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## Nazis Push On Toward Calais Following Capture Of Boulogne

### Only 500 Navy Planes Capable Of Meeting Europe's, Towers Says

### Suppression Of Statement Is Declined

"The People Ought to Face the Facts," Senator Tydings Declares in Urging That Testimony Be Published.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—Senator Tydings today declined to suppress testimony that the Navy has only 500 aircraft capable of meeting Europe's, Towers says. The testimony, by Rear Admiral H. H. Towers, chief of naval operations, was that of the navy's 1,367 aircraft only 192 were less than a year old and the others range in age up to seven years. Senator Tydings, Democrat, Virginia, said he was "glad" that Towers' figures that only 500 of the Navy's aircraft are modern European planes.

Towers' statement, said Tydings, "is a picture" of national defense which suggested suppressions. Tydings asserted that "I feel that it would be a wise course to face the facts and the

### Noted German Spy Arrested

London, May 24.—(AP)—Captain Hans Rintelen, noted for German espionage activities during the war and in recent years in England, was detained today in a "black" drive against fifth columnists.

### Trotsky Safe After Attack

Famous Russian Exile Only Slightly Hurt By Band Who Fire Into His Bedroom.

London, May 24.—(AP)—Trotsky was attacked today by a band of 30 or 40 men who fired into his bedroom. Trotsky was slightly hurt by the shots.

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### Downs 20 Planes



Edgar (Cobber) Kain

Waging practically a personal war with the Nazi air force, this Royal Air Force pilot, Edgar (Cobber) Kain, is credited with shooting down 20 German planes. After downing two Heinkel bombers one day recently, he was attacked by six Messerschmitts and bagged two of those. He hails from New Zealand, and his nickname means pal.

### Training For Air Reserve Is Planned

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt disclosed plans today to give basic training as pilots to 50,000 men in the twelve months beginning July 1.

### MORE DELEGATES TO ROOSEVELT SUPPORT

Providence, R. I., May 24.—(AP)—Sixteen delegates to the national convention pledged flatly to President Roosevelt were elected by acclamation today at the meeting of the Rhode Island State Democratic convention.

### Art Treasures Of Belgium Are Lost

Paris, May 24.—(AP)—Thirty truck loads of art treasures including paintings by Rubens, Rembrandt and Van Dyck are missing, it was disclosed today, after being spirited out of Brussels during the German invasion.

### Allies Offer Concessions To Il Duce

Mussolini Quoted As Saying Concessions Reportedly Offered Are "Too Little and Too Late" To Change Position.

Rome, May 24.—(AP)—Futile allied offers of concessions to Premier Mussolini in the hope of keeping Italy non-belligerent were reported today in Italian quarters.

With Italy observing the anniversary of her entrance into the World War 25 years ago today, unofficial observers said the French secretly offered her credit facilities through the Suez canal and a free port at Jibuti, Somaniland. Jubiti is the only rail outlet to Italy's Ethiopian empire.

### Parachutists Find Death

London, May 24.—(AP)—A small band of British and French soldiers were reported tonight to have wiped out German parachute attackers armed with sub-machine guns dropped on a small French village behind the western front.

The air ministry announced that 16 members of the ground staff of a Royal Air Force squadron had stopped to rest at the village when at dusk German bombers came roaring over the rooftops.

### Averill Sees: Broughton High With Maxwell Second; Half-Million Votes

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—Half a million North Carolina Democrats, more or less, will tomorrow go to the polls to nominate:

### Battle Of Flanders In Third Day

French Advance Guards Fight Vigorously With German Light Units Near Boulogne, Failing to Close Gap In Lines.

Paris, May 24.—(AP)—French advance guards fought vigorously today against small German light units in the region of the English channel near Boulogne, a military spokesman said, while the battle of Flanders raged into its third day with sustained violence eastward into the vicinity of Valenciennes.

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**AIRPLANE SCORE.** London, May 24.—(AP)—British fighter planes yesterday shot down 20 German planes and damaged 25 more, the air ministry announced today. The British were said to have lost eight planes.

**NEW BUS ROUTE.** Charlotte, May 24.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted permission of Carolina Coach company of Raleigh to extend its motor bus operations to connect Tarboro and Dunn.

### Pitts Denies Coercion

Penal Division Superintendent Answers Charges of Political Activities.

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—Oscar Pitts, superintendent of the State penal division, branded as false today any charges that he was attempting by coercion or intimidation to secure votes from prison employees for J. M. Broughton, Democratic gubernatorial candidate.

### Queen Wilhelmina Feared Capture

London, May 24.—(AP)—Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands told newspaper men personally today that she left her invaded kingdom because the Germans were determined to capture her and hold her as a hostage.

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### Drive Toward Coast Tightens Steel Trap On 'Pocketed' Allies

### Nazi in Victory Parade Through Brussels



German horsemen are shown parading in Brussels, according to the German censor-approved caption. Nazi soldiers who arrived in the Belgian capital before the cavalry watch their comrades ride past. Photo was flashed by radio to New York from Berlin.

### SBI Leads Roundup Of Statewide Gang

Americans Ready To Leave Britain

London, May 24.—(AP)—Seven hundred Americans eager to leave England and escape the dangers of Nazi invasion applied for visas and exit permits to Eire in the last 24 hours, embassy officials said today.

### Negro Dies In Gas Chamber

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—The State executed Simon (Cochie) Gibson, 23-year-old Negro, today for the rape of a white woman in New Hanover county.

### Bishop Purcell Is Given Assignment

Asheville, May 24.—(AP)—The southeastern jurisdictional conference of the Methodist church assigned its eight active bishops today in accordance with the recommendations of its committee on episcopacy.

### Nazi Troops Are Reported Near Calais

German Force Grapples With Allies in Streets of Ghent; French Forts Near Belgian Border Reported Captured.

(By The Associated Press) Allied artillery fire raked advancing German armored columns with a devastating cross-fire in the battle of Flanders today as other Nazi legions struck at the "gates of Calais"—only 22 miles from Dover, England—and captured the strategic French seaport of Boulogne.

### Eight Persons Arrested Last Night as Members of "Biggest Organized Criminal Gang Operating in the State."

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—Frederick C. Handy, director of the State Bureau of Investigation, announced today that eight persons had been arrested in a crack-down on what he termed "the biggest organized criminal gang operating in the state."

### 450,000 Votes Expected In State Primary

Raleigh, May 24.—(AP)—The State board of elections estimated that about 450,000 votes would be cast in tomorrow's Democratic primary. No guess was hazarded as to the probable Republican vote.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and slightly cooler, except light rain and stationary temperature on northeast coast tonight; Saturday partly cloudy, slightly warmer.

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