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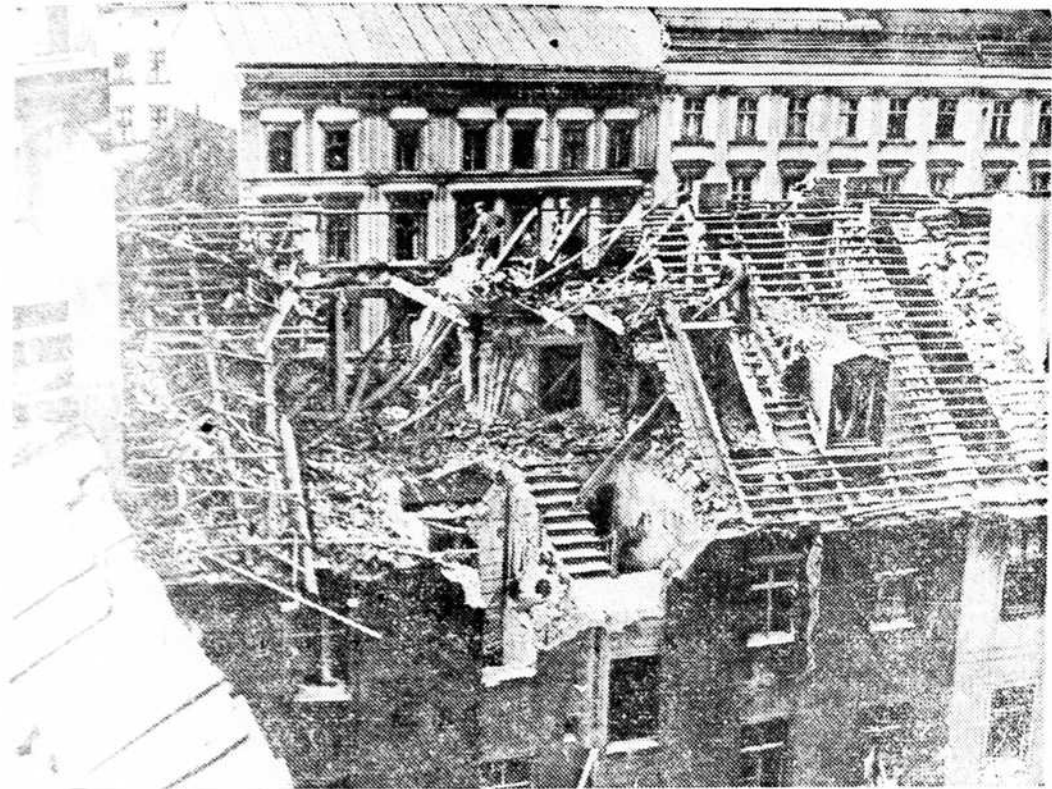
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Italian Warplanes Raid Greece

Final Bids For Votes Near

R. A. F. Continues Systematic Raids on Berlin



The Royal Air Force is keeping up its relentless bombing of Berlin, in retaliation for Nazi bombing of London, as offered by this picture. According to information passed by the German censor, this damaged building is in North Berlin in an area where workers' homes are concentrated. (Central Press)

Nazi Offense Weakens

Italy Set For Drive

British Claim German Aerial Siege Weakening as Result of Heavy Losses.

London, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The German offensive against the British in the Mediterranean is being weakened as a result of heavy losses in the air, British sources here today said. They claimed that the German air force has lost more than 200 planes since August 8, and that the British have been killing more than 300 German planes since that date. They also said that the German air force has lost more than 300 planes since August 8, and that the British have been killing more than 300 German planes since that date.

Farmers Urged To Leave Land

Washington, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Chesapeake Bay fishermen are urged to leave their boats and go into the land, according to a report from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The report says that the bay is being overfished and that the fishermen are causing damage to the land. The fishermen are urged to leave their boats and go into the land.

Statistics On Accidents Reveal Weak Reporting By Law Enforcement Officers

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—Figures available in the Highway Safety Division on motor highway accidents for the first nine months of 1940 show why Director Ronald Hocutt is making an intensive effort to improve the reporting of accidents in North Carolina. Reported to the division, or collected by it from other sources, were 525 fatal accidents, 2,240 involving injury to person but no death, and 3,672 involving property damage only. One glance at those totals is sufficient to convince Mr. Hocutt and any other intelligent observer that the division is not getting anything like proper reporting. Everybody who knows anything at all about highway conditions knows full well that the proportion of property damage crashes is entirely too low. It is obvious that if there were 2,765 accidents in which someone was either killed or injured there were far more than 3,672 in which property damage was done. Breaking the figures down by counties reveals an even worse picture as to reporting. Start right at the top. Alamance reported (or the division found out by various and sundry methods) that there were ten fatal accidents, 25

Stewart Says Albania May Slow Axis Balkan Drive

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist. Washington, Nov. 2.—The Greek legation in Washington is considerably depressed by Italy's war move against its small kingdom. As a Hellenic diplomatic attaché put it to me, "one Greek soldier is a match for three or four Italians, but if they pile in five or six to one against us, they may make us a deal of trouble." Our own American military men take it for granted that the Axis will make short work of the little country, possibly with the exception of its coastal fringe, along which they think that Britain's eastern Mediterranean fleet may help it. To be sure, the Greeks are rated as first-rate fighters and the Italians as pretty weak-kneed warriors. However, the Greeks are away outclassed in numbers, and whereas they have lack equipment, whereas the Italians are quite well supplied in the latter respect. Furthermore, it is assumed that even if Dictator Mussolini does need any assistance, Dic-

Roosevelt And Wilkie Go On Air

President Will Speak Tonight in Cleveland at 9 o'clock; Wilkie in New York, 10:15; Hull Defends Foreign Policy.

(By the Associated Press) President Roosevelt is expected to speak tonight in Cleveland at 9 o'clock, and Wendell L. Wilkie is expected to speak in New York at 10:15 p. m. Closing the last full week of campaigning before the ballots are cast next Tuesday, the Democratic nominee will speak tonight in Cleveland at 9 p. m. (EST) and his Republican opponent will make an address in New York's Madison Square Garden at 10:15 p. m. Wilkie, at the end of an 18,000-mile campaign tour, rested today after replying last night to Mr. Roosevelt's speech in Boston on Wednesday evening. He charged the President with "deceptive optimism" in declaring that the nation was making "very rapid progress" toward an aircraft goal of 50,000 airplanes a year. Mr. Roosevelt began his swing through sections of the pivotal states of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio today with a speech in Brooklyn last night in which he declared "there has been forming" within the Republican party an "unholy alliance" between "the extreme reactionary and the extreme radical elements of this country." The President said that "there is no common ground upon which they can unite unless it be their common will to power and their impatience with the normal democratic processes to produce overnight the inconsistent dictatorial ends they seek." Wilkie accused the administration of "neglect" in seeking expansion of airplane production and he added that "for seven years" it "has not understood the fact of production." President Roosevelt's foreign policies were defended last night by Cordell Hull, secretary of State, who said in a radio address that Mr. Roosevelt's re-election would "in the fullest possible measure" assure the security and safeguard the peace of this country.

Roosevelt Makes Peace Declaration

Aboard Roosevelt Train en Route to Cleveland, Nov. 2.—(AP)—"Your president says that this country is not going to war." These words were addressed by Franklin D. Roosevelt today to a rain-drenched crowd that gathered around his train at the Rochester, N. Y., station. Mr. Roosevelt reviewed what he termed a "fortunate record" established while he was chief executive of New York state and nation. He was the only governor to serve four years without calling out the National Guard to "put down riots," he said, and in his seven and one-half years as President, the Army and Navy had never been called out except in a cause of humanity. "And it seems to me," he said, "that a fellow with the kind of a record over a good many years must have his head on the ground and I don't believe he has his finger on the trigger." D. C. Williams of Wilson Is Dead. Wilson, Nov. 2.—(AP)—D. C. Williams, 80, lumber plant operator, died in a hospital here today after a short illness. His funeral will be held Monday afternoon at Selbyville, Del. Williams operated lumber plants here, at Elm City and at Rock Mount. He is survived by three daughters and three sons.

On the Greco-Italian Front



Fascists reported taking Breznica (1) on their eastern drive on Salonika and said that further south they had driven the Greeks from Nikolic (2). In southern Albania Italian artillery at Konispolis (3) bombarded Sagrada. The fascist objective in this region is believed to be the naval base of Preveza, some thirty miles below Parga (bottom of map). A fierce battle was reported east of Florina. (Central Press)

Salonika Reported Hardest Hit

About Fifty Bombs Dropped on Patras; Corfu Bombed; Tiny Greek Air Force Pitches in To Aid Hard Fighting Ground Forces. Athens, Greece, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The Italian air force resumed its attacks against Greece today, bombing Corfu island and the port of Patras, where about ten casualties resulted. About 50 bombs were dropped in the latest attack on Patras. Athens also had an air raid alarm of 20 minutes but its watchers slighted no planes. These attacks followed widespread raids in which the government said 300 were killed and wounded yesterday. The strategic city of Salonika was reported hardest hit in the sudden burst of aerial warfare, with 59 killed and 84 injured in four raids yesterday. The government said "generally no military target was hit" and charged that "all the raids were directed against civilians." Over the Epirus district in the northwest the Italians dropped pamphlets declaring the invaders had "good dispositions" toward the Greeks and would respect their women, traditions and customs. The tiny Greek air force pitched in to aid the nation's hard fighting ground forces, bombing and strafing fascist troops wherever they could be found in the wild, mountainous area along the Greek border. Exchange Telegraph, British news agency, said Greek planes blasted at two Italian airdromes in Albania. The report added that Greek troops fighting at close quarters with cold steel had occupied a strategic height dominating Koritza, Albania. In all sectors of the front where they have not actually succeeded in pushing the Italians back, the Greeks said, the defenders were holding firm.

Record State Vote Expected Tuesday

Ordered Deported



Mrs. Earl Browder. Raissa Berkman Browder, wife of Earl Browder, Communist candidate for the presidency, was ordered deported by Attorney General Robert H. Jackson on the ground she entered the U. S. illegally. He acted on recommendation of the immigration appeals board and said the finding was based on her own testimony describing her surreptitious entrance in 1933. Jackson said she is a citizen of Russia. (Central Press)

Republicans and Democrats Stump State in Eleventh Hour Appeal; Lucas "Guesses" at Vote of 900,000.

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Amid indications of a record smashing vote, Republicans and Democrats stumped North Carolina today in an eleventh hour appeal for support of their candidates in the general election of Tuesday. Clerks in the state board of elections today said that six counties had asked recently for additional supplies of ballots. W. A. Lucas of Wilson, chairman of the State board of elections, "guessed" that the total vote would be in the neighborhood of 900,000—a new record. A total of 11,500 applications for absentee ballots had been distributed up to today. The blanks went to chairmen of county boards of elections, who were responsible for their distribution to eligible absentee voters. No absentee applications will be given to voters after today, except in the case of persons who become ill before Tuesday. Only 23,000 absentee votes were cast in the 1936 general election. Democrats held a rally in Waynesville today in which J. M. Broughton, Democratic gubernatorial nominee, Senators Joseph W. Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds and Congressman Zebulon Weaver spoke. Governor Hoyt will make a political talk over a statewide radio hookup tomorrow night.

Dale Appeal To High Court

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—(AP)—The State supreme court will hear an appeal by Fred Dale, convicted in Mecklenburg county superior court on a charge of extorting \$2,000 from a Sampson county farmer on the pretense that the farmer was the father of a child born to Mrs. Dale. Dr. W. E. Wismar, Charlotte physician, was acquitted on a charge of aiding in the alleged conspiracy to defraud the farmer, Rufus Bryant. Mrs. Dale did not appeal and is serving a term of two to four years. Dale was sentenced to five to seven years.

Germans Fail In Attempt To Seize Station

New York, Nov. 2.—(AP)—A German language broadcast by the British broadcasting company said today a German expedition of 50 men had been captured in an unsuccessful attempt to seize a meteorological observation station in Greenland. The Norwegian patrol boat Fritjos Nansen had the men prisoners, it said. The broadcast was heard by NBC in New York. The broadcast, quoting a report from Stockholm, said "for a long time the German air force has been experiencing the lack of exact weather forecasts hindering successful air operations x x x." "Therefore it decided upon the capture of the wireless station in Greenland or the erection of a new station under German control. "An armed German expedition left Norway for Greenland, but was in-

Averill Predicts Big Vote To Be Cast Next Tuesday

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the "Sir Walter" Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Nov. 2.—While professional politicians continue to contend that lack of local contests will cut sharply into next Tuesday's vote in North Carolina, there are indications that the total Tar Heel suffrage is going to be tremendous. Certainly, local election officials are in position to tell something about the likelihood of big turnout in their counties, and it is very significant that almost every county election board is besieging the state board of elections for more presidential ballots; thus showing clearly that the people's interest is at its keenest in the contest between "The Champ," President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the Challenger, Wendell Wilkie. To begin with the State board had a million and a half ballots printed. All but 5,000 have been sent to county boards; yet yesterday aides of Secretary Raymond Maxwell were busy placing rush orders for the printing of an additional supply of presidential tickets. The State board's office reports that its information indicates a record registration in almost every county of the state. That doesn't look like a small turnout, particularly in view of the fact that new registrations were ordered in almost two-thirds of the counties this year. With all these facts in mind, your reporter feels inclined to crawl out on the end of a limb and predict that the 1940 presidential vote in North Carolina will exceed that of 1928 when 616,141 electors deposited votes for Roosevelt while 223,253 were voting for Al Landon. That's a grand total of 839,394. So here's a forecast of an 850,000 total. Without making an alibi in advance, it is obvious that this is based on the presumption that next Tuesday will be reasonably clear. A blizzard, or even a day-long drizzle could keep thousands from the polls, particularly in the east where Democrats often feel it isn't necessary for them to go to much trouble, anyway. The election of this total, assuming it is cast between the President and Wilkie is something else again. (Continued on Page Six)

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Sunday; cooler tonight, scattered frost in mountains.