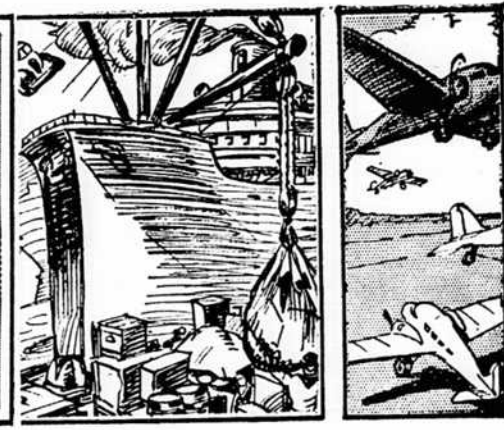




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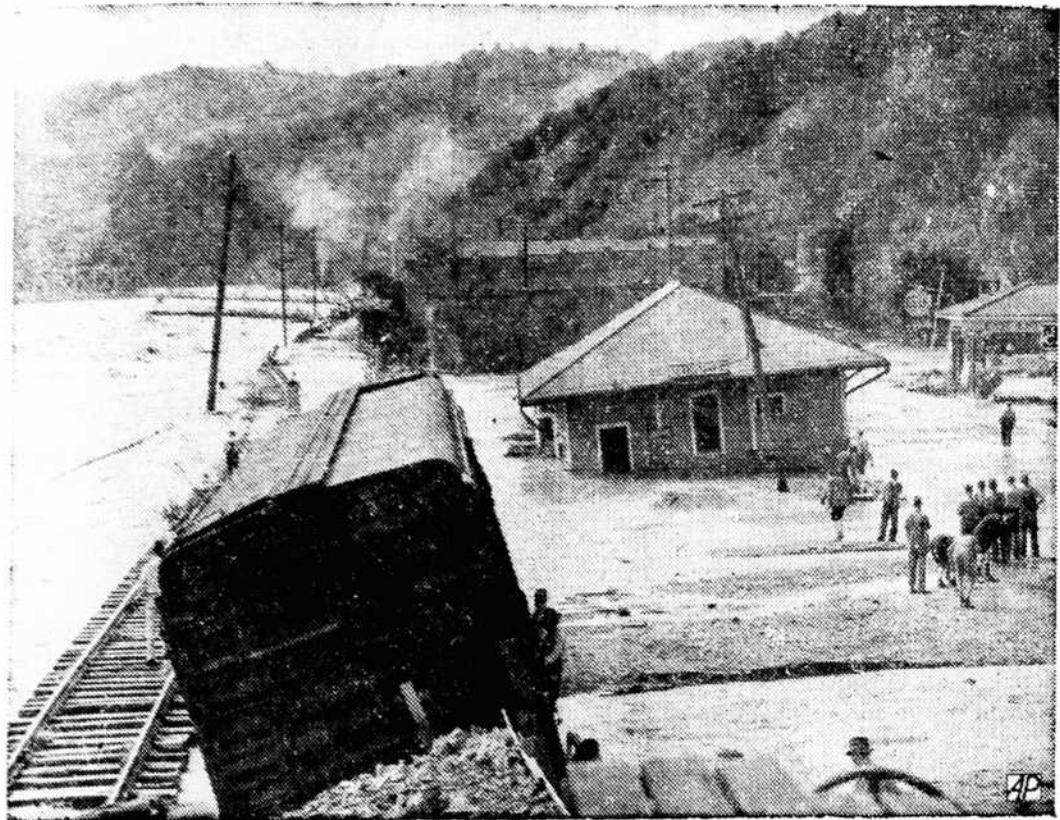
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North Carolina Struck Again By Floods



For the second time in less than a month floodwaters from rampaging streams struck widespread areas in the mountainous section of North Carolina. At least two were known dead and ten persons were missing. Evident here by the floods was the town of Marshall, where the French Broad river rose six feet in the business section. This picture shows the town's inundated depot with tracks in the left background completely washed from their foundations.

Roosevelt, Dedicating Dam, Scoffs At Critics

N. C. Speech Late Today

President To Dedicate Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Praises TVA.

Chattanooga, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Speaking before a cheering Chickamauga Basin, President Roosevelt scoffed at critics of the Tennessee Valley Authority today and said he would not be able to quit by September 30.

He dedicated the mile-long dam and the TVA's entire system of dams and reservoirs along the Tennessee river and its tributaries. He indicated them to "the benefit of the people, the prosperity they have created, the faith they have inspired, the hope they have inspired, the peace that they encourage, the national defense of the United States of America."

The TVA, Mr. Roosevelt asserted, is a demonstration of what "a government can do," of a people's "in a war against waste."

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Preparedness Is Theme At Newfound Gap

Newfound Gap, Tenn.—N. C. Dispatch, Sept. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told an audience on the Newfound Gap of the Great Smoky Mountains today that "the greatest threat that has ever been launched against the freedom of the individual is the attack of the individual."

He said that attack, he said "we must prepare beforehand, for preparedness may and probably will be the last."

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Congress May Adjourn Soon

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Congressional leaders today appeared aiming at a stepped-up legislative tempo for the next few weeks with the unannounced hope of getting Congress to adjourn some time this month.

Some confirmation of this came from Senator Herring, Democrat, Iowa, who said leaders were pressing for action on important national defense and tax legislation "so that all of us can go home for a while."

"The public now realizes that the best thing Congress could do would be to adjourn," Senator Herring said. "There is no reason why we should not be able to quit by September 30."

Violent Death Toll Is 346 Over Weekend

(By The Associated Press.) Violent deaths over the nation rose to 346 today in the two days of the extended Labor Day week-end.

Automobile accidents, as usual, contributed the greatest number of fatalities to the toll, with 221, but this was 70 less than the normal traffic death expectancy as figured on the basis of past experience by the

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Cotton Quota At Minimum, Wallace Says

Chicago, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Henry A. Wallace, who resigned as secretary of Agriculture to become the Democratic vice presidential nominee, said today he thought the South had almost reached the minimum for its cotton acreage.

"I think the South's cotton acreage

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Defense To Make Jobs

Government Economists Predict 50 Per Cent Reduction in Unemployment.

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Administration economists made a Labor Day prediction today that the national defense program with conscription included would cut unemployment in half by next July, reducing the number of unemployed from 9,000,000 to 4,500,000.

They said they expected a gradual, sustained pickup in industrial employment to provide jobs for more than 3,000,000 men in the next ten months. Mobilization of the national guard and inauguration of conscription, providing it is authorized by Congress, would account for another 1,000,000 reduction in unemployment.

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Bombs Drop On Swiss Soil

Bern, Switzerland, Sept. 2.—(AP)—An unidentified bomber, one of a number of night raiding warplanes which kept Switzerland awake with a series of air raid alarms during the night, dropped bombs on Swiss soil near the former Austrian frontier in the east and drove heavy anti-aircraft fire, it was reported today.

A Swiss high command commander today identified the invaders, but the government several times has protested to London over violations of Swiss territory by British planes raiding northern Italy and southern Germany.

The bombs dropped by the one plane landed in fields and did little harm.

Bern had a 30-minute alarm at 1 a. m. and Geneva had the second of two alarms 20 minutes later. The second was believed to have been caused by the return of the raiding planes.

Nazis Threaten To Occupy Rumania

Nazi Planes Turned Back By British

Two Attempts to Break Through England's Defenses Are Repulsed; Unofficial Reports Say At Least 15 Planes Downed.

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—German air raiders, twice turned back in thundering thrusts across the English channel, broke through defenses in cloud-banked skies to threaten the London area for more than an hour late today, and then wheeled away under the impetus of violent royal air force attacks and anti-aircraft fire.

The invaders came over at great heights in waves. Successive massed formations had been repelled earlier over the Thames estuary. The air ministry said 25 German planes had been shot down compared with a loss of seven British planes.

To London observers the first indication of the German breakthrough was a sudden rush of smoke puffs which sprinkled a whole section of the sky, an indication of anti-aircraft batteries at work. Their fire was reported to have accounted for one German plane. Spitfire fighters soared aloft.

Nine parachutes were seen descending from stricken planes. The rattle of machine guns was plainly heard at one point.

"Our planes were on them like a pack of dogs," said one observer. "And almost immediately the level tone of the raiders' engines altered to high pitched roars, varying from second to second as Hurricanes and

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Nazis Sink 2 Warships

High Command Reports Sinking of Two Destroyers in North Sea; Ports Attacked.

Berlin, Sept. 2.—(AP)—The German air force smashed heavily today at British airports in southeast England, military sources reported, as the high command told of the sinking of two British destroyers by torpedoes in the North Sea and successful night attacks on such west coast ports as Liverpool, Swansea and Bristol.

Thirteen British planes were downed this morning in savage air battles over southern England, which developed in the course of these raids. DNB, official German news agency, reported.

At noon, new fights were reported over the English coast when

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

On the Balkan Chopping Block



Here is the latest division of Rumania, decided at the four-power Vienna conference between Rumania, Hungary, Germany and Italy. Rumania is said to have bowed to the axis-directed plan, ceding two-thirds of Transylvania, 21,235 square miles, to Hungary in return for promise that German troops would be sent immediately to Rumania's troubled Russian border. Map shows Bessarabia already in Soviet hands, and section of Dobruja recently ceded to Bulgaria.

(Central Press)

Defense Is Keynote Of Labor Day Theme

Martin Asks Probe Of Trip

Washington, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Joseph W. Martin, Jr., chairman of the Republican national committee, proposed today that the Senate committee on campaign expenditures investigate whether the cost of President Roosevelt's "political sally into the Tennessee valley" was being paid "out of public money."

Asserting in a prepared statement that Mr. Roosevelt "at long last has abandoned his pretense of aloof statesmanship and has decided that it has become necessary for him openly to participate" in the presidential campaign, Martin said that the "political nature" of Mr. Roosevelt's utterances today raised the question of "who is paying for this political excursion."

"Is the cost of his special train and his staff of aides being charged to the United States treasury or, as it should be, to the Democratic national committee?" Martin asked.

Investigation Of Airliner Crash Planned

Leesburg, Va., Sept. 2.—(AP)—The crash of a Pennsylvania Central Airliner in a field near Lovettsville, Va., carrying 25 persons to instant death brought plans today for a public hearing by the Civil Aeronautics board and a possible Senate probe.

Literally cut in two by the terrible impact, the mangled bodies of the 21 passengers and four crew members were scattered over a 25-acre area when the giant airliner crashed at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Among the victims was Senator Ernest Lundeen, Farmer-Labor, of Minnesota.

Labor Leaders Pledge Loyal Efforts To Furthering Defense Program; Draft Bill Is Attacked, However.

(By The Associated Press.) It was labor's day today and it was labor's vital role in the task of national defense that gave the day its keynote.

The holiday message President Roosevelt issued to the nation's workers appealed for the cooperation of all to strengthen and defend the American way of life.

Labor leaders pledged the loyal efforts of their unions in furthering the preparedness program and expressed readiness to shoulder whatever responsibilities might come.

These expressions, however, were frequently coupled with attacks on the pending conscription legislation opposed by both the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organization.

Wendell L. Willkie, Republican presidential nominee, added another note to the day's statements, charging that there was a "present trend toward placing labor unions under

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Higher Prices Expected On Eastern Belt

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—(AP)—J.Growers of the Eastern Bright Leaf Belt carried thousands of pounds of tobacco to the 14 North Carolina markets today with the expectation of receiving prices equal to or a little better than the 19 to 20 cents average on the opening of the Border Belt markets.

W. C. Hedrick, tobacco marketing specialist in the State agriculture department, said the better quality leaf on the Eastern Belt might result in prices topping those on the Border Belt.

Anti-Axis Agitation Is Continued

Rumanian Government Struggles to Quell Angry Demonstrations Against Axis-Dictated Arbitration With Hungary.

Bucharest, Sept. 2.—(AP)—Semi-official German sources, angered by continuing anti-axis demonstrations, declared today that German troops would occupy all Rumania if the nationwide agitation is not checked.

The Rumanian government struggled to quell angry demonstrations against last week's axis-dictated arbitration which gave northern Transylvania to Hungary.

King Carol's palace, public buildings and the German and Italian legations remained under heavy guard as the cry "death to traitors" echoed throughout the kingdom.

Demonstrations at Brasov, where nazi flags were torn down over protest by German officials, particularly have aroused nazi ire.

Further arrests of prominent persons regarded as responsible for yesterday's outburst were reported and arrest of other leaders was expected, to prevent them from organizing new demonstrations.

Transylvania leaders nevertheless issued a call for a mass meeting next Sunday at Brasov and said hundreds of thousands would assemble there to voice a united protest.

The newspaper Universal, whose editor was jailed yesterday for leading a demonstration, defied government censorship by publishing five columns of news on the Sunday dis-

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Britain Gets African Aid

"Back Hallway" to Egypt Claimed by De Gaulle as Gabon Province Joins.

London, Sept. 2.—(AP)—General Charles de Gaulle, self-named leader of "all free Frenchmen," claimed today to have obtained for Britain a 2,000 mile aerial "back hallway" by which they can reinforce and supply their army in Egypt.

At what appeared a strategic moment in the Mediterranean war, with Britain looking for momentary launching of an Italian drive into Egypt from Libya, de Gaulle announced all French equatorial Africa was now enrolled under his banner to continue the war against Germany and Italy.

The roll call was completed, he said, with receipts of a cable from the governor general of Gabon Province, promising to adhere to his cause. The French-mandated Cameroons and the provinces of Chad, Ubangi and Middle Congo had previously made similar promises.

The British war office meanwhile announced that its army in the near east was "being prepared for offensive action" and this army would now have a solid line of communication from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to the west coast of Africa.