

WPA STRIKERS RECEIVE DISMISSAL NOTICES

Navy Probes Ranger Fire, Explosion

**Huge Aircraft Carrier
Hit by Blaze at Nor-
folk Navy Yard;
Seven Men Injured,
Damage Put at \$50,-
000**

Norfolk, Va., July 13.—(AP)—Naval officials sought today the cause of an explosion and spectacular fire which damaged the huge aircraft carrier *Ranger* and injured seven enlisted men.

A muffled roar came from the water line amidship the 735 foot vessel, witnesses said, and flame swept over the plane and flight decks for a breadth of 200 feet. Firemen at the Norfolk Navy yard, where the *Ranger* was docked for repairs, battled the blaze for three hours before it was brought under control late yesterday.

Captain H. E. Keys, captain of the yard, said: "We do not know what was responsible for the explosion." Other officers withheld any information in their possession pending investigation by a board of inquiry.

Unofficial reports said, however, that gasoline being loaded on the ship probably was touched off in some manner.

One officer at the yard estimate the damage to the \$30,000,000 craft at \$50,000, but said that if an inspection today reveals that much of the expensive machinery aboard had been harmed, the damage figure would be considerably higher.

Conditions of the injured men were reported as satisfactory after treatment for exhaustion and shock.

Another Big Loan Asked to Finance Britain's Arming

London, July 13.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told Parliament tonight that a new public loan of about \$50,000,000 pounds (about \$1,633,000,000) probably would be necessary to meet Britain's mounting armament costs this year.

Sir John estimated that armament for the current year would cost \$30,000,000 pounds (about \$3,463,000,000), as a result of new increases in the 1939-40 budget for the air force, navy, and the navy.

Gill Declines To Intervene for Man Wanted in Texas

Raleigh, July 13.—(AP)—Parole Commissioner Edwin Gill declined today to recommend that Governor Hoey intervene and refuse to permit extradition to Hidalgo county, Texas, of Walter Blake, arrested in Goldsboro.

Fred Parker, counsel for Blake, contended that the man's return to Texas was being sought so that a debt could be collected. The warrant charged Blake with disposing of a mortgaged bread slicing machine.

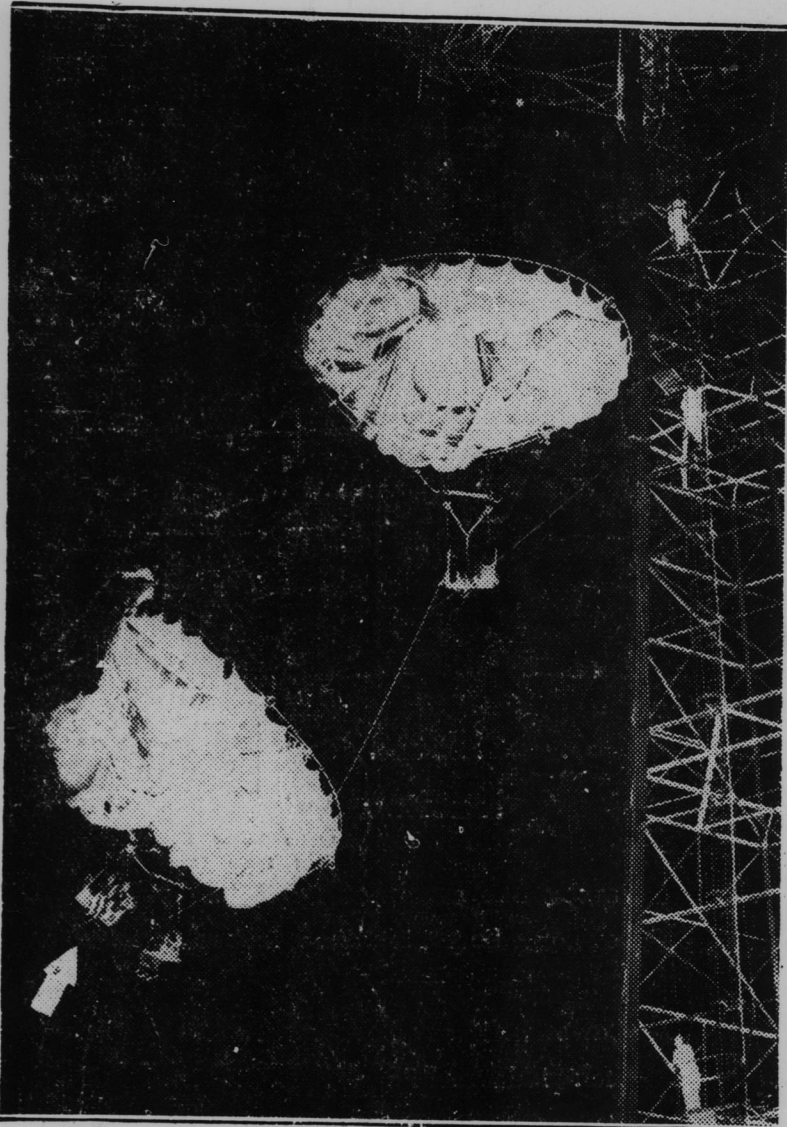
Solicitor C. C. Canaday, Sheriff Paul C. Garrison, of Wayne county, and two Texas officers, Sheriff R. T. Daniel and Deputy Truitt Jordan, represented the states in the matter. The party left for Sanford this afternoon for a habeas corpus in a case before Judge C. L. Williams.

Experiments Aid In Farm Prosperity

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel
Raleigh, July 13.—Speaking to several thousand farmers and farm women at the fourteenth annual Field Day of the Blackland Test Farm at Weldon, Senator William B. Rodman, Jr., today predicted that Eastern North Carolina farmers would be more prosperous as the result of experiments and tests at the farm were disseminated among them. The senator declared that he had confidence that the cooperative experiments conducted by the State Department of Agriculture, State College and the United States Department of Agriculture would find the answer to farm problems, but "an answer not disseminated is not sufficient," he said.

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Dangle 5 Hours in Fair 'Chute



J. C. Raibone (arrow), socialite, and his wife were trapped 100 feet in air on Parachute Jump at World's Fair. The 'chute caught at 11:30 at night, was released at 4:40 in the morning. Photo shows the mechanic on top of the crazily-tilted bag working to release the marooned pair.

Hyde Woman Gets Grant for Buses

Raleigh, July 13.—(AP)—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne granted Mrs. S. M. Gibbs, of Hyde county, a franchise to operate buses between Englehard and Columbia via Fairfield.

There was no opposition at the hearing ordered when Mrs. Gibbs filed an application for her Englehard-Washington bus company. The new route will lengthen her line which now operates from Washington to Englehard.

Resolution Is Aimed to Halt Jap Materials

Washington, July 13.—(AP)—Senator La Follette (Progressive, Wis.) representing a strategy committee of the Senate isolation bloc decided today to demand full discussion in the foreign relations committee of a resolution aimed at restricting exports of war materials to Japan.

Chairman Pittman (D., Nev.), author of the measure, had expressed hope that the committee would act quickly on it at tomorrow's meeting. But La Follette said he thought the 12 members who blocked consideration of neutrality legislation last Tuesday would want to discuss several points at length.

Senator Clark (D., Mo.) said it was urged that either Secretary Hull or some other representative give the

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15 ABOARD FISHING BARGE ENDANGERED

San Diego, Cal., July 13.—(AP)—The 120 foot fishing barge, Glenn Mayne, with about 15 persons aboard was reported breaking up in the surf about 35 miles north of here today after going adrift from its nearby anchorage.

Drop Monopoly Charges Chicago Milk Industry

Chicago, July 13.—(AP)—Indictments accusing 43 individuals and 14 corporations and groups in the milk industry of violating the anti-monopoly law were dismissed today in federal court.

Leo F. Tierney, special assistant to the attorney general, announced the government would appeal the ruling directly to the U. S. Supreme Court. The dismissal was embodied in

Hoey Names Early Head N. C. Rail Co.

**Henry A. Dennis, of
Henderson, Is Named
Director of State Con-
trolled Line That Is
Leased to Southern**

Greensboro, July 13.—(AP)—Elvah Early, of Ahsokle and Winston, today became president of the State controlled N. C. Railroad Co., designated by Governor Hoey to succeed D. W. Royster, of Shelby.

The governor has made it a habit to change officials of the railroad yearly. The jobs are regarded as among the choicest of the "political plums" in the State, as practically no work is involved.

President Early, Clerk of Court of Hertford county, can continue to hold his clerkship, and will get \$900 a year for his railroad post.

R. E. Price, Rutherfordton newspaperman, got the \$1200 job as secretary-treasurer, succeeding R. F. Beasley, of Monroe, and Paul Erwin, of Charlotte, was named attorney at pay of \$1000 yearly, in succession to D. N. Farnell, of Greensboro.

R. O. Self, chief clerk of the Utilities Commission, represented the governor at the annual stockholders meeting.

The directors elected for the State included: Royster, Early, Henry Dennis, of Henderson. The railroad is leased to the Southern Railway System and pay of all the officials is provided in the lease.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair and slightly warmer to-
night; Friday fair with high tem-
perature.

Sub Squalus Lifted From Ocean Floor

**First Step Toward
Raising of Tomb of 26
Men Completed in
One of Toughest Salvage
Jobs in U. S. Navy
History**

Portsmouth, N. H., July 13.—(AP)—Apparently conquering the tremendous weight of the water-filled stern of the sunken submarine *Squalus* after a fight lasting 4 hours, the navy salvage crew lifted to the surface the two topmost pontoons attached to the tail of the craft.

High navy officials immediately reported this appeared to mean the success of the first step of the delicate salvage operation, inasmuch as the bow pontoon had been straining toward the surface since 10:05 a. m.

Shortly before 2 p. m. the two stern pontoons came up suddenly, rising with such force that they shot clear out of the water.

**TOUGHEST SALVAGE JOB
IN HISTORY OF U. S. NAVY**

Portsmouth, N. H., July 13.—(AP)—The most difficult step in one of the toughest salvage jobs in U. S. Navy history was completed today when the submarine *Squalus* and its macabre cargo of 26 bodies were lifted from the ocean floor in a cradle of ponderous pontoons.

A burst of air bubbles showing that the pontoons were rising were sighted along the salvage ship *Faicon* at 10:05 a. m.

The water was literally churned as the bubbles broke first from above the bow of the submarine and two minutes later bubbles began to rise from the stern.

The whole length was not pulled free immediately, however, and the pumping of high pressure air into some of the pontoons was slowed until the craft could be leveled off.

The full length of the bow first

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Cables Break On French Sub

Saigon, French Indo China, July 13.—(AP)—Salvage vessels have failed in the first attempt to raise the French submarine *Phenix* which sank June 15 in the China Seas off the Cam Ranh naval base with 71 men aboard.

Cables placed around the hull yesterday snapped when the ships tried to raise the *Phenix* through 300 feet of water.

FDR Victory In Money Bill Not So Sweet

**White House Won Its
Demands by Skippy
Majority; Far From
Overwhelming
Triumph**

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, July 13.—Whether President Roosevelt's prestige was added to or subtracted from by the Senate's final vote, a few days ago, on the desperately fought money bill is a disputed point in Washington.

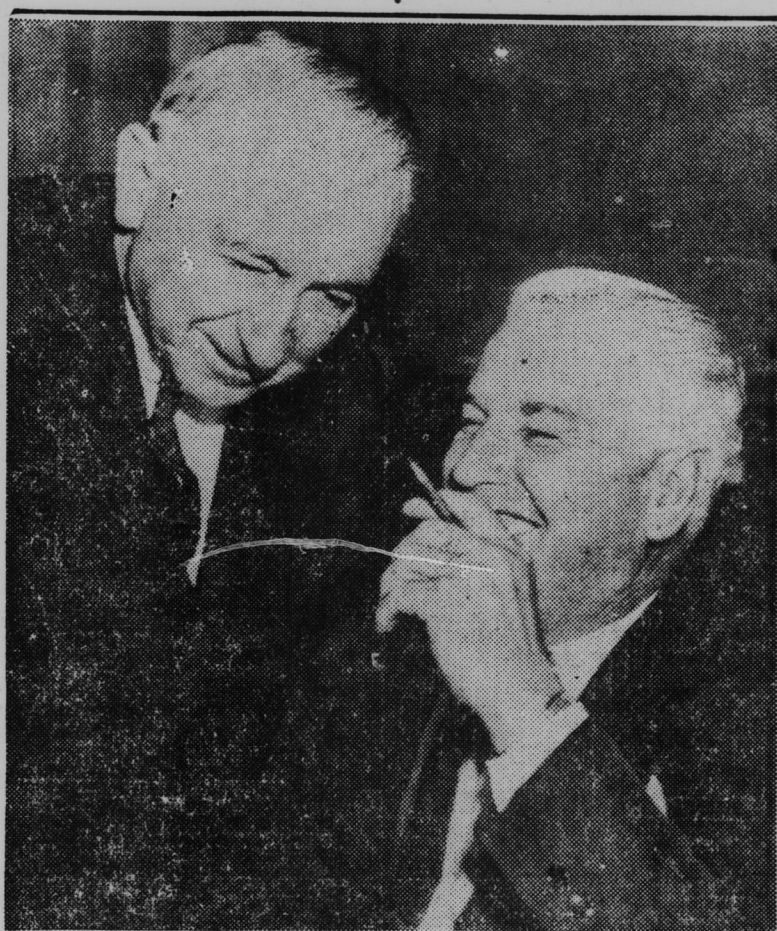
To be sure, the White House won what it was demanding — two-year extension of the presidential "dollar devaluation power" and a similar continuation of the treasury's two-billion-dollar "stabilization fund" for the regulation of international exchange, supposedly to Uncle Sam's advantage. But it was by only a 43-39 margin. That wasn't a very



President Roosevelt

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Win Neutrality Bill Fight



Senators Walter F. George (left), of Georgia, and Guy M. Gillette, of Iowa, leaders in the fight on the Sol Bloom Neutrality bill, are pictured at Washington, jubilant over defeat, in committee, of the measure. Members of the Foreign Relations Committee voted 12 to 11 to postpone consideration of the Bloom bill until the next session of Congress in January. (Central Press)

Britain Calls Reservists To Fleet Drills

**12,000 Retired Offi-
cers and Reservists to
Participate in Com-
bined Naval and Air
Force Games**

London, July 13.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain announced today that 12,000 of the nation's 70,000 naval reservists would be called to the colors for fleet maneuvers—part of a program to make Britain ready for any eventuality during the summer period of August and September.

He told the House of Commons that 12,000 retired officers and other reservists would report for duty July 31 and remain active until the end of September, taking part in combined naval and air force war games.

Foreign quarters regarded it as significant that the maneuvers were in progress at the time of the Nazi party congress which opens September 2 at Nuremberg. Many European observers have picked that as a danger period.

(In Berlin, the statement was made in informed quarters that Britain's acts represented "nothing impressive for Germany". One German source said, "We too are exercising our reservists.")

Britain's move marks the first time since the Czechoslovakia crisis of last September that naval reservists have been called up.

The reserve will take part in a vast naval demonstration August 9. King George VI will review the fleet at Weymouth where about 130 ships of all sizes will be concentrated.

The naval move came as the war ministry was engaged in a series of mass bomber flights over Southern France, designed to give royal air force pilots practice in long range flying, and at the same time to demonstrate Britain's air power. It also coincided with allocation of 40,000,000 pounds (about \$187,200,000) more for the airports.

(The miners at Central Harlan

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Harlan Rioting Miners Are Under Heavy Bonds

Harlan, Ky., July 13.—(AP)—

Bonds totaling \$235,000 were set today for 220 union miners, including a \$16,000 bond for the district secretary of the United Mine Workers (CIO), arrested at a pitched battle between pickets and national guardsmen.

George Titler, the union secretary was charged with sedition, forcible rebellion, and armed attack on a national guardsman, and banding and confederating to intimidate—the latter charge the same as that faced

by the others in custody.

A miner was killed and six other men including two troopers were either shot or beaten in a clash at a mine operated without a union contract.

Mrs. Titler, arrested with her husband, was released on \$1,000 bond, provided by union attorneys. The bonds for the others arrested was set for \$1,000 each as they were arraigned in groups of 50. The trials were set for Monday and Titler and the others were returned to jail.

Thousands Dropped For Ignoring Jobs

**WPA Gives No Totals
of Those Dropped;
Large Stacks Dismissal
Notices Are Mailed;
Violence Flares In
Minnesota**

(By The Associated Press)
Washington headquarters of the WPA reported today that 12,906 WPA strikers had been dismissed but that despite this disciplinary action, the total number of work relief employees absent from their jobs had grown yesterday to 92,770.

Officials at Washington said the total number absent compared with 77,627 on Monday, but that many away from work yesterday were engaged in one day protests and were expected back on the job today.

Corrington Gill, acting WPA commissioner, said that reports showed project operations were normal in 23 states.

(By The Associated Press)
While the A. F. of L. high command speeded up its drive today to restore the prevailing wage rate to the new relief actions, thousands of WPA strikers received dismissal notices for ignoring their jobs for five days.

William Green, A. F. of L. president, called a strategy meeting in Washington to carry out demands on Congress and the President sanctioned yesterday by Federation unions.

No Totals Given
The WPA gave out no totals on the number of workers dismissed but a survey showed administrators in several states had mailed large stacks of the discharge notices.

The strikes protesting the new requirement that all WPA employees work 130 hours a month were ignored by WPA commissioner F. C. Harrington as he conferred in Chicago with State administrators on other restorations of the new law.

Increase South's Wages
Harrington said wages in the north and west would be reduced Septem-

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Corrigan Is Overdue For His Wedding

San Antonio, Texas, July 13.—(AP)—Douglas Corrigan, trans-Atlantic flyer, was reported overdue here today on a flight from California to marry Miss Elizabeth Marvin.

He left Dryden, Texas, at 7:10 a. m. Airports said his route was flecked with rain squalls and bad weather. The only two airports between Dryden and San Antonio, Del Rio and Fort Clarke, had no reports on Corrigan.

Georgia Court Upholds Levy On Cigarettes

Atlanta, July 13.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court today upheld constitutionality of the Georgia Tobacco Act which last year yielded \$2,501,908.19.

Constitutionality had been questioned by the Cigarette Sales Co., of Merced, N. C., its petition for injunction against the state revenue commission had been upheld in Dekalb county superior court.

The Supreme Court overruled the lower court's dismissal of revenue commissioner demurrers.

The North Carolina firm also sought \$25,000 damages, claiming it had built up a mail cigarette sales business in Georgia which had been hurt by the commission's action.

An attorney for the revenue department said the decision that seizure of unstamped cigarettes shipped into Georgia now could proceed "full tilt".

The tobacco tax requires shipments of cigarettes into Georgia within two hours after they "come to rest".