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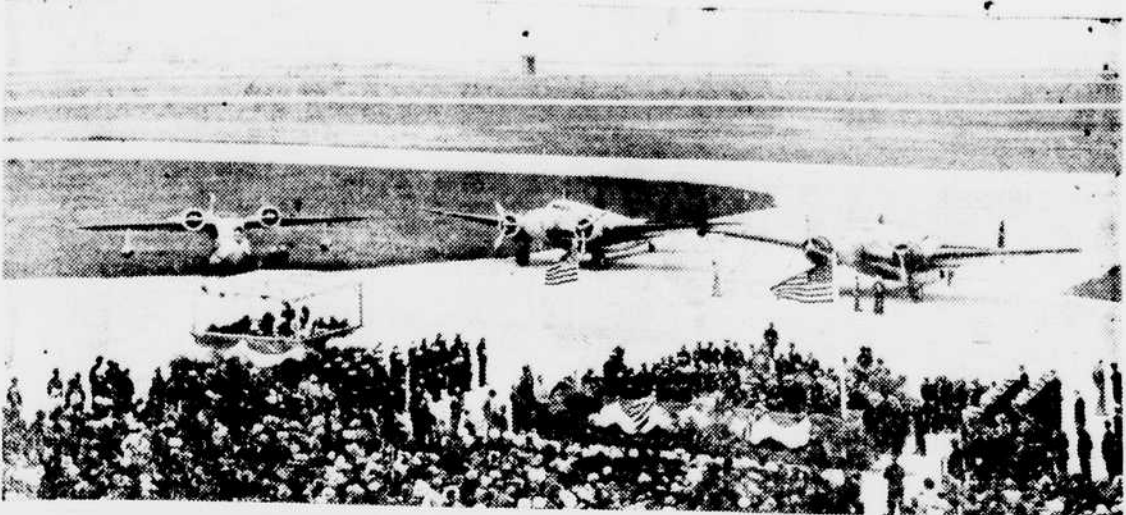
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The Navy Takes Over Floyd Bennett Field



More than 30,000 persons witnessed ceremonies celebrating the Navy's taking over of Floyd Bennett Field (top) from New York City. Rear Admiral Adolphus Andrews took title to the \$15,000,000 municipal airport. The crowd applauded Mrs. Cora Bennett Hoffman (right, at bottom) widow of Floyd Bennett, for whom field was named. With her are (l. to r.) Mrs. Vincent Astor, Comdr. Vincent Astor, and Mrs. Adolphus Andrews.

U. S. Merchantmen Take Over British Pacific Ship Routes

Withdrawal of British Ships From Routes from United States and Canada to Australia and New Zealand Announced.

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—An agreement for American merchantmen to take over all British shipping routes from the United States and Canada to Australia and New Zealand was regarded here today as the probable forerunner of a complete British withdrawal from maritime activities outside the war zone.

Such a withdrawal, with United States vessels taking over the abandoned routes, long has been considered likely. But the first formal action did not come until late yesterday.

In a brief formal announcement, the maritime commission reported the agreement and said that a dozen British vessels would be released for Great Britain's war efforts.

The expectation was that British ocean ships in the South American trade would soon follow.

The maritime commission's announcement capped a day that saw various aspects of Britain's lifeline lifeline figure prominently in capital developments.

One provocative disclosure was that a "number" of the commission's new cargo vessels had already been converted into aircraft carriers.

John J. Dempsey, a member of the commission, gave the information to a Senate committee investigating the defense program.

He also said that merchant ship deliveries were expected to reach the one-day rate by November. He gave the number of vessels now under construction as 746.

FRANCE TO PROTECT COLONIAL FRONTIERS

Berlin, June 4.—(AP)—Berlin has received unofficial reports of "certain protective measures" taken by France along the borders of some of her colonial possessions, an authoritative source said today.

But Berlin, he continued, was not disposed to comment on such reports, beyond observing that France was faced by "positive aggressions" particularly bombings in Syria, and so was justified in defending herself.

The situation in Iraq, with an armistice effective in some parts of the land, was pronounced obscure.

Edelstein Drops Dead

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Representative Edelstein, Democrat, New York, dropped dead outside the House chamber today a few minutes after making a speech on the floor.

Dr. George W. Calver, capital physician, said heart failure was the cause of the death of the 23-year-old bachelor congressman.

Shocked colleagues gathered around the stricken member as Calver made his examination.

Mosul Occupied

Former Kaiser Dies

Military Funeral Is Monday

Adolf Hitler Orders Full Military Honors For Last Emperor of Imperial Germany; Death Came at Doorn Exile.

Berlin, June 4.—(AP)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm II of imperial Germany died today at his exile estate of Doorn in the quiet backwash of a new German conquest, almost 23 years after he fled from the crumbling failure of his own European war plans.

DNB, German official news agency, reported from Amsterdam that the 82-year-old, white bearded former emperor died at 11:30 a. m. in a sudden relapse of an illness which brought members of his family to his bedside last week.

He is to be buried at Doorn next Monday but, on the orders of Adolf Hitler, a military funeral with full honors is to be accorded imperial Germany's last emperor.

The German high command has taken full charge of the military phase of the funeral, a token, perhaps, of reconciliation between the ruler and the former emperor had been complete.

At his bedside when he died were only a few close members of his family—his second wife, Princess Hermine; his daughter, the Duchess of Brunswick; and his grandsons, Louis Ferdinand, Karl, and Franz Joseph, and the latter's wife, Princess Henrietta.

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DEATH COMES AT DOORN



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Germans Say Half British Ships Sunk

EGYPTIAN CABINET RESIGNS EN MASSE

Cairo, June 4.—(AP)—The Egyptian cabinet resigned tonight. It was understood that Premier Hussein Sirry Pasha would be designated to form a new cabinet tomorrow.

The shakeup was declared by authoritative quarters to be occasioned by the "present grave circumstances" involving fear of a German thrust into the rich valley of the Nile.

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Britain Strengthens Position

"Necessary Precautions in Regard to Syria" Taken to Thwart German Strategy, British Report; Iraq Position Delicate.

London, June 4.—(AP)—Britain claimed today to have strengthened her hand for the great battle shipping up in the Middle East by two steps aimed at thwarting German strategy, but her position in Iraq apparently still was delicate.

These preliminaries for what may be a portentous struggle for the Middle East oil and control of the Suez canal were announced by the British as successfully completed.

1. Reoccupation of Mosul, the oil center of Iraq by British troops.

2. "Necessary precautions in regard to Syria," the potential bridgehead for an axis thrust into Iraq and back door drive toward Suez.

Although order was said to have been restored, the Middle East general headquarters conceded that martial law had been declared by the Iraq government in Baghdad yesterday following "serious rioting."

(Authorized German sources in Berlin intimated that Britain's troubles in Iraq may not be ended by the armistice and formation of a new regime yesterday. The Berlin view is that the new Iraq government is acting under protection of British bombers and armored cars and that the truce is only partly effective.)

A house of commons' inquiry into Britain's Crete disaster and a parliamentary inquiry into conduct of

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PETROL DUMP RAIDED

Cairo, June 4.—(AP)—The British royal air force reported today, without elaboration, that "a petrol dump at Beirut in Syria was bombed and machine gunned by our aircraft yesterday."

Young Pilots To Pacific

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Scores of budding Air Corps pilots are being sent to Hawaii and the Philippines, it was disclosed today, for duty with the rapidly expanding air fleet based in the Pacific.

The latest transfer orders published by the War department show that some 116 second lieutenants who have recently won their wings have been ordered to embark for the Pacific outpost in the next three weeks. The flyers are from Brooks and Kelly fields in Texas, and the advanced flying school at Stockton, Cal.

The number of these assignments was regarded as evidence that the air squadrons at Hawaii and the Philippines have been heavily reinforced in the last few months.

Connally Asks Action

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, declared today that the Senate defense investigating committee was ready to "put the skids" under any official responsible for not speeding up the nation's armament program.

Connally's assertion came during sharp questioning at a committee hearing of Stacy May, OPM statistical chief, who had testified that the production program ought to be speeded up.

May said he thought the Army, Navy, OPM and the country as a whole had "not taken the job seriously enough" in the past. There has been a realization of this, he said, and as a result Congress could look for more defense fund requests later.

May said he was convinced that there was a "tremendous" number

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Oil Shortage To Demand Adjustments

Washington, June 4.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes said today "all of us would have to make some kind of adjustment" to meet the prospective oil shortage when industry representatives have suggested might lead to gasless Sundays and less heat from oil burners.

"We face a set of hard facts," the Interior department chief declared in his first formal statement since President Roosevelt made him petroleum coordinator for defense, he added briefly.

"I am sure that American industry, as well as American citizens, can help to meet the situation. Conservation of petroleum products is certainly one way."

As another conservation measure, Ickes has recommended establishment of nationwide daylight saving time, and it was learned today that this probably will be recommended soon.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, thundershowers in mountains late this afternoon or tonight; slightly cooler in mountains.