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RAF Drives Off 300 Raiders

Their Chow Is On Uncle Sam Now



Men of the 11th Infantry, New York National Guard, clean up following their first meal after mobilization into the regular army. Their first army banquet was served in the New York armory. Within two weeks, however, they will start on their year of training in army camps. (Central Press)

High Court Rules Jail Tax Illegal

Supreme Court Holds Counties May Not Levy Special Tax in Addition to Fifteen Cent Levy for General Purposes.

Sept. 18.—(AP)—The Supreme Court ruled today that special taxes for support of jails and expense of maintaining prisoners are unconstitutional and levied in addition to the 15 cent levy permitted under the constitution for general county purposes.

Twenty-one cases were decided in the first opinions rendered by the court in the new Justice building.

The court held that a levy of 5 cents made in Cherokee county "for the special purpose of paying expenses of holding court in the county and the expense of maintaining the county jail prisoners" was "unconstitutional, illegal and invalid" after the county had already fixed a 15 cent levy for "general county purposes."

The Southern Railway System brought the suit after paying \$713.93 in taxes to its share of the 5 cent levy.

Justice M. V. Barnhill gave the opinion affirming a lower court ruling and said:

"The purpose of the said second levy of the county is necessary expense of the county, but though the levy is designed for a special purpose, the purpose is general expense recurring regularly in the ordinary course of and as necessary to the orderly operation of county government."

All cases decided were civil suits.

Tax Issue Is Debated

Senator Bailey Says Nation Facing National Debt of 75 Billion Dollars.

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Senator Austin, Republican, Vermont, declared today that a proposal to eliminate tax exemptions on federal, state and local securities transgressed "a fundamental right of states and municipalities to raise money without interference by the federal government."

Austin argued that the proposal, introduced by Senator Brown, Democrat, Michigan, as an amendment to the federal tax bill held implications of a "completely centralized form of federal government."

Replying to Austin, Brown declared that much of the federal debt was being paid by wealthy persons who to that extent were relieved of paying income taxes.

From the standpoint of tax justice, he should not be permitted to be relieved of paying income taxes.

"Our tax falls heavier on the

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Leaf Prices Hold Firm

Early Second Day Sales Prices Around 18-20 Cent Level on Middle Belt.

Durham, Sept. 18.—(AP)—A check of early second day sales on the nine North Carolina Middle Belt tobacco markets showed today prices continuing around the 18 to 20 cents a pound level, slightly above the 1939 opening prices.

The Oxford market reported prices were firm and the bulk of the approximately 300,000 pounds offered consisted of primings. Prices ranged up to 34 cents.

The price average at Sanford was estimated at around 19 cents. Quality of the approximately 150,000 pounds offered was fair.

A total of 921,420 pounds of tobacco was sold on the Durham market yesterday for an average of 18.66 cents.

The United States Agricultural Marketing Service and the State Department of Agriculture said increases yesterday were from \$2.75 to \$7.50 a hundred over the opening day last year, with greatest gains occurring in fair to fine quality leaf.

Though prices ranging from \$23 to \$32 were fairly numerous, the bulk of sales ranged from \$12 to \$27, the report said.

Plane Losses Reported By Both Sides

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—The British air force has lost 621 planes of all kinds and fewer than 600 men since August 8, Sir Archibald Sinclair, air minister, said today, while in the same period the Germans have lost 1,867 planes and 4,000 men.

British fliers in the Near East have shot down 56 Italian planes with a

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Political Figures Named To Pick "Non-Political" Draft Boards In Counties

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

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—The draft boards in North Carolina, which will be strictly "non-partisan and non-political" according to Governor Clyde R. Hoey, will be selected for each county by three men who are above everything else political figures.

How this apparent paradox will work out, and whether or not the setup is actually "non-political" remains to be seen.

That politicians by training and profession will choose the draft boards was made certain yesterday when the governor announced that

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Italians In Egypt Under Heavy Fire

Force at Sidi Barrani Subjected to "Successful" Bombing, British Declare; British Have Made No Strong Defense.

Cairo, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Heavy and "successful" bombing of Italian troops at Sidi Barrani, Egypt, was reported today in a British headquarters communiqué.

The Italian invaders, it was learned along the Mediterranean coast of Egypt's western desert, the communiqué said, were engaged in consolidating their positions before the expected advance toward Alexandria. Where the British would make a stand remained a military secret.

British operations thus far, it was said, have been designed to harass rather than halt the two motorized Italian columns leading the eastward drive.

Despite sandstorms and temperatures ranging up to 120 degrees the Italians in four days have advanced from Libyan border to positions beyond Sidi Barrani, 60 miles inside Egypt, reaching the start of an asphalt road leading 350 miles to the Suez canal, vital link of Britain's empire.

The farthest point in the Italian advance line at present is believed to be 80 miles within Egypt.

As the Italians press forward the British are in the position of being able to choose the field for what may be the one decisive battle of the campaign.

The next objective presumably is Matruh, 100 miles further along the coastal road and site of a British air base.

Between Sidi Barrani and Alexandria lie 250 miles of rough going for an invader and the British command—while conceding that the Italians have moved swiftly and efficiently so far—does not regard their present position as a serious menace.

O'Connor Again Loses

Political Forces Watch Results of Primaries For Clues to November Vote.

(By The Associated Press)
The double defeat of former Representative John J. O'Connor of New York in his congressional comeback bid and the strength shown by anti-administration Democrats in Wisconsin high spotted Tuesday's primary elections in the two states.

O'Connor, whose defeat for the nomination was successfully advocated by administration forces in 1938, lost out in efforts to win both Republican and Democratic nominations in Manhattan's 16th congressional district.

In Wisconsin, meanwhile, Demo-

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Libyan Forces Credited With Victory March

Rome, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Italian dispatches said today Libyan soldiers performed the seemingly impossible feat of marching 60 miles in a desert sandstorm to surprise a British garrison at Sidi Barrani, Egypt, and capture that strongly defended second line of defense.

The Italian high command declared that the resistance of the army, massed from all parts of the British Empire to defend the western desert, had been "crushed everywhere" and that the Italian force at Sidi Barrani now was organizing for a further push toward Alexandria and the Suez Canal.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Churchill Sees for Himself



Prime Minister Winston Churchill dons his famous hat to the photographer as he is snapped on an inspection tour through one of the bombed areas of London. (Central Press)

Conscription Waits Preliminary Steps

Paul Leonard To Support Willkie

Salisbury, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Paul Leonard of Statesville, secretary of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association, announced today that he would identify himself with "the Democrats for Willkie Movement."

He denounced what he termed "the waste of billions of dollars of tax money yet uncollected" on "so-called" planned economy which, he said, should have gone into preparations for national defense and security.

Leonard urged independent voting and said he would support Willkie because "it appears to me to be the way of salvation from continuation of the conditions I have been discussing."

Willkie Links Defense With Recovery

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 18.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, moving his presidential campaign into the deep southwest, linked national defense today with economic improvement as the two principal problems confronting the United States.

"Rehabilitation of our domestic economy is the front line trench of

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Roosevelt Must Promulgate Regulations and Name Draft Director; Congress Must Pass Appropriation Measure.

Washington, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Action to clear the way for operation of the nationwide conscription program commanded first attention today as President Roosevelt returned to the capital and Congress made ready to resume sessions.

Before the United States can launch the great peacetime undertaking which begins with the registration of 16,500,000 men on October 16, three essential preliminaries required disposition:

1.—President Roosevelt must promulgate the regulations governing the administration of the draft machinery, enrollment, classification and selection of trainees, their induction into service and kindred matters.

2.—The director of the selective service system must be appointed by Mr. Roosevelt and confirmed by the Senate as provided in the conscription law.

3.—Congress must take action on the pending \$2,000,000,000 special defense appropriation request which is to defray the expenses of registration and conscription.

President Roosevelt was expected to order into effect, possibly tomorrow, the first two of six volumes of regulations already prepared on conscription.

Likewise, he was expected to an-

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Attack Made After Night Of Terror

Largest Air Raid of War Made Last Night on London; Casualties Feared To Be Heavy; Bomb Unexploded Near U. S. Embassy.

(By The Associated Press)
Great waves of German warplanes—300 in a single thrust—subjected London to the longest series of daylight attacks of the war today, with air raid sirens screaming the eighth alarm at 7:54 p. m. (1:54 p. m. EST) as anti-aircraft guns went into action.

The bold assaults, following the longest overnight alarm in the three months old battle of Britain, kept the royal air force almost constantly engaged in spectacular sky battles ranging from London itself to the English channel at Dover.

Tight British censorship apparently clamped down on damage and casualties after an earlier official admission that it was feared the night raids had inflicted heavier casualties than any others of the last few days.

Royal air force fighters met one mass attack of 300 Nazi planes in a terrific fight high over the Thames estuary and reportedly drove off the invaders.

Flying at 15,000 feet in three waves, the German bombers and fighters thundered across the Dover coast, plunged through a barrage of anti-aircraft fire and headed for London to rain fresh chaos on the capital.

An Associated Press observer on the channel coast said the sky seemed "full of planes" as the Germans passed overhead.

A few miles from London, British defense planes knitted into the three formations and broke them up into a series of whirling dogfights.

The battle came as London's millions underwent their fifth daylight air raid alarm and capped a "night of hell" marking the longest raid of the war—nine hours and 54 minutes of terror from the skies.

An official British communiqué said it was feared "casualties may be heavier than in recent nights."

A delayed action bomb fell near the United States embassy, remaining still unexploded after daybreak, and a member of the embassy staff said:

"We certainly had a Hell of a night—they were popping all around us."

Nazi quarters in Berlin describing

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Ribbentrop To Rome

Nazi Foreign Minister To Confer With Mussolini and Ciano on War Moves.

Berlin, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop left for Rome today to confer with Premier Mussolini and Foreign Minister Count Ciano, and German sources indicated that the exchange of 50 United States destroyers for air and naval bases on British possessions in the Atlantic probably would be among the subjects discussed.

Von Ribbentrop was expected to arrive in Rome tomorrow.

Spain and Egypt—both of extreme importance in the present conduct of the war—were expected to be the prime subjects of the conversations.

But one German source indicated that the Rome-Berlin axis powers were concerned over the destroyer transaction.

Spain, it was indicated, wishes to play a more active part in the affairs of the Rome-Berlin axis but is militarily unable and economically in a poor way. Yet her geographical position plus her natural resources are such that she is a desirable axis partner.

Italy's invasion of Egypt is regarded here as a factor of importance in the further conduct of the war. The Suez canal is one of the choicest objectives of Italian participation in the war and the Ribbentrop visit is likely to clarify to what extent, if any, Germany is to assist in the attempted conquest of Egypt.

Observers Say London Is Most Heavily Bombed City

London, Sept. 18.—(AP)—Military attaches and correspondents who experienced the blizzards of bombs which fell on Warsaw, Barcelona and Madrid expressed belief today that London already has taken more punishment than any other city, even Rotterdam, in the past eleven days of Nazi bombardment.

Despite these attacks, however, the consensus of those experienced observers was that the German air force had failed to achieve the two main purposes of the raids and that the prospects of invasion were correspondingly dimmed.

The two prime objectives, they gave as (1) disorganization of London's communications so that supplies and reinforcements could not

be sent to the areas where invasion is planned, and (2) breaking of the morale of the civilian population.

They added that the British government would be compelled to adopt swifter and more effective methods for housing, feeding and clothing refugees bombed out of their homes if civilian morale is to be maintained at the present level.

Comparing other bombed cities with London, one British correspondent who claims to be the "world's most bombed man" said:

"Rotterdam caught a packet, but all of it was in one section. If you could fit London's bombed areas into a section of similar size the ruin and damage would be far greater than Rotterdam's."