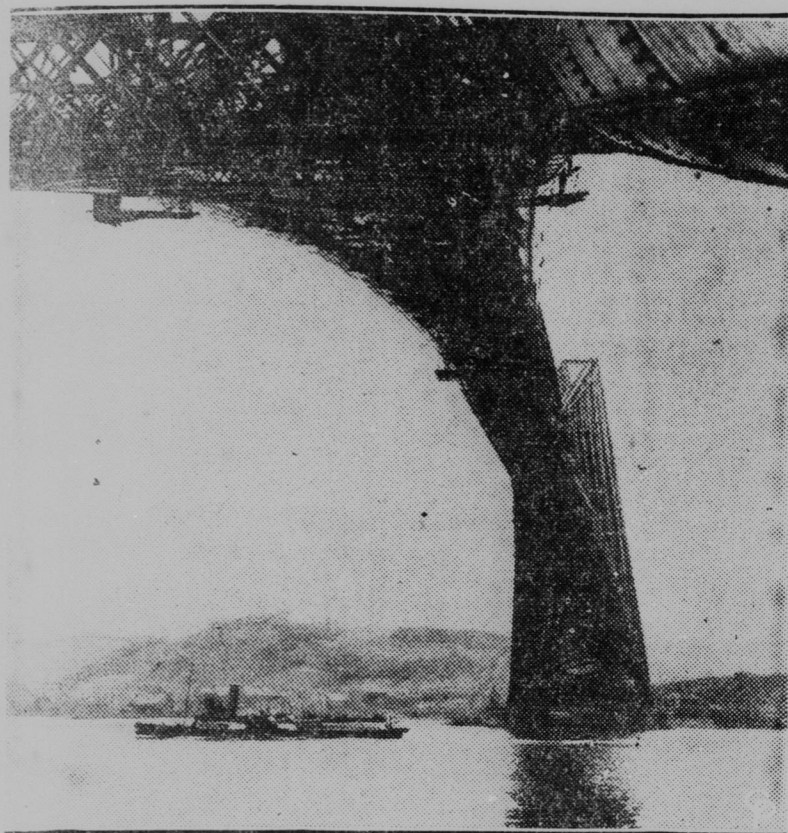
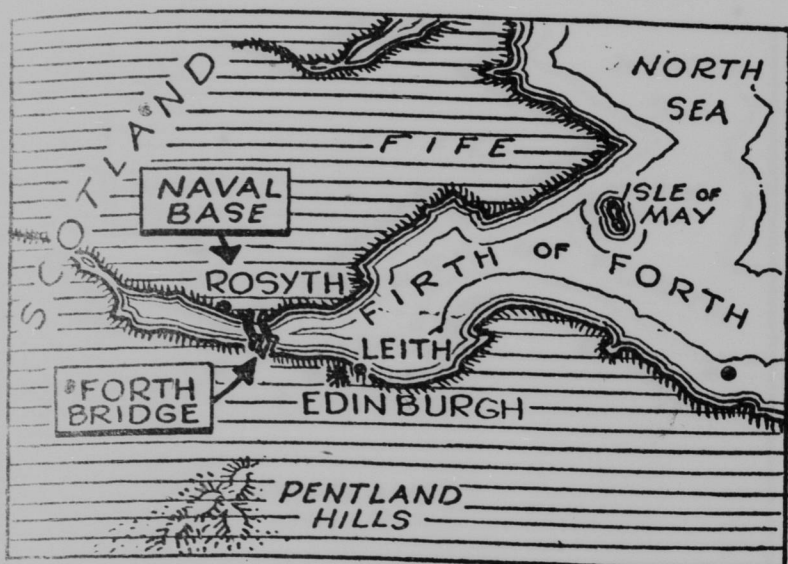


Target of Nazi Bombers



Here is the great cantilever bridge that spans the Firth of Forth in Scotland (shown on map). The bridge, and naval base at Rosyth were objectives of a German air raid which was beaten off after several bombs had been dropped, killing 15 aboard two cruisers and a destroyer. Four German planes were brought down, according to British claims.

Chamberlain Denies Losses By Navy Holt Says FDR Pledged Aid To Allies

Says That's Reason For The Session

President Is Committed to Stopping Dictators by Force; Predicts Another Call if U-Boat Successes Continue.

Washington, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Senator Holt, Democrat, West Virginia, charged in the Senate today that President Roosevelt had pledged this country to aid England and France in "an attempt to stop the dictators by force."

"The only reason we are in session—and there is no use trying to fool the people—is to help England and France to beat Germany," Holt shouted, as he pounded his desk for emphasis.

Holt agreed with Senator Holman, Republican, Oregon, that, if German submarine attacks continued their recent successes, Congress might be called into special session again to revise neutrality laws to permit direct shipments to England and France. The Oregon senator had interrupted to observe that Germany had scored some "remarkable successes" in the sinking of a British airplane carrier and a battleship. He suggested that if Britain and France failed to have naval supremacy to obtain war supplies here, that Congress would be asked to change neutrality legislation again.

A group of Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, meanwhile, agreed in principle on a plan to relax controversial shipping provisions of the administration's neutrality bill. The proposal, offered by Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, would authorize American vessels to carry all goods except arms to belligerent ports in South America, the Pacific Ocean, the China Sea, the Indian Ocean, the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea.

Relaxation of the shipping provisions was expected to lessen opposition to the neutrality bill and hasten a final vote.

South Dakota Senator In First Speech

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 18.—Senator William J. Bulow originally arrived in Washington from South Dakota with a reputation for the ability to make the most entertaining speeches of any politician in the country at that juncture. He hadn't made any of them up until then except locally, having only just been elected to the upper congressional chamber. However, he'd done plenty of talking throughout his home state, where he'd served a couple of terms as governor. But he'd made such a hit there that his fame had spread all over. He not only was meaty; he was witty. Folks traveled long distances to hear him. The verdict was

(Continued on Page Two)

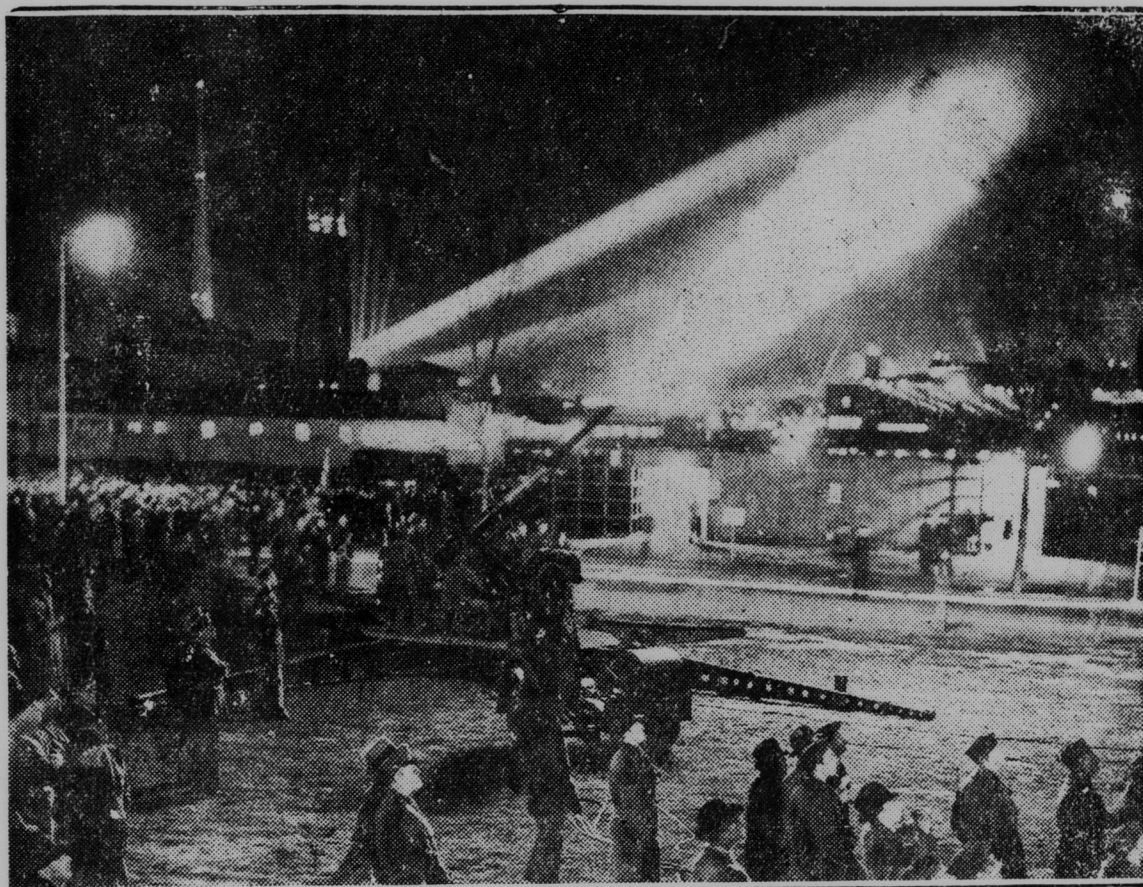
Near 12,000 Miles Rural Electric Lines In State

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Completion of 1,378.96 miles of line since July 1 has brought North Carolina's rural electric system's length to a grand total of 11,783.04 miles finished and serving 56,804 customers, according to a report issued today by the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.

In addition there are now under construction in the State, 1,843.30 miles to serve an additional 7,331 customers, while authorization has been given, but construction has not started on 2,245.35 more miles intended to serve another 8,134 customers.

(Continued on Page Two)

World's Fair Repels "Raid" from Air



During a partial blackout at the New York World's Fair, ground forces battle to drive off "attacking bombers," as spectators crane their necks to watch the spectacle. One thousand national guardsmen, manned anti-aircraft guns, machine guns, searchlights and sirens around Fountain Lake. They were reinforced by members of the 212th Coast Artillery anti-aircraft unit.

(Central Press)

German Losses Put At 5,000

Neutrals In Meeting At Stockholm

Kings of Norway, Sweden, Denmark Joined by Finnish President; Roosevelt Sends Greetings, Pledging Interest of America.

Stockholm, Oct. 18.—(AP)—The kings of the three Scandinavian states and the President of Finland opened their conference today on problems which face the northern neutral countries as the result of the European war.

The visiting heads of state, King Haakon of Norway, King Christian of Denmark and President Kallio of Finland, were welcomed in brief ceremonies devoid of military display, in harmony with the peace policy long associated with the Scandinavian nations.

King Gustav, Sweden's venerable monarch, at whose instance the conference was called, presided at the meeting, which was attended by the foreign ministers of the four states.

How to preserve the neutrality of their nations while maintaining normal trade relations was the question facing the monarchs of Sweden, Norway and Denmark—just as it was during the World War.

To that problem was added the situation of Finland, which existed during the first part of the World War only as a grand duchy of the Russian empire, and which now is engaged in negotiations with Sov-

(Continued on Page Four)

Extradition For Gallogly Granted By Texas Decision

Austin, Texas, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Extradition of Gray Gallogly to Georgia was granted today by Governor W. L. O'Daniel.

The governor said Gallogly's career might show injustice, but it was not up to him to decide such a matter. Gallogly, member of a well-to-do family, escaped from guards transferring him from hospital to prison and fled with his pretty wife to the southwest, saying he wanted "Texas justice."

The life termer claimed he had agreed to plead guilty to a murder he did not commit because it would aid a companion, and that Georgia officials had promised to release him after a short sentence. He has served eleven years.

(Continued on Page Two)

Big Powder Plant Damaged In Blast

Eldred, Pa., Oct. 18.—(AP)—An explosion today shattered the explosive mixing plant of the National Powder Company near here killing at least five men.

Forty-five men were employed in buildings clustered about the gelatin pack plant, where nitroglycerine was made, but a preliminary survey disclosed that no others had been injured.

The blast caused no damage in Eldred, a community of 1,000 persons, but many houses were shaken by the detonation.

The powder company is an independent firm manufacturing nitro-glycerine and other explosives. It was not learned immediately how many men were at work there.

Sub's Crew Decorated By Hitler

Berlin, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler today received Commander Prien and his submarine crew, credited with sinking the British battleship Royal Oak in Scapa Flow, naval base north of Scotland. He awarded Prien Germany's highest war decoration, the grand cross of the Iron Cross.

The reception was the high point of a gala day in Berlin for the submarine men.

Meeting the men in his private study, Hitler heartily shook hands with each man and thanked them in the name of the German nation. Before the reception by Hitler, the men were cheered by a rain-drenched crowd as they paraded in open cars.

Hitler said the crew's achievement "strengthened the entire German nation in the imperturbable trust in victory." He described their deed as the "proudest" which a submarine could accomplish. The crew's arrival followed the high command's announcement that the French were continuing to retreat from German soil and that ten enemy planes had been shot

(Continued on Page Two)

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly cooler in central and southwest portions tonight; scattered frost in north central portion; slightly warmer in northwest portion Thursday.

Estimate Is by French, Who Say Own Losses Were Slight; French Voluntarily Abandoned Their Positions, Paris Contends.

Paris, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Sharp fighting accompanying a German offensive along the northern part of the western front since Monday already has cost the Nazis more than 5,000 casualties, French sources estimated today.

The French said their own losses were slight, as their troops fell back to previously prepared positions and met the advancing Germans with heavy blasts of artillery fire.

Raiding parties from both sides fought a series of localized engagements during the night, the general staff reported in its morning communique. These actions were described as "ambushes" and "trench raids."

The general staff also noted "intense movements" of troops and materials by both highway and railway behind the German lines.

The fighting has been centered in the region just across the Moselle river from Luxembourg and in the sector between Saarbruecken and Pirmasens, further east.

French reports said their troops had voluntarily abandoned positions on German soil near the Borg forest and Perl, leaving only advanced lookouts on Schneerberg heights.

(Continued on Page Four)

Finland Grateful For U.S. Sympathy In Trying Ordeal

Washington, Oct. 18.—(AP)—President Kallio of Finland told President Roosevelt in a telegram made public by the White House today that his "personal valuable assistance and interest in Finland's fate and difficult problems will never be forgotten in this country."

The telegram was delivered by the Finnish minister to the United States.

In it the Finnish executive, in the name of his people, expressed to the President and the American people the "sincere gratitude felt by the people of Finland for the sympathy and moral support you and the people of the United States have shown us."

Slight Gain For Cotton

New York, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two to six points higher. Around mid-morning, prices ruled one to four points higher.

Repulse And Hood Suffer No Damages

Prime Minister Tells Commons Britain Winning Over Germany in Propaganda Battle; No More Peace Overtures from the Germans.

London, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that Britain was winning over Germany in the propaganda battle over war issues.

Making his seventh weekly report on progress of the war, Chamberlain also said that in addition to eight German aircraft known to have been shot down in air battles over the British Isles, "it is believed" that several more "may have failed to reach home."

Total German aircraft taking part in the raid, he said, did not exceed 30, and casualties inflicted by British guns and fighters "exceed 25 percent, and may have been more."

The prime minister said that since his last rejection of German peace proposals as "too vague, there has been no indication from Berlin of the views of the German government upon the issues", and continued:

"German propaganda organs have used all possible ingenuity so as to twist foreign comment as to make it somewhat less unfavorable to their own point of view. I should doubt whether this effort has had any success outside Germany itself, for it is difficult to conceal the fact that the vast bulk of comment of nearly all shades of political color in neutral countries has shown a full appreciation of the attitude of the Allied governments."

The prime minister spoke of "fantastic claims" by Germany of successful attacks on British war vessels, and declared:

"It is not true that the Hood or the Repulse or any other capital ship has suffered the least damage. The same is true of the Ark Royal."

Britain Much Aroused Over U-Boat War

London, Oct. 18.—(AP)—British military experts today rated the submarine torpedo a more deadly weapon than Germany's air force.

The loss of at least eight German planes in raids on two British naval bases in the last two days was declared to be out of all proportions to the small amount of damage which the communiques said was inflicted on British warships. But there was no attempt to conceal the concern caused by an enemy U-boat exploit in penetrating the defenses of the famous Scapa Flow naval base last Saturday and sinking the battleship Royal Oak with a salvo of torpedoes.

The London Times called the sink-

(Continued on Page Five)

Swiss Think Real War Is Near At Hand

Basel, Switzerland, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Rear areas on both sides of the western front seethed with activity today in the wake of German thrusts which Swiss observers believed were intended to divert attention from preparations for a bigger push.

These observers said the offensive, when it comes, probably will be directed against the Wissembourg-Lauterbourg-Rhine triangle near the middle of the German-French frontier.

For the third successive day and night, it was reported, the Germans continued to concentrate troops and offensive material at Karlsruhe and other points in the strategic Lauterbourg sector.

The concentration movement was said to have been in no way affected by assaults which the Germans have been making on the north-eastern end of the front near the Moselle river. The French, dispatches indi-

(Continued on Page Two)

73 On Board U. S. Liner Injured In Gale At Sea

"Enemies of God" Abroad, Pope Says

Castledelfe, Oct. 18.—(AP)—Pope Pius declared today that the "enemies of God" were casting "their sinister shadow" over Europe in a more threatening way every day. The pope expressed his concern in a public address to the new Lithuanian minister to the holy see, whose country recently came under the influence of Soviet Russia.

The pontiff said the Lithuanians showed their intention of remaining the "northern vanguard of Catholicism" even if "sacrifice becomes the necessary price for affirmation of the realization of such an ideal."

Census Plums Available To Congressmen

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, Oct. 18.—Surrender of the Census Bureau to pressure from politicians all over the country was handed to North Carolina's Congressmen a fine patch of patronage plums to feed to their constituents on the eve of next year's primaries.

All will have some fine jobs to hand out, but three of them, Major A. L. Bulwinkle in the tenth; Carl Dorman in the sixth, and Lon Folger in the fifth, will get double shares, by reason of the fact that Henderson, Guilford and Forsyth, the State's three most populous counties, have been designated as special census districts.

The bureau had visions of running the 1940 enumeration on something approaching a merit and efficiency basis, but there was such a tremendous howl from senators and representatives that the idea was abandoned and the old spoils system adopted again.

What that means is that the counties got the appointment of the two area supervisors, and both were Durham men for the jobs; while seven of the eleven congressmen got the appointment of district supervisors, and the three mentioned get two sets of these.

Each district supervisor will have an assistant and a staff of four or five; and, of course, all those who seek jobs as enumerators.

(Continued on Page Four)