

Draft Measure Passes

British Fear Invasion Attempt Soon

Night Raids On London Continued

British Capital Undergoes Week of History's Greatest Aerial Siege; Forces Stand By To "Repel Boarders" On Coast.

Sept. 14.—(AP)—The night brings "a period of intense fear of invasion to Britain," neutral sources said today.

The statement came as German bombers struck the defenses of England's southeast coast following the eighth consecutive night of destructive raids on London.

Weather conditions off Dover, the point to German-held France across the channel, were described as slightly less favorable for invasion than for some time.

Although air raid warnings sounded at brief intervals in London and there were sporadic forays by German planes on northeast coast, only one bombing was reported in daylight today after a week of history's greatest aerial siege.

A German bomber appeared over southeast coast town, dropped two bombs and vanished into a cloud. Other German planes were sighted in the same area.

The army, navy and royal air force stood prepared to "repel boarders" on Britain's coast and air fields the postmaster general announced that due to heavy pressure of telephone and telegraph services the public had been asked to use them for urgent messages only.

This announcement made no mention of any damage to these facilities by the German bombings.

Air raid patrols of police and the coast guard turned out at one southern coast town last night and searched riverside wharves and rail yards following reports that six parachutes were seen descending. They failed to find any evidence to support the reports.

Recent night high explosives and incendiary bombs on the south and western areas of the capital last night, despite intensive anti-aircraft fire.

A government communique acknowledged that fires were started at various points in the city, but said that all of them either had been extinguished or brought under control.

A German plane was reported to be shot down after being caught in a searchlight over east London.

The morning papers described aerial services were still carrying on, though a little in some places.

London Chronicle said—and asserted that seven consecutive nights in which shelters had failed to break through.

Wednesday night's raids killed 110 people and injured 269, it was announced, bringing the totals from last Sunday through Wednesday to 1,239 dead and 4,810 injured.

Nazi Declares Bombings Will Be Continued

Berlin, Sept. 14.—(AP)—London will be bombed relentlessly unless the British government offers a well informed source said today.

The spokesman declared that one of England's war potentials are within the British capital as 46 percent of the nation's industrial and that the city therefore is a primary objective of the first phase.

"The objective of the future will be first London's line," he said.

Attacks on London was understood as a measure of retaliation for the planeless bombing of German plants and non-military objectives of the British," this source indicated.

British apparently now think that they haven't bombed Germany in the past two nights we are quits. They apparently look like a football match, where on one side is evened up by error on the other.

They can't figure human values. One German life may be

Hercules Plant Smashed By Series Of Explosions



Buildings blasted to bits and smoke rising from the burning timbers and trees mark the area blasted by a series of explosions on the grounds of the Hercules Powder Company of Kenil, N. J. The shattering explosions brought death to many, injured hundreds. Federal authorities began an investigation. The company had recently contracted to make a large quantity of powder for the government.

Nazis Bomb London Area

"Extraordinary Weak" Defense Encountered by Raiders, Germans Declare.

Berlin, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The German high command, reporting continuing night and day attacks on England despite unfavorable weather, said today numerous factories and docks were hit in the London area and airports, war industries and railroads were "bombed effectively" in southeastern England.

The daily communique acknowledged British night attacks on the Netherlands, Belgium and northern France last night, but said they failed to cause noteworthy damage.

Germany herself spent a "bombless" night it was reported. A few casualties were reported near Rotterdam in bombings by British raiders returning home after they were said to have been driven off from Germany.

Today's high command reports said eight British planes were downed in yesterday's air fighting. Two German craft were reported missing.

German raiders returning from night raids on the British capital said they encountered "extraordinary weak" defense.

Nazi air bombardments of London, German military circles asserted today, have forced the British to concentrate their anti-aircraft defenses in the metropolitan region, thereby depriving other parts of the island of protection.

The industrial Midlands and other sections rapidly are becoming easy targets for German raiders, these sources said, and added that aerial preparations for the long-threatened invasion of England were well in hand.

Calcutt, Bolling Each Post Bond

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Joseph A. Calcutt of Fayetteville and an associate, B. W. Bolling, surrendered to the Wake county sheriff following a grand jury indictment charging a grand jury indictment charging them with owning illegal slot machines in this county.

Calcutt posted \$5,000 bond in a single bill and Bolling posted \$2,500. Sheriff N. F. Turner said he understood Calcutt, indicted under the name of the Vending Machine Company, maintained offices in Chicago and Los Angeles as well as in Fayetteville.

Sen. Bailey Praises Defense Program

Senator Tells Young Democrats, However, That Threat of Huge Federal Debt Is Second in Gravity Only to Chance of War.

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Senator Josiah W. Bailey told North Carolina's Young Democrats today that the President had acted wisely in building up the nation's defenses, but that the threat of a federal debt of \$75,000,000,000 "is second only in gravity to the possibility of an invasion from abroad."

Bailey, often a critic of the Roosevelt administration, defended the President's actions for defense and praised his leadership. The prepared text did not mention Mr. Roosevelt by name, however.

"It is our purpose," Bailey said, "to be so strong in arms, in men and in attachment to our republic as a republic that no nation or combination of nations will challenge us, and thereby to win security and preserve our peace by preparation for war."

"It is not our purpose to dictate to any other nation nor shall any nation dictate to us."

The senator pointed out that in

Highlights And Sidelights On State Convention Of Young Democrats

Daily Dispatch Bureau In the Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 14.—Young Democrats, with red, white and blue "Roosevelt" galluses and belts, or without any such colorful equipment for holding up their breeches, have been sowing a crop of corns and bunions in the Sir Walter lobby ever since early Friday morning—in fact there were some early comers on Thursday bent on capturing the "standing" marathon.

In age these so-called young partisans range from callow youths to patriots who have long since passed their allotted three score years and ten; but to a man they seem able to take it indefinitely as far as standing around and talking are concerned.

On the whole, the convention has been well behaved, with no outward and visible sounds of extraordinary

FDR Speeches Under Study

Washington, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Members of the Senate campaign investigating committee decided today to study President Roosevelt's Labor Day speeches before passing on a Republican request to determine whether they involved expenses subject to the Hatch act.

A complaint was filed with the committee by Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., chairman of the Republican national committee.

After a closed session, Chairman Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, said that the committee was unanimously of the opinion that they could not with proper judgment determine action at this time until the individual members of the committee had opportunity to review the President's speeches on this trip and make study of the facts and circumstances in connection with the provisions of the federal statutes.

Martin asked the committee to find out who paid the expenses for the Presidential train and to determine whether these costs should come within the \$5,000,000 limit on presidential campaign expenditures imposed by the Hatch act.

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thrust; though one hotel attaché remarked that when the bottles were collected from the many rooms and started down the chute to which they are consigned it sounded like the hail of anti-aircraft shrapnel over London so vividly described by newspaper writers.

Logically enough, politics is the sole topic of the many conversations, but unless things are going on under cover which have not been caught by your reporter's eager ears, something remotely resembling a spectacular coup or scoop has occurred or is in the offing.

Without the slightest disrespect to a departed Tar Heel of rather heroic proportions, one was remarked that the Young Democrats were mourning the loss of "one of their members." Captain Ashe, who died at the ripe

Contracts For Plane Engines Are Awarded

Washington, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The War Department announced today the awarding of contracts totaling more than \$239,000,000, including one for the manufacture of Rolls Royce airplane engines by the Packard Motor Car Company of Detroit.

The number of engines covered by the contract was not disclosed immediately. A tentative agreement with Packard to go ahead with arrangements for production of the Rolls Royce engines under a license of the British holders of the patents had been previously made.

Shortly before announcing completion of the contracts with Packard, the War department made known that it had awarded a contract to the General Motors Corporation for mass production of machine guns.

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Willkie Places Roosevelt With Dictators

Enroute to Kansas City, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, campaigning through the corn belt today at Joliet, Ill., that four men in the world—Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and President Roosevelt—regard themselves as indispensable.

"I don't happen to think so," added the Republican presidential nominee.

"We have a man in the United States who says: 'I am indispensable because of my knowledge of foreign affairs.' Was it extraordinary skill when he tried to promote the Munich pact?"

"Franklin D. Roosevelt has handled foreign affairs in the last seven years in a bungling and incompetent way. One day he is an interventionist. The next day he is an isolationist. Whatever crowd he happens to be talking to is what he advocates."

Willkie places Roosevelt with dictators

75,000 Men Begin Year Of Training Early In November

Sabotage Is Charged In Explosion

Kenil, N. J., Sept. 14.—(AP)—Activities of "foreign agents" were linked today by Senator Barbour, Republican, New Jersey, for the explosions at the Hercules Powder Company plant that killed at least 50 men within five frightful minutes blasted more than a score of buildings of the 2,000-acre plant.

While state police check member kip rolls of the German-American Bund against the roster of plant employees, Senator Barbour in a statement in Washington said he believed "when the facts are known it will be discovered that it Thursday's explosion" was due to the case of the Black Tom (Jersey City, N. J.) disaster of the pre-World War period to the activities of foreign agents."

In addition to the New Jersey state police and state bureau of explosives, other agencies probing the mysterious explosions were the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hercules experts, Army and Navy intelligence officers, and United States Navy explosive specialists.

None of the many investigators would say whether they had unearthed any evidence of sabotage.

Three new names increased the death toll to 48 as steam shovels and cranes this morning began clearing away the twisted steel, powder-smudged brick, and other debris that piled up in the terrific blast of Thursday afternoon.

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Italian Forces Advance

Cairo, Sept. 14.—(AP)—British general headquarters announced tonight that Italian forces had pushed into the Egyptian-Libyan no-man's land near Sollum, harassed by British mechanized forces.

Sollum lies on the Mediterranean at the northern extreme of the common frontier between Egypt and Italian Libya.

"Following his plan of pushing forward into no-man's land, the enemy yesterday advanced into the area which includes the escarpment southwest of Sollum, the ruined and empty village itself, and the ruins of Muisaid," said a general headquarters communique.

"His movements are being watched and harassed by our armored fighting vehicles who have the situation well in hand."

More Money For Defense

Roosevelt Asks Congress for \$1,733,886,976 Appropriation For Defense.

Washington, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Shortly after Congress gave final approval to peacetime conscription today, it received from President Roosevelt a request for an additional \$1,733,886,976 defense appropriation including \$24,825,108 to start the draft.

In a letter to the Speaker of the House, the President asked: \$1,662,881,976 cash and \$150,000,000 contract authorizations for the War department.

\$57,334,000 cash and \$7,000,000 contract authorizations for the Navy.

\$40,000,000 cash for the Federal Security Agency.

\$11,091,000 cash and \$50,000,000 contract authorizations for the Commerce department.

\$580,000,000 cash for the Treasury department.

The larger items requested for the Army was \$294,000,000 for soldiers' pay.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Sunday, slightly warmer Sunday and in mountains tonight.