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## STORM HALTS SEARCH FOR PLANE SPIRIT LAKE

### THINK U. S. ARMY PLANE CRASHED IN SPIRIT LAKE

Blizzard Halts Search Of Lake For Missing Plane

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 11.—(UP)—A raging blizzard that whipped huge waves and reduced visibility to less than 100 feet today halted the search for a U. S. Army observation plane which was believed to have crashed into Spirit Lake last night.

Sheriff Joe L. McQuirk of Dickinson county said farmers and residents, some of them living as far as a mile and a half from the lake, reported hearing an airplane crash last night a few hours after the plane took off from the 9th Squadron National Guard airport at St. Paul. Spirit Lake is on the course of a plane flying between St. Paul and Omaha.

Maj. R. S. Miller, commanding officer of the St. Paul airport, said three men were aboard the plane when it took off at 4:15 p. m. (CST) Sunday. He said they were Lieut. Robert M. Prange, Capt. G. Smith and Pvt. Cerrato. The plane was scheduled to land at 6:05 p. m. (CST) but the pilot had not reported. Neither St. Paul nor the Fort Crook officers know to what unit of the army the men were attached.

Sheriff McQuirk said he had ordered 30 men out in five motor launches to search Spirit Lake for the plane when the crash was reported. They searched for several hours without success and abandoned the search until morning because of poor visibility. McQuirk said Spirit Lake was comparatively shallow, 25 feet deep at the deepest point, and any airplane attempting to land probably would crash.

McQuirk said he was "almost certain" the army plane had crashed in Spirit Lake. He had checked all reports in the vicinity and the only plane was the only one known to be flying through the area. Army officers said they were certain the plane either had made a forced landing or crashed because such planes carry only enough fuel for a flight of three or four hours.

The storm into which the plane had headed was one of the worst ever reported in that region at this time of the year. Several cities were without communications because of the sleet and wind. The storm apparently extended over most of Nebraska and part of Iowa.

### President Fixes Nov. 21 As Thanksgiving

Washington, Nov. 11.—(UP)—President Roosevelt again has proclaimed a Thanksgiving holiday one week in advance of the traditional observance of the day. Late Saturday he fixed Thursday, Nov. 21, for this year's observance.

Until 1939, Thanksgiving was observed on the last Thursday of November. When Mr. Roosevelt moved the day ahead one week last year, it caused a nationwide controversy in which many states had two holidays.

This year 32 states will comply with the president's proclamation; 16 will observe the last Thursday of the month.

### SEN. PITTMAN DIED SUDDENLY AT RENO, NEV.

Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Died At His Home

Washington, Nov. 11.—(UP)—The death of Chairman Kev Pittman of the senate foreign relations committee was expected today to lead to stronger administration demands for adjournment of congress this week. The senate meets tomorrow and will recess immediately as a mark of respect for Pittman who died early yesterday of a heart attack in Reno, Nev. The senate meets today and also will recess immediately.

Pittman's successor as foreign relations chairman—the most important committee post in the senate—may go to Sen. Walter F. George, D., Ga. Sen. Pat Harrison, D., Miss., the ranking democrat on the committee, telegraphed from his Mississippi home that he would retain chairmanship of the finance committee and predicted that George, who follows him in seniority, would win Pittman's post "unanimously."

George was selected to the senate in 1938 despite President Roosevelt's attempt to defeat him in the primary. He has differed with the administration on many domestic policies, but has been an enthusiastic supporter of its foreign policy, including the reciprocal trade agreements program—a policy towards which Pittman was cool.

Pittman's post as president pro-tem was expected to go to Sen. Charles McNary, D., Ore. (Continued on Page Two)

### WILLKIE WILL TALK TONIGHT

Will Broadcast From 10:30 To 11:00 Tonight Over Many Hookups

New York, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Wendell L. Willkie tonight answers a question put by many of his 22,000,000 supporters in last week's election: "What are we to do now, Mr. Willkie?"

From 10:30 to 11 p. m., on time donated by the networks, he will outline the course he believes the republican opposition should follow. He will speak from his personal campaign headquarters in the Commodore hotel.

Willkie is expected to counsel his party to cooperate with the administration's defense and in giving all short-of-war aid to Britain, but to act as a check against any undue assumption of power.

The defeated republican nominee spent yesterday at his Fifth Avenue home, working on his speech. In the afternoon, he went to his hotel headquarters to read more of the 30,000 letters and telegrams received since the vote was counted.

The letters, his associates said, are mostly in the same vein; they are mostly in the same vein; they are mostly in the same vein. (Continued on Page Two)

### ARMISTICE DAY NOT CELEBRATED EUROPE TODAY

There Is No Armistice In The War Zones Of Europe.

By IOE ALEX MORRIS  
United Press Foreign News Editor

Once every year since 1918, millions in Europe pause this day to commemorate the World War Armistice.

But not today. Every year for more than two decades, the ancient bells spoke solemnly across the countryside; the whirr of machines in factories and the creak of wagon wheels on dusty roads came to a sudden stop. Every year at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month entire nations prayed, in sick remembrance of the millions long dead now on fields once bright with shrapnel fire.

But not today. There was no time for such things today. This anniversary of an armistice that was to silence guns forever, came on the wings of war beyond the conception of the men who dropped their guns on the crimson earth 22 years ago. The eleventh hour struck today but was unheard in the deadly din. To stop even for a minute, could mean the difference between victory and defeat.

One minute: a woman's hands take 10 more smooth-nosed bombs from the conveyor belt at Coventry. One minute: a sweating stevedore hurls a hundredweight of grain ashore at Liverpool and never once looks up to see the bombing planes against the sky. One minute: a pilot dives five miles across the clouds.

Twenty-two years ago a numbed silence settled over Europe's battlefields and out of that silence came the cry of weary people that there should be no future war.

(Today the tall, unhappy old man who had promised "peace in (Continued on Page Three)

### AUTO ACCIDENTS NOT SO BAD

Fewer Auto Accidents Over The Weekend Than Usual.

By United Press  
Four persons died from traffic accidents in Iowa over the weekend as weather conditions made roads hazardous.

The dead: P. M. Tolan, Ponda, Bert Overhouse, 48, Decorah, Edward Vitteco, 36, Washington, John Roach, 71, Boone.

Tolan was injured fatally in a collision near Barnum last night. He was riding with Elo Krenz whose machine collided with that of John Holmquist, Fort Dodge. Mrs. Holmquist and her daughter, Delores, were injured.

Overhouse died in a Decorah hospital early today from injuries suffered when he was struck by a car in which Adolph and Clarence Vick were riding. Rain made visibility poor.

Vitteco died last night at the University of Iowa hospital from injuries suffered in a collision near North Liberty. Twelve persons were involved in the crash. Vitteco's car collided with one driven by Howard Sentman, 27, Oxford.



### PRES. ROOSEVELT LAYS WREATH SOLDIER'S TOMB

Talks to the Nation Over Radio Following That Ceremony

By T. F. REYNOLDS  
United Press White House Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 11.—(UP)—President Roosevelt declared today that the men who suffered and died in 1917 and 1918 were not sacrificed in vain and stated his faith that democracy, the "new order of the ages will survive the present era of modern feudalism and dictators."

The president spoke at the Arlington national cemetery amphitheater after a solemn ceremony in which he placed a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

He called for elimination of aggressive armaments; breaking down of barriers in a more closely-knit world; restoration of the honor of the written and spoken word and improvement of the processes of democracy.

Mr. Roosevelt spoke amidst a new war raging 22 years after the first world war terminated in the 1918 armistice. But he said that a century from now historians will brand as "puny and false" efforts to convince the world that the blood sacrifices of the first world war were "wholly in vain."

"I, for one, do not believe that the era of democracy in human affairs can or will be snuffed out in our lifetime," he said.

"I, for one, do not believe that more force will be successful in sterilizing the seeds which had taken their firm root as a harbinger of a new world."

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### WHAT MOLOTOV HITLER VISIT WILL PORTEND

Expert Reviews The Things That Are Likely To Happen At The Visit.

By J. W. T. MASON  
United Press War Expert

Molotov, Russia's premier and commissar of foreign affairs, who arrives in Berlin tomorrow for a talk with Herr Hitler, is traveling as a wary negotiator, not as a suppliant. Just before he left Moscow public speeches by the Soviet's highest ranking field marshals warned the Russian people to beware of enemy tricks and to be prepared for any emergency.

The Russian bear has two sets of cub in Europe, the Bulgars and the Serbs of Yugoslavia. In addition the Turks have a quasi-relationship in the family. Molotov can scarcely have orders from Stalin to agree to Germany's domination over all these countries.

It is Molotov's intention to protect Russia's interests. Any presumption that Russia now intends to join the axis in extending the war through southeastern Europe into the middle east finds difficulty in explaining how Russia would obtain permanent benefit.

Such a naive play by the Russians would mean an agreement to allow Germany to dominate areas that Russia always has considered within her own sphere of present or future interests. Until more is known of Molotov's plans, the grandiose German expectation of sensational results, "reorganizing the world," must be accepted with reserve.

It is not unreasonable to assume that the blood sacrifices of the first world war were "wholly in vain."

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### 1,000 PERSONS KILLED, RUMANIA EARTH QUAKE

Bucharest Rocked By A Second Earthquake Today.

By F. E. STEVENS  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Bucharest, Rumania, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Two new earth shocks rocked Bucharest today, bringing new terror to those who had escaped death in Rumania's most devastating earthquake since 1902.

Officials estimated that 1,000 persons had been killed and between 3,000 and 4,000 injured in the earthquake which occurred early Sunday morning. Two more shocks were felt at midnight and two more today, at 8:36 a. m.

There were no casualties as a result of the new shocks, but thousands rushed wildly into streets and parks.

Authorities pleaded with the throngs to return to their homes and employees urged workers to report to their jobs. Thousands living on upper floors placed their belongings in suitcases and began seeking safer lodgings.

The new shocks came as the government sought to determine the casualties from the Sunday earthquake which left many towns and villages in ruins.

Only western Rumania was spared. Many towns and villages were in ruins and their living and uninjured inhabitants took to the fields fearful of recurring quakes. Many buildings in Bucharest were shaken and at least 200 were killed or hopelessly trapped when the 11-story Carlton apartment building collapsed.

The oil fields of eastern Rumania which produce large amounts of oil for the German armies and air force were severely damaged. In some districts great fires still were burning today and German military fire fighters were attempting to bring them under control.

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### IOWA GETS HER FIRST SNOWFALL

Blizzard Hits Western Iowa With A Foot Of Snow At Spirit Lake

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 11.—(UP)—The first snow of the winter swept across Iowa today and reached blizzard proportions in northwestern and southwestern parts of the state.

Highways began to drift as a 38-mile-an-hour wind whipped the snow. Visibility was reduced to less than 100 feet in several places.

### HERRING'S SECRETARY TO BE POSTMASTER

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 11.—(UP)—Sen. Clyde L. Herring said yesterday that he will recommend the appointment of his secretary, Miss Edith M. Johnson, as Des Moines postmaster.

She will take an examination with other candidates in a few days, and if she is among the top three will be appointed permanently for the \$7,000 a year position.

Miss Johnson is 39 years old and has been Herring's private secretary since 1924 when he operated an automobile sales firm.

L. S. (Steve) Hill, former Des Moines postmaster, died recently.

### GREEKS MAKE A HEAVY OFFENSE AGAINST ITALY

Report An Entire Division Has Been Annihilated In Action

By J. H. YINDRICH  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Athens, Greece, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Aided by British bombing planes which assailed Italian concentrations and supply lines, Greek troops, on the offensive in the Kalamas Valley and Pindus Mountain sectors, have dispersed large bodies of Italian troops, reports from the front said today.

Reliable quarters said that an Italian "lost division" in the Pindus had been annihilated, leaving the Italian southern sector, in the Kalamas Valley, exposed to flank attack from the west. The Italians were said to have retreated down the valley after two of their battalions had been dispersed. Greeks were reported to have captured mortars, machine guns and other equipment.

A Greek communique today said that the Italian Third Alpine division had been shattered, that many were killed, wounded or taken prisoner and that the survivors had sent their reserves before them in headlong retreat, with Greeks pursuing them.

"Thus the Alpines completely failed in their assignment of cutting the road from Epirus to Thessaly," the communique said.

Meanwhile, British bombers, cooperating with Greek ground forces, were reported to have raided Italian embarkation points and other Albanian ports, as well as troop concentrations and supply routes behind the Italian lines.

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### POISON PAN CAKES KILL 9

Served At Breakfast This Morning At Pittsburg At Salvation Army Men's Service.

Pittsburgh, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Nine men died today and the death toll may mount even higher as the result of food poisoning believed to have been caused by tainted pancakes served at the Salvation Army Men's Social Service Center here.

The men were stricken a few hours after they had eaten a breakfast of pancakes, bacon and coffee at the center. It was feared that the food may have been introduced into the pancake batter accidentally. Remnants of the breakfast were confiscated for analysis.

### DEATH BROUGHT PEACE TO EX-PRIME MINISTER

Neville Chamberlain Died At His Home In London

By BRYDON TAVES  
United Press Staff Correspondent

London, Nov. 11.—(UP)—A state funeral was planned today for former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, who in 1938 assured Great Britain of "peace in our time" and in 1939 led Britain into war.

Chamberlain died "peacefully" at 5:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon in his country home in Hampshire while German air raiders were winging their way over Hampshire's neatly mown fields for their nightly attack on London.

Chamberlain had been gravely ill for days at Heckfield House, near Odiham. Its walls had been camouflaged, but several German bombs had dropped nearby. In his final hours, the former prime minister was in a coma, but for weeks he had listened to the hum of nazi planes. With him were his wife and two sisters.

Chamberlain was 71. A tired and ailing man, he severed all connection with the government on Oct. 3 and retired to await death, unable to live for the outcome of the war he had hoped to prevent by appeasing the dictators.

The funeral was being planned while government leaders paid tribute. Prime Minister Winston Churchill preferred to make his tribute a statement to the house of commons. It was expected that the body would be brought to London for a state funeral despite the air raids.

Newspapers gave equal prominence to Chamberlain's death, the visit to Russian Premier V. M. Molotov to Berlin and Italian-Greek war developments. All carried long obituaries.

Most government leaders and newspapers stressed the tremendous responsibility which weighed upon Chamberlain during his "era of appeasement" and his subsequent bitter disappointment. The newspapers made no attempt to suppress condemnation of Chamberlain's policy which led to the historic Munich agreement, but emphasized that whatever history's verdict regarding the wisdom of his policies, there could be no doubt of his courage, public spirit, integrity and devotion to duty.

Chamberlain's home city, Birmingham, went into deep mourning, with flags at half mast and many persons wearing black arm bands.

"I am quite certain that the (Continued on Page Three)

### Blizzard Hits In Iowa And Nebraska

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 11.—(UP)—A storm of near-blizzard proportions which swept from the Rockies through Nebraska, disrupting wire and highway communications, today penetrated into Iowa and Missouri, causing still further damage.

Ice a half inch thick formed on telegraph and telephone lines as temperatures dropped to as low as 10 above zero, and a wind of up to 50 miles an hour broke the lines.

Linemen near Kearney, Neb., today reported visibility at less than half a block and disappeared after reopening the lines before late afternoon.

### Storm General Over Chicago Area

Chicago, Nov. 11.—(UP)—Winds of nearly mile-a-minute velocity swept rain, sleet and snow of the season's first winter storm into the Midwest today.

The United States weather bureau said it was part of a storm condition prevailing from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico and from the Rockies to the Appalachians.

A live squall which lasted 22 minutes and reached a peak of 58 miles an hour struck the Chicago area at mid-morning, toppling a few houses, trees and utility lines. A sustained wind of 42 miles an hour followed and was expected to drop temperatures to the low 20's by nightfall.

Three persons were burned to death when wind of near tornadoic force demolished the home of a deaf mute WPA worker at Canton, in central Illinois. The deaf mute, Lewis E. Moore, 40, the deaf and infant son, Alma, 10, and the family were rescued.

At South Bend, Ind., J. Frank Grzesiak, 27, was killed and two others were injured by collapse of a 40-foot brick wall in a junk yard.