

ITALO-FRENCH CLASH IN AFRICA REPORTED

Death List Reaches Four In Tornado Near Windsor

Police and Anti-Nazis Battle at Bund Rally



Trapped in melee between police and Nazi foes outside Madison Square Garden, New York, man in foreground uses book to shield his face. Another in background argues volubly, but to no avail. 1700 police kept disturbances at a minimum as thousands of anti-Nazis protested the Bund rally inside.

Many Hurt In Serious Wind Storm

Red Cross on Scene Rendering Assistance; Highway Patrol and Special Officers Keep Order; Hospital Is Crowded With Injured

Windsor, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Red Cross workers gave assistance today to at least a dozen farmers who saw their homes demolished by a tornado that killed four persons and injured an undetermined number last night.

The tornado struck Green's Cross Roads here, late yesterday and cut a path nearly three miles long through that rural area.

Robert Lawrence, 90, and J. F. Mizelle, farmer, were fatally injured in the storm. Police Chief John W. Brown, of Colerain, was killed when his car collided with a bus which highway patrolmen said stopped before a tree which had been blown over the highway. Mrs. George Lawrence, 66, died at the Windsor hospital early today of injuries received in the storm.

Dr. F. H. Garris, Bertie county health officer, said most of the approximately 25 persons brought to a hospital here and those who were removed to residences suffered minor injuries.

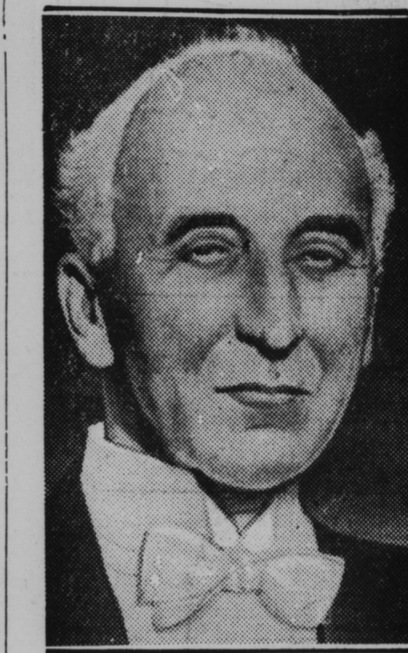
The State Highway Patrol, police and residents of this area were pressed into service last night. School buses, automobiles and trucks went from farm house to farm house in search of victims.

The town's only hospital soon was over-crowded. Emergency cots and supplies were brought from storage and police were stationed in front of the institution to keep a crowd estimated by sheriff's deputies at 500 from getting in the way.

Gladys Connor, who escaped with minor injuries, said she was standing in her home when suddenly it

Hoey at Charlotte Urges Business And Government Accord

Billions for Arms



Sir John Simon

Declaring England had reached a scale of armaments production never before touched by that nation, Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, moved a resolution in parliament increasing the government's borrowing powers for defense to four billion dollars.

Governor Urges Cooperation of Two in Address to Legislature in One-Day Session in State's Metropolis; Other Dignitaries Speak

Charlotte, Feb. 22.—(AP)—A joint session of the North Carolina Senate and House, meeting in the Charlotte auditorium-armory, heard Governor Hoey promise today that the State budget would be balanced, and express the belief that business and government should work together for the general welfare.

The joint session dissolved at 12:14 p. m. on motion of Senator Lumpkin, of Franklin.

Charlotte, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Governor Hoey, at a history-making joint session of the General Assembly here today, asserted "we believe that government and business should work together in harmony, with full cooperation upon the part of each, and free from antagonisms by either."

There is a general feeling, Hoey said, that conditions do not warrant major tendencies in tax policies now, either in the way of new levies or

80 Italians, Four French Listed Dead

Strained Relations Between Two Governments Further Intensified; Italian Troops Said to Have Penetrated French Tunisia

Paris, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Persistent reports of a clash between French and Italian troops on the Tunisian boundary, in which 84 were killed, brought strained French-Italian relations sharply to the foreground again today.

The reports were received in diplomatic as well as private quarters in Paris, and came from Tunis. The foreign office said it could not confirm them, but did not issue an immediate denial.

The clash was said to have occurred Friday when Italian troops penetrated French territory from Libya at a spot about 25 miles southeast of the first French fortified line around Ben Gardane.

French casualties were placed at four killed and Italian at 80 killed. The Italians were driven back into Libya, the report said.

Friday night, French reinforcements suddenly were shifted to a fortified zone.

The French Mediterranean fleet had arrived at the Tunisian port of Bizerte the day before. A naval detachment was reported to have begun patrolling immediately along the Tunisian coast.

In recent weeks, other border incidents had been reported, but none was confirmed officially. Three weeks ago an Italian airplane was reported to have flown over Tunisian territory and to have been shot down by French anti-aircraft gunners.

There have also been round-ups of Italians in Tunisia, culminating in the arrest Sunday of an Italian consulate employe.

Woodring Asks Sky As Limit For Airplanes For The Army

On Mysterious Trip



Marshal Pietro Badoglio
Mysterious trip of Marshal Pietro Badoglio, chief of the Italian general staff, to Libya was believed to be in connection with troop reinforcements in that Italian territory adjoining Tunisia, French North African protectorate.

House Gets Resolution for Recall of Ambassador Daniels To Tell Real Facts About German Inroads in Mexico; Vote Tomorrow on Guam Defense

Washington, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Secretary of War Woodring has urged the Senate Military Committee, it was disclosed today, to take the limitations of the number of airplanes that might be acquired by the army under new defense program.

Woodring, writing to Chairman Sheppard, Democrat, Texas, of the Senate Committee, Woodring noted that the number would be limited to 6,000 planes under the bill as it passed the House. Meanwhile, the House, pausing briefly before considering the \$53,000,000 naval air base bill, heard participants in the recent German-American Bund meeting in New York denounced as "traitors" to the United States.

Representative Martin, Democrat, Colorado, described the Madison Square Garden meeting as a "mass demonstration of aliens, wearing the uniform of a foreign dictator, the enemy of everything that George Washington stood for and America typifies."

"God save America from Nazi Christianity," the white-haired Coloradan shouted.

Prolonged applause greeted his remarks at several points.

Turning to the naval air base bill, the House heard Representative Taber, Republican, New York, describe as "useless and a waste" one section of it proposing a \$5,000,000 harbor development at the Pacific is-

Wallace Mayor Is Shot by Own Gun

Kinston, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Mayor Aubrey Harrell, 52, of Wallace, underwent an operation at a hospital here today for removal of a pistol bullet from his head. He was given an even chance to recover.

At the hospital, Harrell was quoted as saying he shot himself accidentally while dressing in his home at Wallace this morning. His pistol fell as he was placing it in his pocket, he was quoted as saying, and it discharged as it struck the floor. The bullet, which entered just back of his right ear, lodged in the back of his head.

Harrell was conscious when brought here and placed on the operating table.

Demand Vote On Reforms On Thursday

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Definite and decisive action will be flatly demanded at Thursday morning's session of the House Committee on Elections and Election Laws, with Chairman George Phillips pressing hard for quick report to the floor of a bill em-

Recognition From France, Britain Near

They Sought Guarantees from Franco, Were Refused and Will Act Anyhow

London, Feb. 22.—(AP)—"Unconditional recognition" of Nationalist General Franco's government in Spain within a "few days" was considered by the British cabinet today along with the Italian-French situation in northern Africa.

The Earl of Perth said British Ambassador Grandi was understood to have told before going to Rome this week that Great Britain hoped Italian territorial claims on France would assume a "reasonable tone."

A hint that Britain was committed to sending another large army to the continent in the event of war emerged from two days of defense debate in the House of Commons.

The cabinet, meeting a day after it was disclosed that the British and French general staffs "were in continuous conversation" noted the apparent failure of British-French efforts to persuade the nationalist regime at Burgos to abstain from reprisals against Spanish republican leaders in return for recognition.

Regarding Spain, Prime Minister Chamberlain was said to have explained to the cabinet that Great Britain would have liked guarantees that Franco would remove his for-

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Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Today's session of the General Assembly in Charlotte brings a lull in heavy firing on the wage-hour bill front, after first guns of a campaign which promises one of the bitterest of the session started booming yesterday.

Forces of labor and advocates of a wage-hour bill for the State comparable to the Federal statute more or less took to their dugouts as hotel and cafe operators and representatives of retail furniture dealers opened up with a verbal barrage directed at the proposal, sponsored by the State Department of Labor, that

State's fiscal policy. "We have reached the saturation point in taxes under the existing levies," said Senator Gibbs last night "I would like to vote for restoration of teacher pay; I am intensely interested in better library facilities; in fact, I want to see the State go forward along cultural lines rather than backward. But it would be the height of folly to vote money which we know cannot be raised."

Ballentine went a little further than his colleague. "Senator Gibbs is entirely right in his position," said the Wake county member. "Not only

Fresh Whine Rises After Fund Slash

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Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Another voice was added to the chorus of the appropriations blues (a tune sung lustily and in short meter) today when C. D. Baum, of the Department of measures division, Department of Agriculture, predicted that activities of his unit will have to be reduced sharply if the legislature goes through with a reduction in his budget as proposed by the appropriations committee.

"Protection against short weight and inaccurate measures will be reduced more than 40 per cent", he wrote in a statement which fairly wailed with anguish.

"As it is", he continued, "the present inspection staff can only check grocery scales every two years, cotton and coal scales every two years while other weighing and measuring devices must be relatively neglected."

The weights and measures division

Gibbs Thinks State Has Reached Peak Of Taxing

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY G. LYNN NISBET

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—The main problem confronting the General Assembly of North Carolina is not that of finding a balance for the budget for the next biennium, but of completely revising the taxation system of the State, according to Senators Frank Gibbs, of Warren, and Linton Ballentine, of Wake. Both are members of the appropriations committee and have hesitated to impose their ideas upon the finance-committees which must raise the revenue. But they are now convinced that a balanced budget is a pipe dream unless some basic changes are made in the

Hard Freeze For Tonight Forcast For This Section

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Cold winds swept North Carolina today and Weather Man Lee Denson forecast that hard freezing weather would grip the State to the coast by morning. For Raleigh and vicinity he predicted tomorrow of 22 degrees.

Mystery Ship Torpedoed, Is Radio Report

Chatham, Mass., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The torpedoing of a vessel believed to be of Dutch registry, about 2,000 miles east of New York, was reported today in a message received by the Radio Marine Corporation station here.

The message, received from the American freighter Tulsa said she had picked up an SOS from a ship giving the call letters PECC, reporting she had been torpedoed and was sinking about 1,200 miles northwest of the African coast.

Naval headquarters at Boston said call letters beginning with "P" usually were assigned to ships of Holland registry. The ship gave her position, placing her about 550 miles southwest of the nearest Canary islands, and 1,100 miles west of Madeira. Her position was consid-

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Rome, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini confirmed to Nationalist General Franco today that Italian troops are at the Spanish leader's disposal "until final victory."

Mussolini made his re-affirmation in a telegram acknowledging greetings from Franco on the occasion of a big military review in Barcelona, fallen government capital. Italian legionnaires marched past Franco in the parade.

"Ending the campaign in Catalonia and after the victorious army, including the valiant legionnaires, passed in review in Barcelona, the Spanish people acclaim Italy and her duce," Franco's message said.

"With the enthusiastic greetings of

Hillsboro's Jailer Hurt By Bad Trio

Hillsboro, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Sheriff S. T. Latta disclosed today that Ralph Hanford, of Alamance county, attempted unsuccessfully last night to lead a break for freedom from the Orange county jail. The officer said Hanford, awaiting trial on charges arising out of a gun battle at Burlington last December, that left two officers and a bandit dead, was knocked out by Jailer W. R. Roberts after three prisoners attacked him.

The other two escaped, but one was captured about two hours later. Latta said Roberts was locking the prisoners in their cells soon after the supper hour last night, when Hanford struck the jailer with a bottle, inflicting a wound that bled profusely, but not seriously hurting Roberts otherwise. The jailer then felled Hanford for the count "with some whiff", the sheriff related. Meanwhile, two other prisoners attacked Roberts briefly, then made their getaway.

Sheriff Latta gave their names as

Mussolini Leaves Troops At Disposal Of Franco

the Spanish armies to its comrades, I send you my own."

Mussolini replied: "Thank you for having granted legionnaire troops the high honor of marching before you in Barcelona, conquered for Spain, free and great, which you are constructing. I return your greetings with great cordiality, confirming that the Italian legionnaires are at your orders until final victory."

The Catalonian campaign began December 23 and reached a climax with the occupation of Barcelona January 26.

(Previously Italian commentators, including the authoritative editor, Virginio Gayda, declared that Italian troops would remain in Spain until Franco won a political as well as military victory.)