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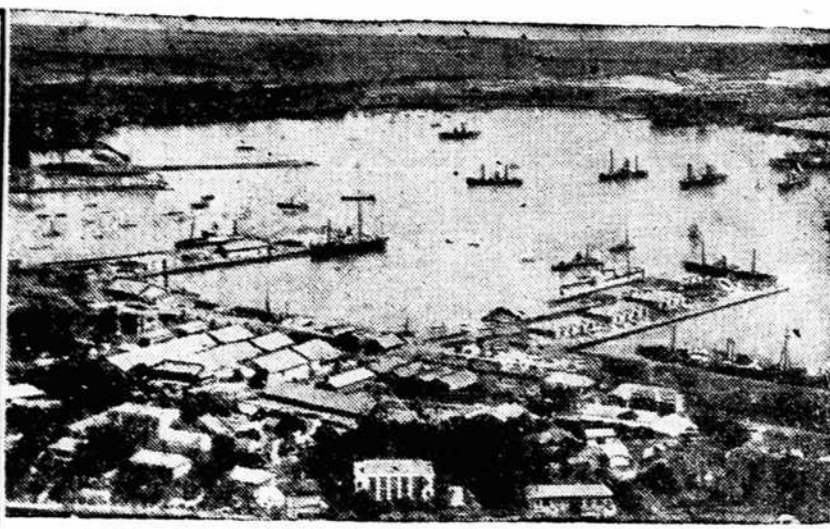
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Where British and French Battle on African Coast



located on map at left, and shown in a view at right, is the scene of sharp encounters between units of British fleet and French colonial troops. The expedition against the French West African colony is under command of General Charles de Gaulle, leader of "free Frenchmen", whose ultimatum of surrender was rejected by the colonial governor.

Dakar Is Said To Be Surrendered

Hoeey Fears Centralized Government

Governor Declares "We Have Traveled a Long Way in Our Concept Since Jefferson"; Reviews State's Accomplishments.

Atlantic City, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Governor Clyde R. Hoeey of North Carolina, in a speech prepared for delivery before the American Bankers Association convention here today, said that he did not believe "it is best for this republic to continue to concentrate power in Washington and to centralize our whole governmental fabric."

"We have traveled a long way in our concept since the early days," Jefferson regarded that government as best which governed the least, containing itself merely with maintaining the conditions of liberty and leaving men alone, the exact tenet asserted in his prepared speech. "There is much to be said for that theory, but we have gotten so far away from the view and we have relinquished so many rights to the government that we now expect the government, through some of its units, to perform nearly all of the services hitherto regarded as the prerogative of the generously inclined citizen or the charitable organization."

Reviewing North Carolina's accomplishments, Governor Hoeey said he "must insist" that the State does not belong in the classification "the

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Elliott Joins the Army



Elliott Roosevelt (right), son of the President, is sworn in as a captain in the army's reserve corps by Leon B. Hord, in Washington. Elliott was immediately assigned to active duty with the air corps' procurement branch at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

French Say No Word Is Received

In War at Home, British Planes Strike Again and Again at 'Invasion Ports'; London Has Worst Night Bombing of War.

(By The Associated Press.) Unconfirmed reports circulated in the French capital at Vichy today that the defenders of Dakar in French West Africa, pledged to "fight to the end," had surrendered to the flaming siege guns of a British naval squadron and General Charles de Gaulle's so-called "free French" forces.

Officially, the Vichy government said nothing had been heard from Dakar since 1:30 p. m. yesterday.

London, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Headquarters of General Charles de Gaulle's "free French" forces said this afternoon that "operations at Dakar are continuing."

when the African port underwent a fierce air raid by royal air force naval planes.

The city's radio station was shelled out of action and messages from French warships in the harbor provided the only communication with the outside world.

Casualties in yesterday morning's bombardment alone were listed at 185 killed, and 363 wounded.

Under order of the Vichy government of Premier Petain, the little African colony, strategic "key to the south Atlantic" reportedly drove back six attempts to land troops from the siege ships.

De Gaulle and the British have explained that the attack on Dakar was necessitated by a German-Italian plot to seize Africa—a program which was widely heralded in Rome and Berlin last week during secret axis discussions between Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop and fascist Foreign Minister Ciano.

With the British apparently getting in the first blow, Berlin reported that Count Ciano would come to the German capital tomorrow "for further conferences" on the axis program—presumably to discuss the British attack on Dakar with Hitler.

In direct reprisal for the British raid on Dakar, a Vichy communique said a "large number" of French warplanes dumped 45 tons of bombs yesterday on the arsenal and south mole of British-held Gibraltar.

By Britain's own struggle at home, royal air force bombers struck again and again at Nazi "invasion ports" along the channel coast.

A series of terrific explosions was heard across the channel today, and a correspondent said the whole coast

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Japan Near Decision On Pact With Axis

New Map Of Orient Seen

Japan Believed Moving to Make Sure She Will Have Full Share of Spoils.

By GLENN ROBB. Tokyo, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Japan today is believed to be on the verge of announcing whether it will enter into an alliance with Germany and Italy, trustworthy sources here said by The Associated Press today.

A mission sent by Adolf Hitler to Tokyo last week to discuss the proposed pact was reported to have been successful, and a new pact is expected shortly.

Such a pact would plunge Japan immediately into war with the United States, but it is believed that Japan is moving to make sure she will have a full share in the redistribution of territory and power in the Far East and Mussolini have said he will come if and when Germany is defeated.

Last week the axis powers issued a new map for Africa and the Middle East, and Berlin dispatches indicate that this is part of the agreement.

Germany is a participant in the proposed Japanese alliance.

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More Guard Units Called

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Indo-China's Defenders Stand By Guns

Hanoi, French Indo-China, Sept. 25.—(AP)—China's defenders stood by their guns along coastal and land frontiers—under orders to fire only if fired upon—and looked to a conference of Japanese leaders today for a clue whether Japanese troops would continue their thrusts into this French colony.

General Issaku Nishihara, who negotiated an agreement Sunday with French officials for Japanese military privileges in Indo-China, sped to Hainan island to see the commander of Japan's south China army which pressed into northern Indo-China Sunday night.

French officials contended the Japanese were to garrison new air bases and that entry from the north was not envisioned in the agreement.

(Reuters, British news agency, reported that French authorities had abrogated the agreement on the ground the Japanese had violated it by sending troops into northern Indo-China.)

(The Japanese foreign office at Tokyo expressed surprise at the report that the agreement had been abrogated.)

LUMBER FIRMS ARE ENJOINED IN WAGE AND HOUR DISPUTE

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The wage-hour division of the United States Department of Labor reported today that Federal District Judge I. M. McElwain had enjoined 27 North Carolina lumber firms from "future violations of the fair labor standards (wage and hour) act."

The judgments stipulated payment of back wages due 353 employees totaling \$7,602.74.

Firms enjoined included Henderson Lumber Co., Inc., Tarboro; C. H. Henderson of Tarboro; Stephenson Lumber Co., Wilson; W. C. Avery, Clinton; W. C. Jordan, Wilson; and Rivers and King, Wilson.

Woman Is Murdered

Attractive Young Mother, Clubbed to Death, Is Linked to Duke Family.

Horsham, Pa., Sept. 25.—(AP)—An attractive young mother, found clubbed to death on the dusty stairway of an unoccupied farm house, was linked today to a prominent Southern family in a statement her husband made to police.

Her head and face beaten, Mrs. Ethel M. Atkins, 35-year-old mother of three-year-old twin sons, was discovered in the building last night clad only in stockings and one slipper and wearing a wedding ring.

She was identified 14 hours later by her husband, James F. Atkins, Philadelphia bricklayer.

District Attorney Frederick B. Smilie said Atkins declared in a statement that the slain woman, whose maiden name was Ethel Craft, has first been married to John Cicero

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Dictators Collaborate

Signs Point to Solidification of Aims of Germany, Italy, Spain and Japan.

Rome, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Signs that the totalitarian bloc of Germany, Italy, Spain and Japan is being solidified for earth-grinding collaboration in a more active sense appeared today.

A newspaper likely to be well informed, Il Popolo di Roma, indicated that Spain already had decided on active aid to the Rome-Berlin axis in the war against Britain.

Other indication implicit in diplomatic maneuvering included:

1—Disclosure that the Japanese ambassador to Rome and Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano discussed the international situation at length yesterday, with "particular emphasis" on the Japanese advance into French Indo-China.

2—A report in Berlin that Ciano would travel to Berlin tomorrow for a follow-up to last week's Rome conversations.

(Political sources at the German capital were generally of the opinion that Ciano would participate in some solemn ceremony of signature.)

3—The continued presence in Berlin of Ramon Serrano Sumer, Spanish minister of government and number one aide and brother-in-law of Generalissimo Franco.

(The Berlin radio said Adolf Hitler received Serrano Sumer at the chancellery at noon today and talked to him for about two hours.)

Willkie Would Name Western Man In Cabinet

Aboard Willkie Train En Route to Fargo, N. D., Sept. 25.—(AP)—Wentworth L. Willkie, contending that a 1937 price statement by President Roosevelt had created a "disastrous" effect on world economies, gave the west a campaign pledge to appoint a westerner as secretary of the interior if he is elected.

The Republican presidential nominee, speaking in Butte, Mont., said last night:

"In April, 1937, when the (business) pickup was coming, the President made a public announcement that the price of commodities was too high.

"The effect was very disastrous throughout the world, in my judgment. It was a factor in the economic decline of the democracies of Europe and thus contributed to the rise of Hitler."

A cut in copper prices resulted, Willkie said, bringing a wage cut for "every man who worked in the copper mines of this area."

"The very fact that the President had enough powers in his hand that his mere statement could have caused such a rapid decline in the price of copper, I say to you, is very deleterious to our domestic economy."

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy and much cooler tonight, preceded by showers on the coast this afternoon or early tonight; Thursday generally fair.

Backers Would Make Morehead Busy Port

Sixteen Men Are Added To Patrol

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Sixteen new highway patrolmen, two to fill vacancies and 14 to expand the patrol in size, drew troop assignments today from Major John T. Armstrong.

Governor Hoeey announced the patrol would be increased and provided with some heavier guns so that it would be prepared to act as a home guard while the National Guard is in training.

Major Armstrong assigned part of the men as follows:

George W. Oakley, L. B. Lane, Oris Lynch, Rector W. Young and Charles L. Guy, Jr., assigned to troop A at Greenville.

One Dies In Train Wreck

Fireman Killed, Two Injured, in Freight Train Wreck Near Asheville Today.

Asheville, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Fireman J. B. Williams of Morganton was killed and Engineer A. D. Pope of Iman, S. C., and George Billings, a Negro brickman, were injured at Saluda Junction near here today in a train wreck.

A heavily-loaded freight train on the Asheville-Spartanburg division of the Southern railroad, coming down a steep grade in the mountains, railroad officials said, ran into a safety track so fast that the engine and two cars ran over the abutment at the end.

The cial in the tender was thrown forward, pinning Williams against the boiler and roasting him alive. Pope was surrounded by coal up to

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BRITISH CRUISER REPORTED DAMAGED

New York, Sept. 25.—(AP)—The Berlin radio broadcast a Vichy dispatch today asserting French officials had asserted that Britain's fast and powerful battle cruiser *Formidable*, 23,000 tons, had been severely damaged off Gibraltar by French air attack.

Proposed Lease of Terminals to Hinkins Interests Is Part of Concerted Drive to Develop Carteret Port.

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Star-Walker Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, Sept. 25.—The proposed lease of Morehead City terminals by the Hinkins interests of Baltimore is not one of the busiest on the Atlantic coast.

The main effort is being made on the governmental front in Washington, with establishment of huge cotton and tobacco warehouses at Morehead as one of the objectives, and turning the port into an entry point for material essential to national defense another.

Back of the drive is Congressman Graham Barden of the Third district, with the close cooperation and assistance of three other House members—Lon Folger of the Fifth, Doughton of the Ninth and J. Bayard Clark of the Seventh.

It is felt that the influence of Folger, Democratic national committeeman from North Carolina, and Doughton, right-hand man of the Administration and chairman of the Ways and Means committee, will be particularly helpful in putting over the program which its sponsors envision as transforming Morehead into a bustling port.

Where the Hinkins lease comes in is in the fact that government agencies will likely be far more sympathetic toward the general program

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One Body From Buried Plane

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 25.—(AP)—A weary salvage crew working by improvised lighting in muddy swamps near Woodbine, Ga., early today recovered the body of one of three Army men who crashed to their deaths in an observation plane Friday night.

Immediate identification of the badly mangled body was not possible. It is being brought here by ambulance.

In the plane when it crashed were the late General Francis W. Honeycutt, commandant of Fort Bragg, N. C.; Captain George E. Kohler, the pilot, and Radio Man-Mechanic Robert J. Schmidt.

French Raid Gibraltar

Mass Attack by French Planes Believed To Have Caused Severe Damage.

La Linea, Spain, Sept. 25.—(AP)—French warplanes loosed a mass attack on Gibraltar today, the second in two days, and bomb explosions were seen in the vicinity of the arsenal and in the town itself.

Planes leaped from the fortress' naval installations and two huge explosions seemed to come from round-the-bay magazines. Observers believed the town and naval base were gravely damaged.

The bombing started at 2:40 p. m. (9:40 a. m. EST) with the planes coming over in groups of four, but this gave way at 3:25 p. m. to an attack by 14 planes.

They dumped their entire bomb loads almost simultaneously and smoke billowed up from the vicinity of the arsenal and from the streets in the town.

Planes fell near warships in the harbor, but apparently none was hit.