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## King And Queen Escape In Raid

### Rescue Workers Search Powder Plant Ruins

#### At Least 39 Killed And 125 Injured

#### Damage to Hercules Powder Company Plant Estimated at Million Dollars; FBI Investigates Possibility of Sabotage.

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Rescue workers poked through a mass of molting ruins today in search of more victims of the explosion that leveled the Hercules Powder Company's plant at 3:50 p. m. today, injuring at least 39 men, injured 125 others and causing an estimated \$1,000,000 damage.

C. Hunt, of Wilmington, N. C., in charge of the company's explosion department expressed belief that more than four or five more bodies would be recovered.

"It is highly likely we'll never be able to determine the cause of the explosion," Hunt stated. "The men who were working in the plant at the time of the explosion are expected to be dead or injured. In point of fact, the explosion today was one of the most powerful plant disasters in the history of the world."

The company manufactures smokeless powder and other explosives. It is engaged in fulfilling numerous defense contracts. Today the Federal Bureau of Investigation is investigating possibilities of sabotage.

The explosion was of such intensity that the area was rocked for miles around. In Danbury, Conn., 125 miles from the plant, thousands in surrounding areas believed there had been an earthquake.

#### Young Demos In Session

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—With the presidential election set for next year, the annual convention of the North Carolina Young Democrats got under way here today.

Huggins of Greensboro, keynote speaker, urged a rousing victory for the young party and urged the young party to fight vigorously to "insure the future of North Carolina."

At 8 p. m. tonight J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for governor, will speak. Also on the program is Representative Harold H. Dew and George Gordon Bates, New York attorney.

#### License Clamp On Export Of Plane Plans

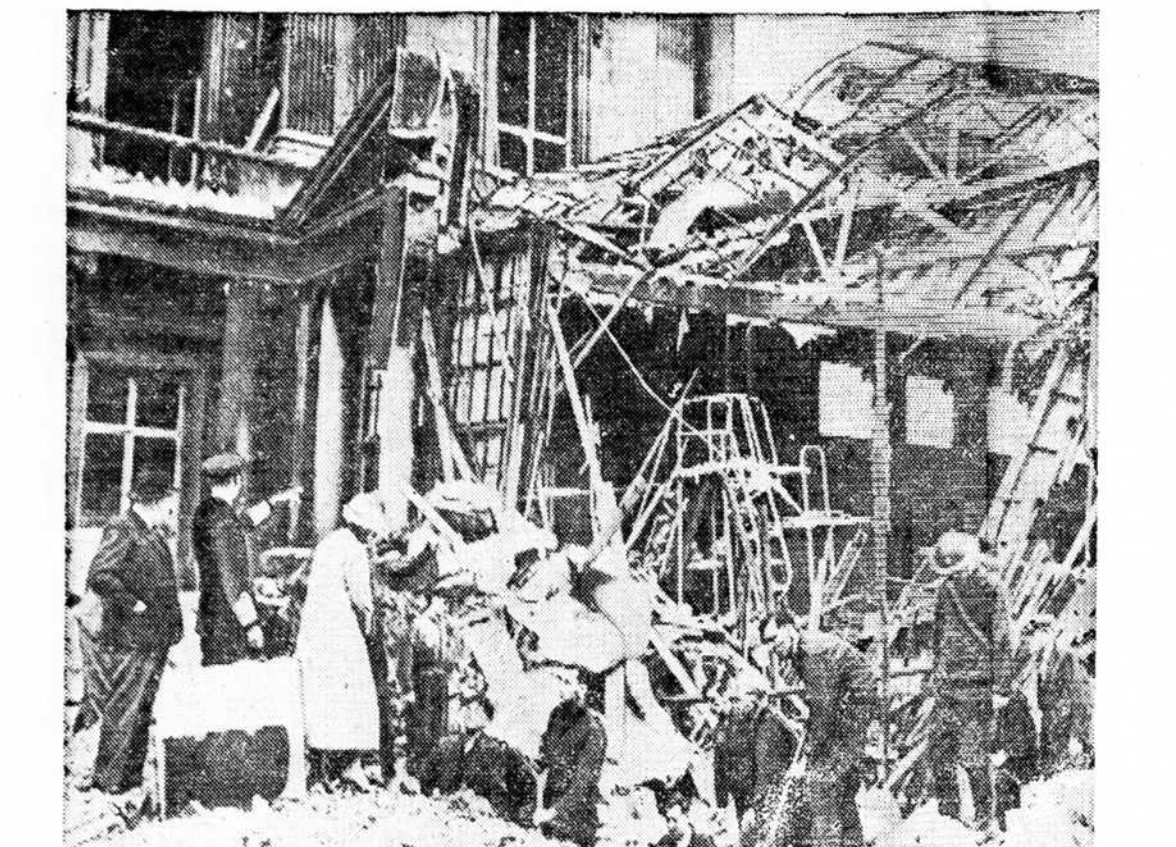
Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt clamped license requirements today on the export of airplane plans and supplies for aircraft to "further strengthen national defense."

The presidential proclamation, published at his press conference today, is directed to the "export license" requirement used for producing airplane motor fuel and tetraethyl lead. It covers any plans or specifications for the design, construction or production of such equipment, and any information of any kind which would aid in the design or construction of aircraft engines.

#### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Generally fair; slowly rising temperatures tonight and Saturday.

#### Monarchs, Churchill Inspect Bombed Palace



Prime Minister Winston Churchill is shown (left) with King George and Queen Elizabeth as they inspected damage done to Buckingham Palace, one of the monarch's London residences, by a delayed-action German bomb. The British rulers were not in the palace when the explosion occurred. Phot was flashed by cable to New York.

### Willkie Off On Campaign Tour; LaGuardia For FDR

#### Drive Against Slot Machines Brings Indictments In Wake

Raleigh, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Wake county grand jury indicted Joe Calcutt of Fayetteville, two other men, and the Vending Machine Company of Fayetteville today on charges of owning illegal slot machines which were operated in Wake county.

The indictments apparently were a part of a statewide drive against slot machines launched by Superior court judges.

Earlier in the week, Judge R. Hunt Parker had expressed a desire to "get the higher ups" when he started hearing cases against 78 alleged operators of illegal slot machines. Monday at Edenton Judge W. C. Harris was quoted as telling the Chowan grand jury that "the judges have agreed that these machines should be outlawed" as he directed them to investigate the situation. He said the judge that followed him would continue the fight.

Yesterday at Durham officers seized 91 pin ball machines as they acted under orders of Judge Henry L. Stevens.

### Babson Believes Mexico Dangerous

#### Economist Says Mexico is Becoming Cancer in Latin America; Sees Little Chance for Trade in South America.

BY ROGER W. BABSON.  
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New York City, Sept. 13.—When I first began to travel to South America, I would refer to the people there as South Americans. Thereupon, the leading newspaper men—all of whom were friends of mine—would say, "We are not South Americans; we are Latin Americans." Continuing to think I knew more about the situation than they did, I then began to refer to them as Spanish Americans. But again they explained that the largest country in South America—namely, Brazil, is Portuguese both by blood and language. I mention this because so many readers forget that Spanish is

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#### Republican Candidate to Tour 18 States and Make 69 Speeches; Senate Committee to Investigate GOP Political Advertising.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Wendell Willkie was off today on the 15-day, 7,200-mile tour of campaigning that will take him into 18 states for 69 speeches, one a major address on the third term issue.

Before leaving Rushville, Ind., last night Willkie discussed final plans for his swing to the Pacific coast with his running mate, Senator McNary, Republican National Chairman Joe Martin and Minnesota's Governor Harold E. Stassen.

At Chicago, Willkie told a crowd of well-wishers in the union station upon his arrival that "I am going to give you the truth in plain Indiana language so that no one can misunderstand."

"My speeches," he declared, "will (Continued on Page Five)

### If Britain Should Lose

#### Canada Prefers Her Independence, Not Union With U. S., Stewart Declares.

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist  
Washington, Sept. 13.—Of course Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York is the essence of the Yankee-Canadian joint commission which is fixing up that mutually excessive compact between Uncle Samuel and our Lady of the Snows. Not that the other commissioners are not all right, but Fiorello can no more be anything but the right guy of any activity he's involved in than snarks can fly downward.

In principle the Yankee-Canadian dicker is easy enough to arrange, for both sides want it. There are some (Continued on Page Five)

### Leaders Predict Passage Of Draft Bill By Nightfall

#### Senate and House Expect Quickest Possible Action of Compromise Agreed Upon by Joint Committee of Congress.

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Congressional leaders confidently predicted today that peacetime conscription legislation would be on its way to the White House by nightfall to become the law of the land.

In both Senate and House the plan was to obtain the quickest possible action on the compromise version of the Draft-Windworth compulsory service bill worked out by a joint conference committee to reconcile the difference between the two chambers on the measure.

With acceptance of the compromise generally taken for granted, the day's big question was how long it would take Congress to conclude action on the precedent breaking bill which orders registration of 16,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 35. Some said it would be only a few hours, others that it would take most of the day.

The Senate received the compromise version first and Majority Leader Barkley, Democrat, Kentucky, called the chamber into session an hour earlier than usual (at 11 a. m.) to expedite consideration.

House leaders were ready to act just as soon as the Senate approves the legislation and sends its across to their wing of the Capitol.

The compromise version caused some expressions of dissatisfaction—chiefly from legislators who fought for the 21 to 31 age limit and the 60-day postponement in starting conscription. There were no signs, however, of attempts to stymie action on the legislation.

### Willkie Makes Peace Pledge

Chicago, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie told a crowd in the stock yards today that "if you elect me President I shall never send an American boy to fight in any European war."

He also pledged himself to "build a domestic economy so strong that no dictator ever shall seek to strike."

Standing in a hay wagon in the heart of the huge packing house district, the Republican presidential nominee contended that the administration had failed to solve the unemployment problem and contended that President Roosevelt in his recent address before the Teamsters union "promised labor everything except jobs."

"The failure of the last seven and a half years," he said, "has been the failure to produce jobs. No amount of failure to produce jobs. No amount of cover up that abysmal failure to produce jobs."

Willkie declared that he stood for (Continued on Page Five)

### Buckingham Palace Hit By 5 Bombs

#### Lone Nazi Dive Bomber Drops Salvo Damaging Palace in Daylight Raid; Other Raiders Drop Bombs in Downing Street.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Safely huddled in a palace air raid shelter, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth escaped uninjured today when a lone Nazi dive bomber screamed down from the clouds and dropped a salvo of five bombs on Buckingham Palace and its precincts.

Witnesses said the German raider came out of his roaring dive into a glide—with motors silenced—to check speed and get a better aim at the palace.

Other Nazi raiders, flying low and fast over the heart of London, dropped incendiary bombs in Downing Street, where Prime Minister Winston Churchill resides at the famous No. 10. No damage was reported.

After the raid King George and Queen Elizabeth inspected the damage to the royal palace.

"Their majesties, who were in the palace, were unharmed," the ministry of information announced, but three members of the palace staff and three plumbers were slightly injured.

Two bombs fell in the palace's inner quadrangle today, a third hit and wrecked the royal couple's private chapel in the south wing, and the others exploded on the roadway between the Victoria Memorial and the palace gates—where great crowds gathered to cheer their sovereigns on special occasions.

The raiders dropped countless salvos of fire and shriek bombs, setting London's fashionable West End aflame in a series of bold daylight attacks.

Batteries of anti-aircraft guns set up a terrific barrage and royal air force fighters slashed in and out of the clouds, engaging the raiders in dogfights.

The daylight assault took London's bomb battered millions by surprise when the air raid sirens shrieked the first warning at 7:35 a. m. (1:33 a. m. EST), less than two hours after the "all clear" sounded the end of the capital's sixth straight dusk-to-dawn attack lasting eight hours and 30 minutes.

The first day alarm lasted 53 minutes. Sixteen minutes later the raiders appeared again—among them several great four-motored bombers. The second alarm lasted four hours and nine minutes.

Official casualty figures up to Wednesday night were announced as 1175 killed and 4,270 wounded since Hitler unleashed successive night-long attacks on London last Saturday.

### British Patrols Fighting In Kenya

Cairo, Sept. 13.—(AP)—British patrols were reported today to be fighting hard against large Italian forces on a 200-mile front in Kenya colony, hundreds of miles south of the Libyan-Egyptian border area where Italy's main offensive is believed imminent.

### British Planes Raid German Objectives

London, Sept. 13.—(AP)—British bombers struck heavily last night at Le Havre on the German-held French coast, where the Nazi army has been reported concentrating some of its most powerful units for an invasion of Britain, the air ministry announced tonight.

A German tanker and a supply ship were hit at Le Havre, the ministry said.

It also reported that a British balloon barrage had snared a German plane early today.

Berlin, Sept. 13.—(AP)—English planes bombed Germany's principal industrial city of Essen, seat of the Krupp munitions works, last night, authorized sources said today as German bombers were reported to be hitting London's docks and factories with "extraordinary accuracy."

But the British bombs missed their industrial targets, these sources said, "and hit a worker's residential quarter on the east side of the city."

### London Is Chaos—"This Is Only The Beginning", Says Ranking German Official

Berlin, Sept. 13.—(AP)—London is chaos, according to Hans Rechenberg, Economic Minister, Walter Funk's right hand man who has taken part in several of the German air raids—"and remember this is only the beginning."

Summing up his personal impressions in an interview today Rechenberg asserted that one dock section of London had been splashed by fires, blown by bombs and blanketed by smoke.

"Summing up my personal impressions," he said, "I can only say that London is already a scene of chaos, and remember this is only the beginning."

"Throughout greater London and all along the coast, industrial plants alternate with warehouses, electric power plants, gas and oil tanks and munitions dumps. All these are doomed as our attacks continue."

"Ordered life in the British capital is well nigh impossible," Rechenberg declared.