

LOSS IN TOBACCO FIRE MAY BE \$200,000

DEWEY CONGRATULATES VICTOR



FORMER STATE SENATOR Joseph R. Hanley, of Perry, N. Y., the newly-elected Republican lieutenant-governor of New York, is shown being congratulated by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Hanley had a 350,000 majority over his Democratic rival Lt. Gen. William Haskell. (International)

40 Homeless As Two Large Houses Burn

Firemen Are Helpless For Time to Overcome Worst Fire in Years

Fire which raged through the Big Henderson Warehouse, the adjoining packing and prize house of the Export Leaf Tobacco Company and two large residences in the block bordered by Montgomery, Zene and College streets shortly after midnight this morning did damage unofficially estimated at around \$200,000.

It was one of the most disastrous and most spectacular fires in the history of Henderson, and left almost an entire city block smoldering in total ruin today.

Property loss was partially covered by insurance, though no adequate figure was available as to protection carried by owners.

Originated in Warehouse The fire originated in the front end of the Big Henderson Warehouse, apparently in second floor quarters, directly over the office and is thought by some to have resulted from a spark from the line. It was discovered by Cliff Garrett and Alston Chestnut as they were on their way home a few minutes after midnight, but had gained such headway by the time firemen reached the scene that fire-fighters were helpless before the flames, which leaped high into the air and swept all before them.

Fears of a major conflagration were heightened by reason of the city's water shortage, but sufficient water was available to combat the blaze for hours without starting the pumps from Rowland's pond, a supplemental reserve tapped two weeks ago when a pipe line was hurriedly laid a distance of a mile as the scarcely assumed critical proportions.

Early today pumping of water from that source was begun, however, and for the first time Rowland pond water was being pumped into water mains serving the city for consumption. This will be continued until the immediate emergency is relaxed.

Several persons were hurt, none seriously, during the fire in the early morning hours. Herbert Ellis, a volunteer fireman, had both feet and ankles injured by a log or stick of lumber, and X-rays were made today at Maria Parham hospital, but being learned at once, cuts and burns were sustained by half a dozen others whose names were not

read at the morning session today by Bishop Claire Purcell. They included: Durham District, Durham - Branson, John Chmiec; Cary, J. H. Lanning; Carr, M. C. Dunn; Duke Memorial, J. C. Glenn; Burlington, Davis street, B. D. Critcher; Front street, L. C. Larkin; Webb Avenue, C. J. Andrews; Chapel Hill, J. M. Culbreth.

Elizabeth City District, W. L. Clegg, district superintendent.

Both, L. E. Sawyer; Behaven, O. C. Hesse; Washington, D. A. Clark; General Manager Taylor hospital, M. O. Fletcher.

Retired: J. L. Cunningham, E. L. Stack, R. R. Grant, N. M. McDonald, and J. C. Harmon.

Wilmington District, A. S. Parker, district superintendent.

W. L. Lov, Chadbourne; Fairmont, B. F. Boone; Faison-Kenaville, J. W. Lamberger; Lambertson-Chestnut Street, E. B. Fisher; Lumberton circuit, E. L. Hill; Penhoke Parish, First church, D. F. Lowry; Pleasant Grove circuit, J. W. Smith; St. Paul, O. L. Hathaway.

Retired: J. W. Harrell, C. A. Jones, F. R. Lowry, J. F. Ury, and R. L. Vickery.

Fayetteville District, H. C. Smith, district superintendent.

Maxton, C. P. Wonnack; Red

and Tannell (D&C). Conferees said they sent word to the President, through Jones and Walker, that they thought a compromise must be worked out under which the government would continue to guarantee fixed or "support" prices to producers on certain commodities, but that subsidies to roll back prices, or so-called "consumer subsidies", should be abandoned.

The presence of Walker was congratulatory, particularly in the subsidy battle, particularly in the farm blue once before pushed through anti-subsidy legislation, only to have it vetoed by the President.

Farm organizations have renewed their fight against subsidies in favor of a continuation and broadening of the \$800,000,000 subsidy program.

Most Pastors Returned By Methodist Conference

New Minister Named for Mill Churches; Conference Goes to Raleigh Next Year

Rocky Mount, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The Edenton Street Methodist church in Raleigh was selected to be host to the 1944 session of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church as this year's session came to a close here with the reading of the ministerial appointments by Bishop Claire Purcell of Charlotte.

The election of delegates to the general and jurisdictional conferences was completed this morning. The Rev. J. M. Ormond of Duke University, the Rev. R. W. Bradshaw of Durham, the Rev. T. M. Grant and Dr. E. L. Hillman of Rocky Mount were named to represent the clergy of the two conferences.

Additional delegates to the jurisdictional conference are Dr. H. C. Smith of Fayetteville, the Rev. F. S. Love of Durham, the Rev. W. L. Clegg of Elizabeth City, Dr. F. W. Pechall of Wilmington, the Rev. W. A. Cade of Goldsboro and the Rev. A. S. Parker of Wilmington.

The lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional conferences are W. J. Smith and Bethel, Gurney P. Head of Raleigh, Mrs. E. L. Hillman of Rocky Mount, and Dr. B. G. Childs of Duke University.

Additional lay delegates to the jurisdictional conference are W. B. Cooper of Wilmington, M. B. Smith of Burlington, C. G. Morris of Washington, N. C., Mrs. W. C. Chadwick of New Bern, W. A. McGill of Wilmington and M. J. Cowell of Goldsboro.

Appointments for ministers in the N. C. Methodist Conference were

Senators Ask Compromise On Food Subsidy Issue

Washington, Nov. 5.—(AP)—A group of influential Democratic Senators has appealed to President Roosevelt to compromise on the food subsidy issue to avoid a repetition of last summer's violent fight on the floor of Congress.

That was disclosed today after the group of about a dozen Senators called in War Food Administrator Marvin Jones and Chairman Frank C. Walker of the Democratic National Committee, and told them in effect that they didn't believe Congress would vote to continue and broaden the subsidy program to hold down food prices.

Among those at the conference were Senators Hatch and Chavez (N. Mex.), Gillette (Iowa), Lucas (Ill.), Truman (Mo.), Tydings (Md.),

Caldwell No Longer Is Full Time State Manpower Director

Raleigh, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The service of Harry Caldwell on a full time basis as state farm manpower director has terminated. Governor Broughton announced today, but he will continue to serve as advisor to the Farm Labor Commission without compensation.

Caldwell, who has been master of the State Grange for a number of years, had been granted leave of absence from that post at the request of the Governor, but he returned to his full duties on November 1.

WLB Continues Mine Debate

Washington, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The War Labor Board today continued to wrestle, without a decision, over the coal miner wage agreement worked out between John L. Lewis and Federal Fuel Boss Harold L. Ickes as spotty production was resumed in the fields in anticipation of WLB approval.

The board failed during a morning session to bring out a ruling on the proposed contract between the government and the United Mine Workers, providing for earnings increases and designed to end the recent general walk-out. But when a recess for lunch was taken, an official spokesman said a vote was expected during the afternoon.

The reports were that the WLB was ready to assent to the agreement.

Allies Punch Deeper Into Central Italy

History-Making Moscow Conference In Session



The camera records a session of the now-historic Moscow conference, at which representatives of the U. S., Russia and Britain agreed upon the terms of the pact which may do much to prevent another war from growing out of this one. At the extreme right is U. S. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, and beside him is U. S. Ambassador William Averell Harriman. In foreground (back to camera) is Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov, and at the other end of the table (third from left) is Anthony Eden, British foreign minister. (International Radiophoto.)

Reds Occupy Land East Of Dnieper; Casualties Listed

More Meetings Follow Moscow

Washington, Nov. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt told reporters today that the Moscow post-war peace agreement undoubtedly will lead to other United Nations meetings abroad, but that the question of his own prospective conference with Stalin and Churchill was still undecided.

He added he was still very anxious to meet Stalin because it was always a good thing to know the other fellow.

The other meetings he referred to, he said, would be of the two commissions set up at the Moscow conference and, earlier, that the Mediterranean commission and a second to be held in London.

He said he looked for closer work on details to follow the historic meeting, touching on military operations and services of supply, as well as how to get better coordination of military forces.

Germany And France Bombed By Americans

London, Nov. 5.—(AP)—American Flying Fortresses and Liberators escorted by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, blasted targets in western Germany today while medium Marauder bombers attack targets in northern France, U. S. Air Force headquarters announced.

The daylight assaults came within a few hours after RAF Mosquito bombers hit the same general area last night in the wake of the most devastating 24-hour punches yet thrown at the Reich.

There was no official indication of the size of today's force, but on the basis of Wednesday's 2,000-ton daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven by around 1,000 American bombers and escorting fighters, it seemed likely that the new operation, coupled with the RAF's 2,000-ton attack on Düsseldorf Wednesday night, would boost the total tonnage tossed on the enemy within the past 48 hours, to a new peak.

Last night's returning Mosquito fliers said fires still burned in Düsseldorf from the attack in which the explosives were dropped at the rate of 74 tons a minute.

WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Mostly cloudy and continued cool this afternoon. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer tonight and Saturday.

Far East Campaign Agreement

Conference Decides Military Operations In Chinese Theatre

Washington, Nov. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that the United States, Great Britain and China, had reached a complete agreement for new military operations in the Chinese theatre and that it would mean bad news for the Japanese.

The President disclosed at a press conference that the agreement had just been reached at an extremely successful conference at Chungking among Generals Stilwell, Chenault and Sauerborn for the United States; Lord Louis Mountbatten, now British commander-in-chief in the Southeast Asia area, and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and his Chinese military advisers.

He said the agreement was mostly on operational questions and that it covered the method for handling what he called the continental campaign in the Far East.

Figures Given on Allied Bombings Of German Cities

Stockholm, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Swiss dispatches gave these figures today on Allied bombings of Germany:

There are now 8,000,000 bomb victims homeless in Germany; 152,000 persons have been killed in Hamburg bombings and 12,000 in attacks on Kessel; 5,000 were killed and 12,000 made homeless by the RAF's attack Wednesday night on Düsseldorf.

How the figures were obtained was not explained to the dispatches to Swedish newspapers.

Japan Loses 14 Ships This Week In Pacific

Southwest Pacific Allied Headquarters, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Japan's navy, lured more and more within range of American ships' guns and bombers by threatened loss of the Solomon, already has paid the price of 11 warships sunk or damaged this week without getting closer than 10 miles to the U. S. Marine beachhead on Bougainville.

An enemy cruiser and four destroyers were sunk, two cruisers and two destroyers damaged out of a task force of twelve which tried to sneak down from Rabaul through darkness and blinding rain early Tuesday and shell the Marines at Empress Augusta Bay.

Forty miles out, United States fighting ships shattered the attempt and, after a two-hour running battle, sent the remnants fleeing toward Rabaul.

Gains Made Over Trigno Defense Line

Fall of Venafro, Big Highway Center, Believed Imminent

Allied Headquarters, Algiers, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Moving with hard, swift punches deeper into central Italy over the collapsed Massico-Trigno river defense lines, Allied Fifth and Eighth Armies advanced in all sectors, Allied headquarters said today.

"The German high command said in a communique broadcast from Berlin that an Allied landing attempt had been made in the Pescara area, 40 miles northwest of the British Eighth Army's present position on the Adriatic, in an apparent reversal of General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's last frog tactics."

"The communique said a second attempt also had been made in the 'area of Ischonia' but declared that both attempts were defeated by coastal artillery, and that one motor torpedo boat was sunk."

"The fall of Venafro, one of the two inland highway centers which held the line together, was believed imminent."

"The BBC correspondent in Algiers said American troops were fighting in the outskirts of Venafro."

"The Fifth Army followed up the Eighth Army's capture of Isernia, the other highway hub in the demolished line, by smashing through German positions to reach the vicinity of the Garigliano river, 80 miles south of Rome. Its low banks along the Tiber had been flooded by the Germans to delay the pursuit."

"On the Allied right flank, General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army routed enemy resistance in the San Salvo area after several days of fierce battling and captured that town and railway station with the assistance of the British destroyers Queenborough and Raider, which shelled the Germans out of their holes."

"In the Montecitorio area, some 12 miles inland from the Adriatic, Montgomery's British and Canadian units made further crossings of the Trigno river and prepared to exploit

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CIO Reelects Philip Murray As President

Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—(AP)—The 16th constitutional convention of the Congress of Industrial Organizations today unanimously elected President Philip Murray to a fourth term.

The 600 delegates staged a 16-minute impromptu parade through the convention room following the election. Murray, who succeeded John L. Lewis as president of the labor organization in 1940, previously had ledged the CIO to continue its campaign to organize the unorganized.

Headquarters, in releasing today preliminary accounts of the naval battle—the first of many which logically may be fought as Japan strives to prevent being ousted from the northern Solomons—said the American warships emerged scathed but entirely aloft.

Thirty miles south of Bougainville, American and New Zealand soldiers have won complete control of Treasury island. All organized resistance by its 200 Japanese defenders was crushed Wednesday, one week after the invaders landed.

At Rabaul, where more than 700 Japanese planes have been destroyed or damaged in repeated raids since October 12, headquarters reported today that Tuesday's daylight blow against 94,000 tons of enemy shipping was followed up that night by a fire setting attack of patrolling Mitchells on the Tobera airfield.