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FDR Leases Air Bases

RAF Routs German Mass Air Assaults

Nazis Move To End Red Expansion

British Fighters Signal Success With Capers in Skies; German Motorized Units to Take Over Rumanian Border Guard.

By The Associated Press.) Waves of German raiders—300 in a single onslaught—sought to bomb London today, but fell back under the lash of royal air force fighters and anti-aircraft guns.

By mid-afternoon the British air ministry reported 23 Nazi planes shot down with 15 royal air force planes missing. By contrast, Berlin said 54 British planes were destroyed while 12 German planes failed to return.

The British capital underwent two air raid alarms in the forenoon and early afternoon lasting a total of 112 minutes.

In the Associated Press.) British royal air force fighters signalled their first success in the defense of the European war today by routing a "victory roll" of 54 German bombers over London.

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Attempt To Kill King Carol Fails

Bucharest, Sept. 3.—(AP)—An attempt to kill King Carol failed tonight. An unidentified man broke through the heavily guarded palace gates and fired seven shots at the brightly lighted palace windows before he was overcome.

It was not known immediately whether the assassin was killed. Flares flying over the palace indicated that the king was in residence there at the time.

Aptitude Tests Given By State Job Service

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—The State Employment Service is now giving many of its registrants "aptitude tests" in an effort to be of greater service both to the applicants for jobs and to the employers who may put them on the payroll.

In these tests the service has co-operation of the Occupational Analysis Section of the Bureau of Employment Security, which gives what it euphonically calls "scientific selections tests."

The idea is to find out what the job hunters can do, or, as the Service expresses it, as the many syllables to "discover the measurement of the occupational potentials of young, inexperienced applicants."

Widespread interest has been shown by employers in the tests and many results have already been obtained.

In Asheville recently a new department store was opened and the job of pre-selecting the entire personnel with the aid of the aptitude tests was given the local employment office. Approximately 75 tests were given.

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Connor Portrait Accepted Today

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Chief Justice Walter P. Stacy of the Supreme court today accepted a portrait of the late Associate Justice George W. Connor to be placed with portraits of other judges including that of Justice Connor's father.

Judge Stacy said the portrait will be placed "beside the one of his father. Thus father and son again rest side by side. For the journey ends, for us another chapter closes."

"The state is immeasurably richer that they both lived and sat upon this bench."

Louisiana Militia Called To Aid In Convict Hunt

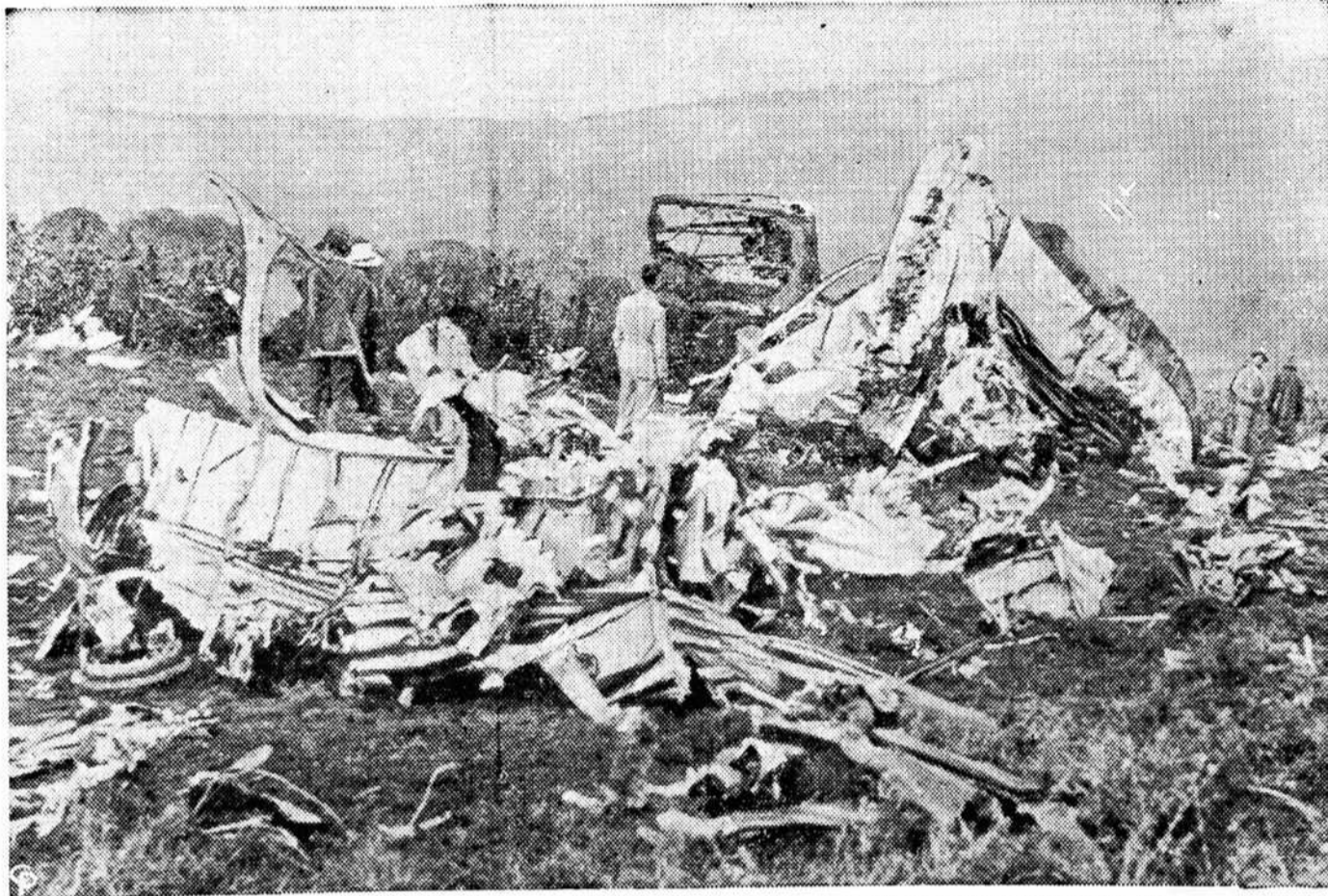
Cummins Prison Farm, Ark., Sept. 3.—(AP)—National Guardsmen were called for today to reinforce the hunt for 33 desperate convicts already charged with two killings in a wholesale prison break.

Hindered by fear of bringing harm to two girls and a boy held as hostages, Sheriff B. E. Erskine called on Louisiana Governor Sam Jones to send soldiers to Columbia, near where six of the fugitives were believed to be hiding in swamp lands.

Two of the ring-leaders of yesterday's spectacular escape were captured today near Garland City and several hours later a third convict was found slightly wounded in a Negro cabin near that town.

Sheriff Erskine appealed for soldiers after a posse of between 500 and 1,000 men had tried for hours to

Worst U. S. Air Liner Disaster Kills 25 in Virginia Mountains



The worst disaster in the history of United States commercial air lines and the first fatal accident in Pennsylvania Central Air Lines' 13-year history occurred when a twin-motored PCA plane crashed at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near Lovettsville, Va., killing all 25 persons aboard.

Low Quality Leaf At Opening

New Sea Bases Would Keep Enemies Away

Aboard Roosevelt Train, Enroute to Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that the chief value of air and naval bases acquired in British Crown colonies strewn from Newfoundland to British Guiana was that they would keep the enemy away from our front door.

He told reporters at a press conference on his special train that the epochal acquisition of the bases was probably in some respects the most important thing for American defense since the Louisiana Purchase in 1803.

Furthermore, the President dropped what appeared to be a hint that further history-making steps might be taken to provide additional distant bases for the protection of America and the western hemisphere.

When a reporter inquired whether the agreement with England might (Continued on Page Four)

OXFORD BONDS SOLD AT RALEIGH TODAY

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission today sold \$3,000 water refunding and \$14,000 general refunding bonds for Oxford to Kirehofer and Arnold of Raleigh at 3 per cent interest with a \$20.91 premium.

The commission approved issuance by Tarboro of \$9,000 sewer bonds.

Solons Differ On Sea Base Proposal

Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, commenting on the agreement to exchange American destroyers for naval and air base sites in British possessions in the Atlantic and Caribbean, said today the action "indicates that our leadership is already using dictatorial practices and ignoring laws and treaties in the name of an emergency."

Senator Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, on the other hand, predicted the public would give "full approval" to the arrangement.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight and Wednesday; slightly cooler in east portion tonight.

House Offers New Industrial Draft

Amendment to Conscription Bill Would Permit Government To Take Over Industrial Plants On Rental Basis

Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Members of the House military committee said today they had approved an amendment to the conscription bill to permit the government to take over on a rental basis industrial plants for production of defense materials.

The amendment, reported to have been accepted by a close vote, was a substitute for a Senate provision which would authorize the government to condemn and take over and operate such industries.

Sponsored by Representative Smith, Democrat, Connecticut, the House committee measure would authorize the government to place an order for defense supplies which the company would be required to fill.

If the company refused to proceed to operate the plant, produce supplies and pay "fair and just" compensation or rental.

The House opened debate on the conscription bill with both friend and foe of the legislation in virtual agreement on what the decision would be on the final roll call.

A 2 to 1 victory was the forecast of Representative May, Democrat, Kentucky, chairman of the House military committee which prepared the modified version of the Burke-

Freight Train In Wreck at Tocane

Erwin, Tenn., Sept. 3.—(AP)—A double header freight train plowed into a slide on the C. C. & O. main line 53 miles south of here near Tocane, N. C., today and one man was feared dead in the wreckage.

One engine rolled into the Toe river and was half submerged. Engineer John Siffered of Erwin was missing and trainmen believed he was pinned beneath the engine.

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Estimate Is 14-21 Cents

Growers Seem Satisfied at Prices Paid on New Bright Belt Markets Today

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Prices paid for flue-cured tobacco at the opening of the 14 markets of the North Carolina New Bright Belt markets today brought estimated average prices ranging from 14 to 21.60 cents a pound.

The average prices, after opening rather spotty and low because of the poor quality early offerings, later leveled off and growers generally appeared satisfied.

The average price on the belt last year was 15.94 cents, while in the whole state the average was 15.66 cents. Prices have ranged from 17 to 18 cents on markets of the Carolina Border Belt.

Poor quality offerings predominated in early sales at Wilson. Common leaf and common to fair lugs with lugs predominating was sold at from 2 to 30 cents a pound.

The first 39 piles sold at Wilson, where 3,000,000 pounds were on the warehouse floors, brought prices averaging 16 cents.

Poor quality leaf lowered opening prices at Goldsboro, but later higher quality offerings gave a better (Continued on Page Four)

Maxwell Returns To Office Duties

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell resumed his regular duties today after an absence since February during the Democratic gubernatorial campaign and subsequent illness.

The commissioner suffered a stroke of paralysis shortly before the first Democratic primary in May, in which he was a candidate for governor, and was desperately ill for weeks.

Maxwell stayed at his office about two hours this morning and plans to work both mornings and afternoons hereafter.

British Fleet Will Not Be Surrendered Or Sunk

Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Great Britain has given the United States definite assurance of its intentions "never to surrender or sink the British fleet in the event of the waters surrounding the British Isles becoming untenable for His Majesty's ships."

The State department made this known today by making public an exchange of correspondence between Secretary Hull and Lord Lothian, British ambassador.

The announcement was made public after the White House announced an arrangement for the acquisition of air and naval base sites from Great Britain in exchange for 50 over-age destroyers.

Instead of being sunk or surrendered, the State department was told, the British fleet in the last resort would be "sent overseas for defense of other parts of the empire."

In his letter Secretary Hull wrote: "The prime minister of Great Britain is reported to have stated on June 4, 1940, to parliament in effect that if during the course of the present war in which Great Britain and the British Commonwealth are engaged the waters surrounding the British Isles should become untenable, the British fleet would in no event be surrendered or sunk but would be sent overseas for defense of other parts of the empire."

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50 Over-Age Destroyers To Britain

United States Gets Naval and Air Bases in British Possessions in North and South Atlantic; No Congressional Action Needed.

Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt notified Congress today of an agreement between the United States and Great Britain under which this country will lease naval and air bases in British possessions in the north and south Atlantic and transfer 50 over-age destroyers to Great Britain.

The United States will acquire naval and air bases in Newfoundland and in the islands of Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Trinidad and Antigua and in British Guiana.

"The right to bases in Newfoundland and Bermuda are gifts—generously given and gladly received," the President said in a special message.

"The other bases mentioned have been acquired in exchange for 50 of our over-age destroyers."

The President enclosed an opinion by Attorney General Jackson dated August 27, 1940, "regarding my authority to consummate this arrangement."

Officials said no action by Congress would be necessary to put the agreement into effect.

The Senate was not in session today so the message went only to the House, which is meeting to debate the Senate-approved conscription bill.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the arrangement with Britain was effected in an exchange of notes between Lord Lothian, the British ambassador, and Secretary of State Hull on September 2.

"It is not inconsistent in any sense with our status of peace," he declared.

"Still less is it a threat against any nation," he continued. "It is an epochal and far-reaching act of preparation for continental defense in the face of grave danger."

"Preparation for defense is an inalienable prerogative of a sovereign state. Under present circumstances this exercise of sovereign right is essential to the maintenance of our peace and safety. This is the most important action in the reinforcement of our national defense that has been taken since the Louisiana purchase. Then, as now, considerations of safety from overseas attack were fundamental."

"The value to the western hemisphere of these outposts of security is beyond calculation," the Chief Executive stated.

"Their need has long been recognized by our country," he continued, "and especially by those primarily charged with the duty of charting and organizing our naval and military defense."

"They are essential to the protection of our western hemisphere." (Continued on Page Four)

Stocks Fail In Recovery Move

New York, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Industrial stocks were in the van of another modest recovery move in today's market, but most faltered after an early forenoon push.

Dealings slowed appreciably thereafter and gains running to a point or more were trimmed or cancelled in many cases at the close.

Transfers were in the neighborhood of 525,000 shares.

American Radiator	7 2-8
American Telephone	163
American Tobacco B	75
Anaconda	21 5-8
Atlantic Coast Line	12 1-4
Atlantic Refining	22 1-4
Bendix Aviation	31
Bethlehem Steel	79 3-4
Chrysler	76 1-8
Columbia Gas & Elec Co	5 5-8
Commercial Solvents	9 7-8
Consolidated Oil Co	6 1-8
Curtiss Wright	8 1-4
DuPont	167 3-4
Electric Power Light	5 1-4
General Electric	34 1-8
General Motors	48 1-8
Montgomery Ward & Co	41 7-8
Reynolds Tobacco B	35 7-8
Southern Railway	12
Standard Oil N J	35
U S Steel	54 5-8

Holiday Deaths Now Total 514

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