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Duke President Is Dead



DR. WILLIAM PRESTON FEW

Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke University, died at 7 o'clock this morning in Duke Hospital, following a heart attack suffered a week ago.

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Dr. Few

Death Comes at 7 O'clock This Morning in Duke Hospital to 72-Year-Old President of Duke University.

Dr. W. P. Few, 72-year-old president of Duke University, died at 7 o'clock this morning in Duke Hospital, following a heart attack suffered a week ago.

Dr. Few was born in Raleigh, N. C., on Oct. 16, 1868. He was a member of the A. B. degree class at the University of North Carolina in 1890. He was a member of the A. B. degree class at the University of North Carolina in 1890. He was a member of the A. B. degree class at the University of North Carolina in 1890.

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GERAITAR RAIDED IN HEAVY ATTACK

German planes raided Geraitar in a heavy attack, dropping bombs and incendiary bombs. The attack was the heaviest since the beginning of the war.

WPA PROJECT

The WPA project in Raleigh, N. C., is now under way. The project is to improve the water system in the city.

STRIKE CALLED AT ANDREWS

A strike is being called at Andrews Field. The strike is being called by the workers at the field.

History Textbook Question May Furnish Heated Debate In Commission Sessions

The question of the history textbook for the schools is expected to furnish a heated debate in the commission sessions.

1,000 Bombers Blast London; More Feared

REGISTRATION OF AMERICA'S YOUTH TODAY

"It is a Day of Deep and Purposeful Meaning in the Lives of All of Us," President Roosevelt Says in Address.

(By The Associated Press.) At the estimated rate of 81,250,000 an hour, America's young men signed up today for possible service in the nation's first peacetime draft army.

Reports going into Washington from state capitals, which in turn had gathered them from every city, town and rural district, prompted selective service headquarters to announce that the whole vast registration machinery was "slipping along smoothly."

In fact, officials said that if registrations continued all day at their noon estimate of 1,359,000 hourly, the expected national total of 16,494,000 registrants of ages 21 through 35 would be reached before the closing hour of 9 o'clock tonight.

Millions of men who answered the same call 25 years ago last June 5 saw their sons step into line for registration at election precincts.

Even some veterans of the AEF retraced their steps after nearly a quarter of a century to enroll again.

From the pool of 16,494,000 registrants expected to draw 5,000,000 men ready and able to go under military training in the next four and one-half years—nearly 750,000 more than were mobilized to fight the war of 1917 and 1918.

Where some 12,000,000 men from 21 through 30 registered for the first time.

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British Sub Reported Sunk By Italians

Rome, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Sinking of the big British submarine Perseus after a violent artillery duel with the Italian submarine "Pall" in the central Mediterranean was reported today by the Italian high command.

The Italian command said the submarine suffered only slight damage. At the same time the British and Italian air forces were reported to have exchanged new blows on the Egyptian front.

North Carolina Coastal Defense Group Is Formed

New Bern, Oct. 16.—(AP)—A hundred representatives of the coastal section of North Carolina gathered in New Bern this morning and formed "The North Carolina Committee on Coastal Defense."

Gun Battle Ends In Death

Vass, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for Carl E. Upchurch, 54, an officer pressed their investigation into the gun battle Monday night in which he was fatally wounded.

Duce's Offer Impractical

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Not in so many words, but by plain implication, Uncle Sam has been threatened by the axis folk, with the dreadful things that'll happen to him if he stays as he is.

It's news, though, to have the axis remark that he'll get his share of the gravy if John Bull is licked, as per the program.

This, however, is what Benito Mussolini's newspaper, the Popolo d'Italia, suggested the other day.

Benito Mussolini

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy and cooler, preceded by drizzle and light rain this afternoon and early tonight; Thursday partly cloudy, continued cool, somewhat unsettled in east portion; light frost in mountains tonight if sky clears.

Japan Builds Air Raid Shelters



Engineering college students construct model air raid shelters in a crowded downtown district of Tokyo, according to the Japanese caption. Heavily populated Japan is extremely vulnerable to air attack.

Significant Action Taken By Roosevelt

Washington, Oct. 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today assumed full control over the sale or export of raw and manufactured products vital to the national defense program.

Italy Seeks Vengeance In Air Attacks

With the British Mediterranean Fleet at Alexandria, Oct. 16.—(AP)—As I write this story on board the flag ship, Italian bombers are trying to avenge Italy for the loss of three destroyers last Saturday.

The anti-aircraft guns on the flag ship, aircraft carriers and other units are in action. Shells are breaking high in the air, but the bombers are keeping at an altitude of 20,000 feet except that now and then swoops lower.

I suspect the British had rather expected an attack of this kind, for the Italian air arm had raided them after the cruiser Ajax had sunk two destroyers and with the cruiser York finished off a third destroyer.

New Deal Farm Program Is Attacked And Defended

(By The Associated Press.) Wendell L. Willkie made a plea today for farm and factory cooperation, as his running mate, Senator Charles McNary, attacked the administration's handling of the agricultural problem and Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, upheld it.

Nazi Threat Of "Typhoon Stage" Made

Scene of "Indescribable Chaos," Left in British Capital, German Fliers Report; 1,000 Tons of Bombs Dropped on City.

(By The Associated Press.) The Germans announced a dive bomber attacked an English transport train today, killing or wounding at least 300 persons when the locomotive and first six cars plunged over an embankment.

Informed quarters in Berlin, describing the attack, said the rest of the train was torn apart.

Nazi fliers said they observed fires raging throughout an area of London 48 to 60 miles wide and they described London as "a great sea of flames."

The London ministry of information admitted the night raids were "of a heavy nature," but said the damage was not as "great as that done in raids in early September"—which took a daily death toll of 300 to 400 victims.

(By The Associated Press.) Nazi quarters in Berlin threatened a triple-force "typhoon stage" to the aerial siege of Britain today after an armada of 1,000 German bombers reportedly dropped 1,000 tons of bombs on London during the night and left the British capital a scene of "indescribable chaos."

Even that terrific assault was only a "zephyr" compared to the storm ahead, the Germans said.

London dispatches said diving Nazi warplanes machine gunned the streets and dropped the biggest explosives yet rained on the empire capital.

German airmen returning from the dusk-to-dawn assault told of "deafening detonations, terrific concussion, slices reddened by great fires."

Danger On Burma Road

Mussolini's Newspaper Says Opening of Road May Touch Off U. S. Powder Keg.

Rome, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The possibility that Britain's reopening of the Burma road would provide the spark to touch off an American powder keg and bring the United States into the war was advanced today by Mario Appellus, military commentator of Premier Mussolini's newspaper Il Popolo d'Italia.