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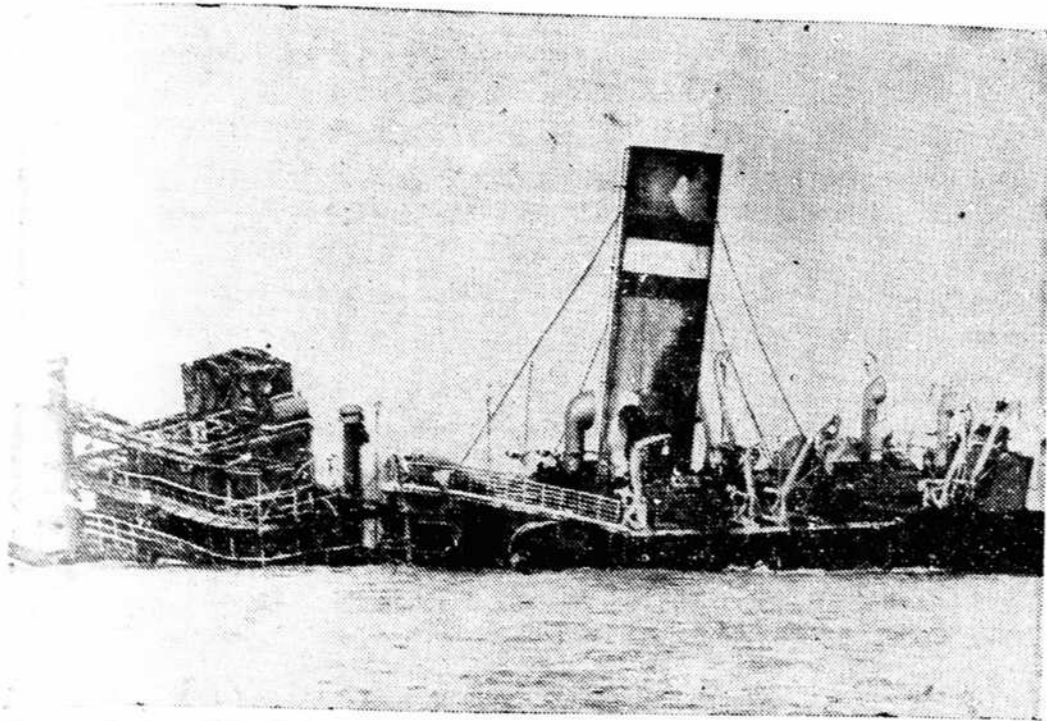
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Another Neutral Victim of the War



The superstructure of the Dutch freighter *Spaarndam* protrudes through shallow water after coming to grief somewhere off the west coast of England. This photo was made from a British warship. (Central Press)

Capture Of Dombas Officially Announced In Berlin Today

Hitler Signs Special Order of the Day Praising German Armies In Norway For Feat In Saving Of Trondheim.

Berlin, April 30.—(AP)—The capture of Dombas, vital railway junction 30 miles south of Trondheim, by the advancing German forces in Norway was officially announced today.

Shortly before that, German advance troops further north had entered a land link between Oslo and Trondheim, meeting on the railway south of Støren and apparently locking the southern gate of Trondheim.

There were no further details concerning the capture of Dombas, which is 30 miles south of Støren.

Allied forces, landed at Andalsnes and moved eastward to Dombas, have been defending Dombas in heavy fighting for several days.

The swift developments exceeded the fondest expectations of German military leaders.

Hitler signed a special order of the day praising the German armies in Norway for their 20-day feat in saving Trondheim from an attempted allied pincher movement.

Inspired commentators said that "the hour of military decision" in central Norway struck "when the German soldiers of the north and south dramatically shook hands south of Støren."

Horton Gaining Strength In All Sections, Averill Gleans From Many Sources

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, April 30.—The gubernatorial tide is running strongly in the direction of Lieutenant Governor William P. Horton, if informants from every part of the state have any real knowledge of local conditions in their sections.

These Horton gains, many close observers declare, are assuming proportions sufficiently large to threaten a genuine upset of the political dopesters who have for weeks been generally agreed that J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney, was in the No. 1 position to make him a certain entrant into a second primary.

Most analyses of the situation as of today still place Broughton at the top or in a virtual tie with Horton, but some of the keenest of those making these observations believe that if the present trend continues, Broughton will not only finish back of the lieutenant governor but will

be behind Allen J. Maxwell and the eight ball so far as his gubernatorial aspirations extend.

There probably are no absolute "neutrals" in word and deed and thought in this campaign and it is quite within the realm of possibility that Horton has done nothing more than secure the largest and loudest collection of claimers. There does seem, however, more than deliberate and Horton-inspired propaganda behind the reports of the lieutenant governor's gain.

The talk of them comes from too many places and persons who are not Horton supporters to discount the whole thing or dismiss the Horton pickup as a myth or figment of fertile imaginations.

One of the significant things about the reports is that within the last few days the very first claims have been made of more than moderate Horton

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Methodists Argue Status Of Women

Atlantic City, April 30.—(AP)—The question whether women should receive full ministerial rights has become the latest issue to divide delegates to the general conference of the Methodist church.

The committee on ministry rejected yesterday by a vote of 46 to 26 petitions seeking full pastoral status for women, but a minority member of the committee said the conference might disavow the report.

The church now ordains women and allows them to administer the sacraments and perform marriages but does not permit them to become pastors.

The plea by five petitioners that the Methodist church revert to the strict anti-divorce rules it maintained before the uniting conference at Kansas City liberalized them a year ago was rejected flatly by the committee on the state of the church.

The committee upheld the rules which permit ministers to remarry the "innocent party" in divorces involving "adultery" or other vicious conditions which through mental or physical cruelty or physical peril invalidated the marriage vow.

Congressman Charged With Selling Job

Gainesville, Ga., April 30.—(AP)—O. John Hodge, assistant United States attorney general, took over prosecution of B. Frank Wheelchel, as the government sought to prove the north Georgia Congressman sold postal jobs.

Questioning William S. Elliott, president of the Bank of Canton, Ga., the man who directed Louisiana's graft investigations swiftly developed evidence which he said would show that the father of a prospective rural letter carrier borrowed money to pay for his son's appointment.

Elliott testified that J. H. Holcomb, Sr., approached him in October, 1933, asking a letter of recommendation to Wheelchel in behalf of his son, Hulon Holcomb. At the time, the witness said, Holcomb told him he "understood they are offering money for postal jobs."

Elliott related he told Holcomb such action would be in violation of federal law. Two months later, he testified, Holcomb again approached him in Canton and asked for a loan of \$1,500.

Rogge told the court the government was prepared to offer evidence that \$1,500 of this subsequently was paid to H. Grady Jones, indicted jointly with Wheelchel on several counts of conspiracy, and that the latter delivered this to the Congressman.

NINE HOSPITALS GET DUKE APPROPRIATION

Charlotte, April 30.—(AP)—The trustees of the Duke endowment at Durham here today appropriated \$50,000 to nine hospitals in the Charlotte area for assistance in the care of 100 patients during 1939.

Hospitals receiving appropriations included Baker Sanatorium, Lumberton, \$5,000.

WPA Projects Approved

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Approval of 22 WPA projects calling for the expenditure of \$596,473 and the employment for 1,013 men and women was announced today by the War Relocation Administration.

The projects included: Pitt county, improve streets and athletic field, \$11,210 and 24 workers; Wayne county, improve streets and athletic field, \$16,715 and 49 workers.

State Revenue Collections 10.89 Percent Ahead

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Collections of state revenue showed a record for the fiscal year.

The usual business barometers, the sales and gasoline taxes, showed increases in April over a year ago, indicating that business was better.

April sales tax receipts were \$1,068,134.34 compared with \$926,908.52 a year ago, and gasoline receipts were \$2,095,018.92 compared with \$2,041,207.41 a year ago.

Each item of general fund revenue except gift taxes listed larger receipts this fiscal year than last for ten months and each item of highway revenue was increased.

Britain Admits Setbacks On Land, Sea, Diplomatic Fronts

GERMAN LAND FORCES MAKE CONNECTION

Troops Advancing North From Oslo Establish Connection With Forces Driving South From Trondheim In Norwegian Campaign.

Berlin, April 30.—(AP)—The German high command announced today that German forces in Norway have established land connection between their main bases at Oslo and the west coast port of Trondheim.

A brief communique said: "German troops advancing north from Oslo by way of Tynset and south from Trondheim met today on the railroad southwest of Støren."

"Land connection between Oslo and Trondheim is thereby established."

Earlier the high command had announced that German troops advancing toward Dombas has forced the allies to retreat all along the line.

If the German line established between Oslo and Trondheim can be maintained and defended, British concentrations at Andalsnes and Namsos can be cut off from each other by land.

The German army also is now in a much improved position if sufficient troops are at hand to strengthen its forces at Trondheim for drives against British forces in the coastal regions to the north and south.

Merriman Gets Three Years In Federal Prison

Raleigh, April 30.—(AP)—Judge I. M. Meekins in federal court today sentenced Clarence W. Woodall of Johnston county to Chillicothe federal penitentiary for a year and a day after a guilty plea to being a party to transporting 55 gallons of non-tax paid whiskey.

Junius Lofton and Ruffin Lofton, both of Wayne county, were given 18 months each for liquor violations.

Edward Merriman of Vance county was sentenced to three years in Atlanta for violation of the national auto theft act.

Slovakia Warned By Hungary

Budapest, April 30.—(AP)—Hungary today warned Slovakia, a protectorate of Germany, that she would "not hesitate to act in defense of her national honor" if the rights of the Hungarian minority in Slovakia were not respected.

The government declaration, read by Count Istvan Csaky, said that the present position of the Hungarian minority in Slovakia must be quickly remedied and that Hungary was "not at the limit of her patience."

Csaky's declaration, after asserting that Hungary has tried its best to establish neighborly relations with Slovakia, said that Hungary wishes to play her part in consolidating European tranquility, but "there is a limit when the cup runs over."

NLRB Rules Against Ford

Motor Company Ordered To Reinstate Workers and To Recognize CIO Union.

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—The labor board ruled today that the Ford Motor Company had violated the Wagner act at its St. Louis plant and ordered the company to reinstate with back pay 94 employees who participated in a strike in 1937.

The board also ordered the company to bargain upon request with CIO's United Auto Workers union as

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Would-Be Parachuter Loses Nerve

New York, April 30.—(AP)—A man who said he hoped to get a parachute jumping job at the New York world's fair chose the top of the 700-foot Tylon today for a demonstration.

He lost his nerve after a trial parachute with a dummy attached landed in a pool of water; but for more than an hour he kept police and more than 100 workmen in suspense until he was yanked back to safety and placed under arrest.

He identified himself as Roy Host, 36, of Manhattan, and was booked on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Lexington Man Burns To Death

Lexington, April 30.—(AP)—Dallas Hunter, 60, was burned to death today by flames that destroyed the finishing and shipping building of the Lexington Chair company here.

Manager J. O. Burk said several workmen jumped from second story windows and were unhurt.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Mostly cloudy, slightly warmer; showers in mountains tonight; Wednesday cloudy, scattered showers in north and west.

Senator Simmons Dies At New Bern



SENATOR F. M. SIMMONS

New Bern, April 30.—(AP)—Former United States Senator Fumford M. Simmons died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Wade Meadows, here shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. He was 86 years old.

Senator Simmons had been critically ill since Sunday.

It was said of Fumford McLendel Simmons by an historian of his state that no other North Carolinian ever accomplished more for the benefit of the country and for the advantage and honor of the Democratic party.

Senator Simmons was a stalwart in the ranks and councils of his party for more than 50 years; also, he was known as a man of strong convictions, firmness and determination.

He had been a leader in the prohibition movement in his state, consequently, he vigorously opposed the nomination of Alfred E. Smith as Democratic candidate for the presidency in 1928 because of the latter's attitude toward the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act.

After the New York governor had been nominated, Senator Simmons resigned his membership on the Democratic National Committee and announced that he would not vote for Smith. At the same time he made it clear that he had no intention of voting for Herbert Hoover, the Republican nominee.

Recognition as Democratic leader in North Carolina came to the senator because of the many political battles he waged in behalf and in defense of his party. With one excep-

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Young Lawyer On Labor Board Staff

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—A 27-year old lawyer told the House committee investigating the labor board today that he was appointed to the board's staff of review attorneys two months after his admission to the bar.

The witness, Roscoe L. Barrow, a native of LaGrange, N. C., testified that he was graduated from law school in 1933, was admitted to the bar in December of the same year. In response to questions Barrow said he never had engaged in the practice of law.

Nazis Take Storen, Key Norse City

British Admiralty Announces Loss of Two Submarines, Bringing to Seven The Total Lost In War; Trade Talks Hit Snag.

London, April 30.—(AP)—The British conceded setbacks today on the land, sea and diplomatic fronts.

Military sources said the Germans had captured Storen, railroad junction 30 miles south of Nazi-held Trondheim, which may prove to be the key to the whole campaign in Norway.

The admiralty announced that two submarines were overdue and must be regarded as lost. They are the 1095-ton Tarpon, which carried a normal crew of 53, and the 678-ton Starlet, whose normal crew was 40.

This raised Britain's loss of undersea craft to seven of the 57 with which she entered the war last September.

The admiralty also disclosed the sinking of two trawlers, but said there was no loss of life.

As trade talks with Russia struck a snag over Russian exports to Germany Ronald H. Cross, minister directing the British blockade, pleaded for American "understanding" of war conditions.

Cross said that rubber, tin and other materials, much from the United States, were reaching Germany through Vladivostok in such quantities they were an "undoubtedly serious" leak in the blockade.

Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons "I do not think it would be in the public interest to make any announcement as to measures adopted by the allies in Norway."

The royal air force swung into action on the Norwegian coast bombing Fornebu airport and engaging German bombers in several air battles. Two Nazi planes were shot down, it was reported authoritatively.

While the war office kept silent, a military source said the Germans had taken Storen and described the allied position in the Dombas sector, 30 miles south of Støren, as "difficult."

HEAVY NAVAL FIRE OFF SWEDISH COAST

Stockholm, April 30.—(AP)—Accounts of heavy naval firing last night off the Swedish west coast were published in Stockholm newspapers today.

Reports of naval engagements in those waters, the sea approach to Norway from Germany, have come from points along the coast on several recent nights.

Probe Alleged Use Of Flag

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—Undersecretary of State Welles and his associates pushed an investigation today into the first official charge of the misuse of the American flag in the European war.

They were striving to assemble full information on the statement Sunday of C. J. Hambro, president of the Norwegian parliament, that a Norwegian pilot had sworn that the German supply ship which he piloted into Narvik harbor flew an American flag and had American flags painted on her sides to disguise her true nationality.

Carey Calls On Business To Meet "A Great Crisis"

Washington, April 30.—(AP)—W. Gibson Carey, Jr., president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, called on business men and others to meet "a great crisis" by campaigning for an end to federal policies which he said were undermining American institutions.

In an address prepared for the annual meeting of the organization, the New York manufacturer advanced the slogan "Build America."

He said that the nation's great need was for sound leadership in government and added that in the past business men had failed in the field of citizenship.

"In the future, however, through our activity and that of others we as people must see that we effect corrections," Carey said. "Here are those that seem most fundamental: 'Carefully but surely we must reduce federal expenditures and balance our national budget including our vast federal corps of employees. 'Then we must begin paying our debts. 'In the course we should further encourage productivity and the full use of our resources by reducing taxes, which are a first charge on the standard of living of every citizen because they inevitably are reflected in prices."