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Five Killed in Brooklyn Waterfront Fire

THREE DEAD IN WAUSHARA CO. TRAFFIC CRASH

Thirteen persons lost their lives in Wisconsin traffic accidents over the week-end, three of the victims dying as the result of a crash in Waushara county Sunday afternoon in which five others were injured.

Another Crash Kills 5
Another multiple-death accident occurred on the outskirts of Milwaukee when five persons were killed.

The dead in the Waushara county collision of two cars on Highway 21 three miles east of Wautoma were: Mrs. Louise Sheets, 80, of Oshkosh, and Olga Tietz and Alberta Breese, both of Wausau.

The injured included Llewellyn, 27, and Bernadine Dutcher, 18, both daughters of Sheriff Elery Dutcher of Wautoma. The elder daughter is in an Oshkosh hospital with serious injuries, a fractured jaw, broken nose and compound fracture of a leg. Bernadine is in a hospital at Berlin with severe head lacerations.

Other dead listed by the Associated Press:

Mrs. Anna Brow, 33, Milwaukee.

Patrick Henry Dillon, 21, Milwaukee.

Sylvester Ziemski, 23, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Lillian Stein, 27, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Katherine Gruber, 28, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Mary Kump, 36, Milwaukee.

Willis Skenadore, 50, Oneida.

Peter Mille, 73, Eau Claire.

George Katzfey, 22, Waukesha.

Frank J. Yeroshek jr., 22, Waukesha.

The accident near Wautoma; one of the worst in Waushara county history, occurred when a car driven east on the highway by Martha Tietz, Wausau, passed a Greyhound bus which had slowed down to permit a car turning off the highway to enter a side road and collided with an oncoming car driven by William Sheets, Oshkosh.

Passengers in the Sheets car were his mother, who was killed outright, and the Dutcher girls. The car was bringing Bernadine to her home at Wautoma after visiting with her sister in Oshkosh.

Olga Tietz, riding with her sister, likewise was killed outright. Alberta Breese died of her injuries at an Oshkosh hospital. Myrtle Gilsted, also of Wausau, third passenger in the car, was injured and was taken to Oshkosh. Sheets was also taken to Oshkosh. Whether injuries to Miss Gilsted, Martha Tietz and Sheets were serious was not immediately determined.

One of Worst in Years
Mrs. Brow, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Gruber, Dillon and Ziemski were killed and two others injured critically in a two-car collision west of Milwaukee in one of the worst traffic accidents in Milwaukee county in recent years.

The two severely injured were Edward Gruber, 26, husband of Katherine, and Harry Stein, 29, husband of Lillian.

Mrs. Kump was killed at Holy Hill, Catholic shrine near Hartford, when struck by a large excursion bus out of Chicago, which plunged backwards down a steep incline for 200 feet after the driver lost control. Her husband, John, also was injured.

Passengers in the bus were shaken up but none required hospitalization.

Pinned Between Cars

Skenadore was killed in Oneida township when he was pinned between two cars. Mille was struck by an automobile while crossing an Eau Claire street.

Katzfey and Yeroshek were killed while standing alongside their parked car in Waukesha county.

Reds Counter-Attack North Flank of Nazis' Wedge Into Ukraine

(By The Associated Press)

Fierce Russian counter-attacks were reported today to have saved a Ukraine city identified as "K"—possibly Kiev, the capital—with 20,000 Germans killed and wounded after they had advanced within five miles of the town, then were thrown back six to eight miles.

Red army troops still were advancing, Soviet dispatches said, hitting savagely at the northern flank of the long German wedge into the Ukraine.

Report Nazis Repulsed

On the central front, Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's defenders of the road to Moscow were reported to have repulsed other Nazi columns in large-scale counter-attacks. Near a city identified only as "M," the German losses were put at 5,000 men.

The Russians acknowledged that Nazi troops knifing across the heart of the southern Ukraine had captured the big port of Nikolaev, 60 miles northeast of Odessa, but declared that the city's shipyards had been blown up in the withdrawal.

Soviet officials also admitted the fall of Krivoli Rog, rich iron ore center, 100 miles northeast of Nikolaev, which the Germans claimed last week.

Launch Northern Drive

With the 1,200-mile battlefront from the Baltic to the Black sea aflame in bitter night-long fighting, authoritative quarters in London said Adolf Hitler's invasion armies apparently had launched a major new offensive in the north, driving from Estonia toward Leningrad.

London advices said the Leningrad thrust was timed with the withdrawal of Marshal Semeon Budyenny's red armies in the south, where they were taking up a new defense line along the mile-wide Dnieper river. These quarters estimated the German attacking force in the Ukraine at more than 1,500,000 troops, including 40 to 50 infantry divisions, four to six armored divisions, and 40 to 50 divisions of Italians, Hungarians, Rumanians and Slovaks.

"Fight on Entire Front"
"During the night of August 17-18, our troops continued to fight the enemy along the entire front," a red army bulletin said tersely.

The Germans said that their forces were closing a trap around the Black sea port of Odessa (normal population, 604,000) and that Soviet defenders of the city, a major base of the Russian Black sea fleet, had only a 25-mile escape gap between Odessa and the Bug river.

A communique from Hitler's field headquarters asserted that the Soviet retreat toward the lower Dnieper was partly assuming the aspects of a rout.

Sentenced on Charge of "Borrowing" Car

William Bradford, 18, Nebraska Indian, pleaded guilty this morning before County Judge Frank W. Calkins to a charge of taking a car without the owner's consent and was sentenced to serve a one-year term in Green Bay reformatory.

Dist. Atty. Daniel T. Hosenk appeared for the state in the action which charged Bradford with taking a car belonging to Mose Decorah, Black River Falls, at Pittsville during the recent Indian pow-wow. The car was recovered.

DIES SUDDENLY

Stevens Point, Wis.—Anton Esker, 53, of King, Waupaca county, was pronounced dead at a hospital here Sunday afternoon a few minutes after his collapse on West Clark street. Death was caused by a heart ailment.

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.

Another new provision would exempt from service liability men honorably discharged from the army or coast guard for the convenience of the government within six months of the expiration of their three-year term of enlistment.

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.

5 Barges Touched Off

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 2.

Opposite Site of Fort

The scene of the fire was opposite Governor's island, site of Fort 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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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.



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.

Castling new emphasis on the far east crisis, 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.

All Areas Covered

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.

Grew, Toyoda Confer
United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew, conferred for more than two hours with Japanese Foreign Minister Teijiro Toyoda amid an atmosphere of tension in the Japanese capital.

Their discussion was described as of the utmost importance.

"There is danger of an explosion of the worst eventualities in the east, west, south and north simultaneously," said the Diplomatic Review, frequent outlet of Japanese foreign opinion.

A Japanese broadcast from Tokyo, heard in New York, said the Chinese national government was preparing to build 14 airfields in See—FAR EAST—Page 7

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.

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

STATUE 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."

Conferee Confidential

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., Nekeosa, 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.

RAF Pounds Bremen and Rhineland Industrial Area

London.—(P)—British bombers over Britain last night, the air ministry said, bombing coastal points. Officials said the R. A. F. lost 76 planes in the week-end Sunday morning, which they considered satisfactory in view of the large number of planes used.

Commentators said the R. A. F. had shown it could now take the offensive day or night for losses smaller than those of the luftwaffe last year in the battle of Britain.

Axis losses were put at eight bombers and 39 fighters during the week-end.

(Berlin said 32 British planes were destroyed during the week-end, six of them at an airport north-east of London.)

Report FDR Has No Plan of Censorship

Washington.—(P)—Stephen Early, press secretary, today discussed with President Roosevelt a report that the president has approved an army-navy proposal for legislation to clamp censorship on the press, radio and communications, and said he was authorized to say:

"The president has not approved such a bill nor does he know of the existence of any such bill. He can't imagine the source of such a news report unless it be the Wilhelmstrasse or from a source in this country who thinks more of Germany than he does of the United States."

(In New York, the International News Service, which today distributed a story saying the president had approved a recommendation of the army and navy high command for enactment of a wartime federal censorship law, said that it was standing on its story and that the writer of its Washington dispatch, William K. Hutchinson, was satisfied that the story was true.)

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 in 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.

THE WEATHER

For Wisconsin:
Fair to partly cloudy, scattered showers extreme southeast early tonight; cooler north and west tonight; Tuesday fair to partly cloudy, cooler east.

Today's Weather Facts—
Maximum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 76; minimum temperature for 24-hour period ending at 7 a. m., 56; temperature at 7 a. m., 57. Precipitation, .03.



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