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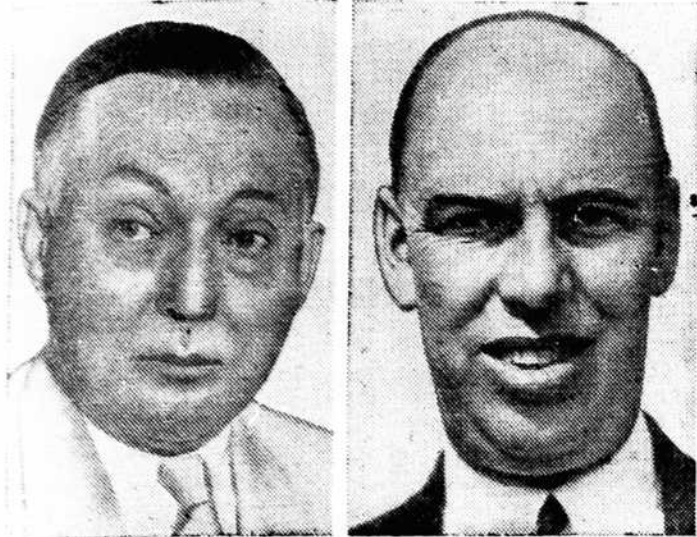
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Giant Bombs Crash In London

London Has Five Air Raid Alarms Today, But No New Devastating Bombardments

As Maine Goes, So Goes...



Tradition has it that "as Maine goes, so goes the nation" in presidential elections. Incomplete returns from yesterday's balloting gave Representative O. Brewster, Republican, a large majority over Former Democratic Governor Louis J. Brann (left) in the race for the United States Senate.

Maine Republicans Score Clean Sweep

Senator, Governor and Three House Members Elected by Large Majorities; the Democrats Attach No Importance to Results.

(By The Associated Press.)
Maine Republicans won an unbroken series of victories yesterday in all the major contests of the first statewide election of the presidential year. Party leaders promptly called the performance as an omen of national successes in November. By pluralities exceeding in most cases those registered in 1936 and 1938, Maine Republicans elected a United States senator, a governor and three members of the house of representatives.
On the basis of all but complete returns, Representative Ralph O. Brewster had a lead of approximately 5,000 votes over Former Democratic Governor Louis J. Brann in the Senate race. Sumner Sewall, successful gubernatorial candidate, was ahead by more than 70,000 votes.
Representative Joe Martin, the Republican national chairman, said the returns meant "without any doubt" the election of Wendell Willkie, Senator McNary and a Republican majority in the House in the November election.
The Maine election definitely marks the end of the Roosevelt administration, with all its inefficiency, bickering, extravagance and radicalism.
The outcome of the voting did not surprise Democratic leaders to alter the long-standing insistence that the nation had no significance beyond the state border. They said they had long had definitely disproved the slogan "as Maine goes so goes the nation."

Hearings On Draft Bill

Army and Navy Officers Called To Appear Before Joint Committee Today.

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The House committee on military affairs today began hearings on a bill to revise the National Defense Act of 1916, which governs the military service of citizens, including that to permit a 60-day test of voluntary enlistment before men could be drafted.

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Traditional Date For Thanksgiving In North Carolina

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The traditional last Thursday in November again will be North Carolina's official Thanksgiving Day.
Governor Hoey said today he would later issue a proclamation directing that the "last Thursday in November be observed as Thanksgiving."
Last year he also declined to follow President Roosevelt in moving the observance of Thanksgiving up one week.

Willkie For Prompt Draft

Republican Presidential Nominee Favors Elimination of Fish Amendment.

Rushville, Ind., Sept. 10.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie expressed hope today that Senate-House conferees would eliminate from the selective military service bill the Fish amendment postponing operation of conscription.
The amendment, approved by the House but not by the Senate, would defer operation of the draft while voluntary enlistments were being given a 60-day trial. Then the government could pick men to bring the total of new recruits to 400,000.
Willkie issued a formal one-sentence statement urging that the selective service program go into effect immediately.
The Republican presidential nominee, in another statement, said he was "enormously gratified" by the Maine election results.

Governor Hoey To Notify Guardsmen Of Service Order

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(P)—Governor Hoey said today that as commander in chief of the North Carolina National Guard he was sending an order to each unit commander, notifying him that after midnight September 15 the state units would be under command of the President for a period of one year.
The order will accompany another which will mobilize the units September 16 for a year's training.

German Planes Over British Capital Believed To Be Scouting Planes Checking on Damage in Three Days of Fighting.

London, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Wave after wave of German air invaders sent harried Londoners underground five times today, but up to early evening there had been no renewal of the devastating Nazi bombardments.
The fourth alarm waited at 5:55 p. m. (11:55 a. m. e. s. t.) as the gathering dusk brought a new threat of deadly night-long raids which have kept this city's millions huddled in shelters each night since Saturday.

This alarm, like its predecessors of today, was comparatively brief, the all clear signal coming 31 minutes later. A fifth alarm sounded at 8:11 p. m. (2:11 p. m. e. s. t.).
The German planes over England today were believed to be scouts sent over to determine the havoc wrought in the preceding three nights of unprecedented attacks.
British fighter planes, however, were said to have turned them back.
Other Nazi planes were reported over Wales late today.
One flight of reconnaissance planes was fought off in a quick battle high above the city during the first alarm at noon time.

Bar Association Gets Anti-Third Term Resolutions

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—(AP)—A resolution condemning a third term for President Roosevelt was submitted today to the American Bar Association resolutions committee and immediately precipitated a controversy within the committee.
Arthur W. Brouillette of San Francisco announced he favored tabling the resolution as the committee debate on the proposal for later in the day. Another committee member said that if "you want to break up the American Bar Association just report this resolution out."
The resolution attacked the President's third term aspirations as "subversive of the principles" upon which the nation was founded and endorsed a constitutional amendment to give future presidents one six-year term. It asked support for such a bill introduced in the Senate by Senator Burke, Democrat, Nebraska.
Sponsors of the resolution were Edward C. Bailey of New York and H. Graham Morrison of Bristol, Tenn. If approved by the resolutions committee, it would go to the association's house of delegates representing the organization's 160,000 members.

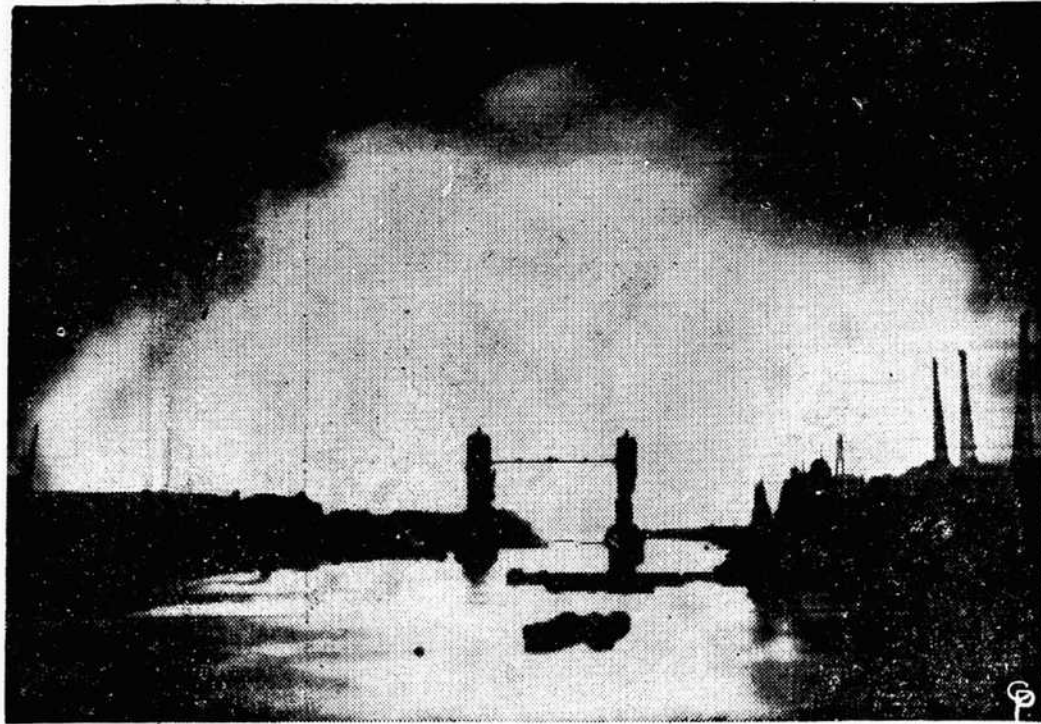
BOND ISSUES OF CITIES APPROVED

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The local government commission today approved issuance of the following bond issues:
Goldston, \$12,000 paving and \$8,000 sewer; Smithfield, \$10,000 armory—subject to approval of voters—and \$42,000 refunding.

Three Convicts Escape From Carthage Camp

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Three convicts overpowered a guard, stole his weapons and escaped just after going to work from the state penal camp at Carthage this morning.
Prison Superintendent Oscar Pitts said the three took a pistol and a rifle from the guard, stole a state highway truck, abandoned it and took an automobile and last were reported headed toward West End.
Pitts listed the escapees as: Rufus Gaine, 26, who entered prison August 5 from Scotland county to serve two years for assault; Byron Stocks, 19, sentenced December 20 in Robeson to two years for robbery; and Wallace Norton, a 25-year-old Scotland county man who was sentenced to four months, but whose record has not arrived here as he had just entered the Carthage camp.

Bomb Fires Light Up the Sky Over London



Great fires throughout London light up the sky in this dramatic picture, taken as German warplanes rained thousands of tons of incendiary and high explosive bombs on the British capital. Pillars of flame guided Nazi airmen to the target in unceasing waves. Photo was flashed to New York by cable.

Plane Production Gains

One Hurt In Negro Riot

Coast Guardsman Is Slightly Hurt in Dispersing Band of Negroes at Elizabeth City.

Elizabeth City, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A Coast Guardsman was injured slightly today as state highway patrolmen and Coast Guardsmen dispersed a band of Negroes who had attacked officers with rocks and bottles outside a Negro theatre here last night.
Acting Sergeant E. E. Pritchard said two Negroes were arrested in connection with an assault of F. R. Reggio, one of 25 to 30 coast guardsmen on duty following the disorders.
City officials said an estimated 1,000 to 1,500 Negroes gathered near a Negro theatre last night, protesting replacement of the theatre's Negro manager by a white man.
A squad of police, firemen, and state highway patrolmen answered Parliament John Winslow's call for assistance. On arrival, the officers reported, they were pelted with rocks.
Mayor Jerome Flora, summoned to the scene, asked the Negroes to leave and send a committee to confer with him today on their grievance. All but about 500, officers said, left and those remaining began throwing rocks again.
About 15 or 20 state highway patrolmen were ordered from nearby Williamston along with Coast Guardsmen who were armed with tear gas bombs and hand grenades.

Conspiracy Is Charged

New York, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Seventeen individuals and twelve corporations named in three indictments charging conspiracy to monopolize and restrain importation, production and sale of various vital war materials pleaded innocent in federal court today.
Accused of violating the federal anti-trust laws, the companies and individuals were engaged in production of either glass bulbs, tungsten carbide, used in the hardening of tools and other metal materials, or bentonite, a moulding clay.
No trial date was set.
Included in those indicted were the Krupp Company of Essen, Germany, manufacturers of war supplies, for which no court appearance was made, and two Dutch firms, American firms included General Electric Company and the Corning Glass Works.

Weather

For NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and cooler tonight, preceded by showers on northeast coast; Wednesday fair, cooler east and central portions.

Tobacco Exports Drop To Record Three-Year Low

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The steady decline in exports of American tobacco that started with the outbreak of European hostilities continued through the first seven months of this year, dropping the total value of exports to a new three-year low.
Department of Commerce figures list at \$32,446,627 the total value of manufactured and unmanufactured tobacco products cut abroad during the first seven months of 1940. This was a drop of \$12,000,000 from 1939 and \$24,000,000 from 1938.
The bulk of the decline was in leaf exports, the valuation of which fell from \$54,863,798 for the first seven months of 1938 and \$43,555,869 for the first seven months of 1939 to \$30,974,055 for 1940.
Exports of bright flue-cured tobacco fell in value to \$24,682,778 for 1940, from \$34,614,796 in 1939 and \$44,533,731 in 1938.

NAZI SHORE GUNS BREAK UP CONVOY

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(AP)—A British convoy of eight ships steaming out of Dover yesterday was shelled by German coastal batteries and broken up, the high command reported tonight.
It said four returned to Dover, two turned to other ports, one was damaged by shell fire and was towed into port, and the eighth remained smoking in the channel.
A British battery at Dover which attempted to answer the German fire later was silenced by Nazi long range guns, the report said.

Italian Casualty Lists Made Public

Rome, Sept. 10.—(AP)—August casualty totals published today brought Italian dead and missing for the war to 2,876.
In addition to 288 Italian names on the August death list and 296 missing, included in the total were further losses of 266 natives killed and 676 missing, not included in the total.
The August wounded list totaled 488 Italians and 1,516 natives.

Antonescu Dismisses Generals

Bucharest, Sept. 10.—(AP)—Dismissal of eleven Rumanian generals, held partly responsible for Rumania's recent loss of territory, was announced today as General Ion Antonescu, military dictator, continued his investigation of former King Carol's regime.
The seven dismissed men, who included a former premier and

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Spectacular Fires Set In City's Heart

Hundreds of Firemen Fight Blazes Started by Bombs From German Planes Shuttling Back and Forth Across Channel.

(By The Associated Press.)

German warplanes stormed central London with a tempest of giant bombs in their third successive dusk-to-dawn attack today, setting spectacular fires in the vicinity of the city's St. Paul's Cathedral and in "the city"—London's Wall Street—in a nine-hour and two minute assault.
Roaring salvos of bombs weighing from 800 to 1,000 pounds each crashed near the Bank of England, the Guild Hall (city hall), the general postoffice, London Bridge and Fleet Street.

The 250-year old St. Paul's Cathedral, with its great dome red lit from the glare of flames in nearby warehouses, was saved by the wind blowing in the opposite direction.

Hundreds of firemen fought the warehouse blazes for eight hours without a break.

About 150 German bombers, shuttling in night-long relays across the channel, took part in the bombardment.

"The enemy now has thrown off all pretense of confining himself to military targets," an official British communique declared.

Berlin reported that "the full blast aerial siege of Britain has just begun" and said "ever more planes for London" was the order issued to the Nazi air force.

German daylight raiders returned to the attack at noon, interrupting the lunch hour of London's weary millions with a 25-minute alarm. A second 23-minute alarm sounded in the afternoon.

In the night attack 120 persons were reported buried in the wreckage of 20 houses in a single district. By

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France Faces Food Shortage

Paris (via Berlin, delayed), Sept. 6.—(AP)—A shortage of certain foodstuffs in occupied France, which can be met only by strict rationing this winter, was forecast today by officials of the agriculture section of the German military administration.
They said the prospective shortage resulted directly from military operations.

These authorities said German occupation forces weren't sending large quantities of food from France into Germany.

The primary reason for the prospective shortage, German officials said, was the removal by the French government of between 8,000,000 and 10,000,000 inhabitants from departments of northern France when the war started. Included in this number were between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 agricultural workers.

This exodus, they pointed out, had two effects. First, the crops which would have been planted in early May were forgotten after the first German offensive began May 10. Second, crops which, like the first cutting of May, would have been harvested in the same period, were left standing in the fields.

Navy Reaffirms Faith In Power Of The Battleship

Washington, Sept. 10.—(AP)—The Navy reaffirmed its faith in the battleship as the backbone of sea power today by staking \$700,000,000 of its present and prospective building money on seven of the floating fortresses.

Despite contentions of some aviation enthusiasts that air power has made the dreadnaught obsolete, Navy officials set aside this big sum for capital ships in a history-making \$3,861,053,312 contract letting.

The seven battleships will be heavily armored, long range vessels of 45,000 tons or more, larger than any warships now afloat and the equal of those said to be under construction in other nations.

Reports circulated in the capital,

moreover, that three of them would be of 53,000 tons, larger than any other power is known to be building, but this could not be confirmed.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the House naval committee, told his colleagues that all seven would be 45,000 tonners.

The Navy previously had ordered four such super-ships and officials said that two of these already were under construction. A number of 35,000-tonners are much farther along toward completion. By the time the latest batch of seven giants is completed, four or five years hence, officials said, the Navy's battle line will boast 32 dreadnaughts in contrast with the 15 now in actual service.