Patrolmen C. J. Ferguson and R. E. Sherrill are shown above viewing the wreckage of a Ford coach in which three were killed in an early morning crash into the Cape Fear river bridge. The front left side of the bridge was smashed in the wreck. Killed were a former Wilmington waitress, Nora Lee Herring of Calypso, Stanley R. Trusler, U. S. Merchant Marine, Military Policeman William S. Little.

### Ex-circus Horse Facing Cool Reception At 'Mat'

By ED CREAGH  
NEW YORK, March 28. — (AP) — When White Ghost, a Wagner-loving circus horse, sets hoof on the Metropolitan Opera house stage Saturday night, he is likely to find the welcome mat rolled up and stowed away.  
It's not that the "Mat" is snooty about his sawdust background. It's just that some sensitive toes were trod on when Robert Ringling presented White Ghost—one of Ringling Brothers' famed Tennessee walking horses—to Soprano Helen Traubel.  
"Now you'll have a real mount instead of one of those sorry-looking nags," said Ringling, a Chicago Opera singer himself before he became president of the circus. Miss Traubel, who leads a horse on stage in "Goetterdaemmerung," was delighted.  
Not so the Opera Association. "What sorry-looking nags?" demanded a "Mat" spokesman. "Our horses have been better this year than ever, and the black one Miss Traubel leads is a young, healthy animal. Nag, indeed!"  
One reason for the house's sensitivity is that a horse refused to

face the audience in a performance of "Boris Goudonov" last season, forcing Armand Tokatyan to sing the role of Dimitri while riding backwards.  
Miss Traubel, an old hand with horses during her girlhood in St. Louis, said today she was convinced that the white steed's debut would dispel any prejudice against him.  
"Mr. Ringling has been singing Wagner to him all winter in Florida," she explained, "so I expect him, unlike some of the horses I have used, to behave perfectly. It wouldn't surprise me if he knew the cues."  
White Ghost will rejoin the circus when he isn't helping Miss Traubel sing Bruennhilde. There's really no place for a horse, even a walking horse in an apartment, his new owner said.

### Forrestal Declares Navy May Seek Reinstatement Of Cancelled Ship Plans

WASHINGTON, March 28. — (AP) — Secretary Forrestal said today the Navy may seek reinstatement of part of the ship construction program which was reduced yesterday.  
Forrestal said the order cancelling 72 of the 84 ships of all types projected earlier this year originated with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, who was "so conscious of the impact of the program on manpower, that on the basis of relative demand he felt it was not wise to start."  
While the Navy "may disagree," Forrestal said, "somebody has to weigh competing demands on the national economy."  
The Secretary said the initial program of 84 ships was inaugurated on the basis of "insurance," because "we do not know at what point Japan can implement a damaging attack on the fleet."

### Public Passover Rites Held In Aachen for the First Times Since 1938

ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS U. S. NINTH AIRFORCE, March 28. — (AP) — For the first time since 1938, there was a public observance of the Passover at Aachen today.  
Jewish American soldiers and a handful of German Jews assembled in a partially destroyed barn for the service. The G. I.s with battle equipment sat at tables to receive the matzos and consecrated wine.  
The barn was the most habitable place for the service that could be found in battered Aachen. German civilians, long indoctrinated with anti-Semitism, watched impassively as the Jews gathered. The service was conducted by Capt. Robert S. Marcus, New York, Ninth Tactical Air Force chaplain.

### Two Cooks In Argument Over Hamburger Finish In Double Knife Murder

WASHINGTON, March 28. — (AP) — An argument police said began over a pan of hamburger ended today in the double stabbing to death of two cooks at the Harrington hotel.  
Police listed the victims as William R. Pressley, 40, and Amos Harris, 20.  
They said witnesses told them Pressley accused Harris of being too slow in delivering hamburger to him and that the men fought with butcher knives.  
Waitresses ran screaming into the dining room. Service was interrupted at the top of the luncheon hour.

### British Merchantmen Used Miniature Deck For Anti-Sub Planes

LONDON, March 28. — (AP) — During the most critical period in the battle of the Atlantic a number of British merchant ships were equipped with "postage stamp" landing decks enabling them to carry their own aircraft protection without sacrificing cargo tonnage, the Admiralty disclosed tonight.  
The vessels, grain-type freighters requiring a minimum amount of alteration, were forerunners of the Navy's "Woolworth carriers" now used for escorting ocean convoys. They were operated by the merchant navy and carried fleet air arm pilots.  
"In some cases the pilots had a flat space of only about 400 feet from which to take off and land," the Admiralty announcement said. "Considering the alarming deck movement frequently encountered in the Atlantic, this was no small feat."

### German Motor Convoys Mauled By U. S. Planes

LONDON, March 28. — (AP) — Two large German motor convoys totalling more than 800 vehicles loaded with soldiers were mauled today by U. S. Ninth Air Force fighter bombers which caught them fleeing eastward from Gieszen.  
At least 314 buses, trucks and staff cars were listed as destroyed and 72 damaged as 250 planes dumped bombs on them and then raked the columns with machine gun fire.

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### Third and 'Thunderbird' Infantry Units Spared Seventh Across the Rhine

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY GROUP, March 28. — (AP) — The famed Third Infantry and the 45th (Thunderbird) Infantry spearheaded the American Seventh Army's jump across the Rhine Sunday, it was disclosed today.  
The Thunderbird Division is commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert Frederick, formerly head of the American Special Service Forces in Italy. The Third is commanded by Maj. Gen. John "Iron Mike" O'Daniel.

### 40 Persons Feared Dead In Brazil Flash Flood

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 28. — (AP) — Up to 40 persons may have died in a flash flood Tuesday at Petropolis, Brazil's summer capital 40 miles north of Rio de Janeiro.  
Newspaper dispatches said today 30 bodies already had been recovered as the Rio Piabanha, swollen by heavy rains, began to subside. Damage was estimated at approximately \$1,000,000.

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## Italian Patriots Ordered To Stand-by For U.S. Call

ROME, arch 28. — (AP) — Gen. Mark W. Clark, indicating that large-scale Allied action on the stalemated Italian battle front was in prospect, today ordered patriots in northern Italy to be ready at a "moment's notice" to aid his armies.  
The patriots "will be called upon to be of specific assistance to my armies shortly," the commander of the Allied 15th Army Group said.  
As Clark broadcast his message the Long Italian front was quiet except for a few patrol clashes.  
Patriots in the Brenner Pass and along the rail lines north of Bologna leading to the pass were urged to prepare immediately for sabotaging the German escape routes.

The Allied commander advised patriots not to take on new recruits because, he said, many Italians "will try to join the winning side with suddenly acquired enthusiasm" when the end approaches.  
Clark hinted at ideological differences among the patriots in northern Italy, urging that there be "no political discord."  
Clark in concluding told the patriots that "more detailed instructions will follow in due time."  
In 1900, 17 per cent of the U. S. population was 45 years or older.

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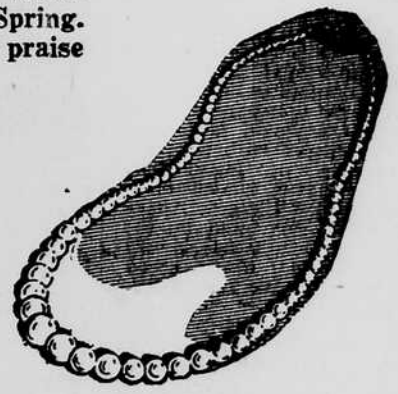
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