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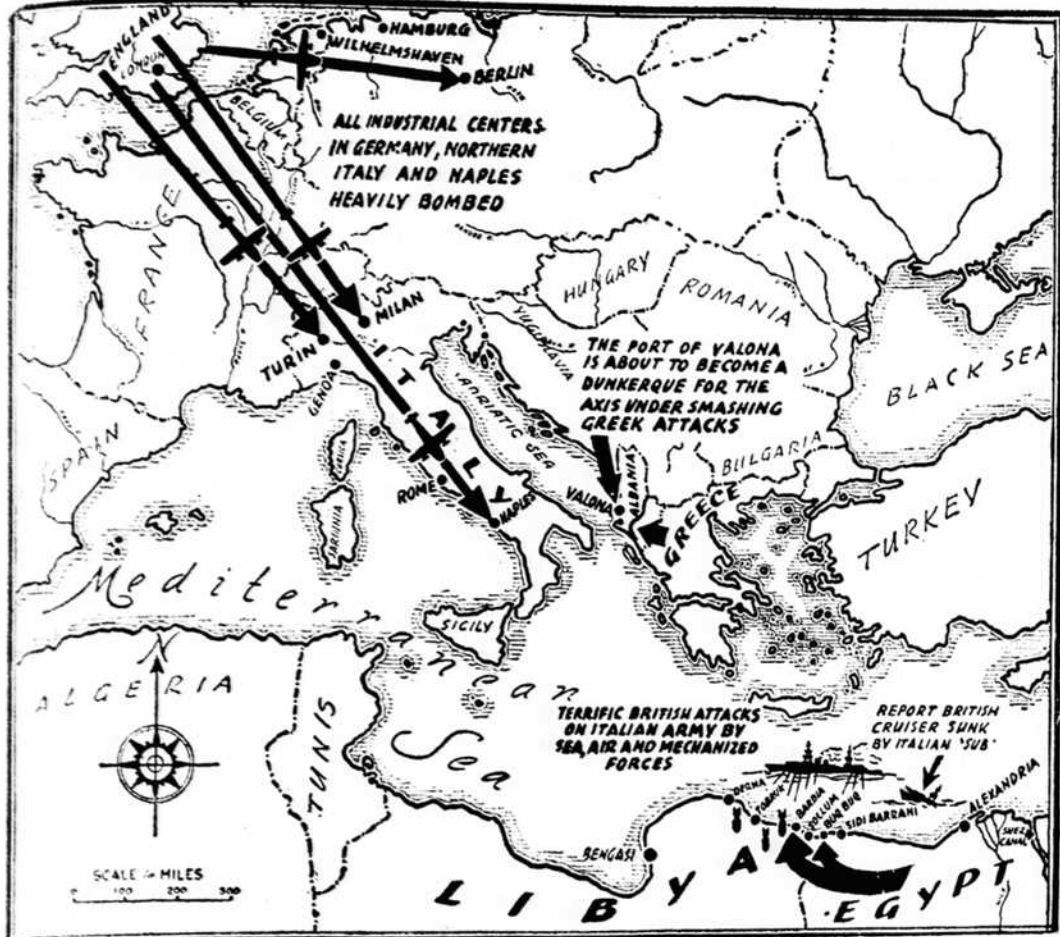
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## Britain Strikes Back in Three Directions



Long-suffering Britain is now striking back hard at the Axis in three directions. British bombers are reported to have inflicted heavy damage in a raid on Naples, Italy. In Africa, mechanized British forces are said to have pushed the Italians out of Egypt and to be invading Italian Libya. Other British bombers raided Berlin and scored a direct hit on a subway line, disrupting transportation. Adding to the Axis woes, the Greek army reportedly is cornering Italy's would-be invader troops in the Albanian port of Valona in a trap that threatens to be a second Dunkerque. (Central Press)

## Roosevelt Proposes New Plan To Give Britain Aid On Credit

Gentleman's Agreement Would Provide for Settlement After Peace For Munitions; Plan To Be Presented to Congress.

## President Vetoes Logan-Walter Bill

### Princess Juliana Visits Washington

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—An exiled royal princess from the land of tulips, wooden shoes and windmills traveled to the capital today on her first visit to the United States.

Juliana, crown princess of the Netherlands, was invited to spend three days at the White House as the guest of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The princess is making the trip by rail from Ottawa, Canada. Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles and other officials arranged a welcome for the royal party.

When the Germans invaded Holland last May, Queen Wilhelmina, the crown princess and her husband, Prince Bernhard, and their two children sought refuge in England. Juliana brought her daughters to Canada in June.

### Truck Driver Dies In Crash

Rocky Mount, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Nathaniel Ward, 26, of Greenville, was killed near Whitakers early today when the loaded apple truck he was driving was reported to have crashed into the back of a heavy van.

Highway Patrolman T. M. Riddle, who investigated the accident, said that Ward's truck apparently came up behind the van, which was moving southward, and crashed before the driver of the other vehicle in the road. The patrolman expressed the opinion that Ward "may have fallen asleep momentarily." The cab of the apple truck had to be piled loose before Ward's body could be removed. The driver of the van was identified as Nathaniel Beal of Mt. Olive.

### Mannheim Raided Again

London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The royal air force for the second successive night attacked industrial targets at Mannheim, Germany, on the Rhine and bombed German-held channel ports and airbases, the air ministry announced today.

The attacks were carried out despite bad weather. Britain passed apparently her quietest night in weeks after a bombless day. The air ministry and ministry of home security communique said tersely:

"There is nothing to report."

### Roosevelt Asserts He Is Convinced Measure Would "Produce the Utmost Chaos and Paralysis" at This Critical Time

Washington, Dec. 18.—(AP)—President Roosevelt vetoed the Logan-Walter bill today in a message asserting he was convinced that it would "produce the utmost chaos and paralysis in the administration of the government at this critical time."

"I am convinced," the President wrote to the House, "that it is an invitation to endless and innumerable controversies at a moment when we can least afford to spend either governmental or private effort in the luxury of litigation."

The bill, center of a congressional controversy for months, was designed by its sponsors to establish uniform procedure and facilitate court reviews of administrative rulings of certain quasi-judicial federal agencies.

House leaders made plans to call on the veto during the afternoon. With a two-thirds vote necessary to override the veto in both House and Senate, Democratic chieftains were hoping to muster enough strength to sustain the President.

The Chief Executive said that quite apart from the general philosophy of the measure "its unintentional inclusion of defense functions would require my disapproval at this time."

"Apart from a disagreement with the general philosophy of legal rigidity manifest in some provisions of the bill," he asserted, "I am convinced that it would produce the utmost chaos and paralysis in the administration of the government at this critical time."

In conclusion, he wrote: "Today, in sustaining American ideals of justice an ounce of action is worth more than a pound of argument. For these reasons I return the bill without my approval."

Speaker Rayburn and Representative McCormack of Massachusetts, Democratic floor leader, discussed the House vote outlook with Mr. Roosevelt before the veto message was read. Rayburn told reporters afterward that the vote would be "very close."

He estimated that from 300 to 325

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### TWO BRAKEMEN DIE IN WRECKED TRAIN

Omaha, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Two brakemen were killed in a train crash in the Salt Lake City train yards today, Union Pacific headquarters here announced.

The crash occurred when the Pacific Limited crashed into the rear of a freight train.

No one aboard the Pacific Limited was injured.

## Italians Retreat Work Begins On Defense Sites

### Hemisphere Base Chain To Be Built

Central and South American Countries To Develop Sites With United States Money For Use of All.

Washington, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Actual work has started, authoritative sources revealed today, on the selection and surveying of a chain of air and naval bases in South and Central America.

The inter-American bases—which will be made available to the air and naval forces of all 21 American republics—were described as outposts in the establishment of an impregnable defense system to insure the western hemisphere against aggression from either Europe or Asia.

The defense sites will be provided, it was said, by the South and Central American republics and will remain their property without leases or any change in sovereignty. The United States, by loans to the various nations, will finance improvements where required, including expansion of existing facilities for servicing and repairing ships and planes and the fortification of the bases, these sources said.

While most of the bases and sites already have been elected their locations and other details were classified as "military secrets". In each instance the decision on the bases was reached by the military and naval authorities of the country involved working in collaboration with United States officials.

The United States has advanced no funds for the proposed bases as yet, informed sources said, but money will be made available, probably through the Export-Import Bank immediately upon formal conclusion of negotiations now under way.

## Marshall Blasts Plan

Head of No-Foreign-War Committee Terms Roosevelt's Aid Plan "Fantastic".

New York, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Verne Marshall, chairman of the newly organized No-Foreign-War committee, today called "fantastic" President Roosevelt's proposal to take over future British war contracts with American manufacturers and to lend the armaments to Britain.

At the same time he told a press conference that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh had pledged his support to the committee.

"I'll do anything this committee wants me to do," Marshall said Lindbergh told him.

The committee was set up, Marshall said yesterday, "to help keep the nation out of war."

In his comment on the President's proposal to lend arms to Britain, Marshall said in a statement:

"Of all the fantastic financial proposals made these last several years at Washington none compares in any degree to President Roosevelt's plan that would bind the American people to finance England's war out-right from this point on."

"And even more unbelievable is his scheme would enable the people of America to finance the rest of England's war without the repeal of the neutrality act or the Johnson act."

What President Roosevelt is proposing is that Congress pass a law giving one man—himself—the authority to do something which no other man or woman in the United States would dare do so long as the neutrality law and the Johnson act are not repealed."

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Partly cloudy; slightly warmer in west portion tonight; Thursday increasing cloudiness, slightly warmer, followed by slight rain at night.

### Warplane Production Is Speeded

New York, Dec. 18.—(AP)—An output of 1,500 to 1,700 warplanes a month—a rate of 18,000 to 20,000 a year—will be achieved by American factories in the next seven months, reliable sources in the aircraft manufacturing industry estimated today.

Considerably shy of the periodic forecast of production since last August, these figures are based on the available engines, machine tools, aluminum and the supply of trained factory personnel.

This fact can be added to the statement of William S. Knudsen, production chief of the national defense commission, last week that aircraft production was 30 percent behind schedule—the industry itself appears to have been overly optimistic in reporting its capacity to Washington.

Figures submitted to the defense commission by aircraft makers last summer intended to picture the production peak which could be reached in January included all types of airplanes, private, commercial and military.

That led Knudsen on August 8 to announce that the rate of airplane manufacture was 10,800 a year and would pass the 18,000 mark in January.

The actual production of military aircraft by American manufacturers in this calendar year will be slightly in excess of 5,000 machines.

With the more conservative figures as a barometer, warplane output during the coming year takes on a much less dismal appearance than that reflected in the Knudsen statement. The engine problem, probably the worst of the many facing the industry, has been made more critical by shipments of engines to England to power British-manufactured planes.

### GOLDSBORO MAN ATTEMPTS SUICIDE AT FAYETTEVILLE

Fayetteville, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Desk Sergeant Nathan Bell said that a man staggered into the police station here late last night and gasped that he had just taken poison. He identified himself, Bell said, as Wilson Williams, 24, of Goldsboro and was booked on a charge of stealing a taxicab.

The man was rushed to a hospital for immediate treatment. His condition was termed critical.

### Nazis Deny Report Of Sending Troops

Berlin, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Authorized sources flatly denied today reports that 50,000 German troops had reached an Italian port bound for Libya.

The Columbia Broadcasting Company's correspondent in Belgrade said in a broadcast last night that according to reliable sources in Yugoslavia more than 50,000 German troops had moved quietly into Italy, presumably to embark for Libya and Albania to aid the Italians.

## Adult Education Program Past "Experimental Stage"

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

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Heads of the adult education division of North Carolina's Department of Public Instruction believe that their program has completed the "experimental" stage—a period of probation, so to speak—and they feel that their activities should now be carried on as a "regular working" division of the Department.

That belief and that feeling were behind the division's request to the Advisory Budget Commission for an increase in its appropriation from \$30,000 to \$145,000. They realize that such a tremendous percentage increase can only be justified on a basis of accomplishment; but they are confident that an examination of the division's record will furnish all the justification necessary.

In a brief for the division, submitted to the budget commission, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, its director, reviewed the work of her division since its authorization by the 1937 General Assembly (which provided a meager appropriation of \$25,000) and declared it has proved its practical value through the teaching of illiter-

### Wins Her Wings



Alice Abbott

First co-ed at Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pa., to win her wings under the CAA student pilot training program is Alice Abbott, of Philadelphia. Conquering new fields is becoming a habit with her. Last spring she broke tradition by winning her letter on the men's varsity tennis team.

(Central Press)

## Sub Attack Unleashed

### Three Ships in North Atlantic Report Torpedoes Within Four-Hour Period.

New York, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Submarines unleashed another attack against British-controlled shipping in the North Atlantic today, torpedoing two large tankers and another steamer at two-hour intervals several hundred miles west of the Hebrides.

At 9:40 a. m. (EST) the 10,746-ton Dutch tanker, Pendrecht reported she had been torpedoed. Two hours later the Norwegian tanker Dalforn radioed a similar report. At 1:35 p. m. came still another message of a torpedo attack, this time from the British steamer Napier Star, 12,196 tons.

All the reports were heard by Mackay Radio. The first two ships said they were about 350 miles west of the Hebrides; the Napier Star gave her position as about 250 miles farther west.

The tankers were attacked about 60 miles from where the British passenger liner Western Prince was torpedoed last week.

Sixteen persons, including six passengers and ten crewmen, probably perished in the sinking of the Western Prince, it was disclosed today when Canadian Munitions Minister C. D. Howe and other survivors reached a British west coast port.

Among the known dead were Gordon Scott of Montreal, financial advisor to Howe, and Captain John Reed, who stayed with his ship.

"I was in the last boat to get away," Howe said, "and we stayed around to pick up the captain who hailed us and said he might need us."

## Forces Fall Back Toward Derna, Libya

Ethiopian Tribesmen Reported in Revolt, Further Threatening Mussolini's Dream of African Empire; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.)

Indications of a general Italian retreat in the ten-day old battle of North Africa arose today as the British royal air force reported fascist troops were falling back toward Derna, Libya, 150 miles west of the present fighting around Bardia.

Derna is about 80 miles west of Tobruk, which has been expected to be the next Italian defense point after the imminently-threatened fall of Bardia, 15 miles inside Libya.

Royal air force planes reportedly bombed and machine gunned fascist troops on the march toward Derna, which other royal air force planes bombed last night.

Bardia itself was reported cut off.

Tribesmen Revolt.

Tribesmen of the exiled Emperor Haile Selassie were reported in revolt in Ethiopia today, further threatening Premier Mussolini's dream of a great fascist empire in Africa.

Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs Richard A. Butler told the house of commons in London that the "movement of revolt against the Italians appears to be making progress."

British armored units were reported to have swung around Bardia and reached dominant positions west of the fascist stronghold—presumably cutting off escape as Australians and British infantry marched up for a direct assault on the town.

Greeks Advance.

On the Balkan war front, Greek artillery fire was reported engulfing the Italian stronghold of Tepelepi, north of Argirocastro, and the Greek high command announced that the Italians were being driven back toward Klisura, ten miles east of Tepelepi.

Advices reaching London said the part of Palermo, southwest of Tepelepi, might already be in Greek hands.

Dispatches from Athens said fires had broken out at Klisura, leading to the belief that the Italians were burning supplies in readiness to abandon the town.

Italian Claims.

Premier Mussolini's high command said Britain's desert armies in Libya, weakened by losses, had eased their pressure and fascist planes and artillery were reported to have littered the battlefield with the wrecks of burning British tanks and armored cars.

Rising British strength elsewhere in Africa—the continent "claimed" by Adolf Hitler for the Rome-Berlin axis—was reflected in a bold 35-mile dash by British mechanized forces into Italian Somaliland. Reinforced by black troops, the British command said the raiding column sacked the Italian base at El Wak, killing 50, capturing 120 and seizing guns and "large quantities of stores and ammunition."

### COMPENSATION FOR BRITISH CASUALTIES

London, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Britain pledged compensation today for all her adult citizens killed or injured "as a result of enemy action."

Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons that the plan would apply to injuries already incurred and that increased rates would be payable from December 24 on.



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

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