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DIVE BOMBERS REACH OBJECTIVE IN MANEUVERS



A squadron of Navy dive bombers over the W. Lee river bridge near Camden, S. C., on a raid against First Army Blue troops holding the area in g. tactic war man. over in sections of the Carolinas.

Japanese 'Prepared'

Words Taken As Warning

Japanese Diet is Told Army and Navy is Ready to Meet 'Any Change' in Situation.

(By The Associated Press.) Japan's Premier Tojo declared today that "the Japanese army is prepared for any eventuality" amid sharply strained relations with both the United States and Russia.

Simultaneously, Navy Minister Admiral Shimada told the Tokyo diet that "the navy has completed all preparations to meet any change in the situation."

The main warnings that Japan is charging her decks for possible action came as all eyes turned to Washington for the outcome of discussions by Japan's special "peace or war" envoy, Saburo Kuroki, with President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull.

On the record both statements were in direct reply to a question raised in the Japanese parliament regarding the presence of Russian landing forces in the Sea of Japan. The implication was unmistakable but they were directed to the United States as well as Russia.

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School Burns At Kinston

Kinston, Nov. 18.—(AP)—The Richard Lewis primary school here was destroyed by fire today.

Approximately 600 children were in the school at the time. They escaped out in part of fire drill order and no one was injured, although the blaze had completely engulfed the building within ten minutes after being discovered. The pupils and teachers lost their personal belongings.

It was estimated unofficially that \$100,000 would be required to replace the old building. The fire was believed to have originated near the furnace.

Guerilla Band Successfully Resists Army
With the Army in the Field, Nov. 18.—(AP)—A thousand soldiers hidden on a brable covered hill for three days are carrying on a successful guerilla campaign in the Carolinas maneuvers.

So bothersome have been the activities of the band that Colonel R. F. Perry, supply officer of the second armored division, disgustedly called them "ogres" and the "spider-bettles" today.

He likened their tactics to darting from a strong web in a protected spot.

Nomura Optimistic

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Japanese Ambassador Nomura voiced optimism today over chances of settlement of Japanese-American difficulties.

Arriving at the State department with Japan's special emissary, Saburo Kuroki, for a conference with secretary of State Cordell Hull, Nomura asked waiting reporters: "Why are the newspapers here all so gloomy? We are very hopeful."

With a smile the ambassador added: "You Americans are always in a fighting mood. Why are you so war minded?"

When a reporter suggested that the newspapers in Tokyo today did not sound exactly peace minded, Nomura laughed.

JP System Denounced

Raleigh, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Two Rockingham attorneys asserted the application of the Japanese system of justice to the United States as well as Russia.

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One of the two, Thomas L. Parsons, said the initials "J.P." had come to mean "judgment for the plaintiff."

The argument advanced by Parsons and his associate, George S. Steele, Jr., was that since justices of the peace received fees for conviction of the justices were prejudiced against defendants.

"Both the state and federal constitutions guarantee a defendant the right to be tried before a fair tribunal. Under the justice of the peace law as applied in Richmond county a magistrate receives \$2 for convictions and gets nothing for an acquittal."

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Daniels In Capital
Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Joseph Daniels, retiring ambassador to Mexico, brought to President Roosevelt today a personal message from Avilo Comacho of Mexico and told reporters later that the outlook was improved for a settlement of the Mexican oil controversy.

Daniels did not disclose the content of Comacho's note. Nor would he go into details on the possibility of an early adjustment of the oil situation, referring inquirers to Secretary of State Hull.

He did say, however, that any settlement would be "just" to American oil companies.

He said he thought the Mexican government also wanted to see a fair settlement and the people of that country were "very desirous" that a settlement be made.

Daniels has submitted his resignation which will be effective about January 1. He said he did not know who might succeed him.

Yugoslavs Fight Back

Virtual Civil War Now Exists in Some Areas of Axis-Disembled Country.

Zagreb, Croatia, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Information reaching here from throughout Axis-Disembled Yugoslavia indicates a situation charged with distrust, unrest, terrorism and even in some areas virtual civil war.

These reports are necessarily fragmentary because of poor communications and military control, but they add up to a picture of turbulence.

Well equipped soldiers of the puppet Serb government, supported by German occupation forces are described as engaged in "desperate fighting" with remnants of Yugoslavia's armies, rebellious Chetnik guerrilla units and what are described as "communist bands."

Even in nominally independent Croatia armored trains patrol, in railways in a light against sabotage. In the Black mountains of Italian-occupied Montenegro, villages have been bombed and burned where an antagonistic Montenegrins have resided.

A spokesman in London for the Yugoslav government in exile declared that despite mass executions of 350,000 Yugoslavs, countless mountain warriors waged by 20,000 guerrillas had wrested most of Serbia from the axis.

Field Marshal Milan Nedlic, the Serb premier, himself has appealed for a halt to the fighting, warning recently that full fledged civil war was developing.

He named seven towns which already had been held in ashes as a result of the fighting.

CHURCHILL SAYS BRITISH-RUSSIAN RELATIONS CLOSE
London, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill told the house of commons today that cooperation between Great Britain and Soviet Russia is as close as "geographical and other considerations allow."

He made the statement in answer to a query from a laborite member as to whether Britain and Russian relations were as close as those which existed between France and Britain when they were allies.

House members urged the government to adopt drastic labor conscription measures during the session in which Churchill and cabinet members parried a wide variety of questions on domestic problems.

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Disorders Occur At Struck Mines

Nazis Flee In Underclothes

Reds Report German Rout In Tula Area

Surprised Germans 'Ran and Ran and Ran,' Tass Declares; Further Successes Are Claimed on Leningrad Defense Front.

(By The Associated Press.) Official Soviet broadcasts reported today the Germans had been thrown back eight miles by Red army counter attacks at Tula, 100 miles south of Moscow, and that the surprised nazis "ran and ran and ran" through the bitter cold in their underwear in a "panic stricken rout."

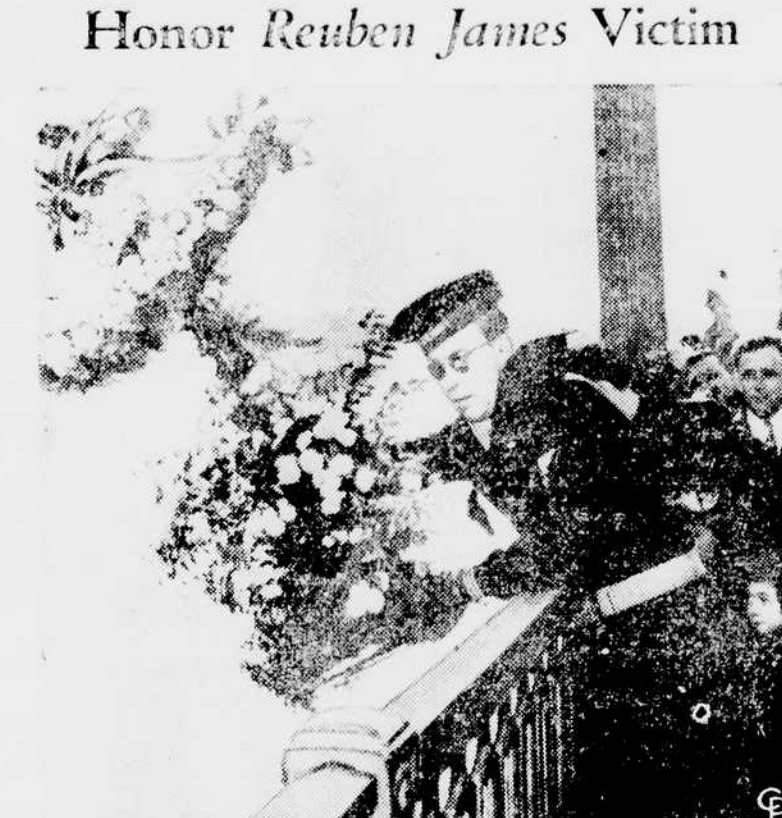
On the Leningrad front, the Russians claimed further successes against nazis 2000 troops around the old czarist capital. The Russian declared Soviet troops had captured positions held by the Germans for two months and that they were still advancing along the left bank of the river "N"—presumably the Neva river just outside Leningrad.

Tass, the Russian news agency, gave a graphic description of the nazis' rout at Tula.

Taken by surprise by a Soviet artillery bombardment at dawn, the nazis fled in a panic, leaving behind their heavy weapons as they fled "but in cowardly retreat with the fast-moving X's running down the ice to their feet in their underwear."

Berlin military spokesmen said German bombardments have forced the Russians to evacuate the southern part of Leningrad, but they did not claim that German troops had left their

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A sailor of the U. S. Navy throws a wreath into the waters of the Detroit River, from the Belle Isle Bridge, in memory of the late Joseph C. Polizzi of Detroit, crew-member of the U. S. destroyer Reuben James, which was sunk by a torpedo. Polizzi's mother witnessed ceremony.

FDR Calls Upon CIO To Cooperate

American Minister Held In Rome

Rome, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Rev. Hiram Gruber, pastor of Elmira, N. Y., member of St. Paul's American Protestant Episcopal church in Rome, was arrested today and held incommunicado for questioning by police.

The United States embassy was given to understand in responsible quarters that Gruber was held for investigation on suspicion of intelligence activities pending formal charges.

The arrest of Rev. Gruber, who had been in Rome since 1936, was the first of several arrests of clergymen in Italy since the German occupation of the country.

German Ace Is Killed
Colonel General Ernst Udet Killed in Accident While Testing 'New Weapon.'

Berlin, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Colonel General Ernst Udet, 45, German flying ace of World War and quartermaster general of the nazis, was killed in an accident yesterday while testing a new weapon, it was announced today.

The official announcement said Udet was hurt severely but he died before he reached a hospital.

Adolf Hitler, who had named German pursuit squadron No. 3 for him in recognition of his achievements, ordered a state funeral in his honor.

On Ernst Udet probably more than any other man connected with the

Roosevelt Is Believed Near Action

Two Men Shot at Mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania; In Effort to Halt Rail Strike, White House Meet is Called.

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Disorders including the shooting of two men broke out at strike-affected captive coal mines in West Virginia and Pennsylvania today as President Roosevelt was reported ready to exert the full powers of the government to get production resumed.

The United Mine Workers yesterday called off its membership in the captive mines owned by steel companies which use the coal. About 33,000 miners in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee and Illinois work in captive mines and United Mine Workers claim 95 per cent are members.

President Roosevelt has said the coal must be mined to keep vital steel mills in operation on armaments. There have been insistent demands on Capitol Hill for anti-strike legislation and persons closely in touch with the President said today he was convinced now was the time to stop interference with defense production.

The President moved in another field to avert a threatened strike of railroad employees by inviting leaders of both management and labor to a White House conference today.

In Alabama, Governor Frank Dixon ordered home guard units mobilized due to the situation created by the strike of 6,000 miners and a threatened strike in the Fairbank part of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company. About 200 men were moved into the Birmingham area, center of the Bituminous coal strike.

The first serious coal strike disorders was a fight at the morning ton mine of the U. S. Coal and Coke Company at Gary, W. Va., in which two Negroes were wounded. An official of an independent union opposing the United Mine Workers' walkout said UMW pickets tried 15 or 20 shots.

Twenty-seven member six mine at Gary, largest of six which operated yesterday.

"There was brief but bloodless fight at a U. S. steel mine in Fayetteville, Pa., where 100 picketers started through the pickets. The pickets dispersed after arrival of state police."

Rail Parley Breaks Up
Representatives of Railroads and Unions to See President Again Tomorrow.

Washington, Nov. 18.—(AP)—A White House conference called in the hope of averting a strike which would paralyze the nation's railroads broke up today with both rail executives and labor representatives declaring no conclusions were reached. They agreed they would see President Roosevelt again tomorrow.

While discussions will continue, Alvaney Johnston, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said that orders for a strike on December 7 still stand.

"Has there been any change in the situation?" he was asked.

"Not a bit," he declared emphatically.

John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroad, reported that "we just discussed this wage situation, reached no conclusion."

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday. Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. November 18 to 7:30 p. m. November 22—Temperature above normal first of period, cooler toward end of period; rains over most sections end of period.