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Sixteen-Block Area of Shenandoah Caves In



A sixteen-block area in the center of Shenandoah, Pa., caved in, demolishing homes and splitting business buildings and factories, as the ground cracked and split open. Abandoned anthracite mine workings beneath the section were blamed by Police Chief Frank Alinsky. Police warned by loud rumblings, aroused residents and led them to safety. Left, school children, getting an unscheduled holiday, examine one of the fissures which appeared in the ground. Right, a spectator inspects the split which wrecked the wall of the Shenandoah freight station.

Italian Coal Cargoes Held By British As Prizes Of Sea War

Piles Of Russian Dead After Attack

Heavy Russian losses inflicted by Finns as assaults in Vuoksi River sector are repulsed; Viipuri still held.

Helsinki, March 6.—(AP)—Piles of Russian dead were left by new Red army assaults on the Karelian isthmus, according to the Finnish communiqué, which added that further thrusts against Viipuri had been turned back.

The heavy Russian losses were said to have been inflicted in the Vuoksi river sector, southeast of the besieged city, where the Finns said several dozen Soviet tanks had been destroyed.

Aircraft, tanks and artillery supported the Russian thrusts toward Viipuri across the ice of Viipuri Bay, but the Finns, still struggling for possession of the strategic city, turned back the attacks.

The Red army also attacked in force at many land points in the Viipuri sector, but the Finns said all had been repulsed.

The eastern end of the isthmus front saw lively artillery activity, and further north on the Kuhmo sector Russian attacks were repulsed. Soviet air raids behind the battle lines killed 40 persons and wounded many others yesterday, the communiqué said.

Arms Firm Indicted

Remington Arms Charged With Neutrality Violations For Mexican Shipment.

Houston, Tex., March 6.—(AP)—The Remington Arms Company was indicted by a federal grand jury today for alleged violation of the neutrality law in the shipment of 27,500 rifles to Mexico.

Indicted with the company were two Mexican citizens now jailed at Laredo, Texas—Lt. Col. Francisco Arispe and Gregorio Preito, a retired army major who said he was in the employ of the national revolutionary party of Mexico.

Arispe, 40 years old, was a candidate for representative to the Mexican national congress on the national revolutionary party ticket.

George John, assistant to the United States district attorney, said the government alleged "conspiracy to violate and violation of the neutrality act of 1939 by unlawfully exporting and attempting to export ammunition to Mexico without obtaining a permit from the secretary of state."

Nine Ships Taken—One Released

British Enemy Exports Committee Finds That One Italian Ship Sailed From Rotterdam Before Order Was Issued.

London, March 6.—(AP)—Britain today ordered the cargoes of eight Italian ships—declared to be coal from Germany—held as prizes in her tightening campaign to halt all seaborne exports from Germany.

Nine Italian ships had been herded into the contraband control station at The Downs but the ninth ship, the Laosso, was released by the enemy export committee.

It was established that she sailed from Rotterdam on March 1 before the order to halt German coal shipments to Italy was issued.

London, March 6.—(AP)—Two more Italian ships were herded by the British navy into the contraband control station at The Downs today, bringing to nine the number of Italian ships detained in the controversy between Britain and Italy over Italian imports of German coal.

The ministry of economic warfare said all nine ships were flying the Italian flag and all were "assumed to be carrying coal."

The British blockade patrol worked in apparent disregard of Italy's bitter week-end protests which asserted the blockade was endangering economic and political relations between Britain and Italy.

Meanwhile, the foreign office was drafting a formal reply to the Rome protest.

British destroyers were waiting for others of a fleet of Italian colliers preparing to sail from Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

Welles To Confer With Polish Chiefs During Paris Visit

Paris, March 6.—(AP)—The French government announced today that United States undersecretary of State Sumner Welles would confer with the chief of the Polish government in exile when he comes to Paris this week on his fact-finding mission for President Roosevelt.

Welles will be received by both President Lebrun and Premier Daladier tomorrow, immediately after his arrival from Switzerland.

From Paris, Welles will go to London for similar talks.

Nazis Outline Sea Warfare

General Stiffening of Treatment of Neutral Shipping Is Foreshadowed.

Berlin, March 6.—(AP)—General stiffening of Germany's treatment of neutral shipping was fore-shadowed today in an official statement referring to foreign press assertions that German flers were sinking neutral merchantmen without warning.

According to the statement German planes cannot discern from the air whether neutral vessels are being convoyed or conducted to British contraband blockade stations.

The mere fact of the convoy, the statement asserts, is sufficient for Germans to deal with such neutral vessels as hostile.

The German government, therefore, makes the enemy "exclusively responsible" for Germany's having to regard such vessels as aiding and supporting the enemy.

The official release further states that the German air force does not shoot at officers, crews or passengers on neutral vessels without engaged on a motion of capture.

Nazis Storm Fear Italian Demonstrations As British Continue Blockade

Germans Claim Prisoners Taken In Attack on Western Front Positions.

Berlin, March 6.—(AP)—Twenty German soldiers were killed and 16 taken prisoner on the western front today morning when German troops stormed a British dugout in the Moselle sector, the German official news agency reported today.

The German high command's daily communiqué reported only the capture of the 16 prisoners. Elucidating, the news agency said they were members of the Duke of Cornwall's light infantry.

A hectic exchange of hand grenades and artillery fire preceded the digging, according to the news agency, and the English left 20 dead on the scene while Germans lost only 20.

The news agency jubilantly reported that the German shock troops have succeeded in getting in a cutting touch with British troops.

ALLIES REPORT ATTACK BY GERMANS ON OUTPOST

Paris, March 6.—(AP)—French troops withstood small-scale attacks on the western front, the army communiqué said today.

The Germans attacked a British and French outpost west of the Ardennes, the French said.

British prisoners were taken by a German raiding party, according to a British general headquarters communiqué. Two British soldiers were killed and one wounded, along with one German fatality.

Changes Made In Airplanes

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—The European war has brought essential changes in the design of new American army planes, the War Department officially today following the testimony of Major General Arnold.

Changes in design as equipping with armor and installing automatic weapons, which automatically seal the fuselage, were decided upon after a conference of experts.

Members of the House military committee today testified that the cost of the new planes mounted about 10 percent over the air corps' \$300,000,000 budget for 1940.

The House voted last year, after it was learned, Arnold indicated that the group of army officers that he had in mind were learned "forward" men.

Despite delay in the construction of some high powered engines and anticipated delays in the production of some aircraft, the goal of 5,500 planes to be reached on time in 1941.

Full Share Of Rumanian Oil Is Demanded

Bucharest, March 6.—(AP)—Britain has demanded full equality with Germany in sharing Rumanian exports, including oil, it was reported today.

The British demand, which is said to have sent Rumanian Minister Viorel Tilea hurrying back from London, is believed in diplomatic quarters to have been prompted by the Allies' resolve to cut deeply into Nazi sources of supply in this country.

These quarters see Rumania as being pushed closer to an inevitable choice between Germany and the Allies, as experts say it would be impossible for Rumania to furnish the Nazis with 1,600,000 tons of oil contracted for in 1940, and at the same time supply an equal quantity to Britain.

High Court Hands Down Decisions

Raleigh, March 6.—(AP)—The Supreme court ruled today that the law requiring plumbing and heating contractors to get licenses from a state examining board does not apply to persons making minor or incidental repairs.

The court handed down eight decisions.

One held that the death of W. S. Blain from "pulmonary asbestosis resulting in lobar pneumonia" was compensable under the workmen's compensation law.

The opinions included: Grimes vs Home Insurance Company of New York, Edgecombe, error and remanded; Lamm et al vs. Mayo et al, Wilson, affirmed.

The court held that the constitutionality of the law regulating plumbing and heating contractors was not involved in the case of the state versus F. C. Mitchell, appealed from Buncombe county.

In a concurring opinion, Justice Devin said the law was valid. The court recently held that a law regulating dry cleaners was unconstitutional.

Mitchell, a journeyman plumber, was convicted in Buncombe county of working at plumbing without a license.

"The terms of the statute do not extend to cover every workman who makes a minor repair," wrote Associate Justice M. V. Barnhill.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday mostly cloudy, slightly warmer in east and south central portions.

GOP Hail Iowa Victory

Republican Wins Two-to-Three Over New Deal Opponent In Special Election.

Des Moines, Ia., March 6.—(AP)—Exultant Republicans today hailed the party's victory in the sixth Iowa district special congressional election as an indication that the 1936 G. O. P. comeback in the corn belt has carried over into the presidential year of 1940.

Robert K. Goodwin of Redfield, Ia., farmer and manufacturer, yesterday won the special election to fill the unexpired term of Representative C. C. Dowell, Des Moines Republican who died February 4.

Goodwin's margin over Byron G. Allen of Des Moines, his New Deal opponent, was more than three to two.

In Washington, Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican national committee declared the G. O. P. tide "was moving higher."

"Not only was the New Deal the clear cut issue in this election," he said, "but the success of its farm policies was likewise an issue."

Maxine Elliott, Famous Actress, Dies In France

Cannes, France, March 6.—(AP)—Maxine Elliott, 67, famous American actress who achieved success both in Europe and the United States, died last night at her chateau at Juan les Pins.

A famous beauty in the early part of the century, Miss Elliott made her last stage appearance in 1920 at her own theatre in New York, after 30 years as an actress.

Since last June she has been suffering from a heart ailment.

Among the famous friends entertained at Miss Elliott's chateau was the Duke of Windsor, who echoed the adoration of his grandfather, Edward VII, for the actress.

Seizure Of Clipper Mail Is Defended

London, March 6.—(AP)—A government spokesman rejected a suggestion in the House of Commons today that Britain had blundered in searching American clipper mail at Bermuda and asserted "the government action was correct and, moreover, was justified by what

Extra Police Guard British Rome Embassy

Rome, March 6.—(AP)—Extra police were stationed near the British embassy today as a precaution against possible Italian demonstrations against British seizure of German coal shipments. The demonstrations, however, did not materialize.

There had been rumors that students had been planning to organize demonstrations.

Seizures of Italian cargoes of German coal by British blockaders tends to bring relations between Rome and London to a crisis, authoritative Italians declared today.

Italy's industrial life hangs upon imports of coal, they said.

Studying reports that British warships were escorting ship after ship into contraband control, these authorities declared:

"It has complicated and made the Italian-British dispute more acute."

Allen Files As Candidate For State Treasurer

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—C. T. Allen, Republican of Aurora, paid a \$69 filing fee to the state elections board today to run for state treasurer.

Allen is the only Republican filer for state office other than governor, Charles M. Johnson, Democratic incumbent, is the only qualifier for treasurer so far in his party.

W. Kerr Scott To Make His Formal Entry Tomorrow In Race For Re-Election

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, March 6.—Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott will make his formal announcement for re-election in the morning papers of tomorrow. A Raleigh reporter learns this on the authority of the limb breaking beneath him. Were it not for the misfortune which has too many times attended use of such an adjective this authority would be described as "unimpeachable."

The Scott announcement will, of course, surprise nobody at all; as it has been looked upon as a foregone conclusion and little more than a formality for a long, long time. Frankly, nobody has ever suspected that he did not want another term.

As the well-known "grapevine" conveys the story to your reporter, the Commissioner will have almost nothing to say beyond the fact that

Hatch Law Is Debated

Senator Lucas Says Proposed Change Is "Unconstitutional Delegation of Power"

Washington, March 6.—(AP)—A proposal to authorize the civil service commission to define what constitutes political activity by state employees was assailed today by Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, an opponent of broadening the Hatch anti-politics law as an "unconstitutional delegation of power."

Lucas told the Senate, debating Hatch act amendment for the second day, that "the people of my state and of other states look with fear on the aggression that Washington already has made against the rights of the states."

The broadening amendment, sponsored by Senator Hatch, Democrat, New Mexico, would extend to state employees paid in part from federal funds the prohibitions now governing federal employees against taking part actively in election campaigns.

The battle over the 1940 census, started by the demand of Senator

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