

New Naval Chief



ADMIRAL Sir John H. D. Cunningham, 58, has been appointed new commander in chief of British naval forces in the Mediterranean. He succeeds his cousin, Admiral Sir Andrew B. Cunningham, who was recently named First Sea Lord of Great Britain. (International)

FDR Hits at Mudslingers

CCC Will Not Reduce Tobacco Allotments

N. C. Group Is Given Assurance

Commodity Credit To Support Markets for Stabilizing Prices

Raleigh, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The North Carolina congressional delegation has been assured by the Commodity Credit Corporation that tobacco allotments to buyers will not be reduced and the corporation will support the markets to halt a recurrence of price declines. Governor Broughton said today.

The delegation reported it obtained the promise after conferring with officials of the CCC and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

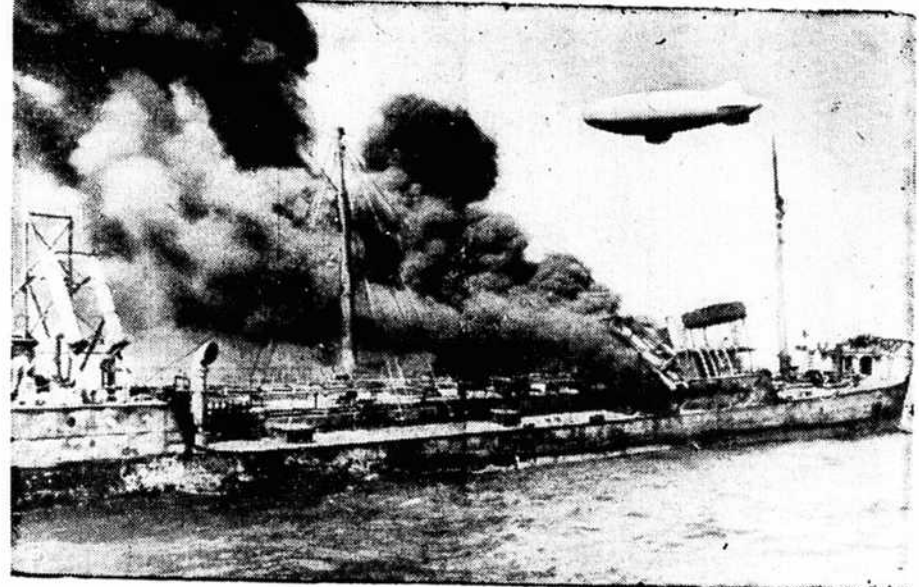
The War Food Administration, supervising tobacco sales, said Sunday that buyer allotments had not been curtailed. The statement was contrary to statements made by tobaccoists and warehousemen at a meeting here Saturday.

Governor Broughton said the Federal authorities explained the misunderstanding by saying they merely wrote to the buyers and pointed out the estimated yield was less than originally believed. This impression was left, the Governor said, that the buyers should decrease their purchases, which they did, mostly in inferior grades.

Governor Broughton reiterated, after a telephone conversation today with Governor Colgate W. Darden of Virginia, that the markets in the Eastern, Middle and Old Belts would be closed after today and for the remainder of the week. He will confer again with Gov. Darden on Thursday and determine further action, he said.

Following closely that the announcement that the markets would be closed, prices for lower grades jumped as much as seven cents a pound yesterday.

BLIMP KEEPS 'DEATH WATCH' OVER BURNING SHIP



A Navy blimp keeps vigil over the blazing hulk of the U. S. tanker, one of two that collided off the coast of Florida, setting off explosions and fires that took the lives of 88 men, including Navy gunners. The vessel had to be abandoned as a total loss. The other ship was towed to port. U. S. Navy Photo. (International Soundphoto.)

Says Draft Deferments Given Only 3.2 Percent

President Denies Government Is Haven For Slackers; Cites Figures on Issue

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Answering what he termed "mud slingers" who have been calling the government a haven for draft-dodgers and slackers, President Roosevelt said today that only 3.2 percent of the nearly 3,000,000 full-time civilian employees of the government had received occupational deferments.

Allies Gain 4 Miles On Road North

German Opposition Vanishes Overnight; Yugoslavia Bombed

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Allied armies in Italy have captured eight more towns in advances up to four to five miles, it was announced today, and German opposition on the Fifth Army front vanished as the Nazis apparently fell back to new positions.

The Post Office Department, the next largest employer, has 315,741 workers of whom only 61—all postal inspectors—have been deferred.

In all other government agencies, 13,992 men have been granted occupational deferments.

The total occupational deferments is 98,053.

In addition, there are 2,003 uniformed personnel in the war shipping administration, training organization and 14,050 cadets in the training organization's schools, who have been deferred, but the President said these men are not "really part of the civilian establishment of the government."

Mr. Roosevelt asserted that standards of deferment of government workers are stricter than in private industry. Unlike a government employee, a privately employed individual may request his own deferment even though his employer does not do so.

He said draft age men in the War and Navy Departments are being "released constantly" for military service and are being replaced in accordance with replacement schedules. "That is much better than the occupational deferments in private enterprise."

House Body Turns Down Tobacco Tax

Liquor Levy Raised But Gasoline "Take" Is Not Increased

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The House Ways and Means Committee voted today to boost the tax on liquor from \$6 per gallon to \$8, but rejected all proposals for any increases in tobacco or gasoline levies.

Committee members estimated that under the increased liquor tax, the total levy on a drink of 100 proof liquor, estimating 80 drinks to the gallon, would approximate 125 cents. The tax would be smaller on lower proof liquors.

The tax framing body also approved increases in taxes on other alcoholic beverages.

Postwar Bill Wording To Be Specific

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Critics of the Connally postwar policy resolution sought today to pin down strong interpretations of the language as a guide to the President in peace negotiations.

This appeared to be the strategy of the bloc of at least 13 senators facing overwhelming opposition to attempts at writing into the resolution a demand for use of military force against aggressors.

Senator Hatch (N. Mex., D.) told reporters he believed the group had made progress in narrowing the interpretations that might be placed on a portion of the resolution providing:

ARMY PROMOTIONS ARE MADE PUBLIC

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The War Department today announced some temporary promotions of officers, appointments of officers, and orders directing newly appointed officers to report for duty.

Included in promotions were: William Randolph Liles, CAC, 203 North Virginia Street, Goldsboro, N. C., from second to first lieutenant.

Labor Board Ruling For Miners Awaited

Washington, October 26 — (AP) — With more than 45,000 soft coal miners still on strike in eight states, a War Labor Board decision on a proposed wage contract was an immediate possibility today.

Jap Subs At Kiska Sunk In Evacuation

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Vice-Admiral Thomas C. Kinkaid, commander of the Aleutians area, disclosed today that "quite a few" Japanese submarines were sunk by American destroyers while the enemy evacuated its garrison on Kiska Island.

"We got quite a few and it was enough to make it hurt," he said at a press conference in which he outlined the long campaign that drove the Japanese from the Aleutians.

Kinkaid, Secretary of the Navy Knox explained, is in Washington prior to taking over new duties as commander of naval forces in the southwest Pacific succeeding Vice-Admiral Arthur S. Carpenter, who will become commander of the Ninth Naval district with headquarters at Great Lakes, Ill., succeeding Rear Admiral John R. Downes, who is retiring.

Kinkaid described how a destroyer force shut off Kiska and said, "We had some success in getting Japanese submarines. We hope some of them were full of evacuees, but we don't know."

Hard-Hitting Soviet Armies Pursuing Germans Westward

Disorderly Retreat Leaves Huge Amount Of Needed Supplies

Moscow, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Four hard-hitting Soviet armies today were pursuing the battered legions of Adolf Hitler retreating across southern Russia from the shattered Dnieper river defense wall toward the Bug river, 175 miles to the west.

Front dispatches indicated that the badly mauled Nazi forces were waging desperate but futile rear guard battles along a 200 mile front from Kremenchug south to the Sea of Azov, intent only on saving as much as possible from what may prove to be the greatest German disaster since Stalingrad.

The German retreat, accelerated by the Russians' capture of the industrial city of Dnepropetrovsk in the great Dnieper bend yesterday, was bluntly characterized by a Russian communique as "disorderly." It yielded "enormous quantities" of war material abandoned by the Nazis. Thousands of Germans were reported killed in fierce fighting on the flat Ukrainian steppes above the Crimea.

(London dispatches, asked on Moscow advices and admissions of danger emanating from Berlin broadcasts, estimated there were perhaps one million Germans involved in the mass retreat across the Ukraine.

Indicative of Russian offensive strength in the far north, the Polish telegraph agency in London quoted underground sources as saying that the Germans have already mined Lvov in southeastern Poland, ready to blow it to ruins in the event of a Russian breakthrough on the White Russian front.)

Russian columns are battering at the gates of Krivoi Rog, where front dispatches said the 23rd German tank division had been trapped and spearheads of the Fourth army were racing through Melitopol toward the Crimea, shattering an enemy defense line based on the Melitopol-Crimea railway enroute. The Red air force, masters of the Ukrainian skies, were blasting the disorganized Nazis over the entire front.

\$30 Million For Bond Advertising Receives Approval

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The Senate Banking committee approved today by a vote of 11 to 5 the Bankhead bill authorizing the Treasury to spend up to \$30,000,000 annually for war bond advertising in newspapers.

Only one minor amendment, providing that the advertising be placed at prevailing space rates, was inserted in the bill.

Jap Bases In New Guinea Ripped By U. S. Bombers

South Pacific Headquarters, Oct. 26 — (AP) — A 172-ton bombardment of Bougainville island has left that practically useless to the Japanese for the present, a spokesman for Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., said today.

This spokesman said the last of three savage smashes on October 22 showed Tahiti inoperative. Large bomb craters had not been yet repaired and planes were unable to use the landing field.

Three raids on Tahiti and a fourth against nearby Kara field were carried out in lightning fashion over a four-hour period on October 22 by flights of Liberators, Avengers and Dauntless bombers with fighter escorts flown by the Army, Navy, Marine and New Zealand pilots.

Bougainville, top rung of the Solomon ladder, is the last remaining major stronghold for the Japanese in that area. The last semi-official estimates placed 40,000 enemy troops on the island.

WAVE-SKIMMING MITCHELLS EMPLOYING NEW TECHNIQUE

Somewhere in New Guinea, Oct. 26 — (AP) — Wave-skimming Mitchell's have Rabaul's number.

Today these medium bombers did just what they had done October 12 and 18—completely bewildered the anti-aircraft and fighter plane defense of the Japanese at their New Britain stronghold by going in low and fast.

So swiftly did one wave of Mitchell's sweep across the airframe that they had set fire to the 30 enemy medium bombers caught on the ground before two Jap fighters managed to intercept.

The second wave saved destruction with more than a hundred 100-pound bombs. Eleven Nipponese fighters, unable to get aloft, were cut up by the tracers of the third wave of Mitchell's.

Raiding pilots whose crew turned in exceptional performances included Lt. Donald J. Gibb, Minneapolis, whose wife lives at 711 East Mulberry, Goldsboro, N. C.

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Leaf Sales May Resume By Monday

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He said he had telegraphed North Carolina Congressmen of the action taken by him and Governor Colgate W. Darden of Virginia Saturday and asked them to contact the proper officials and "insist that proper steps be taken in line with assurances made earlier (that prices would be upheld)."

THANKSGIVING MENU!

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — On Thanksgiving Day, the army will be fed:

Fruit cup, roast turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, corn, tomato and lettuce salad, celery, pickles, pumpkin pie, apples, grapes, candy, nuts and coffee.

The War Department, announcing the menu today, said every effort would be made to provide these courses even in the combat zones.

FDR BETTER AFTER SPELL OF GRIPPE

Washington, Oct. 26 — (AP) — President Roosevelt, who has had the grippe since last Friday, was reported by White House aides today to be "feeling a good deal better."

Germans Lose Slav Center

London, Oct. 26 — (AP) — German forces lost their last heavy industry center in Bosnia today when Yugoslav partisans captured the steel manufacturing city of Vares-Maydan, a communique of the Yugoslav national liberation army announced today.

The city fell to the guerilla warriors of General Tito after a fierce twelve-hour battle. The communique, broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio said, German losses in men and material were heavy, the bulletin added. Two nearby railway stations were also destroyed.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Continued rather cold east portion this afternoon and tonight. Possibly light rain or drizzle.

Three-Power Accord Is Framed At Moscow

Moscow, Oct. 26 — (AP) — The three-power conference moved into its eighth session today, following a lengthy meeting last night of the diplomatic technicians who are framing the decisions arrived at by U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov.

The job of the experts was said to be exceedingly difficult. They must "weigh the value of the words" which have passed between the three statesmen, it was explained, determine the meaning of the agreements they have reached and then commit the decisions to cold type.