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Nazi Raiders Inflict Damage On Portsmouth

Many Made Homeless By Bombs

English South Coast Naval Base Subjected to Concentrated Three-Hour Raid; Full Extent of Casualties Unknown.

England, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A number of bombers sweeping across the English coast inflicted heavy damage on Portsmouth in a three-hour raid last night in a concentrated assault.

A number of persons were killed by the bombs which were reported to have been aimed at the naval base. Rescue workers were leveling homes in the city in search of possible survivors.

Herbert Morrison, British secretary of war, inspected the damage and afterward asserted that it was a city of great civic importance.

As I would expect, the attack with its attendant loss of life and property was a tragedy.

The extent of casualties was not immediately known as workers were engaged in the debris of the city and the number of houses destroyed was not known.

The anti-aircraft barrage was reported to be the first waves dropped by the bombers at great intervals.

The British home fleet was reported to be in the area of the raid.

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Truck Growers Ask Change In AAA Law

Wilmington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Truck farmers of New Hanover, Fender and Brunswick counties met at Myrtle Grove last night and voted to seek a conference with President Roosevelt in an effort to get some relief from the AAA program which they say is ruining the truck industry in this state.

A committee was appointed to contact representatives in Congress in an effort to secure the conference with the President.

The truck growers will ask that growers of basic commodities have the same restrictions placed on their growing of truck crops as the truck growers have asked on their growing such commodities as tobacco, cotton and peanuts.

In the event truck growers get no relief through the conference with the President, the meeting decided, one of the truck farmers will grow and market tobacco, refusing to pay the tax levied on those who market the weed without a quota, and in that way institute a test suit in federal court to determine if the AAA act is constitutional.

Wake Farmer Is Murdered

Body of Walter D. Woodward Found on Railroad Embankment in Raleigh.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The bullet-punctured body of Walter D. Woodward, 35-year-old Wake county farmer, was discovered on a railroad embankment here today and Coroner Roy M. Banks said immediately all indications pointed to "murder."

Officers believed the man had been struck by a train until an examination of the body revealed bullets had hit him in the lower part of the stomach and in the left leg.

They said the car Woodward was driving was found wrecked last night about three blocks from where the body was found. A coroner's inquest was postponed pending a thorough police investigation.

Woodward was brother-in-law of a member of the county board of commissioners and a Wake county deputy sheriff.

Fog Puts Alcatraz On Guard

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Warden James A. Johnston and his corps of guards waited hopefully on fog-bound Alcatraz Island today for a break in the weather to end their strained watchfulness over 300 of the nation's worst criminals.

For two nights and a day—ever since one of the year's heaviest fogs rolled in Wednesday afternoon—all of the convicts have been kept locked in their cells.

Authorities feared escape attempts or some possible violence among the inmates keyed up by a

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Reports on Finances



Sir Frederick Phillips
Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., announced that Sir Frederick Phillips, Undersecretary of the British Treasury, shown as he arrived in New York by clipper, will place the latest available information on British finances before the U. S. Treasury.

Commission Hears 'Small Business'

Business Men Declare State Law Would Put Them Out of Business; Rose's Stores Manager Testifies at Hearing.

Raleigh, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Retail merchants, dry cleaners, filling station operators, meat market men and retail furniture dealers today argued to a special legislative commission that wage and hour laws to shorten the work week and increase pay in North Carolina would put them out of business.

The commission, authorized by the 1939 legislature, is engaged in winding up its work preparatory to reporting to the 1941 General Assembly on whether or not the state should have wage-hour legislation.

N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, said his organization had 1,000 members in 127 towns. He told the commission "North Carolina has all the hour laws now that it needs and it does not need any wage laws."

He presented a dozen "small business" men, J. M. Butcher, manager of Rose's Stores, said his firm had 60 stores in the state, paid an average salary of about \$11 for a 58 hour week or 22 1-2 cents an hour, and that any shortening of working hours or increase in rate of pay would put the firm out of business as a law made only one or two percent profit.

Other speakers included Jesse T. Wooten of Kinston, who said auto

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Jury Decrees Electrocution

Norristown, Pa., Dec. 6.—(AP)—A jury has decreed that William J. Earnest should die in the electric chair for the brutal bludgeoning of Mrs. Ethel Atkins, who once was married to a member of the multimillionaire Duke tobacco family.

Seven men and five women returned a first degree murder verdict specifically recommending the death penalty after deliberating almost five hours last night.

The 25-year-old Philadelphia cook, who in a hysterical outburst on the witness stand had cried "I hit her. I hit her. don't ask me again," partially collapsed as the verdict was read.

He sobbed while the jury was polled and his counsel asked for and was granted the usual five days to present arguments for a new trial.

Mrs. Atkins was the divorced wife of John Cicero Angier, of Baltimore. Her body was found in an unoccupied farm house near Horsham, Pa., September 24.

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Badoglio Resigns; Porto Edda Falls

Wage-Hour Law Is Opposed

Morgenthau Gets Facts

Sir Frederick Phillips to Give United States "Balance Sheet" of Finance.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Sir Frederick Phillips, under-secretary of the British treasury, said today after a conference with Secretary Morgenthau that he was giving the United States "a balance sheet on the state of our resources and the cost of supplies in the United States."

The British representative conferred with the Treasury department chief for more than an hour.

Sir Frederick said, however, that he talked only facts with Morgenthau and "we didn't discuss any questions of policy."

He indicated there were many questions yet to be discussed and that he was preparing several studies over the week-end before returning to talk with Morgenthau again on Monday.

Before entering the treasury, Sir Frederick told newsmen who asked about loans that he was "not up to that stage now."

Asked about suggestions that the British might sell some of their West Indian islands to the United States to get more cash for war purchases, Sir Frederick said promptly "that's outside of my score. I deal only in financial matters."

The Phillips visit was the climax today of a controversy stirred up a few weeks ago upon the return to the United States of Lord Lothian, British ambassador, when Lothian said that Britain was nearing the end of its financial resources for purchases in this country and might soon need financial as well as material help.

Before the discussions at the Treasury began, Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, announced that he and a group of colleagues were ready to battle to the bitter end against any attempt to extend financial aid to the British.

Nye told newsmen that this opposition bloc would base its fight on the contention that loans to Britain "mean actual entry into the war." He predicted that a proposal for loans would be accompanied by one for "American naval convoy of British supplies."

Plane Crash Death Toll Reaches Nine

Chicago, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The toll of dead in the crash of a United Airlines plane, was raised to nine today with the death of the ship's pretty stewardess, Miss Florence M. Little, 23.

Miss Little, a Chickasaw, died in the early morning hours.

The two other members of the crew were killed instantly in the accident, which occurred Wednesday evening.

Seven passengers, two of whom were reported still in a critical condition, were injured.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair, not quite so cold tonight; Saturday increasing cloudiness and warmer, possibly followed by light rain in the mountains.

15 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
TO GET PUPPY FOR BUDDY
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Seek 12,000 Fliers for Army



Lieut. W. Wittie, Jr., assistant recruiting officer for the Philadelphia district for flying cadets, is shown (left) going over plans for procuring 12,000 fliers. With him is Lieut. Lawrence Semans, of the U. S. Army, pictured as he arrived by bombing plane to aid the drive for 12,000 fliers. (Central Press)

Stabilization Fund Is "Secret Weapon"

Negro Pays With Life For Murder

Treasury Officials Say Additional Loans Such as Those Made China and Argentina May Be Expected From Fund.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Officials pictured the Treasury's \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund today as America's "secret weapon against totalitarian economic penetration."

They described the fund in such language to explain why within the last week it has advanced credits of \$50,000,000 each to China and Argentina. Additional transactions of like character could be expected, they indicated, particularly with Latin American countries.

The value of the fund as a secret economic weapon was ample answer, they said, to criticism such as the one made yesterday by Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, charging these credits were violating the purpose of the fund.

The fund was created in 1934 with \$2,000,000,000 of the "profit" that the government made by the devaluation of the dollar.

Until recently its activities were reported to no one but the secretary of the Treasury and the President. Only to overcome congressional opposition extending the life of the fund last year, did the Treasury agree to make available quarterly balance sheets to show what was in the fund. These reports, however, are carefully based on three months old figures so that current operations will not be given away.

Babson Sees Danger In Arbitrary Labor Demands

By ROGER W. BABSON.
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Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 6.—Uncle Sam has taken off his coat and rolled up his sleeves. We are really going to work. The American people are united in extending all help to England short of war. Our nation is ready to do its duty. In establishing this policy, it must be remembered that we have taken on grave and serious responsibilities. In plain English, we have thrown down the gauntlet to the toughest and most capable bunch of European political racketeers that the world has seen in centuries. Our challenge is to

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Greeks Take Important Italian Base

Agriocastro Also Expected to Fall to the Greeks; Badoglio Succeeded as Chief of General Staff by General Ugo Cavallero.

(By The Associated Press.)
Complete collapse of Italy's lines in southern Albania was indicated today by reports from the Balkan war front, and that Italy is planning to do something about it by Rome's announcement that Chief of Staff Marshal Pietro Badoglio had been replaced.

A report by way of the Yugoslav border, unconfirmed in either Athens or Rome, said the Greek forces had occupied Agriocastro, Italy's last remaining frontier region base for the tireless attempts to conquer Greece.

The Greek army announced capture of Porto Edda, Italy's sea gateway for the Greek campaign, 15 miles from Agriocastro, but there was no confirming admission of the capture from Italy.

Greek officials said the success at Porto Edda would be followed momentarily by the capture of Agriocastro, another important fascist base 15 miles northeast of Porto Edda.

(Dispatches reaching the Yugoslav border said Greek troops occupied Agriocastro about noon today after bloody fighting and took more than 1,000 prisoners.)

(A number of heavy cannon, machine guns and other war material were reported captured by the Greeks as they swept into that former base of the Italian invasion of Greece.)

Marshal Badoglio, Italy's most famed soldier and successful commander in the Ethiopian campaign, was succeeded by 60-year old General Ugo Cavallero, until recently commander of the Italian forces in East Africa.

The Italian announcement gave no explanation to Badoglio's resignation except that it was "at his own request," but British military circles were quick to express the opinion that he was "sacked" as a scapegoat for fascist military reverses or "because he is opposed to the attitude of the party organization."

The Italian high command admitted the Greeks were hammering at

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Sea Battle In Atlantic

British Armed Merchant Cruiser Slightly Damaged in Brush With Nazi Raider.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The British cruiser Carnarvon Castle, damaged yesterday in battle with a German raider, was expected to reach this harbor next Monday apparently seeking repairs.

Naval sources expressed belief that the British ship broke on the engagement when the German raider outdistanced her and that the Carnarvon Castle in putting into port indicated another British vessel was taking up the chase.

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—A fierce long range encounter between a German disguised raider and the British armed merchant cruiser Carnarvon Castle, in which the British ship suffered "slight damage" and the German was said to have fled, was reported today by the admiralty.

It was learned authoritatively the battle occurred in the South Atlantic approximately 700 miles northeast of

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The Person Who Seeks A State Job Is Scrapping For Pay Of \$996 A Year

Daily Dispatch Bureau.
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL.
Dec. 6.—The North Carolina goes out and gets all his money out of him, pulls every political wire and works every handle about landing a State job is on the average about \$996 a year, which by simple division can be stated as \$83 a month. That is shown by completing a few other basic arithmetic operations on the pay roll figures just released by the State Retirement Commission. The commission gathered all salary figures in order to determine how much it would cost the State to participate in a general retirement plan. The table accompanying the Commission's report set the total annual pay roll of North Carolina's 26,305 employees at \$36,183,107 each year; from which it is a matter of great simplicity to get the \$996 annual (Continued on Page Two)