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Tulips Still Bloom—In Carolina



Washington, N. C., has cancelled its tulip festival for the duration of the war but that doesn't keep the tulips at nearby Terra Ceia from blooming. Here little Wilhelm and Joseph Van Dorp inspect the tulips.

Johnson Confers With India's Chiefs

President Roosevelt's Special Minister Seeks Solution to Indian Problem; Congress Party Reply to Cripps Expected.

New Delhi, April 6.—(AP)—Louis Johnson, head of a special mission named by President Roosevelt, held exploratory conversations with India's native leaders in what was widely believed today to be a projection of United States influence in an effort to smooth the country's difficult political problem. Mindful of the importance of India's political problems if this country is to be converted into a military bulwark against the axis, Johnson conferred for two hours and a half yesterday with Pandit Nehru, past president of the powerful Congress party. (The all India radio announced that he also had a long talk today with Mahatma Abani Azad, Congress party president.) Johnson, a former assistant secretary of War who heads a mission to build up India's war industry potential and who in addition has been made a special minister to India, did not give to Nehru a letter which he had brought from President Roosevelt for some one of India's native leaders.

Neither the contents of the letter nor to whom it is addressed has been divulged.

Johnson's meetings were the first of a series he has planned in what was described as an effort to familiarize himself with India's problems and see what can be contributed toward a solution.

The Congress party working committee, which has conditionally rejected the proposals brought by Sir Stafford Cripps, met for two hours this morning. The exact text of the committee's resolution on the proposals still was not disclosed, but Azad said it might be published to-

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Writer Says Mandalay Heavily Hit

London, April 6.—(AP)—The Daily Sketch war correspondent in Burma wrote today that two-thirds of the center of Mandalay was destroyed by Japanese bombers Friday and that 2,000 to 3,000 persons were killed.

(There was no indication from official or other sources that the damage was severe.)

The correspondent added that 5,000 others were injured by the 35 bombers which swooped upon the city. He wrote that no alarm was sounded before the raid and that huge fires broke out swiftly.

"Cholera has been threatening for many weeks," he wrote. He said the waterworks was destroyed, making the threat of epidemic more grave. The electric system also was bombed out of commission, he said.

WAVELL AND NEHRU WOULD HAVE POSTS IN INDIAN REGIME

London, April 6.—(AP)—Appointment of General Sir Archibald P. Wavell as viceroy of India with the Hindu leader Pandit Nehru as defense minister was reported in informed circles here today to be one of the suggestions under consideration for settlement of the Indian question.

Assurances of the American government's interest in India's freedom and future are believed already to have been given to Indian leaders, although these are in no way guarantees.

Seven Dead In Accidents Of Week-End

Charlotte, April 6.—(AP)—Week-end traffic accidents cost at least four lives in North Carolina and the accidental death toll for the state was swelled by a triple drowning in Chatham county.

Victims of the drowning were Ralph Weaver, Jr., 31, Ben Rose Stroud, 35, and the latter's five-year-old son, Ben Hart Stroud, all of Chapel Hill. Two others with them swam ashore after their boat had capsized in Back Horn creek.

Automobile accidents in the southeastern part of the state were blamed for three fatalities and injuries to at least eleven persons.

Jean Coble, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Coble of Winnebago, and her brother, Billy Coble, were fatally injured in an automobile-truck collision last night two and half miles south of Jacksonville. The parents and another small daughter were hurt.

Five Wilmington residents were injured in an automobile wreck near Kure's Beach during a blackout Sunday morning.

Edward Marcus, a Wilmington shipyard worker, was killed and several companions were hurt when their automobile failed to take a curve three miles east of Whiteville and turned over six times early yesterday.

Eight-year-old Edwin L. Blalock of near Beaufort was fatally injured by a car.

4-H SHEEP PROJECT IN SEVEN COUNTIES

College Station, Raleigh, April 6.—A 4-H club sheep project has been set up in seven southeastern counties of the state, "to promote the development of the livestock industry and to encourage the expansion of organized 4-H club work," it was announced today by C. M. Brickhouse, district farm agent of the State college extension service. The counties are: Lenoir, Greene, Wayne, Crockett, Jones, Onslow and Duplin.

Despite Mounting Losses,

Japs Press India Drive

Big RAF Force Smashes At Nazis

300 Bombers Raid German Industries

Cologne and Paris Suburb Bear Brunt of Bombing; British Troops Reported in Raid on Nazi-Held Norway.

(By The Associated Press) The Germans, gathering their strength for the battle of Russia, were struck last night by one of the largest task forces ever marshalled by the RAF—more than 300 bombers—and it was reported concurrently that British troops, presumably Commandos, has assailed their Norwegian tank.

Cologne, a Rhineland center of German war industry, and an aerial engine works near Paris were the principal targets of the RAF night raiders with their 1,000 tons of explosives and incendiaries.

It was the 105th raid on Cologne. During an hour and a half in which German anti-aircraft batteries hurled fire and steel, the RAF smashed bombs into the Goethe-Rhone works at Gennepville, about three miles from the German-occupied French capital, which the British said had been turning out engine parts and other materials for the Germans.

The Germans declared that only slight damage was sustained in the Paris region and "some material damage" and casualties in "residential sections" of western Germany.

Stockholm heard that British troops raided the Narvik area of German-held Norway last Friday night, supported by planes. Explosions could be heard on the Swedish side of the frontier.

Last night's RAF force was believed to have included scores of mammoth four-motored Stirlings, each carrying eight tons of bombs. Out of this armada, it was said, only five planes were lost—"a very satisfactory" ratio.

Masses of German and allied soldiers are clashing with Soviet Russian troops today in the snow and mud of the long, thawing Russian battlefield in particularly heavy fighting apparently preliminary to Adolf Hitler's expected spring offensive.

The Russians declared that 102 German planes were shot down or destroyed on the ground Saturday and announced that the invaders lost 40,000 officers and men killed on the central front between March 23 and April 4.

The Moscow radio said German planes raided Leningrad Saturday night, the first big raid of Russia's second city in months. Bombs were said to have killed some persons in the city.

The German high command claimed-

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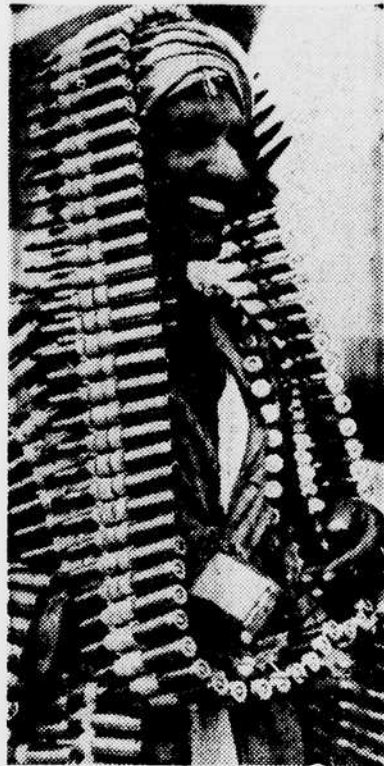
Dutch Sub Reaches U. S. From Java

A Pacific Port, April 6.—(AP)—A Netherlands submarine has reached this port after torpedoing a 14,000-ton Japanese tanker in a strong convoy in the Java sea and then slipping through a net of pursuing warships and aircraft despite considerable damage from depth charges.

A total of 67 depth charges exploded near the submarine, according to the story disclosed today by Aneta, Dutch news agency, and in addition there were numerous bomb attacks by Japanese aircraft.

Damaged fuel tanks leaked and the submarine left a trail of oil in her wake—but she managed nevertheless to slip from the Java sea through Sunda strait into the Indian ocean.

Dressed to Kill



Looking pleased with his costume of machine gun ammunition, a desert nomad stops his work for a moment to pose. He is carrying the belt over to be loaded into the guns of a Royal Air Force fighter plane somewhere in Libya. (Central Press)

Japs Carry War To India

Two Towns Between Madras and Calcutta Bombed by Carrier-Based Aircraft.

New Delhi, April 6.—(AP)—Japanese bombers carried the war to India proper today by raids on two coastal cities north of Madras, the British announced officially. The planes were based on an aircraft carrier, operating with a Japanese task force in the Bay of Bengal.

Nizampatnam, a town situated at the mouth of the Krishna river, was attacked twice. Coimbatore also was raided. It is on the coast north of Nizampatnam. Both lie between Madras and Calcutta.

The raids followed closely on an attack Sunday on Colombo, Ceylon, in which the British defenders shot down 27 planes and damaged 30 others. The British announcement said:

"In the morning of April 6 it became apparent that an enemy naval force including an aircraft carrier was operating in the Bay of Bengal. Several attacks have been made against merchant ships both by surface craft and aircraft.

"During the morning and again in the afternoon Nizampatnam harbor was bombed by a small number of aircraft causing slight damage to the harbor area.

"Coimbatore was also bombed although the casualties were slight."

40-CENT MINIMUM WAGE FOR TEXTILE WORKERS IS FIXED

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Minimum wages in the textile industry were fixed today by the Labor department at 40 cents an hour in an action the department said would mean direct wage increases for 150,000 workers beginning April 20.

The order, effective on that date, was signed by L. Metcalf Walling, wage and hour administrator, on recommendation of a committee that studied economic conditions in the industry. As defined in the order, the industry includes all textiles except knitted and woolen goods.

Total employment in the industry is approximately 750,000, but 600,000 already earn 40 cents or more per hour.

WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Little change in temperature tonight

Bataan Army Repulses Jap Attack

Hard Fighting American-Filipino Defenders of Peninsula Beat Off Heavy Assault; Landing Attempt Frustrated.

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—The War department announced today that American-Filipino forces in Bataan had repulsed another heavy attack on the right center of their line, and frustrated a new attempt by the Japanese to land troops on the coast of Bataan under cover of darkness.

An assault against the line yesterday was made with great force, a communiqué reported, with the support of tanks, artillery and dive bombers, but the defenders stopped it after hard fighting. The Japanese were unable to extend the slight gains they had made the day before the department said, and suffered heavy losses, including a dive bomber shot down by anti-aircraft artillery.

The landing attempt on east coast of Bataan was halted by light artillery fire from the American-Filipino beach defenses.

Corregidor was free of hostile air raids, but two Japanese dive bombers attacked Forts Frank and Drum, the island fortifications nearest the Cavite shore of Manila Bay, but without inflicting either damage or casualties, the communiqué reported.

Industry Would Work For Nothing

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Industry would be willing to forego wartime profits from the government in the great majority of cases provided it was assured protection against capital impairment, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board believes.

"I think the majority of industry, if all things were equal, willing to work for nothing for the government in this war period, provided there was no capital impairment during this time," Nelson told the Senate appropriations committee testimony made public today.

Questioned in connection with proposed profits legislation submitted to the Senate, Nelson urged that Army, Navy and maritime commission be given flexible authority to renegotiate production contracts on which they suspected excessive profits had been made.

Instead, the committee approved submission of an amendment to a pending \$19,212,000,000 military supply bill which would apply a sliding scale of limitations.

Nelson said he thought that most contractors desired to make only a reasonable profit, but wanted to be protected against capital losses when they entered a relatively new field of manufacturing munitions and other war supplies.

COMPLAINT

Philadelphia, April 6.—(AP)—A stockholder of the Curtis Publishing Company asked U. S. district court today to compel the Saturday Evening Post to abandon what he terms its "isolationist" policies and to cease publication of articles he said tended to stir up racial feeling.

BRITISH CARGO SHIP TORPEDOED BY SUB

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a medium sized British merchant vessel has been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast. No other information about the torpedoing was given out here.

Envoy to Spain



Carlton J. H. Hayes

A Columbia University professor and historian, Carlton J. H. Hayes, of New York, has been named U. S. ambassador to Spain. He succeeds Alexander W. Weddell, who was forced to retire from the diplomatic service because of ill health. (Central Press)

Canadian Army Set Up

Headquarters of Canadian First Army Set Up in England; Offensive Indicated.

Somewhere in England.—(AP)—Formation of a Canadian first army headquarters in the United Kingdom was announced today and its commander, Lieutenant General A. G. L. McNair, declared that it would provide a Canadian organization "competent to undertake the planning for eventual offensive operations on the continent."

"It will keep the closest liaison with the British operations set up for similar purposes," McNair said in a statement from the new headquarters which was opened this morning in southern England.

He said formation of the first Canadian army "is a clear recognition that the war can only be won by attack aimed at the heart of Germany."

Simultaneous Ottawa announcements of the setting up of headquarters for the largest scale army organization in Canada's military history said Acting Lieutenant General H. D. G. Crear had been named commander of one of the new army's two corps, and the commander of the other corps would be named later.

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Stock Trend Is Higher

New York, April 6.—(AP)—The stock market today took another small and timid step toward cancelling some of the March declines.

Improvement in trends materialized slowly after early hesitation. It followed more active bidding for steel, motors and certain of the blue chips. Gains running to a point or so were well spread over the list near the fourth hour. Transactions continued at a low level.

Cotton Prices Much Higher

New York, April 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 45 to 80 cents a bale higher. At noon values were 90 cents to \$1.05 a bale higher.

Defenders Beat Back Air Assault

British Destroy or Damage 57 of About 75 Attacking Planes; Australia Extends Emergency Regulations to Islands.

(By The Associated Press) In the face of a sharply rising price in planes and men, the Japanese reported today that they were pressing their assault on the approaches to India, particularly the Ceylon bulwark of southernmost India, where a continuing naval attack was indicated.

Imperial headquarters at Tokyo announced that naval units had been battering at Colombo, naval base-capital of the large British-owned island, since Saturday and had inflicted heavy damage.

It was possible that the announcement meant only an attack by carrier-based planes, which the British already had turned into a stinging defeat with 57 of about 75 attacking planes destroyed, probably destroyed or damaged.

Informed sources at London said they had no information that Colombo was under warship attack.

The German radio, ostensibly quoting an official Tokyo announcement, said also that Japanese troops had made a surprise landing at Akyab, a port of western Burma, within 100 miles of the Indian frontier, more than 1,000 miles across the great Bay of Bengal, northeast of Ceylon.

In all, Japan had lost at least 91 planes destroyed or damaged in week-end operations, including those of the Australian theatre.

Taking no chances on the supposition that the enemy had been stopped in his invasion plans for Australia and now was concentrating on gaining position to strike India, Australia extended emergency control regulations to Thursday Island and all islands in Torres Strait within 100 miles of the northeastern mainland.

Port Moresby, the New Guinea capital, was raided just before noon today, but the Japanese mustered only seven bombers for the lighter-scattered raid. No damage or casualties were reported.

On the Burma approach to India, Japanese patrols had pushed to Yungbunzeik, 35 miles north of Prome, on the western end of the British-Chinese defense line.

On the eastern wing of the defense line, the Japanese were reported to have launched a small attack on the Mawchi-Toungoo highway, following the Chinese withdrawal from Toungoo. An official Chinese resume

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Ship Sit Down Termed Mutiny By High Court

Washington, April 6.—(AP)—Sit down strikes on vessels docked in United States ports were outlawed by the Supreme Court today in a five-to-four decision which said that "a rebellion by seamen against their officers" on board a vessel anywhere within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States is to be punished as mutiny.

Justice Byrnes delivered the opinion which, through the court's application of the federal mutiny statute, set aside a labor board order directing the Southern Steamship Company of Philadelphia to reinstate seamen who went on strike July 18, 1938, aboard the vessel City of Fort Worth, at Houston, Tex.

Byrnes asserted that the reinstatement order could not be applied because the seamen, by engaging in the sit down strike, had violated the mutiny statute.