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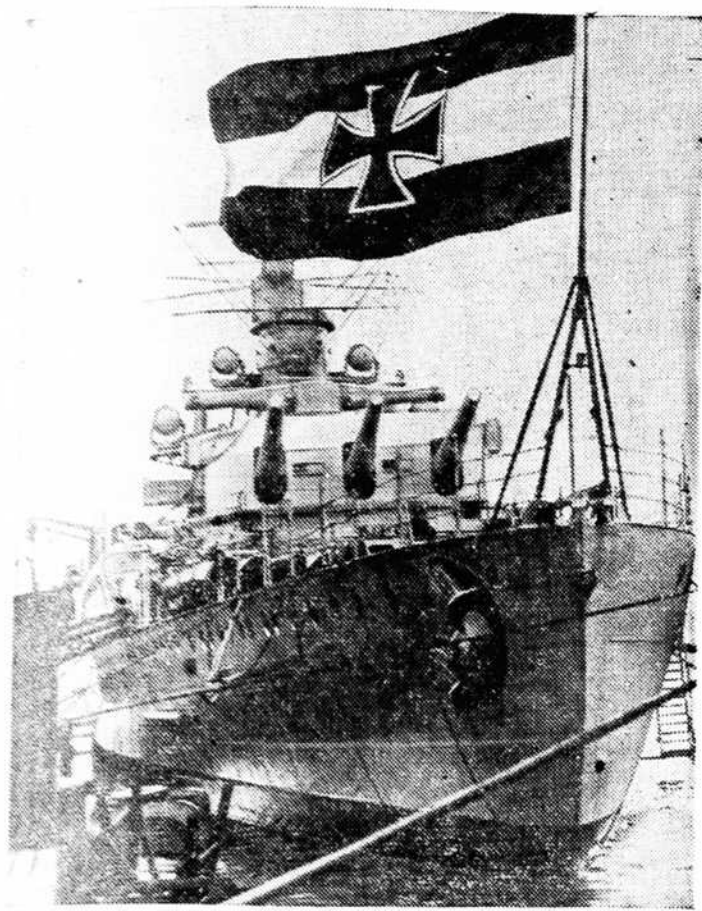
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## Nazi Ship Reported Wrecked



Germany's pocket battleship *Lutzow* (above), formerly the *Deutschland*, is aground in Osefjord, northeast of Trondheim, Norway, according to a Stockholm dispatch. The *Lutzow* is a 10,000-ton sistership of the stricken *Admiral Graf Spee*. The Nazis' third and last pocket battleship, the *Admiral Scheer*, also has been reported severely damaged. (Central Press)

# 25 Die In Train Wreck

## MAJOR BATTLE BELIEVED NEAR AT TRONDHEIM

German and Allied Expeditionary Forces Augmented by Steady Flow of Reinforcements; Other Developments.

(By The Associated Press.) Allied and German troops, pouring into Norway on a large scale, drew their lines today for heavy battle, while Germany united to celebrate Adolf Hitler's 51st birthday and the allies made cautious moves to widen their influence. With Britain and Soviet Russia making overtures toward trade talks to ease one sore spot, France made a gesture toward Germany's non-belligerent ally and hostilities critic of the allies, Italy.

There were two German warnings to the Norwegians to stop the resistance—one a "final" demand by General von Falkenhorst, commander-in-chief of the army of occupation, backed by a threat of "dreadful" punishment if they refused. Von Falkenhorst's demand came as he marked Hitler's birthday by commencing the death sentences of Norwegians doomed since the invasion; at the same time in Berlin the Norwegians were told Germany intended to end their "purposeless resistance" as quickly as possible. DNB, German news agency, reported that a British transport had been sunk by German air bombs yesterday and hits also were scored on a British cruiser and two other transports.

The report followed a British announcement that not a single life was lost in landing troops in Norway. In the fighting in Norway, travelers who crossed into Sweden today said the Germans suffered heavy losses when repulsed in a battle for Elverum, north of Oslo. Earlier reports said Elverum had fallen to the Germans.

A British war office communique said:

"The war office announces that

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## Dutch "Napoleon"



Dr. Anton Mussert

Short, corpulent Dr. Anton Mussert, who fancies he resembles Napoleon, is leader of Holland's Nazi party, said to number 50,000 members. Netherlands officials say all party members will be clapped in jail should Germany invade the country.

## Ohio Floods Drive Many From Homes

Hocking Valley in Ohio Suffers Worst Flood Since 1913, Forcing Hundreds of Families From Their Homes.

Cincinnati, April 20.—(AP)—Hundreds of families fled their homes today as Ohio's Hocking valley suffered its worst flood since 1913 and the rain-burdened Ohio river swept into lowlands and entered Marietta, Ohio, city of 15,000. Athens and Logan, Ohio, were virtually isolated. A boy was drowned in one of many swollen tributaries flowing into the Ohio. Much of southern Ohio was under water after nearly a week of rains totaling more than four inches. More rain was forecast.

Four inches of water covered the first floor of the Gordon hotel at Glouster, Ohio, as Sunday Creek left its banks and poured down the main street. Business houses there and in Nelsonville moved stocks and equipment to second floors.

Two hundred families in the Athens-Nelsonville area abandoned lowland homes. Six hundred were homeless in Morrow and South Lebanon.

South Newark had 400 homeless as the Licking River covered all but two roads leading into Newark.

Pomoroy anticipated four or five feet of water in its business district by Sunday morning.

## On Chilean Mission



Lieut. Col. O. O. Niergarth

Heading America's aviation mission to Chile, Lieut. Col. Omer O. Niergarth will direct the three-man delegation sailing for Santiago to assist in instruction of air officers in the Chilean army. He now is in the Washington office of the chief of the air corps.

(Central Press)

## 100 Injured As Express Jumps Rails

New York - Chicago Lake Shore Limited of New York Central Lines Derailed On Curve Shortly Before Midnight Last Night.

Little Falls, N. Y., April 20.—(AP)—The New York-Chicago Lake Shore Limited, roaring westward along the Mohawk valley 15 minutes behind schedule, hurtled the rails shortly before midnight last night, carrying at least 25 persons to death and leaving 100 injured.

With most of the 250 to 300 passengers asleep, nine cars of the 16-car New York Central fast express were turned in a flash into a mass of twisted steel as they were derailed on a wide curve and piled up for half a mile along the main east-west highway and the Albany-Buffalo barge canal.

Railroad men investigating the wreck voiced belief the train, taking a curve at high speed, sprung a rail.

The locomotive plunged across the highway into a rock embankment, tossing the fireman to instant death and pinning the engineer in a battered cab where he died three hours later.

The high powered locomotive carried with it the tender and baggage car. One coach, uncoupled, sped down the tracks and apparently was not damaged. Another coach was cut open like a can of sardines, its top ripped off and the inside a complete wreck. A pullman came to rest on its right side. From each several bodies were removed.

The dead, the injured, car cushions, clothing and personal effects were strewn along the right of way. Feet of some of the victims protruded from the wreckage.

State Police Lieutenant John Ronon said 23 bodies were recovered in addition to those of the engineer and fireman. Identification of the victims was made difficult because most of them were in sleeping attire.

## Cutler Moore Reappointed

Raleigh, April 20.—(AP)—Governor Hoy today reappointed Cutler Moore as chairman of the State Board of Alcoholic Control, a post he has held since the agency was organized in April, 1937.

The new term expires April 23, 1943.

"Mr. Moore has filled this difficult post with ability and fidelity and has given general satisfaction," Governor Hoy commented in announcing the reappointment.

The post carries a \$6,000 yearly salary fixed by statute.

## Trade Pacts Favor Leaf

Favorable Treatment Received In Ten of Twenty-One Trade Agreements.

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—The nation's second most important agricultural export—tobacco and tobacco products produced in the United States—received favorable treatment in ten of the 21 trade agreements negotiated with foreign nations.

A federal trade commission survey of the agreements showed today that most important concessions were on leaf tobacco exports which make up virtually all of the exports of tobacco.

Total tobacco exports in recent years have ranged in value from \$90,000,000 to \$170,000,000 annually. Counting separately those obtained from the British crown colonies, 31 concessions favoring leaf tobacco were obtained in the agreements. Of these, 16 were reductions in tariff duties, eleven were bindings of duties and four were concessions of other types.

In 1938 exports of leaf tobacco to countries which have given concessions were valued at \$121,000,000 out of a total of \$156,000,000 of tobacco exports.

The United Kingdom, by far the

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## Tornadic Winds Do Damage In Carolinas

Negro Killed and Others Injured at Morven; Property Damage Reported From Widely Scattered Points In Two States.

Charlotte, April 20.—(AP)—A tornado that struck Morven, N. C., yesterday caused at least one death and did considerable damage to property in widely scattered points of the Carolinas.

Pauline Cox, Negro, died at a hospital of injuries received when the tornado struck Morven around 7 p. m. Damage there appeared heavier than at first reported.

John Cox, husband of Pauline, suffered a broken leg and other injuries when the couple and their two children were carried through the air about a quarter of a mile from their dwelling, which was demolished. Two of the children were severely hurt.

At Mt. Holly a cotton gin, a frame barn and gate were destroyed as well as two small residences. A man was slightly hurt.

Damage in Anson county, N. C., includes a number of farm buildings destroyed or unroofed. The wind was without electrical power all night.

Stores of trees in the residential section of Abbeyville, S. C., were uprooted. A few buildings were damaged.

## Roosevelt On Air Tonight

Speech To Young Democrat Clubs Will Be Watched For Third Term Hint.

Warm Springs, Ga., April 20.—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the nation, will hear it tonight when he will be listening to a speech by Mr. Roosevelt at a Young Democrat convention in Pittsburgh last August decried that the Democratic party should hold its support should the president be re-elected.

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## Five Are Dead In London Munitions Factory Explosion

London, April 20.—(AP)—Five men were killed and 15 injured in a munitions factory explosion in North London today.

The blast shook the entire neighborhood.

Ambulances were rushed to the scene and almost as quickly there appeared workers' relatives who thronged at the plant to learn who the casualties were.

Plate glass windows were shattered as far as a mile away.

## Japan Wants Status Quo

Japanese Minister Says Japan and United States Agree On East Indies Policy.

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—The Japanese ambassador said after nearly an hour's conference with Secretary Hull today that the United States and Japan were in substantial agreement as to the future status of the Dutch East Indies.

He added that both governments along with the Netherlands, the islands' mother country, "want to maintain the status quo."

"Japan is maintaining a policy of non-involvement in the European war," the ambassador told reporters, adding that he saw no likelihood of change.

He said that at his government's request he explained Tokyo's attitude toward the possibility that the Pacific islands might be involved in a backlash of the war should the Netherlands be involved.

The conference followed statements by the United States and Japan that both nations regarded as vital that the islands status not be changed.

## France Seeks Mediterranean Entente Pact

Paris, April 20.—(AP)—Premier Paul Reynaud told the senate foreign affairs committee today that France was looking toward a "Mediterranean entente" with Italy and Spain and has continued "a friendly exchange of views" with those two countries since the beginning of the war.

The fact that such overtures have failed to bring an Italian response has not changed the French attitude, he said.

Such a Mediterranean entente, said a communique issued by the committee, is regarded by the French

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## Social Work Meet Planned

Winston-Salem, April 20.—(AP)—Final plans for the meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service here tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday were made today.

It was announced that private social workers will form an organization of their own to be headed by Miss Mary Judy of Winston-Salem.

The association of superintendents of public welfare will meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Registration will start tomorrow afternoon.

Governor Hoy will speak Monday afternoon at a meeting of the probation association of North Carolina.

## Governor Hoy's "Hull For President" Statement Causes Much Speculation

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. Raleigh, April 20.—Governor Clyde R. Hoy's formal statement in support of Cordell Hull for the Democratic nomination for presidency has set almost the whole of political North Carolina to speculating, coming as it did so closely on the heels of the opening of "North Carolina for Roosevelt" headquarters in the Sir Walter Hotel here.

Naturally nobody has yet penetrated the mystery of the whys and wherefores behind the Hoy pronouncement and there are almost as many theories about it as there are theorists. Practically everybody has his own explanation and each explanation varies in some details, at least, from every other—some are at complete variance in every possible respect.

The "caution" signal seems to have been displayed as far as any quotation for publication from leaders of the Roosevelt movement, though in "off the record" conversation they express the view that the gubernatorial statement rather makes the issue in North Carolina one of "Hoy against Roosevelt" and they profess to have no fear whatever of the outcome of any such battle.

Another point on which all these Roosevelt leaders seem agreed is that the Governor himself relieved them of one rather embarrassing nature—the complimentary Hoy vote on the first ballot at the national convention. In his statement, they point out, Hoy specifically removed himself from the "favorite son" class and thereby automatically relieved them of any obligation to cast even a "per forma" vote for him.

This angle has been a source of some worry to the Roosevelt long before the Governor said anything about the matter. There were many who pointed out the absurdity of holding the organization out as designed to support Roosevelt for President and at the same time promising to vote for another on what will be the only ballot taken should the President finally decide to run.

But the Hoy first ballot angle is after all only a minor one and there are many other aspects of the situation which are of much greater importance and interest. It is on these other angles that there is such divergence of opinion.

Perhaps the most generally held theory, in the main, is that the statement of Governor Hoy is the opening gun in a blitzkrieg for control of the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic national convention.

Those who think this way see a battle to the finish between the now dominant Gardner-Hoy element of the party and the master minds who were behind organization of the Roosevelt organization.

## Whippings To Be Probed

Grand Jury Will Investigate Charges of Beatings at Spartanburg Orphanage.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 20.—(AP)—The county grand jury convening here Monday will be asked to investigate alleged "merciless whippings" of at least two young boys at the Spartanburg county orphanage.

Solicitor Sam R. Watt of the seventh circuit announced yesterday he would ask the grand jury to investigate conditions at the orphanage.

Later the orphanage board of trustees concluded a six-hour hearing and voted also to ask the grand jury to make a "full and complete" probe.

Judge Charles M. Page of the county court last Thursday signed an order removing from the orphanage two twelve-year old boys, Earl Cannon and Roland Sizemore.

These boys, testifying before the trustees yesterday, said they were beaten by Supt. George T. Johnson with a leather dog leash the night of April 2.

April 2.

## Unprecedented Demand Made On Ford

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—The Ford Motor Company, charged by a Labor Board examiner with using a "strong arm squad" to beat and terrorize union members, was confronted today with an unprecedented proposal that it notify individually its more than 100,000 workers that they are free to join any labor union of their own choosing.

The recommendation that the company be required to give such notification was made by Robert N. Denham, the examiner, in a report to the board holding that the company had "gathered together the most brutal, vicious and conscienceless thugs in its employ" to defeat union organization at the Ford plant in Dallas, Tex., in 1937.

Gabe P. Allen, an attorney for the Ford company, commented at Dallas that the examiner's charge was "just a conclusion and wild inference" designed to carry out the labor board's policy of "persecuting" the company. Declaring the findings were not warranted by the evidence, he said that he and other Ford attorneys would file exceptions to them and to the accompanying recommendations.

To these, it will not be so much a question of who will get the support of the delegation, but who will get the credit for controlling the delegation and the resulting pap and perquisites which are ordinarily passed out to those who swing delegations to the winning candidate.

The whole Roosevelt drive, as was indicated in this correspondence early this week, is looked on as an effort to snatch the control from O. Max Gardner, and the Hoy handout is looked on as the first counter-attack of the Old Guard.

It should be understood that this is the view of a very large element of those with whom your reporter has come in contact; but it is only a viewpoint and not passed along as a statement of uncontroverted facts.

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## Hull Would Be Candidate If FDR Isn't

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—A high official who is a close friend of Secretary Hull said today that the secretary of state would be willing to accept the Democratic presidential nomination if President Roosevelt were not a candidate.

His statement was made after Hull had reiterated yesterday that he had no political ambitions and that he was not a candidate for anything. The high official, who is also close to President Roosevelt, declined to be quoted by name.

He predicted that Secretary Hull would be in a strong position at the Democratic national convention if Mr. Roosevelt were not a candidate. At the outset, he said, the secretary would be sure of all of the Tennessee delegation and with it the Kentucky delegation.

Following Governor Clyde R. Hoy's endorsement, Secretary Hull might have part or all of the North Carolina votes in the convention.

To that he added Nebraska and probably Iowa and Maryland.

The official also said that Hull would get Texas after the initial ballot had been cast for Vice-President Garner.

He said the same would be true of Indiana after the first ballots had been cast for Paul V. McNutt.

He claimed half of the New York delegation for Hull.

## Disposal Of Wagner Act Is Not Likely

Washington, April 20.—(AP)—Uncertainty heightened by pressure for an early adjournment clouded the outlook today for final action at this session of Congress on the Wagner act.

The House resigned itself to a knockdown-dragout on the long smoldering revision controversy, but many friends and foes of the present act agreed that regardless of what the House did the Senate was not likely to complete action on this subject before the tentative June 10 adjournment date.

In the Senate, signs multiplied that campaign-minded legislators were in a mood to pigeonhole major measures if necessary in order to wind up the session by early June.

It was reported authoritatively that President Roosevelt had reiterated to congressional leaders this week his hope that Congress adjourn as quickly as possible.

He was represented as believing that virtually all pending legislation except appropriation bills should be deferred until next session.

## Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and somewhat cooler, light drizzle in the interior, probably changing to snow flurries in the mountains. Sunday cloudy, slightly cooler in east portion, slightly warmer in mountains.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK. Fair, warmer at beginning; scattered showers about middle followed by cooler in northern sections; unsettled near end of week.