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EXPLOSIONS SET OFF BLAZE; FBI LAUNCHES PROBE

New York—(P)—Five men were killed, considerable property damage was caused and a number of seamen were feared dead today in a fire which swept a section of the Brooklyn waterfront.

Freighter Destroyed
The blaze, touched off by a series of lightning-like explosions, destroyed the Cuba Mail Line freighter Panuco, and damaged a 1,000-foot Cuba mail line pier, an adjoining pier and several craft assisting in the unloading of a highly inflammable cargo from the Panuco.

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine said he feared "many more men or bodies" were aboard the flaming Panuco which was towed into the East river after she caught fire.

He said 27 men were fished out of the river, five of them dead—both longshoremen—and 22 were taken to hospitals.

FBI Investigates
B. E. Sackett, special agent in charge of the Manhattan field office of the federal bureau of investigation, and Kings county (Brooklyn) District Attorney William O'Dwyer began investigations of the possibility of sabotage.

Valentine said he believed the fire started on the pier, No. 27, but the fire department was unable immediately to determine the cause of the blaze or estimate the damage. The adjoining pier, No. 26, has been used by ships carrying supplies to the British.

An hour and a half after a tongue of flame licked off Pier 27, ripping it apart and igniting barrels of oil on nearby barges, injured longshoremen and others were still being rushed to Long Island college hospital.

Believe More Dying
Some of the victims were believed dying. Hospital attendants said for the most part the extent of the injuries could not be determined at once.

Firemen scoured the New York harbor waters at the foot of Pier 27 picking up stevedores and many others who either were hurled or jumped into the water at the time of the blast.

The flames quickly engulfed the Panuco, heavily loaded with quicksilver, minerals and hemp. Cut loose from the burning pier, she drifted crazily down Buttermilk channel opposite Governor's island and burned into a smoking empty hulk within an hour.

Five barges, several of them loaded with steel cables destined for a U. S. naval base at Guantanamo, Cuba, were touched off by the licking flames and likewise drifted harborward.

The explosion—described by longshoremen as a "streak of lightning" lashing out of Pier 27—shook lower Manhattan.

Brooklyn and Manhattan fire departments, the city's largest and newest fireboats, and coast guard cutters and small craft rushed to the area, bringing the blaze under control within two hours after the first explosion.

Many of the injured were said to have been crewmen of the Panuco, of whom there were 25.

Opposite Site of Port
The scene of the fire was opposite Governor's island, site of Port Jay, on the edge of Buttermilk channel, which links the East river with New York harbor.

Harry Garcia, superintendent of Pier 32, near the flaming Pier 27, said the fire broke out at 9:40 a. m. (C. S. T.) in a series of explosions.

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ROOSEVELT RETURNS TO CAPITAL—Secretary of State Cordell Hull was the first to see President Roosevelt on his return to Washington after his two-week sea trip and meeting with Prime Minister Winston Churchill. They are shown here as they drove to the White House.

Strong Russian Army Mobilized on Siberian Frontier, Japs Report

(By The Associated Press)
There are indications that Russia has fully mobilized a far east army of great strength on the Siberian frontier, opposite Japanese forces massed in Manchukuo, Tokyo dispatches said late today, while Tokyo newspapers warned the Japanese public that war threatened on all sides.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull declared in Washington that Japan had given no satisfactory explanation for refusing to allow 100 American citizens to leave the island empire.

Hull also disclosed that his talk with President Roosevelt, on Mr. Roosevelt's return from his secret meeting with Prime Minister Churchill, covered every geographical area in some form or another.

Japanese newspapers splashed reports that Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek would visit Moscow, presumably to confer on what the Japanese charged was a plan by Russia, China, Great Britain and the United States to "encircle" Japan.

Previous reports have said Japan had concentrated upward of 500,000 troops along the Manchukuo-Siberia border, opposite nearly 1,000,000 Russian soldiers.

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Their discussion was described as of the utmost importance.

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FDR Gives Outline of His Talks With Churchill to Aides

Washington—(P)—Senator Connally (D-Tex.) predicted after a White House conference on international affairs today, that congress would be asked to appropriate in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000,000 additional for the lease-lend program "if and when the money is needed."

Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, talked with reporters after receiving from President Roosevelt, in company with other congressional leaders, a picture of the president's dramatic conference at sea with Winston Churchill, British prime minister.

The Texas senator said Mr. Roosevelt gave the group a complete outline of his Churchill conferences.

"I do not believe," Connally declared, "that any commitments were made at the conferences which in any way would alter our position toward the war."

"I do not believe that we have drifted any closer to actual involvement."

Saying that speculation on a proposed new lease-lend appropriation would be "statute of FDR?"

London—(P)—Wilson Midgley, editorial director of the London Star, advocated today that a statue of President Roosevelt be erected in London.

"There might," he wrote, "be something finely significant in putting it up now to defy the blitz with that well-known face slightly lifted, as usual, as if to take it on the chin."

had placed the probable figure "much too high," Connally said the figure probably would approximate \$4,000,000,000.

"By far the greater part of the original \$7,000,000,000 lease-lend appropriation has not yet been expended," Connally declared.

Connally said he had gained the impression that "not all of the money we spend under the lease-lend program will be tossed into a hole—we will get some of it back."

Senate Democratic Leader Barkley, of Kentucky, said the group had had a "very interesting" conference but that he could not say much about it because it was confidential.

But he said the senate and house leaders had received as full an account of the Roosevelt-Churchill meeting as it was possible to condense three days of conferences into a discussion lasting an hour and a half.

"The question of a further lease-lend appropriation was discussed," he asserted. "The budget is studying it. There has been no decision on the amount. When the budget is through with it, there will be a further communication to congress on the subject."

Matter of Weeks
This, he indicated, may not come for several weeks, and at least not before congress resumes a full schedule.

Nobody knows exactly how large See—ROOSEVELT—Page 7

Gets 60-Day Term as Drinking Driver
Henry Schweirke, Watertown, who has been working in the vicinity for a week, pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor before Justice of the Peace Byron B. Conway in justice court today and was sentenced to 60 days in the Wood county jail.

Schweirke also had his license revoked for six months. He had been fined \$50 and costs, but could not pay. He was arrested by Officer W. J. Bernard Sunday.

John Pae jr., Nekosia, pleaded guilty to speeding before Justice George C. Jacobson this morning and was fined \$1 and costs. He was arrested in the city late Sunday by Officer Frank Exner.

APPROVE TUGWELL
Washington—(P)—The senate territories committee approved today President Roosevelt's nomination of Buford Guy Tugwell to be governor of Puerto Rico.

3 Marshfield Men Enlist in Air Corps
Sgt. Mark Kieffer, army recruiter here, reported today the enlistment of three Marshfield men in the U. S. army air corps. They left this morning for Wausau, and all will be sent to Jefferson Barracks, Mo., for their preliminary training.

They are Russell Dicko, 22; Lloyd Eekes, 23, and Donald Gehl, 24. Gehl, the sergeant reported, re-enlisted after being discharged last June as a corporal in a cavalry unit.

Sergeant Kieffer resumed his duties as recruiter at the post office building here today after a week's absence. He will continue on duty here.

RULE AGAINST DYKSTRA
Madison, Wis.—(P)—Circuit Judge L. C. Hoppmann ruled today that President Clarence A. Dykstra was not entitled to receive pay for services at the University of Wisconsin during the time he was national administrator of the selective service act.

Man Slightly Hurt, Autos Are Badly Damaged in Crash
One person suffered minor injuries and heavy property damage resulted in the crash of two cars, one of them carrying a wedding party, on County Trunk Highway 2 near here Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Joseph E. Rosplock, 44, Arpin, R. 2, was hurt when the car he was driving turned over in the ditch after it was hit by a car driven by Norbert Tauschek, Marshfield. With Tauschek was his bride, Lucille M. Duchow, Marshfield. They had been married in Wisconsin Rapids by County Judge Frank W. Calkins shortly before the accident.

The accident, according to the accident report by sheriff's officers, occurred when the Tauschek car attempted to pass the Rosplock car. Both were headed north. The Tauschek car remained on the highway for some distance, then skidded turned on its side. Damage to the two vehicles was estimated at \$500.

A truck being driven west on East Grand avenue at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Sam Bond, Stevens Point, struck the rear of a car driven by Bob Leder, city, which had stopped for the spotlight at Grand and Second street.

Slight bumper damage was done to both vehicles, it was reported in the office of the police department here.

CHURCHILL BACK FROM MEETING
London—(P)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill returned to Britain safely today from a historic meeting at sea with President Roosevelt and a visit to Iceland, and was met by Minister of Information Brendan Bracken to complete arrangements for a probable broadcast by the prime minister.

The date for the broadcast has not been announced.

Inspects Iceland Troops
British and United States troops assigned to Iceland were inspected by Churchill on his way back from the Atlantic rendezvous.

The prime minister returned to the battleship Prince of Wales, which carried him to the historic meeting with the president of the United States. The port of arrival was not made public.

A British film of the meeting of president and prime minister showed that at least one of their talks was held close to shore.

A rocky coastline—which might have been Maine, Labrador or Iceland—was distinguishable in the background of a picture showing Churchill watching from the battleship Prince of Wales as a United States destroyer carried President Roosevelt away.

Visited Ship Once
The president, it was disclosed here, visited the British battleship only once. That was Sunday, August 10. He came aboard for religious services and sang, with Churchill, "Land of Hope and Glory" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

During the services, it was said, patrolling planes droned overhead, sometimes drowning out the singing and music from the marine bands of the British battleship and United States destroyer.

RAF Pounds Bremen and Rhineland Industrial Area
London—(P)—British bombers which pounded Germany and occupied France by day and night during the week-end were reported today to have concentrated last night on Bremen and the important industrial area around Duisburg on the Rhine.

The air ministry said more than 100 British bombers ranged over western and northwestern Germany during the night despite unfavorable weather—and that only one British plane was lost.

Large fires were said to have been touched off among the docks at Bremen and in the industrial districts at Duisburg.

A few German planes retaliated



VICTIM—Death of Delva Aurand, 16, above, was held by a coroner's jury at Friendship this morning to have been accidental. Her body was found near her home in Adams county after she left a note telling her parents she was going into the woods to hunt a hawk.

DEATH IS LISTED AS ACCIDENTAL

Friendship, Wis.—A coroner's jury, following an inquest here this morning, held that the death last Friday night of Delva Corine Aurand, 16, was caused by the accidental discharge of a .22 caliber bullet which penetrated her heart.

Six Give Testimony
Dist. Atty. James F. Horan jr., of Adams county, put six witnesses on the stand to testify at the inquest. One of them was William Ostrum, fiance of the girl, who was one of two members of the searching party who found Delva's body in woods in the town of Monroe a short distance from the Aurand home.

Finding of the body climaxed a search which began about 8 p. m. Friday after Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aurand, the victim's parents, returned home to find a note left by Delva which said she was going out to "try and catch" a hawk. Delva was their only child.

The coroner's jury was composed of Arnold Wesley, Thornton Pierce, Earl Carter and Edward Sullivan, all of Friendship, and George Woodhouse and Kurth Oelke, of Adams.

Witnesses brought out that Delva was familiar with the handling of the rifle which caused her death. An autopsy showed the bullet had pierced her chest in a slanting direction, bringing death within a brief space. How the weapon was discharged could not be clearly shown.

Testifying were the parents; Phillip Tracy, who with Ostrum discovered the body; Irvin York, a member of the search party, and an Adams physician.

Funeral services will be held from the Roseberry funeral home here Tuesday morning, August 19, at 10 o'clock, and the body will be taken to Stockton, Ill., former home of the Aurands, for interment in the Morseville cemetery south of Stockton.

She was born in Stockton and lived there until the family moved to Adams county two years ago. Besides the parents, she is survived by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Aurand, Stockton, eight uncles and eight aunts. A brother, Edward jr., died seven years ago.

Execute 3 Dutchmen for Aiding RAF Fliers

Amsterdam, German-Occupied Netherlands—(P)—Three Dutchmen paid with their lives today for assisting British fliers who made forced landings on Netherlands territory.

Two others were sentenced to prison for life after court martial by German military authorities on charges that they gave food, money and civilian clothing to the grounded R. A. F. fliers who were said to have been caught trying to reach the channel coast.

Normal School Begins Teacher Clinic Today

The Wood County Normal school will hold a two-week clinic for beginning teachers during the period starting today and ending August 29. Principal A. W. Zellmer announced today.

All of the 26 graduates of the Normal school last June have teaching positions, and will return for the clinic to study preparatory reading for first grade, beginning language and creative activity. The first week will be devoted to preparation for beginning teaching.

Regular faculty members of the school are in charge. Conferences with the county superintendent and supervising teachers will also be held. State elementary teaching licenses will be presented at the close of the clinic.

The regular fall session at the Normal school opens Tuesday, September 2.

FDR Signs Law to Relieve Men Over 28 from Draft

Washington—(P)—President Roosevelt signed into law today legislation to relieve men 28 years and older from active military duty under the selective service act.

The new law provides mandatory deferment for men not yet inducted and directs that those of the specified age who request it shall be released from service "as soon as practicable and when not in conflict with the interests of national defense."

The chief executive was expected to sign later in the day a bill extending the service of the rank and file of the army 18 months.

The mandatory deferment applies to men who on July 1, 1941, or on July 1 of any subsequent year, have reached their 28th birthday without being inducted into service.

The provision for release from service applies to men who were 28 or older when inducted, provided they had reached that age by July 1, 1941.

The law also amends the selective service act to require posting at the offices of local draft boards the names and classifications of men classified by each board.

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