HENDERSON N. C. Henderson Daily Dispatch

ONLY DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THIS SECTION OF NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA

TWENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

LEASED WIRE SERVICE OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

HENDERSON, N. C., TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 17, 1940

PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY.

FIVE CENTS COPY

British Push Deeper Into Libya Sec. Hull Sees British Crisis In Spring No. 2 Man in France





cruise in the Caribbean, during which he inspected newly-U. S. defense bases, President Roosevelt is piped ashore from S.S. Tuscaloosa at Charleston, S. C. He returned from the voyage sug-tanned and healthy. Note catapult plane in background. (Central Press)

British Attempting To Encircle Bardia

Last Remnants of Ital- Anniversary Of ian Army Driven from Egyptian Soil; British Capture Salum and Fort Capuzzo in Libya

By EDWARD KENNEDY. British Forces at Salum. 16-(delayed)-(AP)- Assistance **Details of Appeal Not** Made Public: Secretary Hull Urges All Speed Possible in Producing Arms, Planes

and Supplies.

Washington, Dec. 17.--(AP)--Sec-retury Huli was reported today to have told defense commissioners and other government officials that Great Britain probably would face a serious misis next soring unless present delivery schedules of American sup-plies were considerably increased, Disclosure of the cabinet member's view followed an outright British re-enest for financial assistance from the United States, Details of the ap-

red were not made public. Hull was understood to have urged all speed possible in producing arms. all speed possible in producing arms, planes and other supplies. Similarly it was learned that the shipping sit-uction is being examined to deter-mine whether additional merchant ships might be made available for rushing supplies to Britain. Hull's statements were believed to be partially responsible for the com-

be partially responsible for the com-ments of William S. Knudsen and other defense officials that greater speed is necessary in the defense pro-

Knudsen yesterday described the production situation as one of "terrible urgency". That declaration and the British request for financial help put two formidable problems on President Roosevelt's desk. As Mr. Roosevelt returned to the executive offices for the first full day after his two weeks cruise in Mantco, Dec. 17-(AP)--Fifty air-planes from Greensboro. Raleigh, some quarters that some important

Fort Bragg. Langley Field and the action might be forthcoming. Elizabeth City Coast Guard airbase. "Something usually does happen Elizabeth City Coast Guard airbase, were expected to circle Kill Devil Hill today in observance of the first successful flight of the Wright

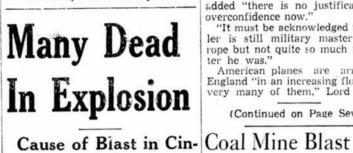
Beaverbrook Says British Ask Invasion Attempt Financial Planned By Nazis

Succeeds Pittman



Berkeley Bunker

Berkeley Bunker, 34, Las Vegas, Nev., merchant and Mormon bishop, takes oath of office to fill unexpired term of the late Senator Key Pittman. Bunker is first senator to take oath of office in the old Supreme Court chambers, temporary senate chambers, in the last 80 years.



"Immense Attempt" to Bring Out Huge Airforce in Early Months of Next Year Is Being Made, Minister Declares.

London, Dec. 17 .- (AP) -Lord Beaverbrook, minister of aircraft production, declared over the radio tonight that Germany "is making preparatient for invasion of England before pringtime-by land and sea, but principally by air."

Hitter is making an "immense attempt" to bring out a huge air force in the early months of next year. Lord Beaverbrook said, and there are "sure and certain signs" of a feverish development of production.

"These vast preparations," he added, "are directed at one objective-

the invasion of Britain." "So we are warned. We know that same measure of preparation was carried out in Germany last winter. Tanks and dive bombers to destroy the French: the same thoroughness will be employed against us when the ime comes."

Lord Beaverbrook told Britons they were "much too confident" and added "there is no justification for overconfidence now."

"It must be acknowledged that Hit-ler is still military master of Europe but not quite so much the maser he was." American planes are arriving in

England "in an increasing flow-very very many of them," Lord Beaver-

(Continued on Page Seven)

Traps Dozen Men



Pierre-Etienne Flandin

Named to succeed Pierre Laval, who was purged from his positions as vice premier and foreign minister of France, was Pierre-Etienne Flandin, former finance minister. Flandin took over the foreign ministry, but the vice premier post was left empty. Laval was a prime mover in the attempt to bring France into closer accord with the Rome-Berlin Axis.

(Central Press)



Ousted French Official Reappears Sud-denly for Talks With With The drive gained momentum from the capture of Salum, last Italian pocket of resistance in western Abetz and, Petain.

Bern. Dec. 17.-(AP)-At the be-est of Reichfuehrer Hitler's representative in Paris, German Ambassador Otto Abetz, Pierre Laval reappeared suddenly in Vichy today for clared that the Italian air force luncheon table talk with Abetz and Chief of State Philippe Petain.

anxiety of many veteran French of-ficials whose usual tranquility in the

(Continued on Page Five)

TRAITOR

London, Dec. 17.-(AP)-Mrs. Dorothy Pamela O'Grady, 42,

a housewife, was sentenced to

death for treason today. She was

convicted under the official sec-

rets act and defense regulation,

FIVE DIE IN FIRE. Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 17.—

(AP)-Five persons perished to-

day in flames which destroyed

a two-family home at nearby

Mineral Point. The victims were

trapped on the second floor of

the seven-room frame structure.

Europe's incessent warfare have had

it was announced.

Friday night.

RAF Raids Nazi Center OfMannheim

Greeks Report Smashing Seven Violent Counter Attacks by Fascists in Albania; Abetz Confers With Petain in Vichy.

(By The Associated Press.) Britain's counter-invesion troops ushed deeper into Italian Libva in the nine-day old battle of North Africa today; royal air force warplanes pounded the German chemical manufacturing city of Mannheim in a seven-hour assault, and the Greeks reported smashing seven violent counter attacks by fascist legions in Albania.

Near Bardia.

London military quarters said General Sir Archibald P. Wavell's desert forces had thrust a salient to the vicinity of Bardia, key Italian stronghold 15 miles inside Libya on the Mediterranean seacoast.

Pressure on Bardia is "steadily in-creasing" and new British forces are arriving in the area, a general headquarters communique reported today. The communique also said that two additional Italian forts at the frontier south of Bardia had been captured.

British armored units were reported sweeping over the desert beyond Bardia in an attempt to encircle the town-which would provide an important base for the British offensive aimed at knocking Italy out of the war.

Salum Captured.

Egypt. and Fort Capuzzo, strategic highway terminum twelve miles due outh of Bardia.

Premier Mussolini's high command said the battle on the Libyan front was raging "with ferocity no less than that on previous days" and de-"strongly wore down the enemy."

Fascist torpedo planes, the Rome It was the first time the ousted vice premier and foreign minister had been seen in Vichy since he was (Continued on Page Five

units were sweep te desert viest of Bardia attempt to encircle that] Italian base in Libya, folcapture of Salum and

remnants of the Italian been driven from Egypt-Under heavy British fire, the ibundined Salum, seized their drive into Egypt, and cross the frontier into Libya, to the west.

troops promptly occupied most Egyntian port. Then must to carry the fight to moving across the bor-Fort Capuzzo.

as are reported to have at Bardia, on the coast the border, including have retreated from corrently are striving to mined stand there. don of British officers they can hold out will deon whether Italian wild be rallied after the Pout.

dready has been bombed ed units west of the town they had destroyed Italtractors and tanks but uncertain yet whether holly cut off communicagunshot a moment later. een Bardia and Tonbruk. tien

armored units were subject the bouching attacks by Ital-

Morgenthau Analyses British Needs

ngton, Dec. 17.-(AP)-Sec-Morgenthau was reported to told a House appropriations attee today that Sir Frederick e, undersecretary of the Brimasury, had informed him that land could make no more comtents for purchase of war main the United States unless

al aid was extended. committee members who disclosto newsmen this testimony, given and closed doors, added that the only secretary had repeated his timent that he believed that the ted States could not extend loans credits unless Congress modified repealed the Johnson act forbid- culture of which that lady from Cur- because it seems that Mrs. Stevens

Continued on Page Seven.)

ber.

brothers, made from the hill Decem- financial help to Britain could not be ber 17, 1903. Mrs. Truman Miller, manager of

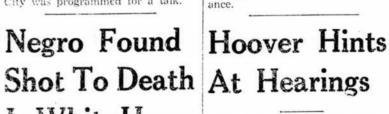
the Ralaigh airport, and Mayor Je-rome Flora, of Elizabeth City, were asked to place wreaths on a monument atop the hill, Lieutenant Com-City was programmed for a talk.

First Airplane

Flight Observed

reached because "the administration s away.'

Since armament aid to Britain depends on the speed of domestic de-fense production, the expectation was that this field of assistance would receive executive attention bemander R. L. Burke of Elizabeth fore the matter of financial assist-



In White Home Miami Beach, Dec. 17.—(AP)—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federad Bureau of Investigation, says Lumberton, Dec. 17 .-- (AP)--Ira Attorney General Robert Jackson P, wden, 18-year-old Negro farm hand, was found dead today at the home of Walton Allen, white farm-ed "confirms" that Harry Bridges, er of Howellsville township, his west coast labor leader, "is a com-

head mangled by a shotgun blast. Sheriif Clyde Wade quoted Al-len's wife. Mrs. Alene Pridgen Allen, 25, as saying Bowden attempted to with the attempted to by the PBI solution that Beidges is a commuattack her, but that she be be away "confirms that Bridges is a commuand ran from the house and heard a nist and that the communist party advocates over theow of the United

(Continued on Page Seven.)

Wade said Allen was working at States government." Fort Bragg and that Mrs. Allen said At San Francisco last night, she was in her home when Bowden Bridges referred to a hearing a year

House Not Determined; Twelve Hurt.

cinnati Apartment

Cincinnati, Dec. 17-(AP)-Members of four families were olasted cut of their beds by a predawn explosion that wrecked a three-story downtown building and killed eight to eleven persons teda.

Twelve persons were injured and two were missing in the pile of brack, kindling and dust that until 3.30 a. m. had been a structure housing business establishments on the first floor and apartments on the upper floors.

victims, including a baby which mined number of victims. Coroner Frank Copprek said was born to Mrs. Lillian Schnetzer, 42, before she, too, was taken lifeless ambulance to a Beckley hospital, was from the wreckage.

While the cause was not determined immediately, J.c. Hughs, 57, who lived across the street, said the explosion "was like a puff from ignating gas."

Some of the bodies were to us dly torn they could not be identified immediatery.

Screams of adel's and children trapped in the debris spurred emergency squads of police and firemen as they dug into the mins. A fireman said that those who dign't die of injuries were sufficiented by smoke and dust.

RAID CASUALTIES London, Dec. 17 .- (AP)-Civilian air raid casualties i, the United Kingrom in November were 4.588 dead and 6.292 injured. it was announced officially today.

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17 .--(AP)-The State Mines Department announced today it had received an unofficial report that approximately a dozen men had been trapped in the number

Beckley by a dust explosion or a mine fire.

Eeckley, W. Va., Dec. 17.-(AP) --Five injured men were brought out first to Vichy of any ranking nazi official since the armistice. of the number four mine of the Raleigh Coal and Coke Corporation today, less than an hour after an ex-Twelve children were among the piosion which trapped an undeter-

four mine of the Raleigh Coal

and Coke Corporation near

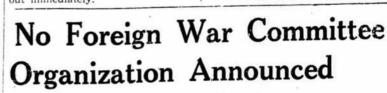
by the miners, who were rushed by

not immediately learned. Company officials announced shortly offer the five injured were broug 1 out that they believed 14 more men were inside. They did not, know whether the miners still in the mine were alive or dead.

Mrs. C. M. Meadows, wife of a district mine inspector, said she understood there had been at least one

fatality. The mine, a "siope" operation ex tending many miles back into a hillside on the outskirts of Beckley, normally employs about 100 men, and officials said there were 47 men employed on the day shift.

Two rescue crews were ordered out immediately.



New York, Dec. 17 .- (AP)-For-| ing the Allies has done an effective mation of the No Foreign War Com-mittee was announced today by Verne Marshall, editor of the Cedar Rapids, Ia., Gazette, who is chair- declaration of hostilities in April,

man of the new organization. The purpose of the committee, a "In The purpose of the committee, a "In a large measure the success of the statement said, is to "give articulation" the White committee is due to the to that overwhelming majority of American citizens which is definite-ly on record as opposed to our direct physical involvement in the present involvent in the current phase of war.

In a statement issued after a two-ay organization meeting here, Mar-"It is the purpose of the No Forday organization meeting here, Mar-

shall said: "For months out in Iowa I have watched the development of a psychological trend toward actual and physical American participation that if they are dragged once again in this war.

into the economic and political con-"The William Allen White Com-flicts of the Old World only committee to Defend America by Aid- plete chaos- can result."

expelled from the French cabinet

of

His reappearance increased the Windsors End Visit In U.S.

iace of government upheavals has been upset by Abetz's dramatic ar-rival yesterday with a picked nazi guard and a German delegation. Miami, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The Duke and Dutchess of Windsor terminate today their first visit to the U. S. today their first visit to the U.S. Total German occupation of France, some observers said, may be foreshadowed in the Abetz visit—the Hanny over the cordial recention

Happy over the cordial reception they received here, the Windsors Rumors spread that the Germans planned to sail at 5 p. m. (e. s. t.) want Laval, once the old marshal's aboard the yacht Southern Cross on own choice as his successor, back in the return trip to Nassau,

his job. But reports reaching dip- The duchess appeared virtually re-The extent of the injuries suffered lomatic quarters here said it was covered from the effects of a dental operation that brought the Windsors to Miami just a week ago.

BRITISH REPORT SHIPPING LOSSES

London, Dcc. 17.-(AP)-The admiralty rpeorted today 101,-199 tons of British, allied and neutral merchant shipping were sunk during the week ending December 8.

Nincteen British vessels, totaling 86,740 tons, three allied ships of 12,937 tons. and one neu tral vessel of 1,513 tons, were lost during the period, it said.

Armour May Become Ambassador

Washington, Dec. 17-(AP)-Norman Armour, ace career diplomat and now United States ambassador to Argentina was mentioned in informed circles today for the vacant post of ambassador to Great Britain.

With no British ambassador in this country following the death of the Marquess om Lothian, President Roosevelt was expected to name a successor soon to Joseph P. Kennedy, who resigned the London post on November 6.

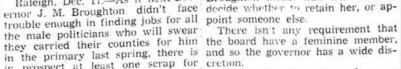
Some sources hinted that the President already had decided on Armour for the key assignment in the British capital.

Armour, who was born in England of American parents, has held diplomatic posts in nearly every part of the world, including Japan, Russia, , and various European countries.

Mrs. Stevens' term will expire Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Mrs. Stevens' term will expire next May and in the final analysis it will be Mr. Broughton, and Mr. Raleigh, Dec. 17 .-- As if next-Gov- Broughton alone, who will have to ernor J. M. Broughton didn't face decide whether to retain her, or aptrouble enough in finding jobs for all point someone else.

(Continued on Page Five)

Stevens on the State Board of Agri- to be even tougher for the governor: rituck is now the only feminine mem-



they carried their counties for thin the board have a remaining which the aspiring con-position in which the aspiring con-tenders will be ladies.

Miss Ethel Parker Seeks

Mrs. Stevens' Place On

State Agriculture Board

tenders will be ladies. Miss Ethel Parker of Gatesville— or at least friends in her behoof and seeking to oust Mrs. Stevens; but acbehalf—has already launched a cam-paign to replace Mrs. Vivian (L. L.) formation, there's where it is going

(Continued on Page Seven)



Fair tonight and Wednesday; colder tonight.

Weathon

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

MITTIN ANT

SHOPPING DAYS 433