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Border Belt Leaf Markets Open

Meets Death On Power Line Pole



Pictured here is part of the double tragedy that occurred on Orange street late Monday afternoon when two men of a Carolina Power & Light Company line crew were electrocuted. The man at the top of the pole is James Walter Gaddy. The man below is O. B. McDaniel, line crew foreman, suspended by a belt before he fell fifteen feet to the pavement below when firemen cut his belt to remove him. Gaddy apparently was dead when lifted from the top of the pole. McDaniel suffered a dislocated right arm in the fall, after being shocked severely when he attempted to rescue Gaddy. The fireman below McDaniel is W. W. Langston. On the other side of the pole, with only his hat visible to the left, is J. M. Willis Hayes, assistant fire chief. Gaddy was 38. Bruce Clyde Jordan, was electrocuted on another pole nearby.

Knox Confers On Shipyard Strike

President of Kearny, N. J., Plant Had Offered to Turn Strike-Bound Plant Over to Government for Operation

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Navy Secretary Knox and L. H. Corndorff, president of the Federal Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, conferred for more than an hour today over its strike bound Kearny, N. J., yard to the Navy, then adjourned their discussion to a later hour.

Other than a brief announcement by Corndorff that the conference would be resumed at 3 p. m. there was no disclosure regarding the meeting.

The tall shipyard executive declined to say whether the Navy intended to accept his offer, made yesterday, and thus restore work on \$493,000,000 of defense shipbuilding contract.

Sidney Hillman, associate director general of the office of production management, participated in the conference for a time, but left ahead of Corndorff.

Knox withheld any hint of his attitude toward the company's offer

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Border War Breaks Out

(By The Associated Press.) Fighting between frontier forces of Ecuador and Peru began anew during the week-end, each government blaming the other for the outbreak. The Peruvian foreign office issued a communique last midnight saying Ecuadorian forces staged a number of surprise attacks along the Napo river, but that each was repulsed. The communique said clashes occurred throughout yesterday.

Ecuador's secretary general said at Quito last night that Peruvian

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Considerable cloudiness, scattered thundershowers tonight and Wednesday; not quite so warm Wednesday and over extreme north portion tonight.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. August 12 to 7:30 p. m. August 16—South Atlantic states: Temperatures generally above normal except near normal in North Carolina. Scattered thundershowers mixed for the period.

Nazis Say Odessa Is Doomed

Russians Attempting To Escape

German Troops Reported Storming Down Both Sides of Bug River; Troop-Laden Russian Transport Sunk off Ukraine Coast

(By The Associated Press.) German military dispatches pictured Russia's big Black sea port of Odessa as doomed to quick surrender today, with Nazi troops storming down both sides of the Bug river and Red army forces desperately attempting to escape by sea.

DNB, the official German news agency, reported, German bombers already had sunk six troop-laden Russian transports off the Ukraine coast near Odessa.

The Germans declared inland avenues of escape from both Odessa and Ochakov, further east, had been virtually cut off.

Battle maps issued in Berlin showed the Nazi push forming a huge bulge deep into the southern Ukraine, below Kiev, and Nazi front line dispatches asserted German troops also were closing in on the Ukraine capital.

Violent aerial battles were reported raging over the blood-drenched fields as Soviet warplanes smashed at Germany's infantry and motorized forces and Nazi pursuit planes attempted to fight them off.

All major arteries behind the Soviet lines in the southern Ukraine were reported jammed with retreating Red army troops, under flailing attacks by German warplanes. The Germans said rail traffic was disrupted, with seven trains derailed or damaged in a single sector.

The Russians made no mention of Odessa. They declared the Red army still holding firm in the Smolensk salient, as fighting there went into its 25th day, and in the Bel Tserkov sector 50 miles south of Kiev.

A Moscow communique said the Red army was putting up a stubborn fight against strong German drives on the north and south flanks—the Soltsi sector 120 miles south of Leningrad, and the Uman area midway between Kiev and Odessa.

The Germans acknowledged a new Russian road on Berlin last night but said only two planes reached the general region of the capital.

The Russians said fires were started

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Broader Tax Base Seen

Chairman George Says Senate Committee Will Vote to Lower Exemptions

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Chairman George, Democrat, Georgia, of the Senate finance committee, voiced the opinion today that the committee would vote to reduce personal income tax exemptions to \$750 for single persons and \$1,500 for married couples, as recommended by the Treasury.

Present exemptions allow \$800 for single person and \$2,000 for those who are married.

George also said that he expected "some readjustment of personal income tax rates" to be made by the committee before it finishes its work on the new \$3,236,000,000 tax program already approved by the House.

As the committee convened to hear a new group of witnesses testify on specific sections of the measure, Senator Nye, Republican, North Dakota, suggested that the present ten per cent defense tax be matched by a 15 per cent lease-lend supertax to help meet the cost of British aid.

Far East Crisis Believed Heading Toward Explosion

(By The Associated Press.) In the Far East crisis, a series of swift-breaking developments indicated that events were moving inexorably nearer the explosion point.

1. In London, authoritative quarters declared that "if Japan wants war in the Pacific, there will be war, if she wants peace there will be peace."
2. In Tokyo, the militarist newspaper Kokumin said the United States and Great Britain had been warned that any further anti-Japanese pressure would bring about "nothing but the worst situation" and that Japan was bent on pushing ahead with her new order in east Asia.
3. In Melbourne, Australia's Prime Minister Robert G. Menzies called his war cabinet into a secret extraordinary session.

and Opposition Leader J. H. Curtin commented solemnly: "The time has come when Australia asks loyal and devoted service from her sons. I put it as plainly as I can to every Australian that the safety of this country is at stake."

4. In Washington, Senator George, Democrat, Georgia, ranking member of the Senate foreign relations committee, said "it definitely is in the range of possibility that the United States might break off all commercial relations with Japan."
5. In Shanghai, the Japanese army spokesman, Lieutenant Colonel Kunio Akiyama, declared his government was gravely concerned over the possibility that Russia's big Pacific port of Vladivostok might become "America's first line of defense against Japan."

Darlan Is Minister Of National Defense

Darlan Given All Military Authority

Vichy, Aug. 12.—(AP)—All military powers of unoccupied France are concentrated in the hands of Vice Premier Admiral Jean Darlan in a decree drafted for publication today, it was learned, and Chief of State Marshal Petain will address the nation this evening explaining the step.

Petaim, it was said, will broadcast that the new measure is to increase the unity of the French nation about the person of the chief of state.

His announcement, it was said, is considered of such great importance that it will be rebroadcast two hours later.

Money Bill Sharply Cut

Senate Appropriations Committee Lops Over Billion From Defense Measure

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Senate appropriations committee cut \$1,234,911,530 off a defense money bill today, leaving a total of \$5,828,326,948 in cash and \$1,000,000,000 in contract authority for the Army, Navy, maritime commission and other agencies.

As passed by the House the bill carried \$7,100,878,256 in cash and \$1,000,000,000 in contract authority. Describing the cut as unprecedented in its amount, Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado, said the committee members voted unanimously to eliminate a House-approved fund of \$1,347,053,550 for Army ordnance.

This fund would have provided for the purchase of tanks, anti-aircraft guns, anti-tank guns and other equipment for mechanized forces in addition to the potential 3,000,000-man army for which the War department now is buying essential equipment.

Anti-British Vice Premier of France Holds All Military Powers Under Reorganization of French Cabinet

Vichy, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Vice Admiral Jean Darlan was named minister of national defense today in a reorganization of the French cabinet which concentrated all military powers in his hand.

Darlan, who on June 10 called for "loyal" collaboration with Germany and who has publicly attacked Britain's war role since "the fall" of France, was placed in charge of the following by today's decree:

Admiral Darlan on June 10 told the French people in a speech that France must choose to ally with Germany or perish and said strongly that France must be a wholehearted and loyal collaborator to merit a favorable peace settlement and a secure place in the "new Europe" which the Nazis had promised.

The admiral's anti-British sentiments became open and bitter after the British fleet attacked French naval units off North Africa last year to make certain they did not fall into German hands. Of the activities of the British navy he has used such terms as "piracy."

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Stewart Asks: How Will U. S. Regard Stalin If Axis Loses?

Washington, Aug. 12.—Suppose Russia continues to put up a fairly effective fight against the Nazis—perhaps retreating more or less but still keeping Herr Hitler's forces too fully occupied on their eastern front to strike out furiously in any other direction?

And suppose the Axis is finally licked, thanks, in considerable part to this Muscovite distraction?

What, then, is going to be our subsequent feeling toward Joe Stalin?

He's pre-eminently representative of communism. It's only a matter of weeks since we considered him one, at least, of the bloodiest tyrants in



Josef Stalin.

Thomason Says Russia Can't Stand

Texas Representative Urges Extension of Army Service as National Defense Measure Against German Aggression

Washington, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Representative Thomason, Democrat, Texas, called on the House today to extend the service of the nation's citizen soldiers because, he said, on the basis of expert military opinion Adolf Hitler is "going to take Russia" and then England will be "next on the list."

"Brave old England," Thomason said amid applause, "I hope she stands but there's not a man on this floor who doesn't know if she falls who will be next on Hitler's list."

Germany has 280 seasoned divisions in the field with 40 more in training, which will be ready for service this fall, he said, adding: "Our army has 33 divisions and untrained."

While explaining he could not reveal information that had been given to the military committee in executive session, Thomason

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RAF Raids Are Resumed

Heavy Bombing Assaults Made on Cologne and on German-Occupied French Coast

London, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The RAF bombed Cologne in an audacious daylight raid today and sent a great air armada out to attack the coast of German-occupied France on a non-stop foray which sharply renewed Britain's large scale air offensives against the Reich.

The raid on the ancient Rhine-land metropolis was described by the British Press Association as possibly the heaviest daylight attack yet made on Germany. The assault on the French coast was carried out in such force that observers on the English coast gave up trying to count the number of planes.

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The quality of the attack was described as high.

In Darmstadt, where around 300,000 pounds were on the floors, the prices ranged from 6 to 36 cents. Prices during the last hour's sale

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Growers Are Pleased With Prices

Opening Day Sales Brisk, With Top Prices as High as 50 Cents a Pound; Offerings Heavy on 16 Border Belt Markets

Florence, S. C., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Auction markets of the Carolina blue-cured border belt swung into action today and opening prices were reported unofficially ranging from 22 to 30 cents a pound.

The nine South Carolina markets in the belt averaged about 15 cents last season while the seven North Carolina markets last year averaged 16.14 cents. The Georgia-Florida markets, first to open in the country, averaged 23.06 cents last week.

First reports said farmers generally appeared pleased with prices and a number of points reported not a single grower dissatisfied with the prices paid.

The Taber, S. C., market opened with brisk bidding and good prices for domestic types with the export companies having little. The first 2,500 pounds sold there brought an average of 22.6 cents. Prices ranged from 4 to 33 cents. There was a considerable quantity of good smoking tobacco in the 20-30 cents range, but much common leaf in the 6 to 10 cents class. There was an unusual scarcity of middle grades in the "teens" price class at Taber City.

At Whitesville, N. C., the average paid for the better than expected quality offerings on the first 20 rows was 26.85 cents. The prices there ranged from 4 to 37 cents and more than one million pounds were on the floor.

Sales Supervisor Lawson Jordon of Millins, largest market in the belt, reported that the 31,638 pounds sold during the first 20 minutes of auctioning there brought an average of 26.46 cents.

The top price paid, Lawson said, was 30 cents for extra good quality leaf. A total of 1,800,000 pounds was offered at Millins.

At Conway, where 750,000 pounds were offered, the average price paid during the first five minutes of the auctioning was 27.8 cents. All Conway offerings were full with good quality and the prices ran as high as 45 cents.

At Lenoirville, Sales Supervisor J. F. Hawkins said the offerings were of good quality domestic smoking type and indicated that the first day's average would be around 28 cents.

The first hour on the Loris market saw 25,000 pounds sold for an average of 27.70 cents. Offerings were top in quality but light in weight. With 450,000 pounds on the floor, the market was blocked.

At King-tree, prices for the first two rows ran from 2 to 37 cents and the indicated average was 25 cents. The medium to good quality offerings totaled 175,000 pounds.

The first row of the 300,000 to 400,000 pounds offered at Pamlico brought prices which averaged from 30 to 30.5 cents and was described as high.

The quality of the sale was described as high.

In Darlington, where around 300,000 pounds were on the floors, the prices ranged from 6 to 36 cents. Prices during the last hour's sale

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Jap Troops To Indo-China

Manila, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Japanese high command is planning to place a total of 180,000 troops in French Indo-China, the majority of them in West Cambodia adjoining the border of Thailand, it was learned on good authority tonight.

The Japanese will enter Thailand, foreign observers believed, as soon as they are organized and prepared to meet the British troops now stationed along the border between Thailand and British Burma and Malaya.

The Japanese now are in complete control of Indo-China. The Indo-China government has been stripped of its administrative powers.

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