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Fire Bombs Rain On London

Record Navy Money Bill Is Approved

Senate Passes \$3,446,990,990.644 Appropriation to Fill Out Two-Ocean Fleet, Provide Airplanes and Develop Bases.

Washington, March 20. (AP)—The Senate approved a \$3,446,990,990.644 appropriation today after approving a House-approved provision providing purchase by the navy of canned beef from Latin American countries.

The measure, largest peacetime naval bill, goes back to the House for action on amendments. The Senate rejected on a tie vote the House's appropriation committee in deleting from the measure provisions which have been in effect several years requiring the navy to purchase only American livestock and agricultural products.

As approved by the Senate the bill would \$1,155,000,000 for new ships to fill out the two-ocean fleet, including funds for construction of six battle cruisers of 20,000 to 25,000 tons, a new type of surface gunboat.

A total of \$350,372,000 was approved for new airplanes, three-quarters of which would be combat types.

Earlier, the Senate completed congressional action on two bills authorizing a \$245,000,000 naval public works program, including development at Guam, Samoa and newly acquired British bases.

U. S. AND BRITAIN AGREE ON DETAILS FOR BASE LEASES

London, March 20. (AP)—A well-informed source said today the United States and Great Britain had agreed on details of the leasing of base areas to the United States and probably would sign an agreement in a few days.

British and American experts have been discussing the terms of the agreement since the United States threatened over 50 destroyers to British in exchange for western hemisphere bases.

PLANE DETECTORS

London, March 20. (AP)—Home-based U. S. Army officers who are stationed in Britain as observers today the British now are able to detect Nazi warplanes by short wave radio as they take off on the continent and keep them located as they fly to attack Britain.

FDR Inspects Air Station

Aboard Roosevelt Train En Route to Port Everglades, Fla., March 20. (AP)—President Roosevelt inspected the Navy's southeastern air station at Jacksonville, Fla., today and spoke with members of the staff. The progress that had been made in the enormous establishment since ground was broken 16 months ago.

The President toured the big air station by automobile, held a brief press conference and boarded his train at 9:45 a. m.

The train was moved from the naval reservation to the union terminal in downtown Jacksonville and remained there a while before moving south.

Mr. Roosevelt and his party plan to board the presidential yacht *Patton* at Port Everglades for a vacation cruise.

Provisions Of New Retirement Plan For State Employees Are Explained

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

Raleigh, March 20.—Nearly everybody in the state knows that the recent General Assembly provided for retirement of teachers and other state employees. Most people know that the schedule of payments and benefits has been worked out on an actuarially sound basis. One of the best actuaries in the United States laboring for weeks with the commission charged with preparation of the bill.

What the teacher and the office worker and the highway laborer and members of their families want to know is just what they will have to

U. S. Volunteers Sail to Serve in African War



Here are some of the 24 U. S. volunteers who enlisted in the British Ambulance Corps, pictured as they sailed from New York for Egypt aboard the Egyptian liner *Zan Zan* to serve in the African war. Left to right (front row) are Charles A. McCarthy, Weston, Mass.; Charles L. Harriss, New York; John W. Ryan, Newton, Mass.; F. J. Vreovar, New York; F. W. Hoising, Cambridge, Mass.; Capt. William A. Wydenbruck, Leo, New York; and G. O. Tichenor, Maplewood, N. J. Back row, W. A. Davidson, Worcester, Mass.; George Butcher, Seattle, Wash.; G. C. Finerman, Rye, N. Y.; Henry Einsheimer, New York; and Philip Favensham, New York, son of the famous actor.

Senate Gets Aid Bill

Train Wreck Inquiry Held

Conductor Testifies He Understood Russians Were Aboard Earlier Train.

Pittsburgh, March 20. (AP)—Pennsylvania railroad officials told an Interstate Commerce commission hearing today 14 Russian engineers and 18 enlisted U. S. Army men were on the Manhattan Limited which sped along the railroad tracks near Baden, Pa., 18 minutes before another train was wrecked Sunday.

Pittsburgh, March 20. (AP)—A conductor testified today at an Interstate Commerce Commission hearing that he understood there were 14 Russian diplomats or engineers on the Pennsylvania Railroad's Manhattan Limited, which traveled over the Cleveland-Pittsburgh branch Sunday 18 minutes before another train was wrecked, killing five and injuring 114.

Railroad officials announced immediately after the wreck that definite evidence of sabotage had been found and veteran railroad workers expressed belief the bombing and shifting of a rail was aimed at wrecking the Manhattan Limited.

The ICC witness was W. M. Schreiber, conductor on the Manhattan Limited, who said there were two special sleeping cars on the Limited, one with 23 passengers and the other

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Thieves Make Rich Haul In Raleigh

Raleigh, March 20. (AP)—Mrs. Robert Weatherill, Jr., of Chester, Pa., reported to police today that \$28,000 worth of diamonds and sapphires were stolen from her room at a hotel here.

The jewels, which were in bracelets and rings, were taken from the top of a dresser either last night or early this morning while Mrs. Weatherill was asleep, she said.

The thief also took more than \$300 in currency from a billfold, but overlooked \$5,000 worth of furs hanging in a closet, she added.

She said the jewels were not insured.

INDIA CITY AFIRE IN RELIGIOUS RIOT

Bombay, March 20. (AP)—A large part of Deonar, in the province of Bengal, was reported today today following a Hindu-Muslim riot which started in a drinking shop.

The military was called out to preserve order.

Police twice opened fire on the rioters and casualties were reported to include 14 killed and 100 wounded.

A steamship, bus, passenger ships, a boat on the river and many shops in the city were burned.

All educational institutions, banks and commercial concerns were closed.

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Co-operative Fund.

First of all, it should be kept in mind that this is not in any sense a pension system, but an economically sound retirement program to which the employer and the employee contribute equal amounts. The employee, whether teacher, stenographer, ditch digger or high administrative official, pays into the fund four per cent of his or her salary or wage. The state matches this with a contribution of the same amount. Payments into the fund be-

about just what it does offer in certain cases.

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ONLY ONE YEAR Destruction OF ACTIVE DUTY 'Worse Than FOR N. GUARD Coventry'

Second Registration Day Planned

Washington, March 20. (AP)—Quiet advance preparations are being made for a second selective service registration day, although only a small percent of the 16,414,000 men who enrolled last October have been put in uniform.

The second registration would be for men who have reached their 21st birthday since last October 16. By the time it is held, possibly in the later summer or early fall, between 1,600,000 and 1,350,000 will have become of age, population experts figure, and thus will be subject to military service.

Selective service headquarters officials said today only general consideration had been given thus far to the next registration, but advance studies were being made. Under the selective service act, the President must set the date, and this is not considered likely to be before August or September.

Blast Creates Near Panic

Kew-Forest, N. J., March 20. (AP)—An explosion at the Hercules Powder Company plant at noon today jarred the country for miles around and created a near panic in the area in which a blast which took 32 lives last fall is fresh in everyone's memory.

There were no injuries. Damage was said to be negligible.

Patrolman Edward Higgins said the explosion occurred on the so-called "burning ground" where refuse was being destroyed. A quantity of powder in the refuse apparently exploded, he added. There was no fire following the blast.

ITALIANS REPORT LEASE-LEND SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINE

New York, March 20. (AP)—The official Italian radio said in a broadcast heard today by CBS that "it is rumored at Gibraltar that the first cargo of war materials sent to Great Britain after the passing of the lend-lease bill has been sunk by axis submarines."

"That was a very good beginning, wasn't it?" the Rome announcement added.

British Subs Raid Convoy

Three Submarines Credited With Sinking Vessels in Italian Convoy.

London, March 20. (AP)—Three British submarines pouncing on Italian convoys sank two heavily-laden supply vessels, "almost certainly" destroyed another, and scored hits on two crowded troop transports, one of which "it is considered certainly was destroyed," the admiralty announced today.

The sinking of the two supply ships, of about 2,500 tons each, was credited to the 1,090-ton *Triumph*. The third supply ship of 3,000 tons was said to have been hit by the *Ugarte*.

The attack on the convoyed transports was carried out by the submarine *Urostr* and its torpedo hits were declared to have been followed by "a very violent explosion and it is considered certain that at least one of the transports was completely destroyed."

The *Triumph* is a sister ship of the *Thetis* which sank in June, 1939, in the Irish sea with a loss of 93 men and which has been raised and re-commissioned as the *Thunderbolt*.

War Department Discloses That, Barring Gravest Emergency, National Guard and Trainees Will Serve Only One Year.

Washington, March 20. (AP)—A high Army authority disclosed today that, barring the gravest emergency, the war department had decided to reorganize National Guard units upon completion of their year or two-year service.

The same policy also will apply, it was said, to the thousands of men who have been or are to be inducted into the Army for a year's training under the selective service act.

Reports have circulated in recent weeks that the Guard's two-year service might be extended six months or even a year, in case of world conditions. It was understood that some National Guard officials oppose this lengthening of the training period.

The War department has been studying the question for some time in regard both to guardsmen and selective service trainees. Congressional approval would be necessary to extend the training period under existing circumstances.

The Army's decision against requesting any extension in the service periods was because the primary purpose of the present peacetime defense preparations was to train a large number of men as possible. Therefore, the land forces will be kept up to their intended strength of 1,430,000 men by the induction of fresh selective service quotas and additional three-year enlistments in the regular Army.

NAZI SUBMARINE BASE IS RAIDED

London, March 20. (AP)—The German submarine base at Lorient, France, was attacked by British air craft last night, the air ministry announced today.

The Lorient attack was carried out by aircraft of the coastal command while other aircraft raided Cologne in the Rhineland.

British Bomb Tepeleni

Report of British Air Activity in Albania Follows Greek Claims of Successes.

Albania, March 20. (AP)—A British bomber attack on Italian garrisons at Tepeleni apparently was carried out yesterday, it was announced today on the heels of a Greek claim that a sector there had been overrun with dead from frustrated Italian troop assaults.

"Bombing fell on the town and vicinity of Tepeleni," the RFE, carrying word, "Bombers later machine-gunned Italian transport columns."

"An unconfirmed report from Yugoslavia's Albanian frontier said today that Greek forces had entered the town of Tepeleni."

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British Capital Subjected to Six-Hour Assault; Battle of the Balkans Moves Ahead at Ferish P a c e ; Other News.

(By The Associated Press.)

German aircraft, showered long and short bursts on London yesterday morning, dropping incendiary bombs and many high explosive missiles in a six-hour assault which inflicted damage on the city's harbor and residential areas.

British and hundreds of men yesterday attacked the average capital in an unprecedented attack, far exceeding Coventry's.

The battle of the Balkans, the so-called "Greek question," moved ahead at a feverish pace. Reports from a Greek frontier town in Yugoslavia said several numbers of British troops landed yesterday at the port of Salonika, Greece.

Berlin continues to the Yugoslav press asserting that both the Turkish and Yugoslav questions have been "settled" without explanation—and declared.

"The Greek question is already settled. Only a short time must elapse before this configuration which threatened to engulf other Balkan states will be extinguished."

This could be taken two ways: 1. That Nazi pressure has driven Greece into seeking an "honorable peace" with her warring Italian foe.

2. That a quarter of a million German troops, now massed on the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, would attempt to "settle" Greece by blocking violence.

Authorized quarters in Berlin said the German-Turkish situation had been "clarified" in a reply Hitler has received answer to his recent message to Turkish President Ismet Inönü—described as Balkan sources as an offer to link after the "interest" and well-being of Turkey.

There was no confirmation, however, that either Greece or Turkey had softened in their recent stiff attitudes toward Germany. The landing of British troops at Salonika would indicate that Greece, at any rate, was determined to fight.

British Royal Air Force bombers struck back with an attack on the German industrial city of Cologne in

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Jap Troops To Thailand

Siam, Bangkok, (Associated Press)—A Japanese report today said that 10,000 troops had been ordered to move to Thailand to meet the Japanese army's plan to enter the country in the near future.

Army authorities in Chungking, the Japanese capital, also reported that 10,000 troops had been ordered to move to Thailand to meet the Japanese army's plan to enter the country in the near future.

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
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