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Britain Opens Air Offensive

Soviet-Turk Military Discussions Reported

Moving Day in London—Lease Unexpired



These unfortunate people, whose home was destroyed during a night raid, salvage what belongings they can as they move to new quarters. According to the British caption, this photo was taken in a non-military district of London. (Central Press)

Bucharest, Oil Fields Blacked Out

Turkish Military Preparations Along Dardanelles Reported Increasing; Adrianople Jammed With Troop Trains.

Budapest, Hungary, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Reports that Soviet Russian-Turkish military discussions had been instituted and that Turkish military preparation was increasing along the strategic Dardanelles gateway to the Near East were heard today in the Balkans.

At the same time, Rumania inaugurated a blackout for Bucharest and the nearby oil fields.

Travelers from Turkey said in Athens that railroad lines to Adrianople, a Turkish city in territory wedged between the Bulgarian and Greek borders, were jammed with troop trains while half a million Turkish troops were said to be already in the region of the Dardanelles.

A rumor that Soviet-Turkish military talks were underway in Adrianople was carried by a Budapest newspaper while other unconfirmed reports said the Turks were building new fortifications and communications.

The Turkish press, predicting that the axis would attempt its next push in the Near East, played up British maneuvers to counter such a drive.

Ready to Re-enact Draft Role



Lieut. Col. Charles R. Morris, of Elizabeth, N. J., who placed the blindfold on President Wilson's eyes in 1917, is shown holding that historic blindfold, while before him is the ladle used to stir the draft capsules. He said he is ready to re-enact his role when President Roosevelt draws the first draft number. (Central Press)

Berlin And North Italy Are Raided

Hundred-Bomb-A-Minute Raid on "Invasion" Bases Paces Counter Offensive; Cross-Channel Gun Duel Is Fought.

London, Oct. 21.—(AP)—A 100-bomb-a-minute air raid on Nazi-held coastal bases opposite England, possibly supported by shell fire from long range guns and warships, paved the way for a British counter offensive which extended to Berlin and northern Italy.

The repeatedly bombed bases again bore the brunt of the overnight attacks, in which the authoritative British Press Association estimated an "avalanche" of at least 15-20 bombs were dropped in two and a half hours.

The air ministry reported "extensive operations" during the night included raids on Berlin, other parts of Germany, and northern Italy.

The blasting of channel ports, where invasion threats continued a lurk in prolonged mild weather and reports of Nazi activity, started shortly after dusk last night.

Earlier in the day British and German gunners fought one of the heaviest gun duels of the battle of Britain across the strait.

Nazi air raiders, roaring across the coast above an unusually heavy anti-aircraft barrage, fanned out in scattered hit and run attacks on Britain.

Alarms sounded twice in London during the morning. Two bombs fell in the capital just before the sirens shrieked the first time and the invaders' motors were heard during the second alarm.

In the first raid the Germans again sent over fast single engined planes to run the anti-aircraft fire in ones and twos.

Many Killed In Berlin

Apartment Building Is Destroyed in British Raid on German Capital Last Night.

Berlin, Oct. 21.—(AP)—An apartment building in west Berlin was destroyed and numerous civilians were killed and injured in last night's British air raid on the German capital. DNR, German news agency, reported today.

The news agency said the British dropped four explosive bombs on the city in addition to a shower of incendiaries.

Earlier reports said that only incendiary bombs fell on the capital.

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Leader Of Jap Delegation Quits Parley

Batavia, Netherlands East Indies, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Ichizo Kobayashi, special envoy from Japan at the head of the delegation which has been engaged in economic negotiation with the Netherlands East Indies, will return to Tokyo tomorrow.

Officials asserted that his departure would have no effect on the negotiations, which will be continued by other members of the delegation.

They said his presence in Japan was urgently needed and denied a "quite untrue" reports that the trade discussions had been broken off.

In London, meanwhile, authoritative British sources declared that the British "certainly are not taking an appeasing attitude" toward Japan in the issue of the Dutch East Indies rich oil resources, and intimated strongly that British-American consultations had been held on Japan's oil problem.

Some sources reiterated that the

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FDR Refuses Challenge

May Speak In Brooklyn

President Will Not Share Auditorium With Wilkie in Baltimore October 30.

Washington, Oct. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is not accepting Wendell Wilkie's offer to share an auditorium with him in Baltimore October 30, Stephen Early, the President's press secretary, said today.

Early said that rather than in Baltimore on Washington on that date, the President probably would speak at the Academy of Music Hall in New York.

Asked whether the Chief Executive had any objection to accept Wilkie's challenge to debate, Early replied that it had been a "public" matter. Then he added "if I were Wendell Wilkie, I would not want to have him, I would want to have me, I don't know if I would, but I don't know if I would."

The day ending 1940 campaign for the presidential stage with both parties ready for a concerted effort that will carry through the fall, presidential weeks and up to the day of the voting.

For Democrats, the current campaign is President Roosevelt's "fourth year" address intended to be an announcement said

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Londoners Leave City For Safety

London, Oct. 21.—(AP)—The government has steps today to expedite the removal of London's civilian population to places of safety outside the city and to improve the lot of those compelled to stay in the danger zone.

Miles McDermott, minister of health, told authorities in the region areas to use their compulsory powers "without hesitation" to remove the population and to make the use of empty houses.

McDermott disclosed that many Londoners are arranging themselves to leave London and this exodus, together with the government's requisitioning more extensive use of the billeting system.

To eliminate long lines in front of shelters, the government has ordered that shelters used for the night be closed at 11 p.m. Herbert Morrison, minister of civil security, authorized the London fire and defense region to use the

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Cities Of Between 10,000 And 50,000 Population Had No Auto Deaths Last Month

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

Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Automobiles killed 10 on the country roads, in the smallest and largest corporations, but not a single fatal accident occurred in a North Carolina city of from 10,000 to 50,000 during the month of September, according to records of the Highway Safety Division.

That gave a completely clean slate, so far as fatal accidents go, to these Tar Heel towns—Concord, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Kannapolis (unincorporated but big just the same), Kinston, New Bern, Rocky Mount, Roanoke Rapids, Salisbury, Shelby, Statesville, Wilson and Thomasville, all of the 10,000-25,000 class; High Point, Raleigh and Wilmington, in the 25,000-50,000 bracket.

Asheville and Durham, of the 50,000 and up group, likewise had no fatal wrecks.

At the extremes, there was one fatal accident in an incorporated town of less than 500, another in a town of the 1,000-5,000 bracket and three in cities of 5,000-10,000; while among the big cities, Greensboro and Winston-Salem had one each and Charlotte topped everything with no less than five.

Altogether there were 87 fatal accidents in the State, 75 of them on rural roads.

The Safety Division also issued figures on non-fatal and property-damage accidents for September, but in comment on them it was stressed

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Important Changes Made In Provisions Of AAA Program

College Station, Raleigh, Oct. 21.—E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College, today announced an important improvement in the Agricultural Conservation Program, effective in 1941 and affecting every farmer in North Carolina.

"General soil-depleting allotments will be discontinued with the 1941 program and payments will be based upon the amount of soil-building accomplished," Floyd stated. "This will put more emphasis on the conservation phases of the program, make it more adaptable to all farms in the state, encourage production of food and feed crops, and should greatly reduce the cost of compliance."

Floyd further explained that the farmer who earns all of his soil-building units will receive his payments in the form of cash, while those who have allotments, such as tobacco, cotton, peanuts, and commercial veg-

that they are at best little more than approximations because of the great laxity all over the state in observing the law requiring reports of all accidents on the prescribed forms.

This laxity prevails to a greater extent in the rural sections than in the cities, which probably accounts for the fact that fatal accidents, which can be tracked down through news stories and Health Board statistics, were much more common, according to the available figures, on rural roads than in cities, while non-fatal and property-damage crashes were much more numerous in the incorporated places.

Thus, if the reports were taken for accurate, the country led the city 75 to 12 in fatal accidents; while it trailed the urban areas 129 to 152 in non-fatal crashes involving injuries; 116 to 309 in property-damage only wrecks; and 321 to 472 in accidents of all kinds.

As said, however, the figures are not to be given too much reliance except in the case of fatalities.

Charlotte's five fatal crashes put Mecklenburg county out in front for the month with eight death-dealing accidents. Wholly rural Robeson and Guilford (with its one urban death crash) were next in line with five each. Pender, a country county of the first water, had four.

Pumebum, Columbus, Cumberland, Iredell and Wake had three apiece. There were two fatal wrecks in each of Alamogordo, Cary, Duplin, Durham, Forsyth, Lenoir, Nash, Randolph, Richmond, Rock-

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Speculation Is Rife On Size Of Vote

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Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Now that all the political prognosticators have reached the conclusion that Wendell Wilkie hasn't even a remote outside chance in North Carolina, speculation on the size of the vote which will be cast on the first Tuesday in November is beginning to bob up on all sides.

Most of the would-be crystal gazers are apparently leaning on the same limb which broke off so sharply under them in the gubernatorial primary last May. They are already beginning to declare with great appearance of certainty that the total in this year will be far less than the more than 800,000 cast for FDR and Alf Landon four years ago.

These predictions are based on the difficulty of absentee balloting this fall, the lack of local contests and the apparent indifference of the electorate.

Every single one of these factors existed last spring—in fact there was the impossibility, but not the difficulty, of voting in absentia. There

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Marine Band Concerts Commended

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Raleigh, Oct. 21.—Governor Clyde R. Hoey feels that the current tour of the United States Marine Band, on which it will play in four North Carolina cities, will do much to heighten patriotic interest at a time when people of the state are "all thinking in terms of our country and its broader defense."

The band opened its North Carolina tour in Fayetteville yesterday, and will climax its visit to the state

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Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Generally fair and continued cool tonight, and Tuesday; scattered frost in the interior.

U. S. Embassy In London Is Damaged

German Bombs Fail To Do Serious Damage To Embassy; None Injured; YMCA Headquarters Extensively Damaged.

London, Oct. 21.—(AP)—Windows were smashed in the United States' big new embassy building on Grosvenor Square in a recent air raid. No member of the staff was injured.

Permission was given today by British censors to tell about it. A German plane laid a stick of bombs across the big square in London's fashionable West End. One demolished a house, damaged another

across the square and blew in a number of windows.

Another bomb failed to explode immediately, but dug itself a deep pit about 50 feet from the front door. It went off a few hours later, blasted more windows and hurled earth and stone onto the roof and against the front wall.

The inside was not damaged and a spokesman said today "we are open for business."

At the same time it was announced that a big German bomb fell near the YMCA headquarters in Great Russell street, blasting out doors and windows and blowing down partitions inside. The outside walls were not damaged extensively.

Officials said, however, that except for the offices on the first floor they would not be able to use the building again until after the war.

New Minnesota Senator Joins Newspapermen In Upper House

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Oct. 21.—Joseph H. Ball, recently appointed by Governor Harold Stassen of Minnesota to the United States senate, to complete the remaining two years of the late Senator Ernest Lundberg's term, is a newspaperman in the upper congressional chamber. He's the only one, however, who has been booted into such exalted company directly out of an ordinary reporter's job. The others were publishers or editors, at least, prior to enrollment in the august group at the senatorial end of the national Capitol building.

Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas is dean of the aggregation. Capper knows his business from the group up. He began as a printer when type was set by hand. None of the rest ever actually worked at the case. Capper did. He studied type. Then he got to be a reporter; then an editor. Now he publishes the Topeka Daily Capital and several other Kansas periodicals. Printer's ink all too literally flows in his veins. He's a cracking good senator, too.

Senator Carter Glass is an older fellow likewise. He was a publisher (that is, a newspaper and evening editions) at Lynchburg, Va. He's been doing it for about 50 years, but I don't believe he ever

had any practical experience at the mechanical end of the game.

Vandenberg One Of 'Em

Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, was editor and publisher of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Herald, but he hasn't kept it up while in congress, as Senators Capper and Glass have done. Washington scribes class him as one of themselves, nevertheless. He has their viewpoint and speaks their language perfectly. It's an asset for political publicity purposes.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge graduated into public life, as a Massachusetts colon, from editorial desks in the offices of the New York Herald-Tribune and the Boston Transcript. He's a member of the congressional press galleries and of the National Press club. The correspondents recognize him.

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming was a humble reporter once on a Boulder (Colo.) press, but before he came to Washington, he had been advanced to the rating of city editor of the Cheyenne State leader, and a city editor is a pretty important personage—not equal to a managing editor, of course, and a managing editor is in comparison with a publisher, but journalistically as good as a colonel, anyway.

Senator Gerald P. Nye was a very small town newspaperman, in wee little Wisconsin and Iowa burgs and at Cooperstown, N. D. But make no mistake. These country editors are no squabbles in their home communities.

Senator Joseph W. Bailey of N.

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Joseph Ball