

TOLL OF DEATHS IN LAKE MICHIGAN INCREASING

SAILORS PERISH AS STORM SWEEP LAKE MICHIGAN

Sixteen Sailors Dead And Five Ships Sunk As Gales Hit Lake Michigan

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Sixteen sailors were known today to have been killed when gales swept across the nation lashed the waters of Lake Michigan into treacherous, choppy waves that sent five ships to the bottom and rounded six others.

The toll of victims mounted steadily as coast guardsmen and civilian Conservation Corps workers patrolled the Michigan shore of the lake. Twelve bodies were recovered at Ludington, Mich., where rescue workers reported several more sighted in the water. Four more, believed to be members of a Canadian freighter, were recovered at Penwater, Mich., about 10 miles south of Ludington. The 7,200 ton freighter William Davock was smashed to pieces and the wreckage strewn several miles along the beach five miles south of Penwater. The Anna Finch, 4,200 ton freight of Canadian registry, also was reported sunk and the coast guard at Penwater said wreckage was washed shore along a strip more than six miles long. Identification of the Anna Finch was made from life preservers.

Thirteen survivors of the pulp carrier Novadoc, which was driven aground near Penwater while en route from South Chicago to the Great Lakes, were brought to the Penwater coast guard station this morning by the fishing tug Three Brothers. The Novadoc was believed to have carried a crew of 16.

The survivors, who had remained in the ship's pilot house while freezing temperatures encrusted it, were suffering from exposure. Physicians were summoned to the station to give first aid.

The coroner's office at Ludington reported that 17 members of the crew of the Davock still were missing and little hope was held that they would be found alive.

The storm struck suddenly, but without warning. The winds swept in from the west and north-west, sometimes reaching a velocity of 75 miles per hour. Smashed (Continued on Page Three)

BANK ROBBER DID NOT ATTEND FUNERAL

Council Bluffs, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—A pair of G-men, who made themselves as unobtrusive as possible, attended today the funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Denning, 69, mother of Maurice Denning, Neola, Ia., youth who once was listed as public enemy No. 1.

The FBI operatives were there on an off chance that Maurice might come to pay last respects to his mother, who died at her home Sunday. However there was no one in the crowd of 60 mourners who resembled the fugitive bank robber.

No trace ever has been found of Maurice since his partner, Tom Limerick, was captured several years ago. Limerick later was shot and killed in an attempt to escape Alcatraz penitentiary.

INCREASE GUN POWDER SUPPLY

Precaution Taken to Prevent Sabotage in Gunpowder Production

Washington, Nov. 13.—(UP)—Defense officials today expected gunpowder production facilities to be more than doubled by next June, overcoming a bottleneck in that phase of the rearmament program.

Gunpowder supply was not affected by the explosions, which wrecked three explosive plants in New Jersey and Pennsylvania yesterday, officials said. The army and navy had orders totaling about \$200,000 with only one of the plants — the Trojan Powder Company of Allentown, Pa.

The Hercules Powder Company at Kewitt, N. J., which was destroyed by an explosion in September, slashed the nation's powder producing sources by nearly one-third.

The government is considering plans for two more powder plants in addition to two now under construction at Radford, Va., and at Charlestown, Ind. The latter two will be in operation by June and are expected to have capacities greater than the two existing major producing units, the DuPont plant near Wilmington, (Continued on Page Three)

AFTERMATH OF THE BLIZZARD IN THE COUNTRY

The Entire Country Suffered Except Southern California

(By United Press)

Cold nipped almost the entire nation today as the storms which caused at least 100 deaths and untold property damage appeared to abate.

At least 16 sailors were killed on the Great Lakes when gales churned the waters into choppy waves that sent five boats to the bottom and grounded six others. At least four more boats were missing. A score of hunters died in the middle west, many of exposure when the biting cold swept suddenly across the plains. An unknown number of fishermen were missing. Others died in accidents on highways, in the cities and in the air.

Only southern California escaped the cold which sent the mercury down to subzero marks in northern areas and to 50 degrees in the deep south. Belgrade, Mont., reported 15 degrees below zero.

Weathermen said the cold wave and storms were the most severe in years. Coast guardsmen worked long hours on the Great Lakes rescuing survivors and recovering bodies of the dead from the wreckage of the boats that were battered to bits and run aground or disabled. Two of the vessels which went down in Lake Michigan were the William B. Davock, a 7,200 ton freighter, and the Anna Finch, 4,200 ton freighter of Canadian registry. Bodies of 16 members of the crews were recovered and more were reported seen in the water but could not be reached immediately. (Continued on Page Seven)



BRITAIN'S MOST IMPORTANT NAVY VICTORY OF WAR

Expert Says Britain Crippled One-Third Of Italian Navy

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Crippling of at least one-third of Italy's first line battle fleet with damage to other fascist war vessels at Taranto by British bombers must rank as the most important naval success of Europe's war. The British victory is a direct result of Italy's invasion of Greece, which allows Great Britain for the first time the use of offensive bases within easy striking range of Italian ports.

The serious reduction of Italian sea power, coupled with the added strategic value of the new British naval stations at Crete, now gives Great Britain overwhelming predominance in the Mediterranean. Far-reaching results are certain to accrue to Britain's advantage, in addition to added security for British transports passing through the Mediterranean.

Detachments from the Mediterranean fleet can now be made, if the London admiralty desires for running down armored German raiders in the Atlantic. Too, greater protection can be given supply ships approaching British coastal waters, and it is possible the blockade of the French and Spanish Atlantic coast may be tightened.

The Taranto victory is the war's first major success of air-planes over heavily armored naval vessels. It shows that warships at anchor are vulnerable to large bombs aimed effectively, if the attacking planes are allowed to reach their targets.

The British success, however, must be attributed primarily to the apparent lack of efficiently operated Italian fighting planes. The Taranto engagement shows the vital necessity of protecting naval bases with defense planes capable of driving off attacking squadrons or keeping them so high in the air that the targets become confused. (Continued on Page Seven)

INVESTIGATE SABOTAGE IN U. S. DEFENSE

Declares Recent Explosions Cannot Be Merely A Coincidence

By United Press

The federal bureau of investigation, strengthened to meet the threat of sabotage against the national defense program, intervened today in the investigations of mysterious explosions, accidents and fires in public and private enterprises that have caused estimated damage of \$1,000,000 in the last week.

Ten acts of sabotage in connection with recent explosions in plants working on national defense orders were charged by Rep. Martin Dies, chairman of the congressional committee investigating subversive activities. He did not disclose where the sabotage occurred, but said he would ask congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 to continue his committee's investigations in an effort to stop this menace to national defense.

Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, R., N. J., a member of the committee, said that three explosions in Pennsylvania and New Jersey yesterday "can hardly be placed in the category of coincidence" and warned that other disasters might be expected "until the federal government gets hard-boiled."

"We need a shake-up in our government so that there will be no more coddling of subversive groups or activities," he said. The federal government should cooperate with the employers so that they can get tough about whom they hire and fire."

The three powder plant explosions occurred within an hour of (Continued on Page Seven)

CLOTHING STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—The state executive council today purchased 1,000 articles of clothing for the state highway patrol.

The purchases included 27 macintoshes at \$29.90 each; 92 service coats at \$23.72 each; 232 pairs of slacks at \$12.16 each; 351 shirts at \$1.82 each; 85 caps at \$2.35 each; 85 pairs of shoes at \$7 each and 128 pairs of gloves at \$1.25 each.

The shoes and gloves were purchased from Walt Wright's store for men at Keokuk and the gloves were bought from the Fairfield Glove and Mitten Co., Fairfield. The other articles were purchased from Des Moines firms.

BRITISH AND GERMAN PLANES BATTLE ENGLAND

British Claim to Have Turned Back Big Squads of Nazi Planes

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London, Nov. 13.—(UP)—Big fleets of British and axis warplanes battled over southern England today in the channel, today as enemy raiders resumed attacks that took a heavy toll in London during the last 24 hours.

Both German and Italian planes were in operation during the night and this morning when two American ambulance stations, a big movie house and an air raid shelter in London were hit. But the most savage fighting was between British Hurricane and German Messerschmitt squadrons during a dive-bombing attack on a southeast coast town.

German fighter-bombers roared down on the town in steep dives, hurling themselves through an intense anti-aircraft barrage and each dropping its single bomb on the coast targets.

British fighters raced in to intercept the attacking craft and chase them back into the clouds over the channel, where fighting war heard for a long period.

Officials also disclosed that the famous Church of St. Martin in the Fields, in the corner of Trafalgar Square, and the Royal College of Surgeons had been damaged in recent air raids.

There were no casualties when the American ambulance stations were bombed during the night. A time bomb fell on a garage housing an ambulance in a London shopping center which has suffered heavy damage recently but the drivers and attendants who were dining nearby did not know it until a driver stumbled into a bomb crater.

A high explosive fell in the garden of a house where another ambulance was stationed, doing some damage.

Many casualties and more damage were reported as a result of steady raids in the last 24 hours. Hundreds of rescue workers dug into the ruins of big buildings in an effort to save many persons believed trapped.

Several deaths were reported from a shelter that was wrecked (Continued on Page Seven)

WINTER STORM TOLL IN IOWA

Attribute Nine Deaths To Cold Wave With 15 Below Forecast Tonight

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Temperatures ranging from five to 15 degrees below zero were forecast for Iowa tonight as the first cold wave of the season continued in full force.

The cold and blizzard which marked its advent Monday already have caused at least nine deaths in the state, at least nine in the northwest, 10 below in the northeast and five below in the southern part of the state.

Sioux City reported the lowest official reading in the state during the past 24 hours with six below. It was two below at Mason City, one below at Mt. Airy, zero at Iowa Falls and Charles City.

The minimum reading of three above in Des Moines this morning was the coldest ever recorded here on Nov. 14.

The highest temperature in the state yesterday was 24 above at Davenport, making the average reading for the state 30 degrees below normal. (Continued on Page Three)

BRITISH SINK 7 OF 10 SHIPS

Big Naval Victory For Britain Reported By Churchill Today

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London, Nov. 13.—(UP)—The admiralty reported today that British air and naval forces had knocked out seven to ten Italian warships and supply vessels and damaged others in two smashing victories that "decisively" affected the balance of naval power in the Mediterranean.

Six or seven warships, including main units of the fascist fleet, virtually were destroyed by a British air attack on the harbor of Taranto at the heel of the Italian boot, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a cheering house of commons. It was believed that British torpedo planes made the attack.

At about the same time, British naval forces went into action in the Straits of Otranto, on the other side of the Italian "heel," sinking one and possibly three supply ships and scoring a hit on one of two destroyers that "escaped" behind a smoke screen, the admiralty said.

Although only one supply ship plying between Italy and Albania to supply fascist armies definitely was reported sunk, the admiralty said that two others were set afire and probably sank and that a fourth was damaged badly in the (Continued on Page Seven)

HUNTING DEATH TOLL MOUNTS

Three Bodies Found Last Night and Others Still Missing

(By United Press)

The death toll of Iowa hunters in this week's storm stood at five today as searching parties sought several others still missing.

Three bodies were found last night, Lawrence Cross, Franklin Payne and Douglas McKim, all of Fort Madison, were discovered frozen to death in their duck blind in the Mississippi river just off Fort Madison.

Officials said they had been trapped by five-foot waves which swept the river.

Earley Leonard Reynolds, 35, Muscatine, was found to have drowned when his small boat capsized near Little Dasher Island north of Burlington.

Arville Young, another Fort Madison hunter, drowned near Dallas City, Ill., when his blind blew down and pinned him beneath it. A search was being made for his body. (Continued on Page Three)

ASK HUNTERS TO REFRAIN KILLING

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—The state conservation commission today asked Iowa hunters to refrain from killing pheasants north of highway 18 and west of Forest City, despite the fact that five days of the season still remain.

"The blizzard last Monday followed by extreme cold weather has resulted in a great loss of the birds in that area," M. L. Hutton, director, explained.

"We are seeking the cooperation of the hunters so that the parent stock can be conserved for next year."

The commission extended the usual three-day season to six this year because the pheasant had been a greatly increased pheasant population in northern counties. The season opened yesterday.

A special committee of the commission, meeting at Algona, advised Hutton that the pheasant loss from the storm was especially severe north of highway 18 and west of Forest City.

The committee recommended that hunters use frozen birds as part of their bag limit.

Effort To Adjourn Congress Tuesday

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Speaker Sam Rayburn announced today that leaders of both houses will seek sine die adjournment of congress next Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Just before leaving for a white house conference with President Roosevelt, Rayburn said that the democratic leaders had sent telegrams to all democratic representatives urging them to be in hand for "an important vote next Tuesday." This, he said, could be on the adjournment of congress.

Rayburn added that he was authorized to say that senate democratic leader, Alben W. Barkley had asked the upper chamber to return for a vote on the same issue Tuesday.

"I am confident we can get an adjournment resolution through the house if we get the members here," Rayburn said.

Republicans, headed by minority leader, Joseph W. Martin, have opposed outright adjournment. They favor continuing the present system of three-day recesses which has the effect of opening congress subject to quick assembly in case of emergency.

HARTNETT LOST OUT WITH CUBS

Gabby Will Not Be Given A New Contract After Dec. 31

Chicago, Nov. 13.—(UP)—Owner Phil K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs announced today that the contract of Manager Leo (Gabby) Hartnett will not be renewed when it expires Dec. 31.

Hartnett, member of the Chicago Cubs organization as star catcher for 18 years, succeeded his old friend and teammate, Charley Grim, as manager on July 20, 1938. He led the team to the National League pennant that year but finished fourth in 1939 and fifth last season.

"We are not blaming Hartnett," Wrigley said. "He has done everything he could but we feel it is up to us to try and keep on trying to get the best possible combination of personnel to produce the best possible results."

"We may be wrong but at least we are trying."

Wrigley said he is considering "several names" for the managerial job.

"The men we want are under contract and cannot be discussed" (Continued on Page Three)

FIND OIL SPOT ON SPIRIT LAKE

Marks The Spot Where Observation Plane Crashed Sunday Evening With Three Occupants

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—A wide oil spot, apparently marking the place where a U. S. army observation plane crashed late last Sunday, was discovered today on ice covering Spirit Lake.

It was a short distance north-west of Big Stony Point, on the east shore.

Deputy Sheriff Jack Daugherty risked his life to crawl out on the inch thick ice to search for the plane. The spot was at approximately the same site where the ship was thought to have plunged into the water, carrying its three occupants to death.

The body of the pilot, Lieut. Robert M. Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo., was washed ashore yesterday, along with a portion of the plane.

Attempts to remove the plane and search for the other two bodies will have to be delayed until the ice becomes thick enough to support the weight of several men.

Iowa Farmers Buying Power

Ames, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Iowa farmers now have the greatest buying power in 20 years, and their 1940 income may total "in the neighborhood" of \$725,000,000, L. K. Soth, Iowa State college agricultural economist, reported today.

That figure is only slightly less than the \$735,000,000 income of 1929, and in terms of what it will buy is even greater.

"In 1929, prices of things farmers had to buy were 53 per cent above the pre-war level; now they are only 23 per cent above," Soth explained.

"In other words, cash farm income taken in by Iowa farmers this year is 98 or 99 per cent as large as in the 'boom' year, while prices of things the farmer has to buy are only 80 per cent as high as in 1929."

Because they haven't fully recovered from recent droughts, some sections of Iowa are still not as well off as in earlier years, Soth said. But taking the state as a whole Iowa farmers are nearing the end of one of the most favorable years on record.

Soth said the outlook continues favorable not only for the remainder of 1940 but also for the year ahead.

"Iowa farmers," he said, "stand to ride up near the front on the armament boom, since most of their products are consumed within the United States."

From mid-September to mid-October, the Iowa farm price index dropped two points, chiefly because of lower hog prices. The index for the period was 100—exactly the same as the pre-war level. The index of prices farmers pay remained unchanged at 122.

Chamberlain's Body Was Cremated

London, Nov. 13.—(UP)—The body of former Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was cremated today at Golders Green. No elaborate ceremonies were held, only two members of the Chamberlain household staff being present.

IOWA CORN CROP SOMEWHAT LESS

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—The federal department of agriculture yesterday estimated the 1940 Iowa corn production at 458,432,000 bushels, compared with 503,776,000 bushels last year.

Husking returns given the Iowa cooperative crop and livestock report service Nov. 1 indicated an average yield of 52 bushels per acre. This equals the all-time high established last year and is 44 per cent above the 10-year average of 36 bushels.

Average yields in northwest and east central Iowa were from five to seven bushels an acre lower than last year, while southern and south central sections yields were seven to 10 bushels an acre higher.

Soybean production was estimated at 14,022,000 bushels with an average yield of 20.5 bushels on 684,000 acres—37 per cent the largest Iowa soybean crop on record. It compared with 10,277,000 bushels last year and a 10-year average of 2,714,000 bushels and Minnesota was third with 172,840,000 bushels.

Roof On National Capitol Condemned

By FRANK McNAUGHTON
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Washington, Nov. 13.—(UP)—The election is over, but something heavy still hangs over the heads of all congressmen—the 120-ton roof of the house chambers and the 90-ton roof of the senate chamber.

Competent engineers have told capitol architect David Lynn that both roofs may crash into the chambers any day. That's why Lynn probably is one of the most worried men in the city. He has been hoping for months that congress would go home so that he could fix the roofs.

Congress has appropriated \$550,000 to strengthen the roofs, but the work cannot be done until after congress is in session. "When there is a joint session, then is the time to worry," Lynn said. "The whole government is there then."

The roofs were built in 1854. They are a strange, outmoded type of construction. Instead of being supported by the huge cast-iron beams are swung from the girders of the outer roof by the cast-iron stays or "chords." The pins which bind the girders together are cast iron, one and five-eighths inches in diameter. Engineers have reported that some of the appear to be bent. The construction, Lynn said, is considered at least 50 per cent deficient according to current engineering standards. Some ironwork in the roof that should not bear over 12,000 pounds pressure, engineers estimated, is carrying as much as 77,000 pounds. Temporary steel trusses have been fabricated. It will take about five weeks to build the supporting columns and install them beneath the roofs of the chambers. Then, next year, if congress takes a long recess or adjournment of some six months, the permanent repair could be undertaken.

Tells of Experience On Lake Michigan

Penwater, Mich., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Tom Peterson, a rugged 37-year-old sailor who has spent most of his life on the seas told a fight for life as he was fought to shore today with 18 other survivors from the ill-fated Davock.

"I was born in England and I've spent more than 20 years on the water but that blow Monday was the worst I've ever been through," Peterson said in a hoarse voice. His eyes were red and he was suffering from exposure.

"We were on the way from Penwater to Quebec with a load of lumber. Monday the wind started to whip up and by afternoon it was running 60 miles an hour. We fought against it but we couldn't get our boat out from shore. I went to my duty and lay down in my bunk for a few minutes. The next thing I knew I was coming out on the floor.

AUTOPSY HELD OVER DEAD BOY

Washington, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—An autopsy was performed late yesterday on the body of Ralph Edward Kohlicek, 5, Cedar Rapids fire victim, and doctors reported that he apparently inhaled smoke particles and suffered asphyxia.

The autopsy was asked by King Thompson, Linn county attorney, who charged the boy had been mistreated by his parents.

The boy's mother is Mrs. Walter M. Bender, who remarried after the death of her first husband.

An x-ray will be taken of the neck to see if there is any dislocation or fracture.

The boy had an estate of \$1,700 left him by his father. He was believed to have suffocated in a fire which swept the family sleeping rooms above a Cedar Rapids cafe last week.

RENEW SEARCH FOR BODIES, SPIRIT LAKE

Spirit Lake, Ia., Nov. 13.—(UP)—Officials today renewed their search for the bodies of two army fliers after the body of their companion, Lt. Robert Prange, 22, Fredericktown, Mo., was recovered from Spirit Lake.

Harsell Rohr, Spirit Lake, told authorities he saw their army observation plane flying barely above the tree tops Sunday while he was hunting. A short time later the plane was heard to crash into the water.

It was en route from St. Paul, Minn., to Omaha, Nebr.

Prange, whose body was smashed beyond recognition, was identified by a card in his pocket.

The dead youth's parents arrived late yesterday to take the body to the family home at Hardin, Ill.