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Air War Returns To Furious Pace

British Continue Terrific Attack Upon German Targets in Northern France

London, Feb. 27. — The British aerial offensive gathered fury yesterday, squadrons of planes sweeping back and forth across the English Channel hour upon hour, and bombs were declared to have exploded on the docks at Calais, and across the face of Northern France.

The mist-muffled bark of anti-aircraft fire on the German-occupied side of the Straits of Dover last night gave proof that the British air force was still at its task.

Visibility was poor over the Straits, but above the fog the flashes of searchlights and conning towers could be seen in the direction of Boulogne.

At Calais, the Air Ministry said, the quayside, jetties and tidal basin were squarely hit.

The brief official report did not wholly account for the use of a vast number of British planes which kept the air so stirred that one coastal observer remarked: "I haven't seen so many R. A. F. planes over the Straits of Dover since the Battle of France last summer."

Hard To Find. The Air Ministry, through its news service, asserted that British fighter pilots had "again proved their mastery of the air over the English Channel."

British bombers were escorted by Spitfires and Hurricanes to Calais "without interference" by the Germans, it was said.

"The sky over the Channel was full of airplanes—all British," a returning squadron leader reported. "Never a Jerry did we sight."

It was a continuation of night bombing activities against the Nazis, and almost continuous action, during which airdromes in France and war industry plants in the German Ruhr were assaulted in force.

Hit during the night, too, said the Air Ministry, were the invasion ports of Boulogne, Dunkerque and Calais; and in a single daylight action, a German submarine assembly and repair station at Flushing, The Netherlands, was bombed.

The loss of one British plane was acknowledged.

(In Berlin, the official German news agency DNB said two British craft had been shot down.)

Nazi Attacks. Meantime, German bombers concentrated on a south Wales coastal town in a long, destructive attack last night, and then turned on London early today to inflict new damage and casualties.

A stick of high-explosive bombs demolished 10 houses in one London district. Seven serious casualties were removed from the wreckage, while others remained trapped. At least five persons were trapped similarly in the home counties around London.

In both London and the Welsh town (name withheld) the raiders scattered incendiary bombs and flares, by the light of which they hurled explosives.

A single unidentified district in the Welsh town was the primary object of attack, here was an un-stated number of deaths.

COTTON MATTRESS PROGRAM ON HERE

According to G. M. Shirley, manager in charge of the "Cotton Mattress" program recently started here, much interest is being manifested by people of this section in the project.

Those desiring to benefit from this project are requested to see Mr. Shirley at Knott's Warehouse No. 2, near Norfolk Southern railroad on Main street, for full information, as to how to obtain a nice new Cotton Mattress for the sum of only \$1.00. Free comforts may also be obtained along with the mattress.

Any farmer or any person working on a farm, whose gross yearly income is less than \$600.00, is eligible to share in these benefits.

LUNCH ROOM MENU FARMVILLE SCHOOL MARCH 5-7

Monday—Meat loaf with tomato sauce, salad greens, baked sweet potatoes, hot biscuits, 10c; Caramel pie, 5c.
Tuesday—Macaroni and cheese, serving beans, baked peaches, Graham crackers, 10c; Potato pie, 5c.
Wednesday—Hamburgers in rolls, corn pudding, carrots and cabbage salad, hot banana pie, 10c.
Thursday—Salmon croquettes, baked tomatoes, navy beans, corn salad, hot biscuits, 10c; Caramel pie, 5c.
Friday—Meat loaf, green peas, corn salad, hot biscuits, 10c; Caramel pie, 5c.

READY TO STRIKE.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—The signatories of the Axis tripartite pact—Germany, Italy and Japan are ready to strike back at any American armed intervention in their "lebensraum" (living spaces), the financial paper Boersanzetung warned tonight.

Writing under the heading "Japan, master in the Western Pacific," Julius Krauss, in the paper's leading editorial, said "for Italy, Japan and Germany this war is a question of life and death which American politicians think they can negate by shipments of money and munitions."

"The highly-praised American democracy now is supposed to become a personal Roosevelt rulership so perhaps tomorrow the beaten English partner can be supported by American armed forces," the editorial said.

"The defense forces of the three powers are prepared for this arbitrary attack and will throw it back with an iron will and superior might. No American power will be able to disturb the national law of the world, developments in the 'lebensraum' of these peoples and the fulfillment of their vital demands."

FARMERS HOLD INTERESTING MEET

Meetings Are Held Each Wednesday and Those Interested in Farming Are Urged To Be Present

The farmers had their regular weekly meeting in the agriculture building Wednesday night, February 26th. The topic discussed was "Swine Sanitation."

Dr. Randal of the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture and located at Snow Hill led the discussion. In his talk he brought out a number of things that a farmer could and should do that would enable him to produce pigs for the market at a much lower cost.

The farmers meetings are held each Wednesday night at 7:00 o'clock in the School Agricultural building, and all farmers are invited to attend. There is always a good speaker that can give you some valuable information.

Next Wednesday night, March 5th, Mr. R. B. Kelly will give us a talk on poultry and illustrate with a motion picture.

RECORD

A summary of 1940 records shows that American farmers obtained a record amount of AAA materials such as lime and phosphate for carrying out prescribed soil-building practices.

Talking back to the teacher is one way to demonstrate what you don't know.

Baptist Revival To End Tonight

Meeting Has Been Successful With Good Attendance and Interest

The series of meetings being held in the new Baptist Church, reported as having been very successful, will come to a close with the service tonight. Attendance has been gratifying to the pastor, Rev. B. B. Fordham, during these ten days, and an enthusiastic interest has been manifested throughout.

The Rev. William C. Royal, of Frederick, Md., has been the speaker at the two services held daily, and has brought messages of great inspiration and power to his congregations.

Special renditions by members of the choir and the leading part they have taken in the song service, under the direction of John D. Holmes and with Mrs. Arthur F. Joyner at the organ, have won commendation and warmest praise from everyone.

World Day of Prayer Being Observed Today

Church women here are uniting with women all over the world in observing today as WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

A special prayer service, conducted by Miss Bettie Joyner, and held at the 10 o'clock this afternoon in the Christian Church, will feature members of the various church organizations, who will present the four special fields of service being supported by the World Day of Prayer offering.

On this day, which is 40 hours to round out its cycle, voices of women in every land will be joined in a concerted appeal to God for peace and goodwill among men on earth.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this service.

Welfare Clinic To Be Held In Farmville Today

The monthly State-Pitt County Material and Infant Welfare Clinics are being held this week.

The Greenville Clinics were held Monday and Tuesday. The total attendance of mothers and babies on these two days was 69. Of this number, 6 were white; and 63 were colored. The patients who do not live in Greenville are dependent, largely upon the Greenville Service League for transportation.

The Service League Motor Corps for the month consisted of: Mesdames John Adams, Marvin Blount, Lyman Ormond, and Miss Jean Hodges.

In commenting on the work of the Service League, Dr. Ennett, the local Health Officer, expressed the opinion that this Motor Corps Service is one of the most important pieces of volunteer service rendered the Health Department. Without this service, according to Dr. Ennett, many poor patients would be unable to avail themselves of the medical care given in these clinics.

Other clinics held in the County this week: Wednesday, Grimesland; Thursday, Ayden; Friday, Farmville.

Dr. Ennett expressed the hope that the landlords whose tenants need such service as these clinics offer and who are unable to have a private physician would make it possible for them to attend these clinic centers.

Carolina Golf Tournament To Begin Mar. 26

Henderson Joins Former 7-Club Loop; Official Schedule To Be Announced When Completed

H. H. Bradham and B. O. Taylor, members of the Farmville Country Club, attended the annual meeting of the East Carolina Golf League held in Wilson Wednesday, at which time Henderson was voted membership in the league.

Admission of the Henderson Club boosts the league's membership to eight. Towns already in the league are Wilson, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Goldsboro, Kinston, Greenville and Farmville.

It was decided that league play will begin March 26, and Greenville's Bob Bailey and Tom Smoot were appointed to draw up the league schedule. Greenville Golf and Country Club will be host to the annual league tournament; date of this meeting will be announced later.

The league likes its officers, and to prove it, reelected them. Billy Barnes was reelected president; E. B. Jordan, secretary and treasurer. Both are members of the Wilson Country Club.

Team captains of the league are; Tom Smoot, Greenville; Billy Smith, Wilson; W. A. Hart, Tarboro; Jim Parrott, Kinston; Bob Stevens, Goldsboro; O. T. Kirkland, Henderson; P. B. Gravelly, Rocky Mount, and H. H. Bradham, Farmville. Cecil Lilly and Robert D. Rouse have been elected assistants to Mr. Bradham of the Farmville Club.

Orthopedic Clinic To Be Held March 7

We wish to remind our readers of the State Orthopedic Clinic to be held Friday, March 7, 1941, in Greenville, from 12:30 to 4 p. m.

This clinic takes all types of cripples, both white and colored, free of charge who are unable to afford private treatment. It is desired that not required, that patients be referred by a physician or the Welfare Officer, and that the patient bring such notes to the clinic.

The clinic is set up to serve especially the Counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Pamlico, Pitt and Tyrrell, though patients from other Counties who desire to come may do so.

The clinic is conducted by Dr. Hugh A. Thompson, orthopedist, of Raleigh, North Carolina. This clinic has been running for something over three years and is now serving a large number of cripples, adults as well as children, in this area.

The Pitt County Health Department Offices are located at the corner of Third and Greene Streets in Greenville, North Carolina, and it has recently expanded its office facilities.

As an appendix to the study of the cause of war, may we not wonder if Russia attacked anybody before the British troops moved in?



By HUGO S. SIMS (Washington Correspondent)

RUSHING WAR AID. "LEND-LEASE" BILL AIMS. CAUSE OR AVOID WAR? PERIL IN FAR EAST. U. S. FACES DECISION. 1,000 PLANES A MONTH. 6,800 IN YEAR 1940. HEALTH AND WELFARE. DEFENSE CREATES PROBLEM. FOR FREE COMPETITION. ABOUT IDENTICAL BIDS.

Final passage of the Lend-Lease Bill is expected this week, with the result that assistance to Great Britain will be immediately speeded and expected. The legislation is based on interesting announcements can be upon acceptance of the idea that the defense of the United States requires the continued resistance of the British people. Consequently, material assistance will be dispatched to strengthen British resources in their weakest categories.

When the question of aid to Great Britain is considered, one of the first problems is production of the necessary supplies. This is being taken care of, and in time, the volume of supplies will be tremendous. Afterward, and just as important if the strategy of this country is to succeed, comes the question of delivery. Here the intensive submarine and aerial campaign of Nazi Germany against British ships casts an ominous shadow across the American purpose.

The Lend-Lease Bill has been described by supporters as a measure designed to keep this country out of war and by opponents as a device to put us into the war. Obviously, there is a measure of truth in both assertions. Behind the unusual statue is the realization that the fate of this country will be endangered by Germany's victory; and, consequently, steps short of war which prevent Hitler's triumph protect the United States.

If the nation becomes "an arsenal of democracy" and provides sufficient supplies to enable the British to successfully end the present struggle, the Lend-Lease Bill will, in fact, prove to be a legislative device to keep us out of war. In this connection, however, we must consider the alternative. Let us suppose that the vast flow of supplies from this country to Great Britain fails to pave the way for a British victory, or even to prevent British defeat.

In the latter case, we will have undoubtedly aroused the enemy of the dictator-nations, but this, we think, can be cast aside by the observation that the Axis group, in its future relationship to this country, will be governed by self-interest rather than emotions. The Axis powers will attack the United States, according to many experts, regardless of anything we do, if the dictators believe they can successfully accomplish the seizure of the rich booty in this hemisphere.

The supposition that the assistance from this country will prove insufficient for the defeat of Germany will raise a further question for the people of this country to decide. Having committed ourselves to the defeat of the Axis group and having backed Great Britain with almost unlimited material assistance, will we, if this fails to accomplish its purpose, have to decide whether the United States shall go further along the road the Lend-Lease Bill begins. In other words, if material assistance fails to do anything but commit this country to a British victory, will we enlarge our program later to include military aerial or naval activities against Germany?

The people of the United States face an uncertain future in regard to their relations to European nations but the activity of Japan in the Far East also presents a complicated question which may demand a prompt answer. With the advent of Spring, it is generally believed that Hitler will attempt to score a knock-out victory over the British and that, at the same time, Japan will move to establish permanent hegemony over the Far Eastern area. This will be directly opposite to the principles that the United States has insisted upon. Moreover, it will endanger our commercial rights and imperil certain vital supplies such as rubber.

Recent activities in the Far East indicate that the Japanese have arrived at the threshold of a great military venture which probably includes the seizure of the Netherlands Indies and, possibly, a direct assault upon the British naval base at Singapore. The British, together with

Dollar Days With Farmville Firms, Mar. 13-14

Keep These Dates In Mind and Plan Now to Come to Farmville for Attractive Values

The Merchants Association Committee composed of Ernest Pettaway, W. H. Fisher, Frank Williams, Eli Joyner, Jr., and G. A. Rouse have definitely set March 13 and 14 as the Farmville Community Dollar Days for 1941. The Committee was unanimous in its invitation to non-members of the Merchants Association as well as the members to cooperate in making this the most successful Dollar Day ever held by the Farmville Merchants. Plans were laid for the special Dollar Day Edition to be mailed to 5,000 box holders in the surrounding communities of Fountain, Walstonburg, Falkland, Snow Hill, Bell Arthur, Sanatoga and Maury.

Some members of the committee have called on most of the merchants of the town and everyone has expressed a willingness to cooperate and to lend their effort to the offering of some real bargains and the bringing of a large throng of people to Farmville on March 13th and 14th.

Australians and New Zealanders, are preparing for a last-ditch stand against the advancing tide of Japanese aggression. There is a general belief that the United States will become involved in actual hostilities between Great Britain and Japan over Tokyo's aggression program.

It should be noted that the reaction in this country to recent Japanese aggression has produced an astonishing change of sentiment in Congress. Whereas the naval proposal to improve harbors at Guam and Samoa has been held up in previous years on account of the possible effect upon Japan, the House of Representatives last week unanimously approved these preliminary steps which plainly indicate that the United States intends to fortify itself in the Pacific regardless of Japanese sensibilities.

The fact that the United States battle fleet maintains itself at Hawaii indicates the serious situation existing in the Pacific and the importance the Government attaches to the Japanese threat. While this country insists that it desires peace in the Pacific and Japanese statesmen continue to stress their Pacific intentions, the fact remains, nevertheless, that Japanese soldiers and sailors, definitely challenge the interests of every other nation in the Far East.

With France prostrate and Great Britain involved in a serious war in Europe, the United States alone is in a position to exercise a restraining influence upon Tokyo. Whether this will be sufficient or not, it is a question at this time and it is not premature for the people of the United States to consider the possibility of actual hostilities with Japan in the near future.

The production of military planes in this country passed the 1,000-mark in January, thus doubling the output of a year ago. More than sixty per cent of the production was combat ships of various types, January production was more than twenty per cent ahead of the December figure of 799 and leads defense officials to believe that, before many months, the rate of 1,000 a month will be reached and that before the year ends, the aircraft industry of this country will produce at least 2,000 planes a month.

The number of planes delivered to Great Britain is a closely guarded secret. While the output is encouraging, plane and engine production is not expected to reach desired figures until 1942. Much work remains to be done in "tooling up," but once this is accomplished, much progress is expected to be made toward the goal of 50,000 planes per year.

In 1940, some 6,800 combat and training planes were produced. Nearly 300, according to published reports, were trainers, the majority being delivered to the Army and Navy. Of those sent abroad, France got about 200 before its collapse in mid-summer. Of the other 1,300, the Army received about 400 and the supposition is that the balance was delivered to Great Britain. Officials say that combat planes now being delivered are equipped with lock-proof fuel tanks, armor plate and fire power unsurpassed by other planes. Moreover, more frequent deliveries are being made to the Army and Navy as production of combat craft increases.

A tentative program to provide (Continued on page 2)

BRITISH TAKE ITALIAN BASE IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN

Ten P. M. Adopted Closing Hour For Saturday Nights BEGIN MARCH FIRST

Through petition of merchants and business men of Farmville, the Board of Directors of the Farmville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association have adopted resolution providing for the closing of all Farmville mercantile establishments on each Saturday night not later than ten (10:00 o'clock P. M.). All patrons are urged to complete their purchases before ten o'clock, to the end that the stores may close at the appointed hour, thereby permitting those working on Saturdays to get home before such a late hour. This resolution becomes effective on Saturday, March 1st, 1941. All merchants are requested to cooperate.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—D. N. B. German news agency, reported today in a Sofia dispatch that assault charges had been made in the Bulgarian capital against United States Minister George H. Earle as a result of last Saturday's cafe bottle-throwing incident.

D. N. B. said Earle was accused of "inflicting light bodily wounds." The agency added that "numerous Bulgarian citizens appeared as witnesses." Earle said the altercation arose when a man he identified as a German objected when the orchestra played "Tipperary" at Earle's request. The man was hit by a bottle and Earle suffered a cut on his arm in warding off a bottle.

Washington, Feb. 26. — Officials said today that George H. Earle, United States minister, cannot legally be arrested or tried on the assault charges reported to have been filed against him in Sofia. They asserted that Earle has diplomatic immunity. The State Department had received no report late today that charges had been filed against the envoy.

CHARGES?

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Seeks More Funds For N. C. Projects

Washington, Feb. 26.—The War Department today asked Congress for an additional \$12,000,000 to complete construction of army training facilities in North Carolina.

The amount was based on a revised estimate of total costs of the projects and was total cost of the fourth supplemental national defense appropriations bill reported to the House by its Appropriations Committee.

The department estimated an additional \$7,887,871 was needed at Fort Bragg, N. C., where the estimated total cost is now \$30,144,440 against an original allocation of \$22,256,569.

The department said \$4,230,880 more was needed for Camp Davis near Wilmington, N. C., bringing the revised estimated cost to \$10,419,280. The original allocation for this base was \$6,188,400.

Life would be much simpler if everybody was willing to pay for what they want.

Capture Fortified Isle of Castel Orizio Located Three Miles From Turkish Coast; Bold Move Regarded As Step to Aid Turkey If Latter Joins War On Axis

London, Feb. 26.—British forces have captured and occupied the fortified Italian island and seaplane base of Castel Orizio on Turkey's southern coast it was announced officially tonight as British moved quickly to reinforce her alliance with Turkey.

The seizure of the tiny island, easternmost point of Italy's bases in the Mediterranean, aroused speculation that Britain, with Turkey's consent, might be preparing to seize all of the Italian Dodecanese islands at the gateway to the strategic Dardanelles.

The occupation of the Italian island base—a stepping stone to Italy's Rhodes stronghold only 80 miles to the west—was regarded as a preliminary move to quick British aid to Turkey if the latter enters the war against the Axis.

The taking of the fortified island three miles from Turkey's Anatolian coast south of Elmalı and midway between Rhodes and the British base at Cyprus occurred yesterday, presumably by British naval and land forces, and Admiralty and War Office communique said.

Castel Orizio, long regarded as an Italian "pistol" pointed at the rich Anatolian plains, was occupied by Italy in 1912 and Turkey never has abandoned her claim to the tiny isle, which has a small bay, but no naval facilities.

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Flying School Is Given Okeh Civil Pilots Training Program Gets Final Approval

Greenville, Feb. 26.—Milton O. Schultz, chief Civil Aeronautical Authority inspector for this area, made a final inspection of the local county-city airport and college equipment this morning with a view to establishing a Civil Pilots Training program here and announced that he would submit a favorable report to the Atlanta offices tonight.

Approval by the Atlanta and Washington offices is expected to be only a formality following the report of the inspector.

Mr. Schultz visited the airfield with its new hangar, and then went to the college where he inspected and approved facilities offered for classroom work. Textbooks, airplane parts and other equipment not already here, are expected to arrive within a day or so and the program will get under way within a few days.

France Barnes of Lumberton has contracted with the city to operate the flying school, which will have ten students at first and probably be increased to 20 or 30 within the near future.

The approval of the local field and college facilities for the establishment of a CAA Civil Pilots Training program here came one day following approval by President Roosevelt of a \$73,000 expenditure for development of the airfield as a WPA project. The two programs are expected to make the local city-county airport one of the most modern in this section of the state and, with the training program in progress and work on developing the field, the site is expected to be bustling with activity within a short while.