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British Report African Victory

British Bombard Poland With Pamphlets

Long Flight May Precede Bombings

Round Trip Flight of 2,000 Miles Completed, With Pamphlets Dropped on Two German-Occupied Areas in Poland.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—A round trip flight of about 2,000 miles to western Poland and back, in which pamphlets were dropped on two German-occupied areas, were reported today by the British air ministry. It was the first such flight since the war began.

According to that long distance force which took place Saturday night, British sources recalled that leaflets were dropped on Germany were preceded by pamphlet attacks.

The venture was disclosed in connection with an announcement that British offensive operations Sunday included bombing of Dutch and Belgian positions.

The offensive terminating a bill in aerial warfare invoked by a south-western gale, which lashed the Dover coast last night were reported today in the vicinity of several eastern English towns and sirens sounded in the London area this afternoon.

Seized single-plane German attacks were reported over parts of England yesterday.

Meanwhile the German high command reported additional smashing attacks against Britain's merchant shipping and declared that 18 British planes had been shot down in the last two days.

German forces in the Mediterranean zone yesterday attacked British troop concentrations and took columns in the region of Agaidia in Italian Libya, informed Germans reported today.

Nazi Leader Is Dead

MUNICH, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Hermann Goebbels, 65, who in June, 1939, bade farewell to the allied armistice commission with the words "see you again in 20 years," died today. Goebbels, chief of the personnel department of the German foreign office, was a member of the German general staff in the World War and served on the German armistice commission.

He marched at Adolf Hitler's side in the last Berlin parade in 1933 and served a jail term with Hitler.

Spanish City In Flames

30,000 Persons Reported Driven from Homes in Santander Following Hurricane.

MADRID, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The San Sebastian radio reported today that 30,000 persons were forced from their homes by a gigantic fire which swept through Santander yesterday and today in the wake of a disastrous hurricane which claimed at least 62 lives in Spain and Portugal. The flames were still blazing today, but fire fighters were believed to be gaining the upper hand.

Among hundreds of buildings reported destroyed or badly damaged in the Bay of Biscay port city were the Bank of Spain, the cathedral, the government revenue office and the customs house.

Losses from the fire, which according to meagre reports by way of ship's radio in the harbor started when an explosion occurred aboard an oil tanker moored in the harbor, were estimated at from \$9,000,000 to \$13,500,000.

Lloyd George—Seventy-Eight



David Lloyd George, Britain's premier during the world war, poses at his farm in Churt, England, on his 78th birthday. The Welsh "wizard" has been mentioned frequently as a likely addition to Premier Churchill's war cabinet. (Central Press)

Senatorial Redistricting Described As Appeasement Rather Than Apportionment

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By LYNN NISBET.

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The much talked about and mulled over bill for re-apportioning membership in the State Senate, introduced late last week and ready for the mill this week, is being accepted with varying degrees of resentment. That sentiment is made adversely, because nearly every comment has been to voice dissatisfaction with the district lines drawn, but in most instances there is a sort of fatalistic willingness to accept it as perhaps the best that can be done "under the circumstances."

The bill was prepared for the frankly stated purpose of doing as little violence as possible to the feelings of counties and sections which will suffer loss of representation and prestige. No secret has been made of

this fact, in committee and in general conversation. The constitutional requirement for apportionment on basis of population was casually mentioned and then completely ignored. Under the proposed new districting, some senators will represent more than 150,000 voters each, while others will represent much less than 50,000.

Since the major gains occur in the central and western parts of the state and the losses are in the east, the generation-old scrap between the sections had to be taken into account. There has been little expressed criticism of the work of the committee, the sentiment being rather of sympathy for the members in their difficult job and regret that it couldn't have been done some other

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Public Hearing Wednesday On Gas Truck Regulation

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

Raleigh, Feb. 17.—The public hearing set for Wednesday on the Uzzell-Peole bill, limiting capacity of motor fuel transport trucks to 1,500 gallons each, should provide as much color as any public committee meeting of this session. Hearing of course, the possibility that there have been an old-fashioned, private meeting sort of gathering of prohibition forces to seek a statewide liquor referendum.

One of the authors, Mr. Uzzell, has said he will have present witnesses who will testify to the horrors of flaming death in gasoline truck accidents and also "preachers," though for just what purpose the clergy will be called was not stated.

At all events, it will not be hard for sponsors of the bill to get plenty of strong testimony for their side. There is without any doubt a very widespread belief that the huge, apparently cumbersome motor fuel transport trucks, as the bill's "whereas" clause puts it, "a growing menace and hazard on the highways."

There is also no tenable or reasonable doubt that the railroads, competitors of the motor transports, are strongly for such a bill as the representatives from Rowan and Moore are pushing, although there is absolutely no evidence to show that the rails had anything whatever to do with actual introduction of the bill by these gentlemen.

But the hearing isn't going to be all one-sided—not by any means. Opponents will marshal in defense of the existing status of motor fuel transportation facts which they believe will completely refute the "scare" claims of those who favor limiting the capacity of tanker

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Turks Sign Pact With Bulgaria

Blow to British Influence in Balkans Seen in Reported Non-Aggression Treaty; Influence of Russia Suspected.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Bulgaria and Turkey have reached a non-aggression accord, reliable international news today, adding that it would mean the last major obstacle to a possible German pact with Greece to aid Italy had been removed.

It was said further that the accord might have an important effect on the efforts to obtain a treaty with Greece since the last major obstacle to a possible German pact with Greece to aid Italy had been removed. (Turkey has been a non-belligerent ally of Britain, pledged to her assistance in event of an act of aggression leading to war in the Mediterranean. Back of Turkey's attitude, and Bulgaria's as well, looms the U. S. S. R. and its position to German moves in southeastern Europe.)

(It has been reported that Bulgaria now believed likely to accede to German pressure for a right of way into eastern Greece, filled to obtain Russian backing for any resistance to German demands. Now it would appear that Russia, in effect, or otherwise had declined to back up Turkey. Turkey's alliance with the British has always been overshadowed by her relations with Russia.)

(The bulk of Bulgaria's armies has been concentrated on her Turkish frontier in anticipation of a Turkish attack when and if German troops start through Bulgaria.)

If the reported pact proves to have the effect outlined by the opponents, British observers acknowledged it could be a sharp blow to British influence in the Balkans.

Measure Raising Debt Limit Sent To White House

Washington, Feb. 17.—Congress sent to President Roosevelt today a bill increasing the federal debt limit to \$65,000,000,000 and removing federal tax exemptions from future issues of government securities.

Final action came when the House approved minor Senate amendments.

Japanese Envoy at White House



Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, new Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrives at the White House to present his credentials to President Roosevelt, an old friend. The meeting came at a moment when attention of the world is focused on the Far East, where Japanese naval and air forces are concentrating.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and colder to night; Tuesday generally fair, slightly colder in east and central portions. (Continued on Page Two)

RAF Parachutists in Action



Pictured above are British parachute troops. The use of these troops by Britain in the southern part of Italy marks the first time England has attempted this innovation in modern warfare. The heavily armed troops landed in Calabria and Lucania in an attempt to cut communications. All were reported captured in a dispatch from Rome. (Central Press)

Italian Reverses In Albania Reported

Traffic Toll Of Twelve Over Week-End

Charlotte, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Missions on North Carolina's highways and streets took twelve lives over the week-end and sent numbers of persons to hospitals.

A truck plunged off a bridge near Taylor City and drowned four persons; they were Calvin Faulk, 29; Miss Temple Williams, 23; Miss Delina Prince, 20; and Aes Cannon, all of Taylor City.

Miss Maudie Cameron, 26, of Sanford was killed in an automobile accident near Cary.

Clay Dotts, 28, a member of the Sanford fire department, was killed near Sanford when his car left the road and hit a tree.

An automobile from Aqueduct near home killed Mrs. B. E. Proctor, 69, and her grandson, Eugene Roper, 16, of Durham county.

Miss Helen Stanton, 34, of Fayetteville was killed here in an automobile-truck collision.

Bernie Clifton, 33, of Allam, was killed near Elizabethtown when a car plunged over a 10-foot embankment and a few passengers escaped death.

In addition, three other persons were killed. Other cases, disseminated here, were reported and listed as follows:

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Merritt Measure May Start Move For Consolidation

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Raleigh, Feb. 17.—Eddy Merritt, Catawba's representative, says today he started even more than he thought when he introduced his bill transferring the state museum from control of the department of agriculture to conservation and development. There isn't any great likelihood that his proposal will be enacted into law just like it is, but there is a very good chance that it will start agitation for a consolidation of the museum with the historical commission, the hall of history, the arts displays, and like units into one department or division, with a single building to house them.

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Italians Driven From Three Areas

No Italian Soldiers Left in Egypt, the Sudan, or Kenya Colony "Except as Prisoners," British Headquarters Declares.

Cairo, Feb. 17.—(AP)—British general headquarters declared today that there are no Italian soldiers left in Egypt, the Sudan or Kenya Colony, "except as prisoners."

Referring to the fall of Keren, a strategic post on Ethiopia's western frontier, announced yesterday, the high command said in effect that "all Italian soldiers in the three areas had been reported, killed or captured."

There was a continued death of reports on the situation in south Africa, where British offensive toward Tripoli, capital of Libya, represents the deepest penetration of the Italian African empire.

"In Libya and Ethiopia," the command's report said, "the situation remains unchanged." Italian East African troops are reported driven from their last hold-out in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan at the Ethiopian frontier town of Keren, and pushed out of southern Italian Somaliland beyond the Galla river.

British communiques said forces of the middle east command and South African troops won these gains over the week-end and were following up the retreat of their foe in Ethiopia and beyond captured Chibana toward the big port of Mogadishu, from southern Somaliland where the British claimed to have overrun an area of 10,000 square miles.

Belin Resigns From French Cabinet

Vichy, Feb. 17.—(AP)—René Belin, the Vichy government's minister of labor, was reported to have resigned today amid suggestions that Vichy Premier Admiral Jean Darlan would leave soon for Paris to reopen discussions with Pierre Laval, his predecessor as chief aide to Chief of State Marshal Petain.

Belin's resignation was expected to complete the present series of cabinet changes unless Laval should gain his fight to be restored to a place in the government and negotiate further adjustments.

Strike Near Settlement

Union Members to Vote on Truce to End Strike in Major Defense Industry.

(By The Associated Press.) Union members were asked today to ratify a truce which would permit resumption of work on \$4,000,000 of defense orders by the 9,000 employees of the Allis-Chalmers Company at Milwaukee.

Terms of the truce, settling some cases between the company and the United Automobile Workers, CIO, United Automobile Workers, were drafted by Director William S. Knudsen and Assistant Director Sidney Hillman of the Office of Production Management.

It would leave other issues for settlement in subsequent negotiations, but would permit reopening of the plant tomorrow.

Union representatives agreed Saturday night to submit it to their membership today. The strike has lasted more than three weeks.

Also good news to Knudsen and Hillman was word that CIO workers voted Saturday to end a strike at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's Briar Hill plant in Ohio.

This shutdown, three days old, had made 1,100 men idle. Much of the plant's steel output is destined for use in defense orders.

Less heartening to the OPM was the situation in another defense la-

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