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Mercy Ship's Skipper Sails



Captain Alfred Moore, skipper of the mercy ship *Cold Harbor*, receives a farewell kiss from Miss Helen Copenhaver, Red Cross worker, as the vessel sails from Baltimore, Md. The *Cold Harbor* is taking a \$1,000,000 relief cargo to France and Spain. (Central Press)

Senate Kills Gay Bill

British Admit Shipping Losses

War At Sea Apparently Quickening

Both Rome and Berlin Announce New Inroads on British Shipping; RAF Attacks Nazi U-Boat Center; Other News of War.

(By The Associated Press.)
The British admiralty announced today that nine British and allied merchant ships totaling 23,604 tons were lost "by enemy action" in the week ending January 26.

By coincidence, both Rome and Berlin announced new inroads against British shipping in the apparently quickening war at sea.

Hitler's high command reported 32,000 tons sent to the bottom, 29,000 tons by a German warship "operating overseas," 11,000 tons by a Nazi U-boat and 3,000 tons by German dive bombers.

Premier Mussolini's high command reported a spectacular raid by Italian torpedo boats last night against an enemy convoy strongly escorted by cruisers and destroyers in the Red Sea.

The royal air force reported two attacks last night on the Nazi U-boat center at Brest, France.

The royal air force assault followed a night of intermittent raids on Britain by lone German planes which dropped incendiary bombs on London and explosives at two places in East Anglia.

On the north African front, the British reported last night their bombers had carried out violent attacks on the coastal road from captured Derna to Bengasi and on the area around the important west Libyan port of Tripoli. Observers interpreted these raids as preludes to an all-out assault aimed at capture of Bengasi and swift completion of the conquest of eastern Libya.

Reports from east Africa indicated the British offensive was being speeded there in an attempt to crush Italian resistance before March, when sweltering heat and torrential rains might hold up operations.

Further Italian reserves were reported on the Albanian front, where the Greeks said they had gained control of the strategically important Trebesina mountain range north of Klisura. Italian counter attacks on Greek positions there were said to have failed.

Directors of Nazi Death From the Skies



Their faces cast in the same grim mold, Reichsmarschal Hermann Goering (center) and his staff observe ceremonies at an undisclosed Channel port marking his recent birthday. Left to right (rear) are the men who arrange the Nazi aerial missions of death and destruction to England: Major Gen. Loewer, State Secretary Paul Kuerner, Goering and Marshal Hugo Sperrle. Lower officer unidentified.

Statewide Measures Introduced

Legislature to Meet in Night Sessions Tomorrow So Members May Attend Funeral For Dr. Long; Committees In Session.

Raleigh, Feb. 4. (AP)—Senators today held the Gay bill to make a second-order prison term, a person convicted of second offense of drunken driving today as the legislature got underway statewide measures.

Tomorrow's sessions will be at night so that all members may attend the funeral at Greensboro of Senator T. W. M. Long of Halifax county, who died last night.

Committees also held the spotlight with hearings on the bill to provide a ninth month for the public schools and favorable reports on measures to reorganize Home membership according to the 1940 census and to provide second offenses for subversive activities felonies.

Both divisions got the message today by Governor Broughton to create a State marketing authority to set up non-profit public markets over the state with the State Agriculture board serving as the authority in charge of the marketing program.

Senator Gregory of Rowan introduced a bill to provide a minimum wage of 40 cents and a standard maximum work week of 40 hours through a gradual process starting with a minimum wage of 25 cents an hour and a work week of 44 hours.

Senator Funderburk of Union sent up a proposal to require the state to take over all county road debt bonds issued prior to 1931 when the state took over the roads and to prohibit diversion of highway funds for general state purposes.

Several representatives sent up a measure to provide for five days of annual sick leave with pay for all public school teachers.

A bill by Senator Brooks of Durham would prohibit the Highway and Public Works Commission from providing alternate highway routes.

Hardly had the House reorganization bill been favorably reported to the floor before Representatives LeGrand of New Hanover and State of Rockingham sent in a measure proposing that a constitutional amendment be submitted to the voters which would prohibit any county from having more than three representatives.

Batista Suppresses Cuban Seditious Plot

Cuban President Tells Army, Navy and Police Forces He Has Arrested Their Chiefs; Constitutional Guarantees Suspended.

Havana, Feb. 4.—(AP)—President Fulgencio Batista told the Cuban army, navy and police forces today that he had arrested their chiefs to suppress a seditious plot.

Authorities declared that the group conspired to overthrow Batista and that he had feared for his own safety.

LOCOMOTIVE BLAST INJURES 22 PERSONS

Denver, Col., Feb. 4.—(AP)—At least 22 persons were injured, some seriously, by the explosion of a large Denver and Rio Grande Western Railroad passenger locomotive today as it was being pushed into the railroad yards here.

Several of the persons injured were motorists who had stopped at an intersection for the train to cross.

Fleming Gratified

Wage-Hour Administrator Pleased With Supreme Court Ruling on Labor Legislation.

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Colonel Philip B. Fleming, wage-hour administrator, expressed gratification today over the Supreme court's action in upholding constitutionality of the national wage-hour act and declared the law had put an extra \$100,000,000 into workers' pay envelopes since it became effective October 24, 1938.

The court's decision yesterday, Fleming said, protects these wage increases for the future.

"We estimate," Fleming said, "that the 30 cent minimum wage, constitutionality of which was upheld in the Darby lumber case, has increased pay envelopes about \$65,000,000."

"The cotton mills case upheld the procedure we have been following in issuing wage orders. We estimate that our wage orders setting minimums of 32.5 to 40 cents an hour account for an additional \$35,000,000 in increases."

Laval May Gain Power

Darlan Returns To Vichy After Conference in Paris With Former Vice Premier.

Vichy, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Admiral Jean Darlan left Paris shortly before noon today to bring back to Vichy a message presumably from former Premier Pierre Laval, with whom he conferred yesterday on Laval's conditions for returning to a position in the French government.

Admiral Darlan, French naval minister and envoy from Chief of State Marshal Petain, talked with Laval several hours yesterday in a move by the Vichy government to meet increasing German pressure that Laval be returned to a position of authority.

Friends of Laval declared last night the deposed vice premier, once their apparent to Petain's post, would want even broader power than he held until his dismissal from the cabinet last December 13.

French political circles expected the Darlan-Laval conference to bring important changes, broadening French-German collaboration and perhaps concentrating power in a committee of ministers under Petain.

JAPANESE TROOPS LANDED IN CHINA

Hongkong, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Japanese troops effected a surprise landing at dawn today on the Kwangtung province coast somewhere north of Hongkong following their arrival on a fleet of warships and transports on a fleet in the morning haze.

It was officially stated that they planned to cut off the route over which they said large quantities of Chinese war supplies have been flowing into the interior from the colony.

The scale of operations was not indicated but it was believed to be the biggest since the abortive Japanese drive northward from Canton many months ago.

Willkie Sees De Valera

Comment Refused on Subject of Long Interview With Irish Prime Minister.

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, returned to London from a flying trip to Dublin to see Irish Prime Minister Eamon de Valera, was received today by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth.

Dublin, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Wendell L. Willkie, on a whirlwind visit to neutral Eire talked with Prime Minister Eamon de Valera at length today but was silent on the subject of the interview.

Before meeting de Valera, the 1940 Republican presidential candidate had said he intended to question de Valera on the subject of Irish ports and bases—repeatedly sought by Great Britain for defense against the German counter blockade.

"I had a long discussion with de Valera before and during lunch about the position of Ireland, the international situation and so forth," Willkie said.

"As to what the discussion was about I obviously cannot say, but we did have a very long and interesting

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Lease-Lend Bill Debated

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Announces Support of Southern Governors.

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Charles A. Beard, the historian, told Congress today the British aid bill would "mislead us officially" in war and urged its defeat, but George Fielding Eliot, the writer, argued it should be enacted "with certain proper limitations" because of the world military situation.

The two men testified before the Senate foreign relations committee which also received announcement of support of the bill by eight southern governors, while the House started the second day of debate on the administration bill.

The governors, including J. M. Broughton of North Carolina, advised the committee they believed that passage of this bill at this time is essential to the safety of the nation."

Eliot, writer on military subjects, said the destruction of the balance of power in Europe for the first time since the Napoleonic wars had brought about a condition filled with danger for the United States.

Beard proposed that instead of enacting the administration's bill Congress should authorize the use of government credit to step up production of war supplies for Great Britain.

Starting off the House debate, Representative Richards, Democrat, South Carolina, urged that the legislation be considered from the view-

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Opinion Divided In Wage-Hour Group

Majority and Minority Recommendations as Well as "Report" Will Be Made by Commission, Averill Declares.

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

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The Wage and Hour commission is divided three to two on the recommendations it will make in the General Assembly through Governor J. M. Broughton.

As a result there will be majority and minority recommendations, in addition to a "report" or finding of facts which will be signed by all five members.

The majority recommendations are being prepared by former State Senator H. P. Taylor of Wadesboro. He will be joined by the two sitting members of the current General Assembly who are serving on the wage-hour group—Senator Hugh Horton of Martin and Representative Henry C. Dobson of Surry.

The minority recommendations will be signed by Commissioner of Labor Ernest H. Shuford and Capus Waynes, High Point editor.

It is a striking fact that the three legislative members will take a much more liberal stand than the two laymen are to make on the commission.

Start up to a divided commission came in wire service stories that Senator Taylor is preparing the report. In view of the fact that Mr. Shuford is chairman and Mr. Waynes is vice chairman, the only logical

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Big Liner Set Free

West Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Five straining tugs aided by a wave crest set free the \$10,000,000 liner *Manhattan* shortly before last midnight, pulling and washing her from a sandbar on which she went aground three weeks ago. Three of the tugs pulled mightily on the 24,000-ton United States Line vessel while two others—shuttled back and forth on the shore side to churn up sand, dragging the big ship a final 75 feet into deep water. The 199 passengers were removed January 13, the day after the *Manhattan* went aground.

Britain Aids Selassie

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Britain, cooperating with Haile Selassie in reclaiming his rule of Ethiopia, will participate in "temporary measures of military guidance and control," Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told the house of commons today.

Selassie, who fled to Britain when the Italians conquered his country in 1936 and made it part of the fascist empire, has returned to his east African kingdom and reasserted his rule with British recognition.

British and Ethiopian forces have combined meanwhile in a drive to oust the Italians. A British military spokesman reported today that British forces have established "di-

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Force Hunts Plane Wreck

Marion, Wash., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Surrendered by military secrecy, a force of soldiers with state and county officials undertook a trek today into a thickly wooded region in quest of a wrecked Army bomber which two rancher-woodsmen reported sighting yesterday.

A bomber with seven officers aboard disappeared January 16 on a flight from McChord Field, Wash. It was feared, should this prove to be the wreckage that all seven men were killed. The woodsmen said there was no sign of life at the scene.

Colonel Walter Peck, operations chief at McChord Field, denied flatly to newsmen that the big plane which vanished from there was equipped with an Army bombsight. Previously he had expressed belief that the craft had carried some type of bombsight.

Colonel Peck said that he would not be convinced the bomber wreckage had been discovered "until I actually see it."

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair and continued cold to night; Wednesday partly cloudy, slowly rising temperature.

Extended weather forecast from 7:30 p. m. Feb. 4 to 7:30 p. m. Feb. 8.—Little or no rain indicated; temperatures much below normal Wednesday morning, rising slowly thereafter to normal or slightly above.

Britain To Get Patrol Planes From America

London, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Shipping Minister Ronald H. Cross disclosed today that Britain is to get patrol planes from the United States for conveying her merchant fleet.

Cross, addressing the Empire Society, spoke of "the very valuable acquisition" of fifty United States destroyers and added that "long distance aircraft which we are to receive from the United States will also play an important part in protecting our ships."

Cross told the society that the United States will make some contribution to Britain's merchant marine through its shipbuilding program.

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Wheeler Says That Army Has No Modern Warplanes

Washington, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, said today he had absolutely reliable information that the Army "does not have a single plane suitable for combat service in modern warfare."

Wheeler declined to disclose his source of information, but declared he was convinced of its reliability.

During 1940, he declared, total warplane deliveries were 2,384, of which, he said, 2,308 went to Great Britain and other foreign countries and 576 went to the United States Army and Navy.

On January 1, Wheeler said, the Army had 639 planes divided among various categories as follows: 91 heavy bombers, 36 medium bom-

bers, six light bombers, one pursuit fighter, 212 pursuit interceptors, 231 observation, 14 reconnaissance and 46 transport.

He gave the figures in an interview.

Of the 639 planes, Wheeler said, not one was suitable for combat in modern war because all lacked self-sealing gas tanks or sufficient fire power and armor plate.

Wheeler, a leader of the fight against the administration's aid to Britain bill, said he had read reports quoting Secretary Stimson as saying the Army had 650 first line combat planes. The Montana senator added that the War secretary must have given an approximate figure for all types of Army planes.