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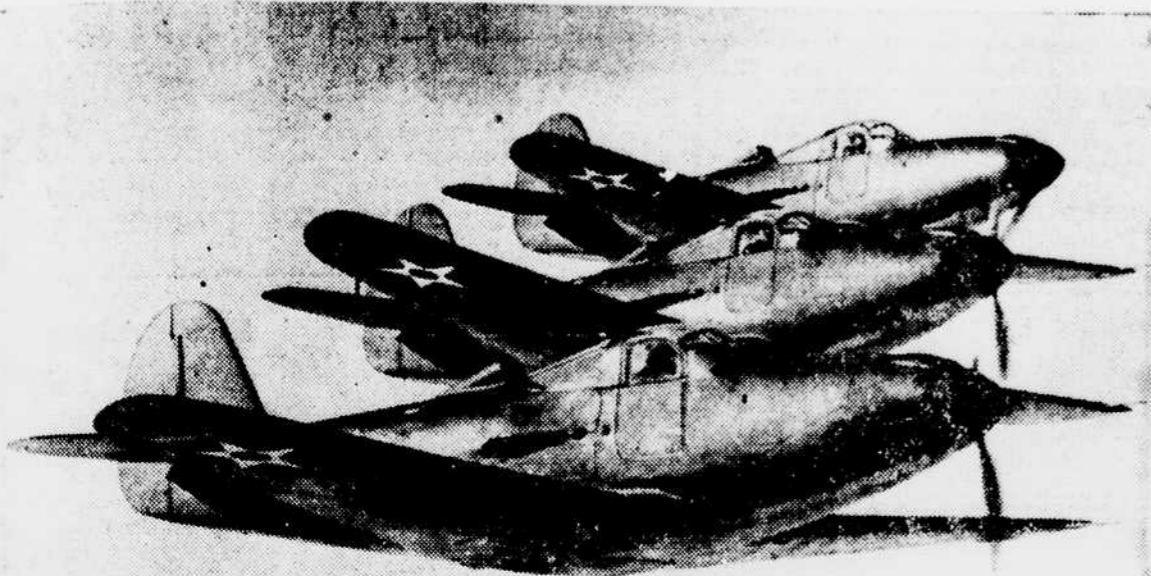
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## The Airacobras Begin to Fill the Air



For the first time, the new Airacobras of the army air corps go through a formation flight at Buffalo, N. Y. These are being flown by pilots from Selfridge Field, Mt. Clemens, Mich., who took delivery of the planes at the Bell Aircraft Corp. plant. The Airacobras is a cannon-carrying single-engine fighter with engine located behind the pilot's compartment. Britain wants them badly.

## German Bases Raided

### Nazis Lose Two Planes

British Bombers and Fighters Attack Dunkerque and Boulogne; Other Raids Made.

London, Feb. 10.—(AP)—British bomber formations escorted by fighters attacked Dunkerque and Boulogne in a daylight sweep today and shot down two German planes, an official announcement said. Watchers at a channel port reported seeing a large force of RAF planes winging across the strait. This daylight operation followed an early morning assault, in which RAF bombers attacked "obscure" targets in northwest Germany in the early hours of this morning, and eight night fighters in which an "enemy destroyer" was torpedoed off the Norwegian coast and oil tanks at Flushing, in The Netherlands, were bombed. In Berlin, informed Germans reported that British bombers penetrated northern Germany early today but were kept from military targets by anti-aircraft fire. Those sources said the raiders were forced to drop their bombs largely in open fields. German raiders gave Britain a relatively quiet weekend, with London undergoing two bombless alarms Sunday, one after dark. Swooping boldly to the very top of the Italian fleet, British warships harried more than 300 tons of shells into the great naval base at Genoa at dawn yesterday, damaging power plants, fuel rigs, warships, oil tanks, docks and shipping. In Rome, the Italian high command said that at least 72 persons were killed and 226 injured in the naval bombardment. The shelling caused "enormous damage" to dwellings, it said.

### Automobile Inspection Bill Offered

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET. Raleigh, Feb. 10.—A certificate of road mechanical condition must accompany every application for license tags for automobiles, trucks and trailers, except newly purchased vehicles, under terms of a bill offered by Senator Tom O'Berry of Wayne and now before the State Senate. The bill requires the director of highway safety to "designate, license, furnish instructions to, and supervise" persons to operate inspection stations throughout the state. All such stations except those operated by towns, cities or other governmental agencies must post bond in the sum of \$1,000 for faithful performance. The inspector's license may be revoked upon five days notice. The inspection shall be thorough, including such matters as lights, steering gear, brakes, tires, windshield wiper, horn, mirror, etc. but the inspector can make no charge for such inspection. His only chance for compensation comes in another provision which requires the operator of the vehicle to have any defect immediately corrected "either at the

### British Take Two Towns In Eritrea

### Fertilizer Companies Indicted

Winston-Salem, Feb. 10.—(AP)—A special federal grand jury indicted 64 fertilizer companies and 26 individuals today on charges of violating the anti-trust laws. The indictment, returned after an investigation of about a year, alleged that those named conspired to maintain uniform prices and to restrain and restrict competition. Court officials said the list included practically all the important fertilizer companies of the country and many of their principal officers. The members were members of the National Fertilizer Association and of the Super Phosphate Association, Inc. It was announced that the defendants would be allowed to post bond in lieu of being arraigned under conditions to be approved by Federal District Judge J. Johnson Hayes.

### Motor Vehicle Department Proposal Gives Governor Blank Check Of Authority

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 10.—The motor vehicle setup proposed in House Bill 222, introduced Saturday, will put the governor in the drivers seat with all the controls, stop and put gets in easy reach. There is complete agreement on that, as the copy terms of the measure itself leave practically no room for doubt or debate. On the other hand there has not yet been sufficient evidence of the general legislative reaction to say with any degree of certainty whether the measure will go through the Assembly like an All-American hero, through a broken field or whether it will encounter the same sort of resistance Duke's "Iron Men" of 1939 put up through their regular season. In words of less and easy syllables the measure is designed to take the regulation and administration of all motor vehicle affairs out of the hands of the commissioner of revenue and place them under the governor. In the bill a new department (to be known as the Department of Motor Vehicles) is set up with a new state official, commissioner of motor vehicles, nominally as its head, but in practical effect a figure-head, through whom the governor can pull all the strings he wants. This because the bill says that the commissioner is not only to be appointed by the governor, but is removable at any time by the same authority without any reason or grounds beyond the executive desire to get rid of him. That, obviously, is a blank check of authority over the entire motor vehicle setup, to be handed the governor. It is further provided that when the new department is organized and its commissioner named, no plan for the setup and operation of the unit shall become effective unless and until it shall have been approved by the governor, who is granted express powers to change such details as he

### New Drive From North Launched Against Italian East African Colony; Troops Advance Along Road Leading to Tripoli

Cairo, Feb. 10.—(AP)—British forces launched a new drive against Italy's east African colony of Eritrea from the north today, occupying the Red sea port of Massu Taclai and the town of Bahari on the Anglo-Ethiopian border, the middle east command announced today. The drive, apparently coordinated with the one sweeping eastward across Eritrea in a vast pincer movement, brought the fall of the first Red sea port to be captured from the Italians. Massu Taclai is 40 miles down the coast from the Sudan-Eritrean border, and Kaura is 49 miles to the southwest on the border. In Libya, on the North African front where British forces are re-

### Bonus Offered Cotton Farmers

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Agriculture department announced today it would pay another \$300 million in special "bonus" of \$3 each to cooperating with a "have at home" program designed to increase farm production of food products. This bonus, which would be paid from a \$4,000,000 allotment from crop surplus disposal funds, would supplement other benefits offered farmers for cooperating with the AAA crop reduction program for cotton. To get the bonus farmers would be required to store at least 200 quarts of canned fruits, meats or vegetables for winter use or to have gardens and store other types of food products. The \$3 bonus offer is in addition to another special program designed to increase consumption of cotton goods among farm people in the cotton belt. Under this program \$25,000,000 worth of cotton stamps will be made available to cotton farmers for purchase of cotton goods at regular mercantile establishments.

# British-Rumanian Relations Broken

## Antonescu Notified Of British Move

Britain Arranges To Have United States Care for Interests in Rumania; Declaration of War May Follow.

Bucharest, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Great Britain today broke off diplomatic relations with Rumania, into which have poured thousands of thousands of soldiers and arranged to turn over her Rumanian interests to United States care. The British minister, Sir Reginald Hoare, notified Rumanian Premier general Ion Antonescu that long strained relations between their countries were at an end in a brief note delivered on the stroke of noon (9 a. m. e. s. t.). (This decision followed on the heels of British Prime Minister Churchill's broadcast declaration yesterday that "the Nazis, having absorbed Hungary and driven Rumania into a frightful internal convulsion, are already on the Black Sea" and "perhaps" a southward movement of German troops into or through Bulgaria already has begun.) There was speculation in neutral diplomatic quarters whether Britain might follow the break with a declaration of war, especially since Rumanian oil fields are now completely in German hands and would provide a legitimate target for Britain's bombing planes.

The British minister to Bulgaria recently notified the Bulgarian government, according to diplomatic sources in Sofia, that Bulgarian military targets would be bombed by the royal air force if a way were opened through Bulgaria for German troops to get at Greece or Turkey. In London, authoritative British circles said Sir Reginald Hoare had been given power to act on his own initiative when the Balkan situation demanded.

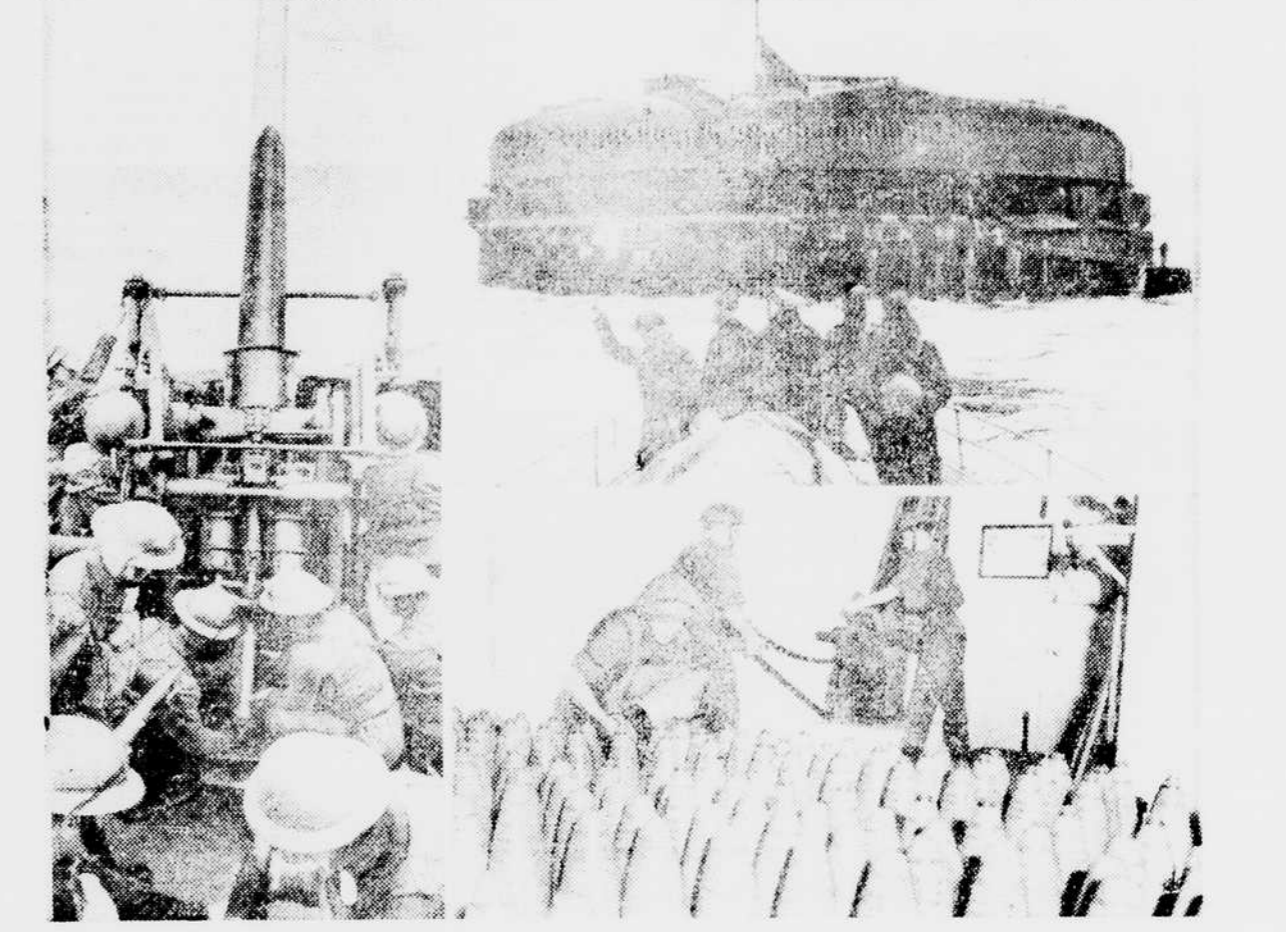
### Drys Continue To Wage Fight

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL. Raleigh, Feb. 10.—There has been no introduction yet of the liquor reduction bill, but there has been complete legislative calm on the alcohol question. As a matter of fact the dries have been waging war on a wide assembly front, principally through the medium of local bills aimed to outlaw wine and beer in certain specific areas. There have been bills which even went so far as to incorporate churches so that the sale of beer and wine can be prohibited within a given distance of them. The Forsyth delegation took a different tack and introduced a bill banning sale of wine and beer in their county between the hours of 12:01 and 6:01 a. m. It received a favorable report and reached the House calendar, only to be referred again to the committee on propositions and grievances.

### Another Hitch Develops To Delay Construction Of Raleigh-Durham Airport

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By LYNN NISBET. Raleigh, Feb. 10.—Another hitch has developed in negotiating financing to establishment of an aviation airport jointly by Durham and Wake counties and their county seat cities, which may entangle the whole program. While primarily of local concern to these five communities, the project is so linked with the past development of an aviation school at State College and the whole national defense position as to assume more than local importance. The situation is by no means hopeless but is worrying sponsors of the airport no little, and seems to be grounded largely in petty jealousy. Briefly summarized the history and present status of the project is this: Durham has not had anything like adequate airport facilities, and has long felt the need thereof. Raleigh has a municipally owned airport, now under lease to a private outfit, which a few years ago was voted one of the finest in the southeast. Ju-

## Britain's Floating Fortress—Ready!



Here are views of a floating fortress, one of many which Britain has anchored in a ring around England. Manned by army and navy men the sea fortress can withstand the heaviest of shell fire and are capable of sinking any enemy vessel that approaches. Left, one of the main guns is loaded for practice firing. Right, top, a supply ship approaches. Right, bottom, men below send up shells for the heavy guns. (Central Press)

## Gayada Blasts Speech

### Ford Loses Court Fight

Supreme Court Refuses to Interfere With Labor Board Ruling Against Ford.

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Supreme court refused today to interfere with a labor board order directing the Ford Motor Company to restate a group of employees with back pay and to cease alleged interference with collective bargaining rights of the workers. Demand of a review left in unchanged decision by the federal circuit court at Cincinnati, which sustained the board's action as applied to 23 employees. Unless the Ford company should be successful in other litigation it will be compelled to comply with the current court ruling. Justice Murphy, issuing the ruling, said: "The Ford Motor Company is a large corporation with a long history of cooperation with the labor movement. It is not the business of the courts to interfere with the labor board's order in this case."

### Nazi Planes Raid Iceland And Convoy

Berlin, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The German air force, in two late evening attacks, was reported today to have attacked a British aircraft carrier and a convoy of 21,500 tons of war chest shipping off the coast of Iceland. The German high command said the carrier, accompanied by a fleet of land-based bombers, attacked the British ship, which was escorted by a British escort group. The carrier was reported to have been damaged and the convoy dispersed. The high command also reported that the carrier was a British ship, the name of which was not disclosed. The carrier was reported to have been damaged and the convoy dispersed. The high command also reported that the carrier was a British ship, the name of which was not disclosed.

### "Deceit" Of U.S. Charged

Italian Editor Says Churchill Cannot Anticipate Reactions Of Axis. (Continued on Page Four)

### Cotton Prices Little Changed

New York, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to 1 lower. As the second hour approached prices were unchanged with March at 10.37, July 10.27, December 9.71. At mid-day, prices were unchanged to 1 point higher.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair, not quite so cold in west portion tonight; Tuesday increases in cloudiness and warmer.

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