

SEA WAR HITS NEW HEIGHT OF FURY

LIVERPOOL PORT SEVERELY HIT IN NAZI RAID

Liverpool, England, Nov. 29.—German squadrons dug feverishly at had been a building to search of bodies of persons alive and trapped beneath debris. It had resulted in many heavy bombs in last night's concentrated raid on Liverpool and northwest towns.

Building up until shortly midnight had been an intricate work for civilians assigned work. It was not known any persons had been in the when bombs started down.

Raiders came over the side district in waves, some of the Irish Sea, and an endless of anti-aircraft shells shot sky in an effort to bring down or chase them away. Bombs fell in the streets like

of the city this morning after daylight revealed the destruction and rescue men were digging into the ruins of buildings for bodies and persons. One bomb crashed a police station, but there were no casualties.

Back away a motion picture was half demolished. Two were known to have been and many were injured when an explosive bomb struck a shelter. An apartment building in the district was badly damaged. A bank on the opposite side of the street was wrecked.

The air raid shelter hundreds of persons sang Christmas carols. Bombs hurtled down. Bombs were the heaviest of that have fallen in the Mer-

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MRS. SHOAF IS TAKEN BY DEATH

William Shoaf Dies Thursday Evening After Month's Illness

Mrs. Sadie Marie Shoaf, 73, wife of William Shoaf, of Decatur route 2, died at 4 o'clock Thursday evening at the Adams county memorial hospital. Death followed a month's illness of complications.

She was born in Ohio, October 12, 1867, the daughter of Christ and Christina Boone-Benedict. She married William Shoaf in Decatur January 12, 1888. She was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical church and of the ladies society of the church.

Surviving besides the husband are sons: Chester, Charley, Ed, Frank and Fred, all in or near Decatur; four daughters: Mrs. Mable Shoaf of Monroe, Mrs. Mable Shoaf of Decatur, and Mrs. Ireta Shoaf of Ossian; one sister, Mrs. Mary Martin of Decatur route 2; one brother, Louis Benedict of Oak Hills, Ohio; 22 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one daughter and one brother are deceased.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and at 1:30 p. m. at the home. Rev. H. H. Meckstroth officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The body will be moved to the residence this evening and may be viewed after 7 p. m.

Gets Commerce Job



Wayne Taylor
Wayne Chatfield Taylor of Chicago, a veteran in business and government affairs, is shown as he took the oath of office as new undersecretary of commerce, succeeding Edward Noble.

DEATH CLAIMS ESIA S DAILEY

Prominent St. Mary's Township Farmer Dies This Morning

Esias W. Dailey, 77, prominent farmer and land owner of Adams county, died at his home in St. Mary's township, northeast of Bobo, at 10:45 o'clock this morning, following a several week's illness of pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Dailey was a native resident of this county. He was born June 27, 1863 in the same house in which he died. He was the son of James T. and Mary Johnson Dailey, who were numbered among the early pioneers of this community.

Long prominent in the business and agricultural life of Adams county, Mr. Dailey at one time served as a director of the Old Adams County bank. He was recognized as one of the most successful farmers in the county and his farm of more than 250 acres is one of the better ones in St. Mary's township.

Following his grade school education, Mr. Dailey enrolled in the National Normal school at Lebanon and for a number of years taught school in Van Wert and Adams counties.

In March of 1903, Mr. Dailey was married to Miss Laura Brunner, who died February 23, 1914. No children were born to the union.

Mr. Dailey was a member of the Mt. Tabor Methodist church and of the F. and A. M. Lodge in this city. Surviving are a twin brother, James Dailey of St. Mary's township; two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Moses, also of St. Mary's township and Mrs. Mary Jones of Wren, Ohio. The latter is 94 years of age.

The body will be returned from (Continued on page five)

SEAL CAMPAIGN OPENED TODAY

Annual Christmas Seal Campaign Is Opened In Adams County

The annual Christmas seal campaign in Adams county has been opened by the Adams county tuberculosis association, W. Guy Brown, Decatur high school principal, and president of the association, announced today.

A large group of girls in the Decatur junior senior high school, members of the school commercial class, are busy preparing the seals for mailing, Mr. Brown stated. The seals will go into the mails tomorrow.

CHINESE TRAIN IS DYNAMITED BY GUERILLAS

At Least 150 Japanese And Chinese Killed By Dynamite

Shanghai, Nov. 29.—(UP)—At least 150 persons were killed or wounded today when a train bearing prominent Japanese and Chinese officials to Nanjing for the formal recognition by Japan of Wang Ching-Wel's regime was dynamited near Soochow by Chinese guerillas.

Japanese quarters said that most of the casualties were Chinese, mainly coolies. They were riding in a car behind the locomotive, the only car on the train said to have been destroyed.

It was reported that at least two Americans were aboard the wrecked train but their names were not known immediately and it was not established whether they had escaped injury.

The wreck tied up traffic on the Shanghai-Nanking railroad. Reports from Soochow—the "city of bridges" reputed to have the most beautiful girls in all China—said it had been confirmed that Chinese guerilla forces placed dynamite under the tracks over which the train to Nanjing travelled.

Japanese here said that many prominent Chinese and Japanese officials who had planned to take the train waited for a later one, thus escaping danger. How many had taken the wreck train was not known.

Japanese quarters here said that at least one Japanese had been injured slightly.

Soochow is in the center of an area from which Chinese guerillas never have been cleared, despite Japanese occupation of the city since 1937.

ADDITIONAL MEN ARE CALLED OUT

Strike Of Skilled Workers Continues At City Light Plant

The strike delaying construction of the municipal light and power plant continued today with four more workers known to have been added to the number called off their jobs.

To date 10 boilermakers and four plumbers have been called off the job by the union in protest to the wages paid by the general contractor.

Frank Gardner, boilermaker boss, who with nine of his men walked out yesterday, in an interview with a Daily Democrat reporter, asked the newspaper to state today that the men "did not walk out of their own accord," but "were called off" by the Building Trades Council of Fort Wayne, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor.

The boilermakers were all employed by the Wicks Boiler company of Saginaw, Michigan. The plumbers are employed by the Industrial Piping and Equipment company of Fort Wayne.

Seven of the boilermakers left the city before noon today and the other three were to leave before the close of the day. Most of the men were going back to Chicago to await orders to report to another job, they stated.

Meanwhile, men employed by Yost Bros., general contractors, were continuing their jobs as usual today in building the addition to (Continued on page six)

Roosevelt Opposes Sales Tax Proposal

Washington, Nov. 29.—(UP)—President Roosevelt said today that he would oppose any proposal to enact a sales tax to finance new government expenditures resulting from the new national defense program.

Shifts in Legal Posts



Vincent Kelley, left, city attorney since 1939, will resign his post effective January 1, 1941, to become prosecuting attorney for the 26th judicial circuit and will be succeeded by Ferd L. Litterer, right, veteran Republican attorney of this city. The latter appointment will be made by Mayor Forrest Elzey.

KELLEY QUILTS CITY POSITION

Ferd Litterer To Succeed Vincent Kelley As City Attorney

Vincent Kelley of this city, who was elected prosecuting attorney in the November election, will tender his resignation as city attorney at the council meeting Tuesday evening, and will be succeeded in the post next January by Ferd L. Litterer, well known Decatur attorney. It was announced today.

Mr. Kelley's resignation will become effective December 31, 1940, so he can assume his official duties on New Year's day.

Mayor Forrest Elzey, who appointed Mr. Kelley, stated this afternoon he would appoint Mr. Litterer to the city attorney's post. By virtue of the law, the city attorney is also a member of the board of works and safety, having under its jurisdiction the operation of the city electric and water utility.

Mr. Kelley is the first Republican prosecutor attorney to be elected in Adams county.

Following his graduation from the University of Kentucky at Lexington in 1938, where he received his L.L.D. degree, he was admitted to the Adams county bar. He has served as city attorney since January 1, 1939, and will have completed two years in the post when his resignation becomes effective. He was a member of the Kentucky Law Journal staff, an honorary society at the university.

Mr. Litterer is one of the prominent attorneys in this city and is a former law partner of Judge J. Fred Fruchte. For several years he has been resident manager of the Decatur Homesteads Corp., and it was understood he had submitted his resignation of this post, effective next January.

GRUBE SPEAKS TO ROTARIANS

Decatur Attorney Speaks To Rotary Club Thursday Evening

Harry T. Grube, Decatur attorney and member of the Rotary club, delivered an inspiring address on "Liberty" at the weekly meeting of the club Thursday evening in the Rice hotel.

Mr. Grube, pointing to the immense defense program now underway in the United States, stressed the vast difference in government in this country as compared to the governments of practically all other nations in the world.

"Remember the fate of France," the speaker warned, "a nation with the finest army on the face of the earth, well equipped and with adequate finances, yet she crumbled before Hitler's armies with scarcely a fight. Physically, France was powerful, but spiritually, she was weak and disolute."

In pointing to the liberty of citizens of the United States, the attorney said that our liberties are not guaranteed under the constitution, as many persons mistakenly believe, but are traced to the Dec-

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Girl Locks Herself In Room, Fireman Called To Rescue



After being locked in an upstairs room for about an hour and a half, little Kay Hines, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hines, 803 1/2 North Second street, was freed by a fireman shortly after noon today.

The little girl, who, with her parents, lives in an apartment at the W. R. Harris home, accidentally turned the key and locked herself in the room while her nursemaid, Annabelle Miller, was out of the room. She cried for help and after a while her screams were heard. Frantically Miss Miller and Mrs. Harris implored her to get the key and slip it under the door to them, but to no avail.

Finally, Mrs. Harris appealed to Mayor Forrest Elzey, a neighbor. He called the fire department and Fireman Roy Steele with the aid of a fire ladder crawled through an upstairs window and unlocked the door. The little tot was none the worse for her experience after her fright subsided.

DEFENSE PLANT STRIKE ENDED

7,500 Union Members Return To Work At Aluminum Plant

New Kensington, Pa., Nov. 29.—(UP)—The 7,500 CIO union workers of the vast New Kensington plant of the Aluminum Corporation of America returned to their jobs today, ending a week long strike which tied up the production of aluminum needed for national defense.

They accepted a compromise agreement worked out by the national defense advisory commission, company officials and Phillip Murray, the new president of the CIO.

The union workers walked out last Friday, demanding that the company discharge or transfer a \$25 a week sheet mill worker who was behind in his union dues and who allegedly threatened a union official who tried to collect them.

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Good Fellows Club Started In This City

Decatur's Good Fellows club, the annual purveyors of Christmas cheer to the least fortunate residents of the city, was officially launched today by the Delta Theta Tau sorority, sponsors of the club.

The sorority donated \$50 to give the Good Fellows club a rousing start, and organizations and individuals of the city are urged to make their contributions early.

The Lions club has already started collecting toys which will be repaired and repainted for distribution at Christmas time. Any one having such toys to donate is asked to call the Hon-E-Krust bakery, Kenneth Flittner, manager of the bakery, has donated the use of his trucks to pick up these toys.

John L. DeVoss has donated the use of his building, 149 South Second street, formerly occupied by Mies Recreation, for Good Fellows headquarters for storage and sorting of material donated and purchased.

Report Fresh Engagements At Sea; British Demand A Knock-Out Blow At Italy

ROOSEVELT AND DIES TALK ON FIFTH COLUMN

Dies Refuses Statement After Conference With President

Washington, Nov. 29.—(UP)—Chairman Martin Dies of the house committee investigating un-American activities conferred for 50 minutes with President Roosevelt today on the anti-fifth column drive but declined to disclose details of the meeting.

The conference was called by Mr. Roosevelt to thrash out the numerous disagreements among the Dies committee, the White House and agencies dealing with anti-espionage and anti-sabotage work such as the federal bureau of investigation, the justice and state departments.

"I have no statement to make," Dies said as he left the president's office. "If the president wants to make a statement it is agreeable with me."

Dies said in advance of the conference that he is willing to cooperate with the administration in the anti-fifth column drive.

Dies held a press conference in his office shortly after his arrival here to thrash out with Mr. Roosevelt their long standing disagreements over the work and methods employed by the investigating committee.

Dies told reporters that while he was willing to cooperate with Mr. Roosevelt, he could not agree to (Continued on page three)

Local Man's Cousin Dies At Elkhart

Word has been received here by Tony Bonfiglio of the death of his cousin, Joe Bonfiglio at Elkhart. Mr. and Mrs. Bonfiglio will attend the funeral services in that city Saturday morning.

Adams County Man On Hunting Trip

Albert Beineke, well known farmer of Kirkland township, joined a party of men from Ohio today, who proceeded to eastern Pennsylvania on a hunting trip. There were 12 men in the party, among whom was Dr. Githens of Wren. They will hunt deer in the Pennsylvania hills and wilds.

GIVE VERDICT FOR PLAINTIFF

Circuit Court Jury Awards \$381.48 In Account Suit Here

After deliberating about three and one-half hours Thursday afternoon, an Adams circuit court jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff in the account suit of Phil Sauer against Charles F. and Grace Zimmerman.

The jury found for the plaintiff in the sum of \$308 principal and interest, which brought the total of \$381.48.

The case was given to the jurors at noon yesterday after they heard instructions from Judge J. Fred Fruchte. They returned about 1 o'clock after eating lunch to deliberate the case.

At 4:40 p. m. John H. Peters, of Preble township, jury foreman, informed bailiff Fred Kotter that they had reached a verdict. The suit asked \$475 for services allegedly due the plaintiff for building work done by the plaintiff for the defendants.

Leads Service



Rev. E. L. Bieler, pastor of the Church of God, South Bend, will lead revival services at the Church of God in this city, beginning Monday night. Rev. Bieler spent six years as a missionary in India, and has traveled in Egypt, Syria and the Holy Land.

DRAFTEE LIST IS ANNOUNCED

Ambrose August Meyers Heads County List Of Eligible Draftees

Ambrose August Meyers, 30, of Decatur route four, is at the head of Adams county's list of eligible draftees, a survey in the county draft board office disclosed today.

Meyers, a construction company worker in Decatur, in the "number one" man in class I-A—the class of men who have passed their physical examinations here and are available for immediate duty.

Meyers' county order number is eight. Those ahead of him, however, were given deferments by the board either because of dependents or physical incapacities and were put into another class.

Second on the list is Frank Leon Meshberger, 22, son of Harry Meshberger of Linn Grove. His order number is nine. Five other men have been placed in class I-A by the draft board.

From this list of seven men will be taken, in the order of their county order number, the next draftees, probably some time in January. If, of course, any one volunteers, he will be placed at the top of the list if he passes the examination.

Joseph Adair Krick, of this city, who volunteered for service, will leave Monday morning for Fort Benjamin Harrison. If he passes there the county's first quota of two will be filled. Delmar Grod was accepted previously, while Charles Whitman and Marcellus Miller were rejected.

Following is the list of men in class I-A:

Order	Name	Serial No.
8	Ambrose August Meyers	846
9	Frank Leon Meshberger	161
10	Donald Marcus Wait	2479
14	Everett Clarence Lough	2524
15	Alvin Edward Witte	2437
28	Hugh David Mosser	162
32	Herman Willard Krick	1369

Men whose numbers were above these or in between were given deferment and placed in another class. Miss Doris Nelson, draft board clerk, stated that it was likely more men would be placed in class I-A by the board within the next day or two.

TEMPERATURE READINGS
DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER
8:00 a. m. 32
10:00 a. m. 31
Noon 31
2:00 p. m. 31
3:00 p. m. 30
WEATHER
Increasing cloudiness, cold, clear tonight; Saturday cloudy, light snow in north portion.

Claims Of Successes By Both Sides Conflict; Britons Heartened By Sea Triumphs.

By United Press
Sea war touched new heights of fury today with reports of fresh engagements in the English Channel, the Mediterranean and the Adriatic and conflicting British, German and Italian claims of successes.

The biggest encounters were in the Mediterranean where Wednesday's Italo-British engagement was followed yesterday, according to Rome, by a new air attack on the British fleet off Malta.

Here are the conflicting British-Italian claims on the Mediterranean sea battles:

British
Italian dreadnaught strength had been cut to two warships by the Taranto raid and Wednesday's action. In the Wednesday encounter off Sardinia a 35,000-ton Littorio class battleship was torpedoed by a fleet airplane, three Italian cruisers and two destroyers were damaged. Italian losses at Taranto are scored by the British as three battleships, two cruisers, two auxiliaries. This leaves two 23,622-ton Cavour class battleships available for Italian use.

One British cruiser, the 10,000-ton Berwick, suffered two hits and lost six men in the Wednesday action. Bombs dropped all around the famous aircraft carrier Ark Royal—often claimed to have been sunk by the Germans—but failed to cause damage or casualties. There was no British report yet on the Italian reports of a fresh air attack off Malta.

Italian
One British battleship badly damaged Wednesday by an airplane bomb, one British aircraft carrier and three cruisers damaged. In Thursday's attack another British battleship squarely hit by airplane bomb of heaviest caliber, five British planes shot down, four more damaged. Italians suffered one destroyer badly damaged, one cruiser lightly hit in the Wednesday engagement, lost one plane yesterday.

The English channel fight was apparently a skirmish between small forces of German and British destroyers. The Germans claimed a destroyer flotilla made a sortie toward the British coast and succeeded in sinking a British destroyer.

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Employment Highest Since October, 1928

Washington, Nov. 29.—(UP)—Secretary of labor Frances Perkins reported today that non-agricultural employment increased more than 250,000 from September 16 to October 15, which brought the total number of workers to the highest level since October, 1928.

ELKS MEMORIAL RITES SUNDAY

Rev. Rosselot To Speak At Annual Memorial Service Of Lodge

Annual memorial services of the First United Brethren church, will deliver the memorial address, and special music will be provided. This service is held the first Sunday in December every year as tribute to the memory of deceased members of the fraternal organization.

The regular memorial ritual will be exemplified by Mr. Cage and other officers of the local lodge. All members of the lodge are urged to attend and the general public is invited to be present at this annual service.

21 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
GET BROTHER A TRAIN
CHRISTMAS SEALS