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John Bull Signs Some Leases for Uncle Sam



This picture, made in London and flashed by cable to New York, shows Prime Minister Winston Churchill (right) signing the papers which give the United States 99-year leases on British properties in the Western Hemisphere. Watching with interest is John G. Winant, U. S. ambassador to the Court of St. James's.

Bethlehem Strike Ends

Compromise Is Reached

Workers to Return "As Fast As They Can Get Back" to Plant Holding Billion Dollars in Defense Contracts.

Bethlehem, Pa., March 28.—(AP)—The settlement of the Bethlehem Steel strike had been reached in the four-day-old CIO Steel Workers Organizing Committee strike at the giant parent plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company. The concern holds more than a billion dollars in defense contracts.

The settlement was announced at 5:30 a. m. (e. s. t.)

Going into a conference at 1 a. m. the company and union officials had agreed to remain until a compromise was effected between a five-point program submitted by the SWOC and counter proposals offered by the company.

Riffe said the strikers would return to work "as fast as they can get back" after the settlement is approved by the local union membership.

Riffe said these points were agreed to:

1. All strikers to be returned to their jobs without discrimination whatsoever.
2. The company to continue to meet and deal with representatives of its employees in collective bargaining.
3. All dealings to be without discrimination. The company to continue to deal with the Steel Workers Organizing Committee as a collective bargaining agency for its members and to accord it equal privileges and opportunities including a mutually acceptable manner of handling grievances.
4. Further action with reference to the selection of an exclusive bargaining agency to await final disposition of the case pending in court.

Unionists Walk Out

Johnstown, Pa., March 28.—(AP)—Morris Mallinger, an official of the Steel Workers Organizing Committee, reported today SWOC unionists had started a walkout at the Giant Cambria works of the Bethlehem Steel Company here in protest against a scheduled election by the SWOC's rival, the employees representation plan.

Mallinger said men had started leaving their posts at five sections of the works, but that he did not yet know the number involved. He predicted, however, "several hundred" or "perhaps, several thousand" would join the walk out during the day.

Nazis Await Definite Statement

Berlin, March 28.—(AP)—Germany waited impatiently today for a definite answer from King Peter's new military government in Yugoslavia as to whether it is repudiating its membership in the three-power pact.

Berlin apparently was pressing urgently for a clean cut decision on foreign policy, but German diplomatic reports from Belgrade did not bring a clear picture, it was said.

It was understood the new Yugoslav premier sought to let the axis pact hang in the air—unratified by parliament but at the same time not specifically repudiated.

There was no authorized comment on what would happen if Yugoslavia decided to let the pact thus dangle uncertainly.

Shoe Prices To Be Stable

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—Harriet Elliott, consumer representative on the defense commission, said today that shoe manufacturers, summoned here to discuss the price situation, agreed that the "present outlook is for not more than moderate increases."

Miss Elliott said the consensus of the conference was that prices would not advance beyond increases in cost, that sufficient supplies of hide were available for both military and civilian requirements and that military requirements would have little disturbing effect on civilian markets.

"Recent advances in shoe prices have resulted in large part from what must be regarded as unwarranted apprehension over the supply situation," she said in a statement.

No Danger From Storm

Raleigh, March 28.—(AP)—H. E. Kiehline, Raleigh weather man, said today there was virtually no chance that a storm centered 100 miles east of Cape Hatteras would hit North Carolina.

Fresh to strong winds, diminishing in velocity, are forecast for the coast in the vicinity of Hatteras, he said.

The storm may have been the cause for heavy rains over much of the coast of North Carolina during the night, he added.

The storm is moving steadily in a northerly direction. It was off the Georgia coast yesterday morning, off the South Carolina coast last night and off North Carolina this morning.

Two Strike Settlements

Bethlehem Workers Return to Jobs; Midland Strike Ends; Other Strikes Feared.

(By The Associated Press) CIO strikes at the huge plant of the Bethlehem Steel Company at Bethlehem, Pa., unanimously voted at noon today to end a four-day strike and the United Automobile Workers announced an informal agreement to end an 18-day stoppage at the Midland Steel Products Corporation at Detroit.

At Milwaukee, the strike-closed Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company plant reopened in response to a federal government request. Officials said 1,962 workers of the normal shift of 6,000 reported.

On the other side of the strike (Continued on Page Seven)

FOUR SHIPS SUNK OR BADLY DAMAGED BY NAZI BOMBERS

Berlin, March 28.—(AP)—Four ships have been sunk or damaged by German bombers today, DNB, the official news agency, reported.

They were listed thus: West of the Hebrides, a 15,000-ton ship sunk by a direct bomb hit on the port side.

In the Bristol channel, a 1,000-ton merchantman sunk.

Off the southeast English coast, two ships totaling 3,000 tons damaged severely.

Babson Discusses Production, Employment, Social Problems

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Babson Park, Fla., March 28.—Today I am leaving Florida and do not expect to be back again until next January. As I am cleaning up my desk, I find three clippings which I have been saving to comment upon. Let me do so now.

Florida Growers Sad. A short time ago the following editorial appeared in a prominent Florida paper:

"There will not be much comfort for Florida growers in the Department of Agriculture's recent estimate of the nation's citrus crop.

The federal crop reporting board estimates an all-time record orange crop of 81,000,000 boxes this season; grapefruit production is put at 40,000,000 boxes, a total increase of about 10 percent over last season. Florida orange production, including tangermans, is put at 23,000,000 boxes. That's about the same as last year. The estimate on grapefruit is a Florida headache. Federal experts forecast the Florida production at 21,000,000 boxes, compared with a 1939-1940 crop of 15,900,000 boxes.

In reply, a reader sends the paper a quotation from Robert Ingersoll: "There is something wrong with a government when those who produce all have nothing, while those who produce nothing have it all." As I have watched the growers of oranges and grapefruit sweat in their groves to pay interest and taxes and get almost nothing therefrom, I cannot help but be sympathetic with the farmers. What is wrong? It is not the law of supply and demand—it must be something else. Let us look at the record.

Whether the fruit growers get any (Continued on Page Three.)

Yugoslavs Reject Treaty With Axis

Explosion Aboard Ship Unexplained

Captain of Tanker Sunk off North Carolina Coast Tells Board of Inquiry He Cannot Give Cause for Blast Monday Night.

New York, March 28.—(AP)—Captain John Saxon, master of the 9,216-ton tanker Cities Service Denver, said today he could not explain the explosion that blasted his ship 80 miles off Cape Lookout last Sunday with a loss of 29 lives.

Testifying before a U. S. Bureau of Inspection and Navigation board of inquiry, he said the vessel was carrying 104,500 barrels of east Texas crude oil from Port Arthur when the blast occurred in the forward part of the ship, buckling the decks and shooting a mass of flames over the vessel.

"I was sitting in my cabin, under the pilot house, reading, when I heard something that sounded like an explosion," he testified. "The light and port glasses in my quarters were broken. I stepped out on deck but could not see anything. I then went on the bridge and found the glass in the pilot house was broken."

Saxon said the third mate, then on duty, sounded a general alarm when flames shot toward the bridge, and that he telephoned the engineer to turn on steam to light the fire, only to find that the explosion had broken the fire lines.

A radio alarm was sent on an emergency set—the main one was destroyed—and the crew fought the fire for 30 minutes before abandoning ship, he said.

Seventeen men got away in one lifeboat and five in another, he said. Nineteen others apparently were trapped in their bunks. Another died on land from injuries.

In answer to a question he said that relations between officers and crew were "good" and that he had never noticed any "un-American activities" among the men.

Farm Bill Is Approved

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—A record breaking farm bill, carrying more than \$1,240,000,000, won speedy approval today from the Senate appropriations committee.

Accepting scores of increases previously approved by a subcommittee, including \$450,000,000 for parity payments to farmers complying with administration programs, the full committee recommended passage as a part of the effort by a powerful group of senators demanding that farmers share more largely in the prosperity promised by the defense program.

Minority Leader Barkley said the Senate would act on the farm bill Monday. It then must go back to the House, which voted \$890,000,000 for agricultural activities.

50 CIVILIANS DIE FOR EACH SOLDIER KILLED BY BOMBS

London, March 28.—(AP)—About 50 civilians have been killed for each military fatality in German air raids on Britain since the war's start, it was disclosed today in an official statement which placed the civilian dead at 28,359 and the seriously wounded at 40,166.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; slightly colder tonight.

Extended weather forecast for period from March 28 to April 2: Fair weather except showers near end of period; temperatures slightly below normal first of period, rising to normal Sunday and Monday, cooler end of period.

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Head New Yugoslav Government



General Richard Dusan Simovic (left), chief of the Yugoslav air force was named Premier, and Momcilo Nincic (right), chosen as foreign minister following the coup d'etat which overthrew the government of the regency in Yugoslavia. Simovic and Nincic, both friends of the Allied powers, fought adherence to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis.

RAF Raids Nazi Cities

Overnight Raids Extend From Rhineland To "Invasion Ports," London Has Alarm

London, March 28.—(AP)—The royal air force pounded the German industrial centers of Cologne and Duesseldorf with "many heavy bombs" in overnight raids extending from the Rhineland to the "invasion ports" of Dunkerque, Brest and Calais on the Nazi-held French coast, the air ministry announced today.

In the war at sea, the admiralty announced that the submarine Paritikon had torpedoed a 6,000-ton supply or troop ship and a 10,000-ton tanker in an Italian-escorted convoy south of Italy.

German daylight raiders touched off an alarm in London this morning, the first since the night of March 24, but three planes headed for the capital turned back apparently without dropping any bombs. There were no reports of Luftwaffe activity over England during the night.

The RAF night assault, a combined and machine gun assaults on German naval and supply ships from the British Islands to the coast of Brittany and produced "good results."

Despite a thick ground haze, pilots of the bomber command were declared to have found their targets at Cologne and Duesseldorf, setting off fires and explosions among factories and railroad yards.

Two especially large fires were observed at Cologne, returning pilots related, and at Duesseldorf flashes from burning bombs were declared "clearly visible in the factory area to the east of the Rhine and near the main railroad station."

Frenchmen Demonstrate

Marseille, France, March 28.—(AP)—Shouting "long live Yugoslavia," an estimated 10,000 inhabitants of this city of French refugees poured spontaneously into the Place de la Bourse today, where the late King Alexander of Yugoslavia was assassinated in 1934.

The unscheduled demonstration, which grew in volume every hour, came after word was whispered through the city that a new anti-axis Yugoslav government had been formed.

Early this morning the people began to drop bouquets at the scene of Alexander's assassination and at the monument of the father of Yugoslavia's young king, Peter II.

As the heaps of flowers mounted, 200 police were called out to halt the procedure and crowds began to scatter.

The crowds sang the Marseillaise and applauded each time someone evaded the police and succeeded in adding to the floral offerings.

Troops Rush To Battle Positions

Events Move Swiftly In Balkans; Axis Alliance Termed "Contrary to Will of the Yugoslav People;" Prince Paul Flees.

(By The Associated Press)

With a pledge of full United States aid, King Peter II's new military regime was reported to have informed Germany today that Yugoslavia's adherence to the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance was "impossible"—and rushed 120,000 troops to battle positions.

Events moved swiftly. Turkey reportedly proposed a mutual assistance pact with Yugoslavia as the Turkish minister conferred with Yugoslavia's new premier.

In Budapest, the chief of the Hungarian general staff and army headquarters conferred with the Nazi-dominated Hungarian government on "current problems." Informed quarters said it was "not a war council," however.

German sources in Belgrade said most of the 3,000 Nazi economic experts, newspaper men and trade delegates in Yugoslavia were racing for the frontier or packing for a quick exit.

High Balkan diplomatic quarters said the cabinet decided in an all-night session to return Yugoslavia to "full and absolute neutrality" because cooperation with the axis powers was "contrary to the will of the Yugoslav people."

As forecast by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in London yesterday, this was reported to be Yugoslavia's blunt answer to an "urgent request"—a virtual ultimatum—by Nazi Germany demanding an explanation of the coup which overthrew Regent Prince Paul's pro-axis government.

Swiftly following this development, the U. S. government delivered a note to 17-year-old King Peter's new government promising full aid.

Germany sent an official protest to Yugoslavia—apparently based, however, on the alleged beating of

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Severe Storm Off Hatteras

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—A storm which the weather bureau said "will likely become very severe" was located today off Cape Hatteras, headed east-northeastward.

The bureau said "Storm central 7:30 a. m. about 100 miles east of Cape Hatteras, moving rapidly east-northeastward, with steadily increasing intensity. This storm will likely become very severe and it will be attended by strong shifting gales over a considerable area as it continues to move east-northeastward. Caution advised vessels within the storm area."

Author Faces Deportation

Washington, March 28.—(AP)—The Justice department said today Richard Julius Herman Krebs, who wrote the best seller "Out of the Night" under the name of Jan Valtin, had been arrested in New York to face deportation proceedings.

Krebs was arrested in the immigration offices in New York and is being held at Ellis Island under \$5,000 bail.

Krebs is a German citizen who described his experiences as a communist agitator both in Germany and among sailors in this country, in his lengthy autobiographical work which became a best seller.

Only last Wednesday night Krebs, introduced on the radio from "an unnamed spot in America," told of his experiences at the hands of the German gестаapo and said "there is hardly anyone in Germany now who does not have some horrible memory."

8,000 CASUALTIES IN RAID ON BREMEN

London, March 28.—(AP)—The air ministry news service declared tonight that in the recent series of royal air force raids on Bremen 1,000 persons were killed and another 7,000 injured.