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Germans Cross Berezina River

Coal Strike May Be Averted

Senators Sign Oath of Loyalty to Get Pay



Under a new appropriations act stipulating that none of the money in the bill shall go to pay the salary or wages of any person advocating overthrow of the government, United States Senators must sign an oath of loyalty before they can draw their pay. Ozo Thompson, senate financial clerk, is shown taking the affidavits of Senators Styles Bridges (center) of New Hampshire and Chandler Gurney of South Dakota.

13 TAR HEELS KILLED

RAF Raids Intensified

Mighty Force of Bombers Slashes Back Across Channel, Replacing Night Shift.

London, July 5.—(AP)—A mighty force of RAF bombers, perhaps the biggest yet in daylight, slashed back across the channel over northern France today in another big raid in the almost month-long chain of British day and night air blows against Germany.

The day shift took up where the night bombers left off after battering Nazi targets from the industrial Rhineland to the Atlantic refuge ports harboring one of Germany's biggest war ship and U-boat fleets.

The drone of planes over the channel was heard continuously for a half-hour and shore observers speculated that the RAF was continuously increasing its flights of bombers and fighter escorts.

One big formation of fighter-escorted bombers entered from a direction west of Boulogne after heavy explosions, apparently some distance inland had been heard two within an hour from the French side.

DOCTOR CONVICTED IN DEATH OF WIFE

Bath, Me., July 5.—(AP)—Dr. Merrill E. Joss, 34, Richmond physician convicted of manslaughter in the slaying of his wife, Dr. Laverne Harris Joss, 33, was sentenced today to 10 to 20 years imprisonment.

Permitted to address the court Dr. Joss reiterated his innocence. Later the court was told that he did not want to prosecute an appeal to the Maine supreme court.

FDR Back In Capital

President Believed Ready to Act on Russian Requests for Aid Against Nazis.

Washington, July 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned to Washington today from his Hyde Park home to muster more weapons against a "dictator combination" in which he saw a definite menace to the freedom Americans hold dear.

He arrived in the capital about 8.30 a. m.

There were signs that he was ready to act on Russian requests

Oumansky Kept Busy

Soviet Ambassador Holds Critical Position With Russia and Germany at War.

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press-Columist

Washington, July 5.—As Moscow's ambassador, Constantine Oumansky, for the time being is about the most copiously consulted foreign diplomat in Washington. If Russia frazzles out pretty fast, in its fight with Germany, its representative here will be deflated correspondingly in his rating as a personality of informative interest and importance. Just now, however, he's kept busier than a bird-fog between combats at the State department, which he visits every day, press conferences at his embassy, and presumably with exchanges of questions and answers between himself and the Kremlin.

Though polite to newspapermen, and quite well liked by 'em, he doesn't say much for publication. The impression is, though, that he hasn't yet a great deal to tell. If Russia unexpectedly had hopped on Germany, in all probability he'd have been posted concerning the plan in advance and in a position to hand out some statements in short order. The surprise, however, having been the other way about, Constantine doubtless was taken as completely unprepared as anyone, and still is so furiously quizzed upon. It's understood he's as communicative to the State department as he knows how to be. He wants, of course, a good American press and all the help Russia can get from Uncle Sam.

Constantine really is a fairly competent diplomat. He has had a hard row to hoe in Washington, due to Yankee hostility to communism, but he obviously aims to make the most of our expressions of qualified sympathy with the Soviet regime in today's situation—not that we endorse it any more than we did before, but that we hope it will make the best possible stand against the nazis, indirectly to the democracies' advantage. Constantine understands all that.

Journalists Help Out.

Some of the overseas embassies, by the way, get some pretty efficient press cooperation from their various newspapers and news agencies' correspondents in Washington.

In this classification I don't mean to include Germany's Transocean

Only Minor Differences Now Remain

Union and Mine Operators Leaders Say There May be No Strike Tuesday; Negotiations Carried on in Other Strikes.

(By The Associated Press)

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The comparatively minor details of contract wording—the operators already have agreed to an abandonment of the old 40 cent daily wage differential with the north—appeared to be the only hurdle.

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Members of the dairy farmers union in New York, Vermont and Pennsylvania, who seek higher prices for milk shipped to New York city, sent representatives of 23,000 producers to confer with Owen D. Young, retired industrialist who was a farm in New York. They hope to bring about a rise in the milk price.

Eight Die On Highways

Fourth of July Week-End Accident Toll Mounts; Two Drownings Are Reported.

Charlotte, July 5.—(AP)—At least 13 North Carolinians had lost their lives during the Fourth of July period up until noon today.

Eight highway fatalities were reported.

There also were two drownings and one death by fire. Two persons were killed by trains.

Charles Marshburn, II, of Greensboro was killed and three others injured when two automobiles crashed together on a telephone pole.

Boyd Huffines, 20, of Gibsonville, was drowned at Wrightsville Beach. He was going to the rescue of his brother, Alvin, who later was pulled from the water by other bathers.

Leander Matthews, 60, of near Virginia, was fatally injured in an automobile collision near Raleigh.

A bokeky track ran over Mrs. Jane Watt, 34, at Tabor city, killing her.

An automobile-bicycle collision near Charlotte cost the life of Avery

NEW YORK FIREMAN KILLED IN BLAZE

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Daily Herald: "Three great figures lead mankind in the struggle to defend human freedom, Churchill, Stalin and Roosevelt. We can only hope the President's repeated warnings will speedily convince those Americans who still hope for safety from isolation."

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BRITISH ISOLATE SECTOR OF SYRIA

Viehy, July 5.—(AP)—British troops were reported today to have reached the Syrian-Turkish frontier in a push along the railroad from Mosul, cutting off the northeast corner of Syria.

Military dispatches to Viehy said the drive reached the frontier at Konechth, but that the border town itself had not fallen.

French military circles, considering the weight and force of the thrust into the northeast from Iraq, believed it designed as an eventual pincer movement in conjunction with the attack from the south.

The object of the drive would be to cut Syria off from Turkey.

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Reds Report German Force Driven Back

Moscow, July 5.—(AP)—The Red Army reported today that it had beaten back continuous night and day German attempts to force the Berezina and Dniestr rivers, piling high the banks and filling the waters of both strategic barriers with the bodies of the unsuccessful invaders.

(The Dniestr parallels the historic Berezina, running north and south approximately 40 miles east of the Berezina. The Soviet claim of frustrating German attempts to force both rivers was puzzling, since the Germans could not have reached the Dniestr without first crossing the Berezina.)

British Press Cheers Speech

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Pioneering for Defense



Eleanor Sense, dietetic expert, pictured at the window of a mobile kitchen in New York, hands a diploma to Sidney Laune, one of a class of 67 women who have completed the country's first defense course in the operation of kitchens-on-wheels.

Holiday Death Toll Mounting To Record

Singer Honored



Grace Moore
Songstress Grace Moore wears the Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle, highest decoration bestowed by that republic. The medal was given to her in New York in appreciation of her recent good-will tour south of the border. The presentation was made by Mexican Consul General Rafael de la Colina.

Britain Will Buy Cotton

Agriculture Department Notified of Intention to Take 20,000 Bales Monthly.

Washington, July 5.—(AP)—A sign of improvement in Britain's shipping situation was seen here today in a British notice to the Department of Agriculture that it expects to take a least 20,000 bales of cotton a month under the lend-lease act.

For months Britain's cramped foreign shipping space, has not bought cotton in this country and has restricted agricultural purchases to highly concentrated goods such as evaporated milk, cheese and dried eggs. Her announcement this week that she was prepared to take a minimum of 20,000 bales of cotton monthly came as a surprise to agricultural officials who had given up hope of disposing of any of the American staple soon to the United Kingdom.

Britain's ability to transport that amount of cotton, observers said, could result only from shipping aid extended by the United States.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Light rain in northeast and scattered thundershowers in south and west portions tonight and Sunday, slightly cooler east and central portions.

Automobile Accidents Bring Death to At Least 151 Pleasure Seekers 23 More Than Total Fatalities Last Fourth.

(By The Associated Press)

A rising holiday traffic toll was reported across the nation today, with automobiles bringing death to at least 151 pleasure seekers—or 23 more than the total fatalities from all causes on last year's Fourth of July.

Drownings, airplane crashes, shootings and other violent forms of death took an additional 82 lives, bringing the total fatalities to 233, as reported by 8 a. m. today.

In previous years, the National Safety Council estimated at 85 the normal average number of traffic deaths for a Friday in July.

Although an all-day rain curtailed holiday travel in most of the east, Pennsylvania led the nation in traffic deaths with 18 California led in total fatalities with 23.

Last year's low record of only two deaths from drownings was reported, one such fatality occurring in Missouri and another in Indiana, where a pyrotechnical expert was killed at an authorized fireworks display.

Deaths by states: Alabama 4, Arizona 1, Arkansas 4, California 23, Colorado 1, Connecticut 2, Florida 5, Georgia 6, Illinois 18, Indiana 4, Iowa 5, Kansas 2, Kentucky 3, Louisiana 3, Maine 1, Maryland 2, Massachusetts 6, Michigan 9, Minnesota 6, Mississippi 3, Missouri 4, New Jersey 2, New Mexico 4, New York 26, North Carolina 16, Ohio 22, Oklahoma 2, Oregon 7, Pennsylvania 18, South Carolina 1, Tennessee 1, Texas 4, Utah 1, Virginia 4, Washington 11, West Virginia 5, Wisconsin 6.

TAR HEEL SOLDIER KILLED IN FLORIDA

Tallahassee, Fla., July 5.—(AP)—Joseph H. Creech, 24, Whiteville, N. C., soldier attached to the Army base here, was killed today on trucks of the Seaboard railroad near Tallahassee.

World War Monument Hit

Berlin, July 5.—(AP)—British air raiders destroyed the 100-foot high Canadian World War monument at Brest in attacks last night on that Nazi-occupied French port, the high command said today.

The Germans said weak units of the RAF also bombed western Germany, but failed to cause extensive damage. Altogether, they said, six British planes were downed during the night.

The port of Plymouth and the industrial midlands were said to have been the principal night targets of the attack. A 3,000-ton merchant vessel was reported sunk in Bristol channel on the English west coast.

Nazis Reach Stalin Line

Berlin, July 5.—(AP)—The German army came into actual contact with Russia's Stalin Line today, reaching the Dniestr river at Orsha, 120 miles east of Minsk, authorized sources reported tonight.

In the Minsk area itself, as at many other points in the rear of the German advance, fighting apparently still raged uninterrupted far behind the rear lines. The high command communique spoke of encircled troops there.

Capture of Minsk has not been claimed officially.

Reds Claim Nazi Losses Of 750,000

German Announcement of Advance Into Russia Would Mean Their Forces Are Within 300 Miles of Moscow.

(By The Associated Press)

A German invasion force, at last smashing into the Stalin Line, has crossed the bloody Berezina river and reached the banks of the Dniestr in its two-weeks old drive toward Moscow, the German high command reported today.

This flat announcement was made in the face of Russian claims that the Berezina river sector had been turned into a watery death-trap for thousands of Germans and meant, if true, that the Germans were about 300 miles from Moscow, having traversed more than 300 miles of Russian territory, counting the Polish buffer zone.

Russian claims were highlighted by a declaration that the drive thus far had cost the Germans nearly 750,000 losses in dead, wounded and prisoners—a smashing of the elite divisions of the German army.

The Red Army declared its stand along the Berezina and Dniestr waterways had rolled back terrific German assaults, with Germans caught in a destructive hail of artillery and machine gun fire in the very waters, there to be carried, wounded or dying, downstream.

This, to credit the Russian report, was the modern counterpart of the rout of Napoleon—with variations. Napoleon's grand army was cut to pieces in the bloody Berezina in its 1812 flight from Moscow. Now, the Germans are meeting fierce resistance there on the way to Moscow.

Not far east of the Berezina and the waterway system to the north, which includes the Dniestr, lies the Stalin Line—the Red Army's principal fortification.

By the German version, panzer columns which flanked France's Maginot line were rolling toward it for their major test against the might of the Soviet Union.

The Germans claimed to have crossed the Latvian frontier of old Russia after a march through Lithuania and Latvia. Two of the Baltic states Russia had absorbed as a buffer zone. The Russians have acknowledged a recitation of their lines in the Latvian border region.

A Russian communique declared the Germans had been unable to cross the Berezina despite three days of intensive assault, but acknow-

58 Persons Serve Time in Jail For The Past Month

Fifty-eight persons were held in the Vance county jail at one time or another during the month of June, according to the monthly report made public today by Sheriff L. L. Swanson. They did a total of 439 jail days, or an average of about nine days each.

At the end of the month nine persons were in jail serving time or awaiting trial, the report showed.

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