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PANAMA REGISTRY OF U. S. SHIPS HELD UP

New Peace Proposal By Belgium And Netherlands

Beheads His Bride of Week



Because he "had the urge to kill someone for two years," Walter Hibberd stabbed his 18-year-old bride of a week, with whom he is shown, then dragged her still alive into the bathroom of their Springfield, Mass., home and dismembered her, according to Brattleboro, Vt., police, to whom he surrendered. (Central Press)

Heated Congress Races In Half Of This State

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL.
Raleigh, Nov. 7.—With the 1940 general elections just a year away today (figuring on the Tuesday after the first Monday and not on the absolute date), and the primaries less than seven months in the future, it is now possible to forecast an absolute certainty that there will be real contests in the Democratic primaries for at least six of North Carolina's seats in the Federal House of Representatives.
On the other hand, there are four of the eleven in which there now appears no likelihood of anything more than a pro forma or nominal opponent to the incumbent. The districts in which the present congressmen apparently can sleep well nights, without nightmares of being unseated, are the first, where Lindsay Warren is as safe as government bonds; second, where so

far there have been no reports of a rival to Judge John Kerr; the fifth, where smiling Lon Folger looks as good as "in" again, and that without trouble; and the ninth, where aged "Farmer Bob" Dougherty is a cinch to win as long as he wants to.

In some other districts there is no announced opposition to the incumbents as yet; but there are rumblings which indicate that all isn't going to be beer and skittles for the sitting members.

In the third, for instance, there is much talk of State Senator John D. Larkins, Jr., as an opponent for Congressman "Hap" Barden, and it would be no surprise whatever if Jones county's Kentucky colonel should decide to make the race.

Larkins is almost uniformly regarded as an up-and-coming politician.

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Germany And Allies Asked To Consider

Good Offices Extended by King Leopold And Queen Wilhelmina; Hope For Acceptance of Offer, Announced After Meeting.

The Hague, Nov. 7.—(AP)—King Leopold, King of the Belgians, and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, engaged today in apparently urgent talks, aimed, observers believed, at keeping their countries out of war, and protecting their vital interests.

There were suggestions that the two lowland states living between Europe's great warring powers, were seeking to reconcile divergent foreign policies and present a joint neutrality front.

King Leopold arrived late last evening after a hurried motor trip from Brussels and proceeded at once to the Noordeinde palace, where he conferred with Queen Wilhelmina.

King Leopold followed up last night's conference with another hour and a half meeting with Queen Wilhelmina today.

There was no official announcement on the nature of the talks, but informed quarters said King Leopold was concerned over the

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Britain Seeking \$1 Billion Credit To Carry on War

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, introduced a resolution in the House of Commons today to empower the Treasury to borrow up to 250 million pounds (about one billion dollars) for financing the war.

The chancellor described the resolution as "similar to those given by the war loans act passed annually during the last war." He said discussion of terms for future loans would be against public interest, and that "for the purpose of large war borrowing, general authority, such as the present resolution confers, is desirable."

R. H. Cross, minister of economic warfare, told the House Britain had seized 420,500 tons of merchandise as contraband in the first two months of war.

Figures for the amount of merchandise detained for inquiry were not available, he said.

FDR Rather Facetious As He Ballots

Hyde Park, N. Y., Nov. 7.—(AP)—With a facetious admonition to the election board to "be sure not to vote the gravestones," "Farmer" Franklin D. Roosevelt cast his ballot today at the white frame town hall of this Hudson Valley village.

The President voted for county and local officials and on the question of legalizing pari-mutuel betting on horse races in New York State. He drove up in an open White House car with his mother, his wife and his personal secretary. He passed beside Emma W. Crasper, the election clerk.

"What is your name?" she inquired, although she must have had a good idea.

"Franklin D. Roosevelt," he answered.

"Farmer," the President said. The President then warned against voting the gravestones. The election board roared.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy, showers in west and north central portions tonight and in northeast portion Wednesday.

As President Signed Neutrality Bill



President Roosevelt signs the new cash-and-carry neutrality bill, lifting the arms embargo. U. S. ships are barred from combat waters and Americans are barred from belligerents' ships. Present at the historic ceremony are (left to right) A. A. Berle, of the state department; Sen. Key Pittman, Rep. Sol Bloom, Speaker of the House William B. Bankhead, Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Vice President John Nance Garner, Sen. Charles L. McNary and Sen. Alben Barkley.

Germans, French Lay Claims To Many Planes Brought Down

French Claim to Be Holding Fast in Important Forbach Salient And to Have Repulsed German Land Movement.

Berlin, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The German high command reported today that three Allied war planes were shot down in dog fights yesterday in southwestern Germany. (The communiqué made no mention of a German-French aerial battle as reported from Paris, in which nine of 27 German attackers were said to have been shot down.)

Two French planes, the high command said, were shot down at Saarlautern, four miles within Germany on the northern flank of the western front, and a British plane at Mainz, about 60 miles within southwestern Germany. (The British announced last night that one Royal Air Force plane had not returned from a reconnaissance flight.)

Otherwise, the communiqué said, there was no noteworthy fighting action, except minor scouting by troops and weak artillery fire on both sides.

Because of the war, a traditional Nazi holiday—the November 9 anniversary of the 1923 Munich beer cellar putsch—has been cancelled.

FRENCH HOLDING FAST ON WESTERN LINE, PARIS SAYS

Paris, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Military sources reported today that French troops on the western front were still holding fast in the important Forbach salient, despite intermittent German artillery fire.

All Nazi attempts to penetrate the deserted city to remove the threat of French guns dominating the German industrial center of Saarlautern, were repulsed.

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Reynolds Tobacco Answers Complaint Under Patman Act

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston-Salem, N. C., one of the eight major tobacco manufacturing companies cited for violation of the Robinson-Patman act, has filed an answer to the charges in preparation for a hearing on Friday.

Replying to the charge that it discriminated in prices between purchasers of its products of like grade and quality, the company said its salesmen do not make sales to retail dealers generally, and that "it does not sell its products to retail dealers."

The company said its salesmen called on retail dealers solely to seek "to induce such retailers to place orders for respondents' products with jobbers."

Says Britain Struggling For New World Order

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax today declared that Britain was fighting "for a new world" in which nations would be immune from "insane armed rivalry." In a broadcast on British war aims, Lord Halifax asserted:

"When the challenge in the sphere of international relations is sharpened, as today in Germany, by the denial to men and women of elementary human rights, that challenge is at once extended to something instinctive and profound in the universal conscience of mankind."

"We are, therefore, fighting to maintain the rule of law and the quality of mercy in dealings between man and men and in the great society of civilized states."

The foreign secretary spoke of the war against Germany as against "the substitution of brute force for law," and "aimed at repairing the damage successfully wrought by Germany upon her weaker neighbors."

Aircraft Carrier Plane Lost In Sea

Honolulu, T. H., Nov. 7.—(AP)—A naval observation plane burst into flames in diving practice and crashed into the sea off Barber's Point today. The observer was missing, but his companion was saved. The plane was from the aircraft carrier Enterprise.

The pilot, picked up by a naval boat after he had managed to stay afloat 10 minutes, was Lieutenant Junior Grade W. R. Wallace. He suffered only slight burns about the face and forearms.

The observer was identified as Chief Aviationist's Mate W. T. Rhodes, of San Diego, Cal.

Surplus Of Cotton Not Much Lower

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The Bureau of Agricultural Economics predicted today that, despite recent sharp increases in exports, surplus stocks of American cotton next August 1 would be little different from the record surplus of 14,100,000 bales on the same date this year.

In its annual outlook report for the coming year, the bureau said the European war was expected to result in a reduced consumption of cotton in the belligerent nations, which normally are among this country's best cotton customers.

Emphasizing that reasonably accurate

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Final Okay Withheld In Washington

Permission First Granted U. S. Lines Deferred At Later Meeting of Maritime Commission; Cannot Carry Any Americans in War Zone.

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The Maritime Commission withheld final approval today of a request to place nine American merchant ships under Panamanian registry so that they could escape the new neutrality law and continue voyages to Europe.

After commission sources had said yesterday afternoon that the United States Lines' application for the transfer was granted, the commission held an evening meeting and announced at midnight that it was

HULL OPPOSES

Washington, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Secretary Hull expressed today his opposition to the transfer to Panamanian registry of United States Lines ships, as impairing the integrity of the neutrality act.

Hull said he had given his opinion to the Maritime Commission. He did not indicate what the commission's reaction was.

United States Lines applied for permission to transfer to Panamanian registry nine ships which had been in trans-Atlantic service. After one member of the commission had said yesterday that the transfer had been approved, the full commission issued, after a late night session, a statement saying it was deferring final action pending an investigation of all the facts.

At his press conference, Hull recalled that yesterday he had told the Maritime Commission there was no question of foreign policy involved in the transfer, but that his opinion was given in the absence of virtually any of the facts.

The secretary of state added that as some of the facts pertaining to the application of the United States Lines for transfer of registry had since come to him, he did not feel favorably impressed with them.

deferring action. The ships consisted of all but two of those used in trans-Atlantic service by the United States Lines. If the application is used, they

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Germans On Flint Taken To Fortress

Norway Removes Prize Crew From Mine Layer to Point Near Swedish Border; U. S. Crew Putting Ship in Order.

Bergen, Norway, Nov. 7.—(AP)—Seventeen German seamen, the erstwhile prize crew of the American freighter City of Flint, were removed from the mine layer Olav Trygvason today to be taken to the fortress at Kongsvinger, near the Swedish border.

The Germans, held when Norway returned the City of Flint to her American crew, were expected to leave on tonight's train for the trip across southern Norway. An eighteenth German originally in the prize crew became ill, and was left at Murmansk, Soviet Russian port, at which the Flint stopped after her capture by a German raider October 9.

The American crew, granted no shore leave, was busy putting the ship in order. This was not taken

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Long Drought Causing Some Real Concern

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Columnist
Washington, Nov. 7.—The United States doesn't realize how bad a drought it's had in recent months, Senator John H. Bankhead informs us.

Why don't we realize it?

Why, says the Alabama solon, we don't realize it because our newspapers haven't printed anything all summer except stuff about the European situation and, during the autumn, about the war and our neutrality debate, entirely disregarding domestic conditions.

The agriculture department agrees with Senator Bankhead.

The department's story is that the

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British and Polish Warships Repulse German Airplanes

London, Nov. 7.—(AP)—The Admiralty said tonight light British ships, aided by Polish destroyers, had fought off an attack by German airplanes in the North Sea without suffering damage. A communiqué stated: "This morning, in the southern part of the North Sea, certain of our light forces, including two Polish destroyers, were in action with German aircraft. No damage was done to any ship. Enemy casualties are not known."