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France Lashes Back At Britain

Celebrate Her 86th Birthday



Four generations are represented in this family portrait, made as the Roosevelts gathered at Hyde Park, N. Y., to celebrate the 86th birthday of the President's mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt. She is in the center, the hand of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 3rd, while her son and F. D., Jr., look on. (Central Press)

Independents Back FDR In Campaign

Senator Norris and LaGuardia Head Committee Calling on President to Pledge Support of Progressive Organization.

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Roosevelt administration today accepted today the support of a national committee of independent voters backing a third presidential candidate. The group, headed by Senator George Norris, Ind., and Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, N. Y., called on President Roosevelt at the White House today to pledge support of the organization.

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Roosevelt, in a rare procedure, invited reporters to witness the ceremony at which he told the group that he would "help them to survive if democracy is progressive and liberal." He said they were "working for the progressive ideals but for the preservation of democracy."

Presenting a group of approximately 30 members of the executive committee of the new committee, the Chief Executive said he had the entire progressive movement of the nation here and was glad to have them.

"I am very happy—I need you," the Chief Executive remarked. "I have known most of you personally and we have been working together with most of you in the past. I think we have the progress for the country. I think we have our feet on the ground sufficiently to know we can accomplish all for the country we want to do."

"I don't want to stand still. I don't want to go back."

Cambridge Is Bombed

Famous Medieval University Seat Bombed in Reprisal by Nazi Raiders.

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The famous medieval town of Cambridge, seat of the university which George VI attended, has been bombed by Nazi aircraft today, according to a special correspondent on the French-Spanish border published here that Germany lost between 50,000 and 60,000 picked troops in a disaster of September 18 when a channel gale scattered Adolf Hitler's "invasion fleet."

Garner Leaves Uvalde, Texas, For Washington

Uvalde, Tex., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Vice President John N. Garner left his Uvalde home for Washington today.

Since the Vice President left the nation's capital after his unsuccessful bid for the presidential nomination there had been political speculation as to whether he was retiring to his Texas home.

A maid in the Garner residence said the Vice President and Mrs. Garner left town quietly this morning.

Willkie Gives Pledge Of More Jobs

Aboard Willkie Train En Route to Spokane, Wash., Sept. 24.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie turned eastward today after a pledge in his northernmost campaign address last night at Seattle to produce "more jobs" if elected president in November.

In his first major concentration on the labor issue the Republican nominee charged at Seattle, a center of strong labor unionism, that the Roosevelt administration "has let labor down."

Before an applauding audience of 30,000, Willkie declared he stood "for every one of the social gains that labor has made" including the labor relations act, wage-hour standards, and social security program.

Then he added:

"An administration that wants to do something for labor must go much further than minimum guarantees. Such an administration while protecting labor's rights must make jobs and jobs and jobs."

British Refuse Comment On Story Of Nazi Sea Disaster

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Informed British military sources refused to comment today on dispatches from the French-Spanish border published here that Germany lost between 50,000 and 60,000 picked troops in a disaster of September 18 when a channel gale scattered Adolf Hitler's "invasion fleet."

The assertions were made in the Daily Mail by Harold Cardozo, a special correspondent on the French-Spanish border.

Neutral military sources also were inclined to discount the report.

Cardozo's story in part said:

"Hitler lost between 50,000 and 60,000 picked troops in a disaster which scattered his invasion fleet a week ago today, it is learned here."

British Counter Nazi Invasion Moves

Greatest Raid Of War On Berlin

British Bombers Apparently Sink Four German Ships Approaching Boulogne; Fires Started in Berlin By Bombs.

London, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Countering German invasion preparations with all its power, the British air force rapped home blow after blow today, attacking German ships caught in the English channel, carrying out the greatest raid of the war on Berlin, and leaving the German-held French coast in flames.

Eye witnesses saw five British bombers dive in line upon four medium sized German ships approaching Boulogne, on the French coast, and apparently sink them all.

British sources said the attack on Berlin last night was carried out by relays of planes which started and returned like scheduled trains from a railway station. The German capital's main power station and gas works were said to have become flaming beacons which guided the way to subsequent attacks on freight yards and utilities.

The Reich's air force again sent huge formations swarming over the southeast coast in thrusts at London.

Fighting Stops In Northern Indo-China

Hanoi, French-Indo-China, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Fighting between French and Japanese forces along the northern boundary of French Indo-China was reported stopped overnight and official French sources said today their troops have been ordered to withhold fire unless attacked.

Thus, it was said, the French colonial authorities gave the Tokyo Representative General Isaku Nishihara, every opportunity to halt the Japanese South China command's threatened land, sea and air onslaught against northern Indo-China without further bloodshed.

(A Domei dispatch from Tokyo also reported all quiet along the Indo-China border today. The dispatch estimated the Japanese had suffered about 100 casualties in previous fighting.)

The French authorities described the situation as one of "extreme gravity" despite the efforts to avert further fighting.

FIRE IN BEAUFORT BUSINESS SECTION

Beaufort, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Four business establishments—the Beaufort Hardware, Pender's, Owens Bros. Grocery and the Beaufort Barber Shop—were badly damaged by fire last night.

The Morehead City and New Bern fire department and the Coast Guard helped Beaufort firemen extinguish the blaze.

Held as Kidnaper



According to the FBI, German-born Wilhelm J. Mohlenbrock (above) has signed a confession admitting that he kidnaped three-year-old Marc de Tristan, Jr., son of the Count and Countess de Tristan, of Hillsborough, Calif. The boy was rescued unharmed. This is a photograph.

High Prices On Old Belt

Winston-Salem, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Prices better than expected were reported on opening sales of some Old Belt tobacco markets today.

At Mt. Airy the first 14 piles sold brought an average of 29 cents, ranging from 23 to 33 cents a pound.

Growers were described as "very satisfied." The quality of offerings was medium grade leaf.

Reidsville's opening sales on some grades brought more than 30 cents. The first several rows disposed of were of "excellent color and quality."

An average of better than 27 cents was unofficially predicted for the day's sales.

Here in Winston-Salem the first hour's sales averaged 23.33 cents a pound.

Farmers were reported "well pleased" with prices. The volume offered was not as large as on opening day last year.

At Mebane, one warehouseman said the average price might run as high as 26 cents.

Big Orders For Defense Equipment

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the War department within eight days had placed \$1,000,000,000 in orders for vital defense equipment.

The contracts were awarded under a \$5,000,000,000 defense appropriation act signed by Mr. Roosevelt on September 9. He released a memorandum from Secretary Stimson detailing orders placed under the act as of September 17.

The bulk of the appropriation was earmarked for the Navy, which contracted for some 200 warships the day the act was signed.

The biggest item for the Army was \$206,903,878 for ammunition, followed closely by \$206,615,000 for ordnance department "facilities" which were not further identified.

Six contracts for 3,022 airplanes aggregated \$155,579,470, and four contracts for 6,785 engines came to another \$74,398,142. In addition, the ordnance department ordered \$14,242,300 worth of engines.

Other large items included \$122,334,934 for small arms and miscellaneous items, \$75,753,245 for tanks and \$53,913,440 for clothing and equipment.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Mostly cloudy, showers Wednesday and in west and extreme north portions tonight. Slightly cooler except on southeast coast Wednesday.

Governor Hoey Acts To Start Machinery For Draft Listings

Registrars Will Be Ordered on Duty October 16 to Register Young Men; Hoey Will Get Recommendations For Boards.

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Governor Hoey said today he would get recommendations for members of local draft boards quickly now, and that he had directed the State elections board to order registrars on duty October 16 to register young men subject to compulsory military service.

The elections board will direct each of the 1916 registrars to be on duty at their regular polling places for the day. The governor said he hoped that competent and patriotic citizens would volunteer to keep the registrars.

Compilations are now being made to determine how many draft boards will be needed in each county and as soon as the figures are complete letters will go to the county superior court clerks, county school superintendents, and county elections board chairmen asking them to act as a committee to recommend draft board members.

Governor Hoey said he would issue a proclamation as requested by President Roosevelt concerning the registration and also would issue a formal statement asking citizens to cooperate.

The governor had before him a letter from the President saying "It is all important that the local boards be composed of men in whom the community has the greatest confidence. Membership on a board should be considered a position and trust and honor. I feel certain that many thousands of our most able and patriotic citizens will offer their services for this duty."

The President noted that elections officials and draft board members are expected to serve without pay as "their contribution national defense" just as young men will be required to devote a year to military training.

North Carolina Is Among States To Gain Congressman

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The 1940 census figures indicated today that the south and far west would gain eight seats in the House of Representatives at the expense of the midwest and industrial east.

Unofficial computations made on the basis of preliminary figures showed that under the existing formula the reapportionment due next spring may give two extra seats to California and one each to Arizona, Florida, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee.

The same figures indicated losses of one seat each for Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania. These states either lost population or failed to gain as much as the others.

If preliminary computations stand up they will form the basis upon which the House of Representatives will be elected in 1942 and they also will alter the electoral college voting in the presidential election of 1944.

Nazis To Fight Britain To The Bitter End

Berlin, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The axis powers will fight Britain to the bitter end without the slightest compromise regardless of who may yet rally to her support, authorized German sources said today after the return of Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop from his Rome conferences with Premier Mussolini.

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Honored by Legion



Mrs. Katherine McCoy First woman to be made sergeant-at-arms at a national convention of the American Legion, Mrs. Katherine McCoy, of Fairmount, W. Va., is helping maintain order at the Boston convalescence. (Central Press)

Hint Action In Far East

Washington, Sept. 24.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today that more factual information on developments in French Indo-China was awaited before any particular steps or policies were formulated on Japan's southward empire movement.

He declined to discuss the question whether there was a possibility of American aid to French forces in Indo-China if they resisted the Japanese or to say whether an American protest had been or would be made at Tokyo.

The secretary of state said, however, that he had heard no official intimation that a part of the United States fleet now at Hawaii might be transferred to the Atlantic.

French Bomb Gibraltar

La Linea, Spain. (At the Gibraltar Frontier)—Sept. 24.—(AP)—French warplanes bombed Gibraltar vigorously for nearly three hours today, sending up clouds of black smoke and shaking the British fortress with a series of explosions.

The attack ceased abruptly shortly after 3:30 p. m. (9:30 a. m. e. s. t.). Thirty minutes later the British fleet sailed out of the harbor apparently heading for the Atlantic.

Watchers here saw at least 30 planes taking part in the attack, apparently a reprisal for British-supported operations of "free Frenchmen" against Dakar. Anti-aircraft guns replied heavily.

Unconfirmed reports received in Lisbon said several of the attacking planes were shot down.

late this afternoon reports from

Wayne Appeal To Supreme Court Is Under Advisement

Raleigh, Sept. 24.—(AP)—The Supreme court took under advisement today the appeal from a death sentence in Wayne county of Leslie Howell.

There were no oral arguments in the Howell case. The man was convicted of the murder of H. C. Wigg and an officer called to the Howell home due to a quarrel between Howell and his wife.

The court was requested to grant a writ of certiorari in the case of Sylvester Woodard, sentenced to death in Wayne in August for the killing of Little Townsend. The petition, if granted, would result in bringing the complete record of the trial and case before the high court in appeal.

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