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ROME SOURCES SAY GERMANY STAYING OUT OF GREEK WAR

Also Say Nazi Attack on Turkey Not Imminent; Bulgaria or Spain Not Joining Axis; Greeks Declare Advance Continuing Despite Italian Success Claims

Rome, Nov. 28. — Well-informed sources in Rome said today that Nazi Germany was leaving the fight against Greece entirely up to Mussolini's Italian legions, with no intention of intervening there to help her southern Axis partner.

The same sources also scouted rumors here that the Nazis were preparing to take military action against Turkey.

The Reich is only attempting through diplomatic activity to keep Turkey from entering the war on the side of her neighbor, Greece, an informant said.

As evidence, he said, there is no German military movement in the Balkans and only a few Nazi troops are in Rumania and none in Bulgaria. (Neutral Balkan sources have estimated there are 1,250,000 German soldiers in Rumania.)

Although Bulgaria has been expected to join the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance, this source said its adherence to the pact was out of question because Turkey might consider such action grounds for entering the war on the side of Britain.

Spain likewise is staying out of the alliance, this source said, for fear of compromising her position.

Meantime, the Italian high command reported successes today against Greek landing forces on the Epirus coast and British motorized units in East Africa.

Greek troops "which disembarked on the Epirus coast were in part destroyed and in part captured with their arms," the high command's communique said.

(Epirus lies in both southern Albania and Greece. The communique did not specify where the landing was made.)

In East Africa, the communique said, an attack by British mechanized units "in the Sabderat zone and the Ghirghir valley near Serobatib was quickly repulsed by our troops. Some enemy motor vehicles remained in our hands."

The high command said Italian air forces "carried out numerous attacks on the entire (Greek) zone of operations in close cooperation with land forces."

(British sources said Greek units advanced beyond Philiataes, Greece, near the Albanian border, and others landed from ships to sever communications behind the Italian flank. Greeks claimed the seizure of Konispolis, Albania, close to the spot where the troops were reported to have landed.)

Fascist fliers "repeatedly" bombed the forts of the Island of Corfu, the Italian command said, causing "violent fires and explosions."

Two British planes were reported shot down by Italian chasers when they attacked Durazzo, Albanian port.

The Italians said several buildings—only one of military importance—were damaged in raids by British or Greek planes on the Islands of Leros and Stampalia in the Dodecanese and five raiders were shot down in flames.

Meanwhile, the newspaper Il Giornale d'Italia said two of three Italian warships damaged by British in Taranto naval base November 11 would be repaired in three or four weeks.

GREEKS REPORT FURTHER ADVANCES INTO ALBANIA

Athens, Nov. 28.—Bayonet-thrusting Greeks were declared today to have scattered fresh Italian troops—"a choice regiment of Romans," the Greeks called them—thrown into action in a desperate attempt to bolster the center of the sagging Albanian battle line. There was no stopping their forces here or anywhere else along the rumbling, mountainous front, the Greeks reported.

In the north, they said, Greek fighters pushed steadily beyond Premeti, Italian stronghold 30 miles within Albania, and in the south they engaged varied Italians battling desperately to hold Argirocastro, the second and last major Fascist "stronghold" here, and keep open their path to the Adriatic Sea.

Orthopaedic Clinic Postponed To Jan. 3rd

It has just been announced by Dr. R. Shands Teague, PTC Group Health Officer, that the Tarboro Orthopaedic Clinic has been postponed until the first Friday in January, that is January 3rd.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson in the Health Department Office, Greenville, from [illegible]

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

I, George W. Davis, mayor of the Town of Farmville, hereby set aside this twenty-eighth day of November, as Thanksgiving Day in the town of Farmville, and I call upon the citizenry to assemble in their places of worship on this dedicated day; to renew allegiance to the ideals of this republic, to acknowledge our thanksgiving to God for His blessings bestowed upon us in a state only and national peace, and to pray for peace among all nations.

GEORGE W. DAVIS, Mayor.

Yuletide Season To Be Colorful Event

Santa Claus Will Arrive In Farmville Dec. 6, At 7:30 To Officially Open Holiday Season; Bright Lights To Be Turned On At That Time.

Colored lights by the hundreds and many huge stars will be interspersed with festoons of thousands of yards of mountain laurel to decorate the streets of the business section here and overhang the lighted Christmas trees of the sidewalks in the decorative scheme being planned by the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association in providing a gay setting for the holiday season here.

Good news from the Frozen North states that Santa Claus will arrive Friday night, December 6, at 7:30 o'clock to turn on the bright lights and officially open the Christmas season. Old Santa stated in his message that he was bringing a gift for every boy and girl of the community, who would be on hand to greet him, and promises laughter, fun and a jolly good time to all.

Mayor Davis and the other town officials will be on hand to welcome their old friends and practically every child in the community is expected to help them give Santa a glad hand on the occasion of his visit.

The stores will be decorated and remain open for the convenience of shoppers, and the merchants extend a cordial invitation to everyone to visit and inspect their gift departments.

Prizes for the Christmas decorations will be announced later.

Passion Play Film To Be Shown Here

Through special arrangement of civic, educational and religious leaders, "Golgotha," the first and only talking motion picture of the Passion Play, which is now on special tour of the United States, will be shown in Farmville soon. It presents the immortal story of the life and crucifixion of Christ in the most excellent production of its kind available today. A complete set of the finest talking picture equipment will be brought to this town for the showing of this picture, which is authentic in every detail. It was filmed in Palestine with a cast requiring thousands of people. It will be shown for one day only, Saturday, December 14th, at the Presbyterian Church.

Farmville School To Be Recognized

Greenville, Nov. 26.—The Farmville school will be placed on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' accredited list at the organization's meeting in Memphis December 13, it was disclosed today by J. H. Rose, member of the state committee of five of the association, revealed today.

Mr. Rose stated that he was "exceedingly happy" to announce the addition of Farmville to the list and added it provided him with much personal satisfaction. Greenville at the present is the only Pitt county school on the list.

The state committee decided at a meeting Saturday night in the office of Dr. I. Henry Highsmith of Raleigh, a member of the group, to recommend the addition of Farmville after a survey last week showed that the Farmville school measured up to the requirements for being placed on the accredited list.

COOPERATIVE

Cooperative orders for Corn and Oats are now being taken by Farmville Feed Company from Farmville and P. H. Sheppard, manager, and from members of the Farmville College Agriculture Class.

America Thanks God

1789 - 1940

The observance of Thanksgiving was consecrated when George Washington issued a Thanksgiving proclamation in 1789, the first year of his presidency . . . The preamble sets forth that, "It is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor."

Governor Urges Highway Safety

Warns of Thanksgiving and Christmas Danger; Decries "Slaughter"

Raleigh, Nov. 26.—Governor Hoey yesterday called on law enforcement officers as well as motorists and pedestrians to observe caution on the highways through Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays to reduce the "wholesale killings" of last month.

"I shudder to think of the loss of life and the injuries which may result from accidents on the highways during these holiday periods," the Governor said, "unless greater care shall be exercised and more rigid enforcement of the safety laws and rules observed on the part of all the users of our highways."

The executive said he was "greatly shocked at the terrible slaughter on the highways in October and said November thus far had proved almost as bad.

"There is no excuse for this wholesale killing," he added.

The Governor cited figures showing 734 traffic fatalities in the first 10 months of the year, including 229 pedestrians. He pointed out that one to five counties have escaped fatalities during the period, while 10 totaled 226.

According to the Governor's figures, 118 died last month, heaviest toll since December, 1936. "Unless more improvement shall be shown during the next 30 days," he added, "there is a danger of 1940 being the bloodiest year since 1937."

"I call upon all law enforcement officers to exert themselves to see that the laws of safety on the highways are enforced, and that the public give proper consideration to these laws under penalty of punishment for their violations.

"We know what causes accidents. The five prime causes are speeding, passing cars on curves or grades when the view is obscured, entering the highway without looking both ways for traffic, failing to dim glaring headlights and driving while intoxicated."

NO TRUCE

London, Nov. 26.—There will be no Christmas truce in Europe's war this year, earlier as Britain is concerned.

With a curt "No Sir!" Prime Minister Churchill today rejected a suggestion that he invoke the good offices of the Pope or a neutral state to seek a short armistice to enable all combatants to commemorate peacefully the holiday.

The proposal was made in Germany by D. E. Sigler, Indiana.

Churchill said they proposal was summarily boycotted by the British government.

There is little prospecting for white but we could wish this be made one [illegible]

By HUGO S. SIMS
(Washington Correspondent)

BATTLESHIP BUILDING.
NEW SHIPS IN 1941.
BRITISH PROBLEM AHEAD.
NAVIES WANT BIG SHIPS.
WALLACE TO MEXICO.
DEFENSE PACT REPORTED.
INVESTIGATING THE SPIES.
DIES COMMITTEE ACTIVE.
WATCHING PRICES.

Early next summer, the battleship North Carolina, first of seventeen dreadnaughts now building or contracted for by the Navy, will go into commission and about three months later the Washington will add its strength to the Navy. Both battleships will be completed several months ahead of schedule on account of the speed-up program in the New York and Philadelphia Navy Yards where they are being constructed.

It is also reported that the battleship South Dakota, Indiana, Massachusetts and Alabama, sister ships of the North Carolina and Washington, will be launched late in 1941 or early in 1942. Each of these ships will be 35,000-ton displacement, have nine 16-inch guns, three to a turret, and be able to fire broadside of 20,000 pounds for twenty miles.

They will have the latest word in anti-aircraft equipment, protection from enemy torpedoes, fire control and maneuver ability. Just the same, they will not compare with the 45,000-ton battleships which will follow them into the water.

We have not been able to check up on assertions that when the North Carolina and Washington join the Fleet, they will make the United States the greatest battle line in the world. When the European War started, the European and American navies were on an approximate parity.

The British started battleship construction before the United States, but they will maintain thinness about five new 35,000-ton battleships laid down in 1937 and launched last year. It has been reported that the new ships have joined the British Fleet.

If this is true, the British have nineteen battleships in service to our fifteen and it will be seen that the acquisition of two new ships will not give us a superiority over Great Britain.

There has been considerable discussion as to the vulnerability of the battleship to airplane attack, but Rear-Admiral Clark H. Woodward, Commandant of the Third Naval District, unofficially stated that the battleship, all or any of any type of it, [illegible]

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Annual Meeting Of Tysons-Mays

W. G. Sheppard To Preside Over 20th Reunion Meet; Andrew Joyner, Jr. To Address the Two Families

A feast of good things for the body, mind and soul will be enjoyed by descendants of the Tysons and Mays, who will hold their 20th reunion meet here today, Friday, and the true spirit of Thanksgiving will live again in the hearts of the large assemblage; a thanksgiving for a country in which family life is promoted and developed to the highest degree, and a reverence for a good name is instilled in every son and daughter from birth, where peace is the foremost blessing of a rich heritage, and war and bloodshed have been unknown for nearly a century.

The Major Benjamin May Chapter House will be the convention place on this occasion which will be presided over by W. G. Sheppard, of Snow Hill, a prominent attorney, who was reared in this section. Mr. Sheppard will address the group also.

The devotional and memorial exercises will be conducted by Rev. G. B. Mashburn, an adopted member of the group, and Mayor George W. Davis will welcome visitors to Farmville and extend its traditional hospitality to the homecoming members of the two families.

Andrew Joyner, Jr., of Greensboro, who has served his city and state in official capacities for several years, will be the principal speaker, and is expected to bring an inspiring and timely message. R. A. Joyner, one of the town officials, will introduce the speaker.

Roland H. Parker, of the North Carolina University faculty, who is a former resident of Farmville, has accepted the invitation of the program committee to conduct the round table discussion, and Andrew Joyner, Sr., of Rocky Mount, and Dr. J. Y. Joyner, of LaGrange, two of the grand old men of the reunion organization, will speak on this occasion.

Other officers, including Dr. Lee Carr, of LaGrange, William S. Tyson, of Greenville, and Mrs. Joel Moye will take part on the program.

A musical program will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holmes, soloist, with Mrs. J. W. Joyner as accompanist.

The family genealogist, Mr. Tillie DeVisscher, will point out the new additions made to the family tree since the last reunion and other matters of interest in her branch of service to the organization.

A basket lunch will be served in the banquet hall of the Chapter House.

Invitations were sent out this year to out-of-town members of the descendants with bring in Farmville and community, are expected to attend and as much as possible. The Farmville [illegible]

ROOSEVELT ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR RIGID FEDERAL ECONOMY

Non-Military Projects To Be Shelved While Huge Rearmament Drive Is In Progress; Thinks Defense Program Will Absorb Part of Relief Load

Washington, Nov. 26. — President Roosevelt today projected a rigid governmental economy program under which the regular federal budget would be cut to the bone and expenditures for rearmament held to essential items.

Outlining the program at his semi-weekly press conference, Mr. Roosevelt said he would enunciate such a policy in the forthcoming budget and establish a strict rule that all national defense projects must be free of extraneous considerations.

This means, he said, that the administration will shelve many types of programs which hitherto have taken large slices of the regular federal budget. In this category he included acquisition of public lands, additions to the national forests, highway construction and rivers and harbors improvements not deemed necessary to the national defense.

Reserve Projects

Meanwhile, he said, the administration will build up a backlog of general public projects which will be held in reserve to combat any threat of a post-war depression.

This reserve will not be touched, he said, until, and when, the multi-billion-dollar preparedness program tapers off—and he hopes it will. The reserve, he added, should be able to take up the slack and prevent a new depression, once the defense crisis passes.

The President said he hopes the rearmament program will absorb many of the 1,900,000 persons now on relief and the additional 750,000 to 1,000,000 who are on the WPA waiting list.

He did not say whether this development, if it occurs, will result in a greatly reduced relief appropriation for the next fiscal year, but presumably that is envisioned in his new economy program.

He said he believes that next Spring and Summer the rearmament drive will provide work for a great number of the employable jobless. He added in this connection that non-military expenditures have been absorbing federal funds which he now feels should be spent on defense.

No Other Hints

Mr. Roosevelt gave no other hint as to his budgetary plans, nor were proposals for increased taxes touched upon.

Earlier this week, however, Chairman Robert L. Doughton of the House Ways and Means tax-making committee, said after a White House conference that all non-defense expenses should be slashed to a minimum.

He urged that new taxes be levied to finance the regular budget, which have been in the red for seven years; and proposed, by inference, that rearmament be financed separately, the method to be decided by the President and the Treasury. He conceded that not enough taxes could be raised to put the defense program on a pay-as-you-go basis.

The President's plan found quick favor in the Senate and House economy blocs which have drummed incessantly on the theme of governmental economy. Other segments probably will be less enthusiastic, however, since the program, if brought to fruition, would eliminate millions of dollars of so-called "pork barrel" or patronage projects.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

During the Christmas season the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association will give many valuable prizes for the most attractive Christmas decorations.

These prizes are being handled by the Farmville Garden Club, and there will be a complete list in next week's "Farmville Enterprise."

Movement Being Pushed for New Super Highway

Provides New Washington - Greenville-Farmville Route

Greenville, Nov. 26.—A movement is underway and rapidly gaining momentum which would provide a "super" highway from a point on U. S. highway 17 between Washington and Williamston to Farmville via Bell Arthur.

The next step in the project will be a resolution to be adopted by city officials in which the city endorses and agrees to furnish right-of-way for relocating U. S. route 264 through Greenville. The cost to the city has been estimated at $15,000.

In a letter to J. H. Rose, who is one of the leaders in pushing the movement, Division Engineer W. N. Spruill of the State Highway and public Works Commission, points out that construction of such a project is contingent upon securing approval of the Public Roads Administration, since the funds of necessity have to be Primary Federal funds. Local sponsors, however, are optimistic over securing the project.

As outlined the new road would connect with U. S. 17 somewhere between Williamston and Washington pass through Pactolus and continue direct to a point north of the Tar river. The present bridge would be used, with the highway swinging to the right, at First street with a long bridge over the Negro section of Cherry Hill cemetery, over the gas plant property to a hill south of the Water and Light plant. The road would cross the present Third street school athletic field, crossing a point where home plate of the baseball diamond is located, proceed north of the radio tower, cross highway 43 Falkland highway, at a point about a mile west of the city limits and proceed to Farmville via Bell Arthur.

Many possibilities are pointed out for the proposed highway, providing a new Greenville-Pactolus-Washington route as well as an additional Greenville-Farmville route, through Bell Arthur.

The State Highway Commission also has under consideration a connecting link with U. S. 17 through the extension of the Stokes road through the Bear Grass section of Martin county.

WHO KNOWS?

1. How does British shipbuilding capacity compare with that of Nazi Europe?
2. When did Germany and Russia sign a non-aggression treaty?
3. Have U-boats or Nazi planes been more effective in sinking British and neutral ships in the present war?
4. Who is Gen. Charles De Gaulle?
5. Name the U. S. ambassador to Japan?
6. What is the world's largest ship?
7. What permanent beacon of [illegible] guides British bombers to Naples, Italy?
8. What instrument registers earth tremors?
9. To committees of the U. S. Senate elect their chairmen?
10. How many planets follow orbits between the earth and the sun?

(See "The Answers" on Page 4)

BIRD CLUB

Sterling Gates was elected as president of the Bird Club on Saturday to succeed Frank Barnes. Leaflets on "The Mourning Dove" were distributed for study at the next meeting. Harry Lee Davis, O. L. Ivey, Jr., and Clement McKee, of Walstonburg, were welcomed as special guests at this meeting.

[illegible] club urged to come out and help the campaign [illegible] successful week.

Way doesn't some [illegible] offer prizes to display [illegible] who [illegible] $300 in war [illegible]

MORE BOMBS

London, Nov. 27.—German bombers ranged far and wide over Britain last night, striking particularly at a West England city which had been attacked yesterday and heavily last Sunday night, but up to midnight only negligible damage had been reported.

Over the town in the west (which was obliquely, but quite clearly identified as Bristol, the port through which American supplies have been pouring into England) the raiders were met with the shock of a flame barrage. They unloaded hundreds of fire bombs on a golf course. The extent of high explosive damage was thought to have been small.

The London area got the welcome "green parcel" signal before midnight. Hostile planes were over the southeast, southwest, northwest and the east Midlands, but not in great numbers. It was suggested that many southern France airfields were bombarded.

BEAUTIFICATION

[illegible] beautification has been adopted as the major project for the Girls Club of Farmville during the coming year, Miss Ruth D. Bailey, president, announced at the Girls Club meeting last week. Miss Bailey has been appointed chairman of the committee in charge of the project.