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## GERMAN RAIDERS AGAIN ARE TURNED BACK

### Hurricane Nearing Carolina Coast In The Hatteras Area

#### Center of Storm Due There By Night; Inhabitants of Coast Are Warned To Be Ready To Flee; Shipping on Coast Advised.

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A general and falling barometer today heralded the approach of a hurricane toward North Carolina's coast.

The Cape Hatteras coast guard station, observations were taken hourly, and during the morning the barometer began to fall.

The gale began to roar angrily as the sandbanks that fringe North Carolina's coast for nearly 100 miles.

Storm warnings were issued and up and down the coast of Cape Hatteras to the Virginia coast.

The Weather Bureau had not received any living and vacationing beachgoers to leave, but was in the process of warning them to get out of the area as soon as possible and where the hurricane would strike.

The information on the storm was headed in this direction early this morning. Reports were showing tendencies to weaken, but the storm, however, gave the impression that it might pass at sea.

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A hurricane menaced North Carolina's coast today. The storm's center was located in the western section of the state still counted heavy rains.

The Weather Bureau ordered storm warnings from just north of Wilmington to the Virginia Capes, and placed the center of a "severe hurricane intensity" near Cape Hatteras early this morning.

The Weather Bureau, issued by the Weather Bureau at Jacksonville, Florida, the storm center about 100 miles southwest of Cape Hatteras. It was moving northward at 12 to 15 miles an hour, showing some tendency to veer to the northward.

Storm warnings along the Carolina coast.

### RED CROSS READY AS HURRICANE NEARS

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 31.—(AP)—The Red Cross began execution today of its pre-arranged mobilization plan as a precaution against the tropical storm headed toward this coastal city.

Dr. Albert V. Crosby, local chairman, said he had been advised by National Red Cross headquarters to get his committees designated to handle certain phases of disaster work, assemble and ready for action.

City Manager Charles B. Borland also instructed all department heads to stand by subject to call and ready for any eventuality.

### Young Demos Will Battle For Top Job

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Six Yorker Hotel, 61 HUNTER AVENUE.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The North Carolina Democratic presidential primary is scheduled for its convention on September 12, 13 and 14. It will be held in a contest of the sons of the state.

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### Got Navy Fees



Lawrence W. Robert

Lawrence W. (Chip) Robert, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, is head of the engineering firm in Atlanta, Ga., which, according to Representative Carl Vinson, of that state, received navy contracts amounting to \$931,500. The estimated construction cost of the projects he designed amount to \$26,850,081.

(Central Press)

### Times Square Gun Battle Fatal To One

New York, Aug. 31.—(AP)—An unscheduled drama unfolded before last-minute theatre-goers in the Times Square section last night as a policeman and a gunman fought a death duel in the lobby of a playhouse.

The gunman, his identity a mystery, ended his own life with a bullet in the temple as he fell wounded from the officer's fire. Patrolman Joseph Schaecker and a Negro porter at the Plymouth theatre, between Broadway and Eighth Avenue on 45th Street, were wounded in the battle.

Customers hurrying for an 8:40 curtain ducked as bullets were sent over their heads.

Schaecker, wounded in the left leg, told the story that a stranger approached him on his beat, and whispered, "that man (pointing) has a gun. He's going to shoot me."

The informant melted into the crowd and Schaecker started in pursuit of a slightly mustached man who held a pistol. Both broke into a run. As they neared the Plymouth, dodging among parked autos, the gunman fired a shot that went wild, then dodged into the lobby.

James Mitchell, the Negro porter, attempted to tackle the man but lost his grip. The fugitive fired again and wounded the porter in the jaw. As he fled the lobby he sent a bullet into Schaecker's leg. The policeman hobbled to the shelter of a car and fired, striking the man in the chest.

### House Will Pass Draft, All Critics Now Agree

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Variants sections of the Burke-Wadsworth military training bill aroused scattered opposition in the House today, but all critics agreed that even a combination of their forces would not defeat the legislation next week.

As preparations to start debate Tuesday went on behind the scenes, informed members predicted that the principal fights would develop over two provisions:

1. That fixing 21 to 44, inclusive, as the age range of men who would register and be subject to conscription.

2. That giving the government power to take over industrial plants for defense purposes.

The draft of the bill approved by the House Military Committee contains the 21-44 age range, but several representatives said they would

## Government Plane Orders Total 42,000

### Delivery In Two Years Is Required

#### New Plant Facilities Being Rushed and the Output Steadily Increasing; Defense Industries To Be Put Far Inland.

Washington, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Newly-placed orders for airplane engines—once called the bottleneck of the defense program—today brighten prospects for engine production ahead of the army-navy goal of a 25,000-plane fleet in the next two years.

With new plant facilities already under construction and output steadily increasing, a survey of contracts showed that upwards of 40,000 motors for all types of planes have been ordered for delivery by mid-1942.

At the rate of one and a half engines per plane, beginning in multiple production, experts estimated that this total would be more than adequate for the goal of 25,000 planes of all types which defense officials have set for themselves by that time.

Other defense developments included disclosure by army officials of a plan for spreading strategic defense industries over five inland areas, comprising roughly all those sections of the country 200 to 250 miles or more away from the coast or international boundaries.

And Secretary Stimson sought to avoid a conflict of interests between man power and industrial production needs by requesting release from the National Guard of all officers and men holding key positions in defense industries.

The two largest engine contracts let so far were made public by the army and navy this week. They call for the manufacture of 20,000 Wright motors by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, and 17,000 Pratt and Whitney motors by United Aircraft Corporation.

### FORMER AMERICAN LINER TORPEDOED

New York, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Mackay radio picked up a message today stating that the Belgian passenger ship Ville de Hasselt, a former American liner, had been torpedoed. No details were given in the message, which was sent by a station in England.

### Italy Might Meet Match In Balkans

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist

Washington, Aug. 31.—Despite Italy's conquest of British Somaliland against pretty weak resistance, there are American diplomatic, army and

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Sylva—The body of an unidentified woman was found. Albert McColl and his two children are feared to have drowned when his home was washed away.

Camden—The body of a woman believed to be that of Mrs. Bill Hampton, wife of Rev. Bill Hampton, has been recovered in the Big Creek section of Haywood county. The Hampton home was washed away by the flood.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, occasional rains in east and scattered showers in west portions this afternoon and night; Sunday partly cloudy, preceded by rain northeast portion.

### British Wrath Vented on Berlin



C. P. Radiophoto

A German fireman looks into the wreckage of a house on Kottbusser Strasse, where German government buildings are located. The house and others in the vicinity were bombed by British airmen retaliating for German bombings of the British Isles. Photo radioed from Berlin to New York.

## Germans Get Rumanian Bases

### Morehead's Port May Be Leased Soon

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—(AP)—A tentative agreement under which port facilities at Morehead City may be leased to shipping promoters was drafted here today at a conference attended by Attorney General Harry McMillan and representatives of the Morehead City Port Authority, the Port Commission, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the prospective lessees.

The lease, designed to make Morehead City an official part of call for coastwise and foreign shipping, is subject to approval of creditors, including the R. F. C. and the State-owned Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad.

McMillan said persons attending the conference predicted that 15 to 20 ships a month would stop at the North Carolina port.

Under the lease, which runs for 24 years, port service would be offered to steamship lines. One company which is interested in the deal is the Hinkins Steamship Agency, of Baltimore.

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### Populace of Ceded Transylvania Area Resent the Rumanian Capitulation to Nazis, But King Carol Says He Was Helpless.

Bucharest, Rumania, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The establishment of German air bases and headquarters for Nazi tank corps and motorized units on Rumanian soil was reported by government circles today to have been agreed upon by the Vienna conference yesterday, which gave half of Rumania's Transylvania to Hungary.

German planes and soldiers had not put in an appearance in Rumania today, although the Rumanian general staff began demobilization of most of the Balkan kingdom's 1,300,000 men under arms.

Other plans were being rushed to vacate the northern Transylvanian area ceded to Hungary by the axis powers in an arbitration award. This must be completed in 15 days.

The aroused Rumanian population in Transylvania carried on incessant demonstrations of protest to the government's capitulation. Tens of thousands of Rumanian peasants flooded to Cluj, ancient Transylvanian capital. Here and elsewhere in Transylvania there were frequent anti-fascist outbreaks, with Italy blamed largely for "selling out Rumania," as one speaker put it.

Many Transylvanian groups sent telegrams to King Carol declaring they would refuse to abide by the Vienna decision, and "armed defense corps" will be organized quickly, they said.

The tension in Bucharest itself was sharpened by the resignation of Minister of Public Health Vasile Novvum, an iron guardist who stepped out as an admission of his "grave error" in agreeing to the Vienna award.

In a dramatic address to King Carol and his 40 closest advisors at a crown council, Novvum declared he had no inkling Germany would impose such an "injustice" on Rumania.

Carol, worn and haggard after two sleepless nights, finally called for silence, and in a tired voice declared it had been the most "sorrowful moment" of his life, but that no other solution was possible.

### CIO Leader Says Draft Is Aimed At Economic Reforms

Chicago, Aug. 31.—(AP)—Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, asserted today that peacetime conscription is directly aimed at an effort to "destroy the social and economic gains of the past few years."

Curran, who also is president of the CIO Industrial Council of Great New York, was one of the scheduled speakers at the emergency peace mobilization, sponsored by the Committee To Defend America by Keeping Out of War.

### Crew of Eight In Plane Chutes Out

McChord Field, Wash., Aug. 31.—(AP)—Eight men—the entire crew—parachuted to safety from a falling bomber, a feat described by an army officer as "unheard-of." The big bomber crashed in rugged wooded country north of the little western Washington town of Kalama yesterday after one of its two motors went dead.

"It's unheard of for so many men to successfully escape by parachute in such circumstances," Colonel Carlyle H. Wash, McChord field commander, said. The men suffered no injuries except minor bruises.

First Lieutenant Jack N. Donohue, pilot, stuck to the plane until his comrades left. He suffered a bruised leg in escaping from the crazily gyrating ship.

### Average For Georgia Leaf \$15.48 Total

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The tobacco division of the Federal Marketing Service estimated today that 96,750,000 pounds of tobacco were sold this season on Georgia and Florida markets, which closed during the week.

The season's average price for 12 or 16 markets, which sold a total of 79,865,745 pounds, was \$14.58 per hundred pounds.

Prices this week were somewhat lower than during the first week of sales. Quality of offerings this week were the poorest since the market started.

### Venezuela Tanker Caught In Center Of Big Hurricane

Norfolk, Va., Aug. 31.—(AP)—The Coast Guard said today an SOS had been received from the 18,000-ton Venezuelan oil tanker Acosta, in the center of a tropical hurricane about 200 miles southeast of Frying Pan Shoals, south of Norfolk and Morehead City, N. C., but they cannot reach the Acosta before tomorrow.

The Acosta reported that the wind was blowing from 80 to 90 miles an hour and that her radio was being flooded. She has not been heard from since the distress call at 11 p. m. last night.

### Retaliation By Nazis For Berlin Raid

#### Only One of Three Thrusts Penetrates the London Area; British Claim Night Raiders Dispersed in Many Areas; Berlin Hard Hit.

London, Aug. 31.—(AP)—German bombers damaged a Royal Air Force airbase in eastern England today and attacked another near the Thames estuary, causing some casualties, the Air Ministry announced.

London, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The Air Ministry announced tonight that 38 German planes had been destroyed so far today in attacks on Britain.

The announcement said: "Reports received so far today show that 38 enemy aircraft have been shot down in attacks on this country today. Sixteen of our fighters are missing, but eleven of the pilots are safe."

Berlin, Aug. 31.—(AP)—DNE, the official news agency, announced today that German bombers successfully raided several Royal Air Force airbases north of London this morning. The planes flew over London repeatedly, it was stated.

London, Aug. 31.—(AP)—The fourth air raid warning of the day for this British capital was sounded at 5:50 p. m. (11:50 a. m. EST).

(By The Associated Press.) Germany replied to a direct attack of the Royal Air Force on the heart of Berlin today by sending over waves of war planes in thrusts at London, which sent residents of the British capital scurrying into air raid shelters three times in five hours.

Only one of the three thrusts penetrated the city's defenses, the British reported.

The air ministry said at least six Nazi planes were shot down in the raids and three of its own were missing. The third alarm was London's twenty-first since Nazi planes struck at Croydon airport on the outskirts of the city August 15.

The bombs dropped in the center of Berlin were the first in its history, and fell as Nazi bombers roared and fought over London in a night raid that lasted six hours and 39 minutes, keeping citizens awake until nearly dawn.

Widespread sections of Berlin felt the impact of British bombs. Several apartment and business build-

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### Revenues Of State Still Bounding Up

#### \$5,987,843 for August, Against \$5,585,601 in August, 1939; General Fund and Highway Receipts Share in the Gains.

Raleigh, Aug. 31.—(AP)—State tax receipts continued their upward trend during August, totalling \$5,987,843.90, compared with \$5,585,601.81 in August, 1939.

All items which generally are considered barometers of business showed increases over the month last year.

Total collections to date this fiscal year, the Revenue Department announced, are \$12,734,190.83, compared with \$11,661,027.78 during the same period last year.

General fund receipts during August were \$3,422,496.95, as against \$3,242,866.01 in August, 1939. Highway receipts were \$2,565,431.95, compared with \$2,372,115.17.