Weather Forecast

Somewhat colder this afternoon and tonight. Temperatures today—Highest, 46, at 3 p.m.; lowest, 40, at 8 a.m.; 44 at 4 p.m.

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EXPLOSIONS SHAKE REMINGTON ARMS PLANT

Late News Bulletins

Two More Ships Torpedoed Off Seaboard

The Navy Department announced late today that two medium-sized United States merchant vessels have been torpedoed off the Atlantic Coast. It did not say whether the ships sank or not. The announcement came 24 hours after the Navy had explained details of a new unified command for coastal protection wherein Army planes were to fly under naval orders.

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Rustic Romance Wins Carolina Cup

CAMDEN, S. C. (AP).—Rustic Romance, sensational 8-year-old from Paul Mellon's Rokeby Stables, today won the Carolina Cup race, 3 miles over timber. Hold Forth, entered by Mrs. Frank M. Gould of New York, was second, and Captain Bill, entered by A. A. Baldwin of White Post, Va., led the field of seven at the half way mark, but tired rapidly and finished third.

Bulgarian Premier Indicates War on Russia

BERN (AP).—Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philov declared in a speech at Sobranjie today that Bulgaria was ready to fulfill her tasks in the Axis and said the destruction of Bolshevism was necessary to the establishment of a new order, Havas reported. His speech was regarded as the first official indication Bulgaria may have decided finally to join actively in the war against Russia.

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Army Pilot Dies in Mountain Crash

HAZLETON, Pa. (AP).—An Army pursuit plane piloted by Second Lt. Fred W. Knauf, 21, crashed and burned on isolated Broad Mountain near here today, killing the flyer. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. F. W. Knauf of Barks River, Mich. The young pilot's body, partially burned, was found about 300 feet from the wreckage.

Japanese Bomb Darwin

SYDNEY, Australia (AP).—Darwin, port capital of Australia's northern territory, underwent its seventh raid of the war shortly after noon today, it was announced in a special communique. Bombs were dropped by seven Japanese planes, it was said, but no material damage was inflicted.

Finns Claim Capture of Island

HELSINKI (AP).—The Finnish high command reported tonight that its forces had captured the island of Suursaari, in the middle of the Gulf of Finland, north of Estonia and west of Leningrad.

Chinese Hit Japs in Bitter Burma Battle

CHUNGKING (AP).—Bitter hand-to-hand fighting between Chinese defenders and Japanese troops which infiltrated the southwest corner of Toungoo was reported today by a Chinese high command communique. The heaviest attack was from the south. Considerable casualties were inflicted on the Japanese in Southwest Toungoo, and the fighting was getting fiercer, the Chinese said.

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R. A. F. Pounds Invasion Ports

LONDON (AP).—R. A. F. bombers and fighters hammered at invasion ports along the coast of German-occupied France tonight despite an intense anti-aircraft barrage clearly audible across the Channel. Flying at between 20,000 and 30,000 feet, the bombers and fighters crossed the coastline and returned in about 40 minutes.

U. A. W. to Consider Double Pay Ban

CLEVELAND (AP).—The C. I. O. United Automobile Workers will hold a special meeting in Detroit April 7-8 to act on W. P. B. Chief Donald M. Nelson's proposal for abandoning double pay for overtime on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. This was announced today by R. J. Thomas, U. A. W. president, after a meeting of the union's International Executive Board here. Mr. Thomas said the board would consider at the same time "several other proposals to attain victory over the Nation's enemies."

U. S. Oil Man Tells of Ruining Sumatra Wells for Japs' Use

By the Associated Press.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., March 28.—An American passenger ship which left the Far East the day the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor docked safely today after a secret circuitous voyage through enemy seas.

Bert Brush of Tulsa, Okla., for 12 years the drilling superintendent for the Socony Vacuum Oil Co. in Sumatra, told of making the famous Sumatra field unfit for use by the Japs.

"The oil fields there had a value of many millions of dollars," Mr. Brush said. "I put the wells completely out of business before the Japs could reach them. The Japs now have the fields but in my opinion they never will be able to put them back into production unless American men and equipment are used. It was quite a blow to the Japs and I believe it would take highly technical Americans at least two years to replace the wells."

Sir Victor Sassoon, famous British capitalist, and others of 175 passengers aboard the ship reported sighting Japanese bombing planes the first day out of port, but said they did not learn until they reached another port on December 9 of the attack which took the United States into the war.

Before leaving the latter port several days later, passengers pitched in to help 100 crewmen fill 1,000 sandbags to protect the ship's superstructure from aerial assault. As soon as they were at sea they helped the crew paint the vessel a sea-merging grey.

Passengers reported the vessel made many unscheduled stops as she dodged through the war zones.

Sir Victor, reputed one of the world's wealthiest men, paid tribute to the British empire's defenses in India.

"There are a million fighting men down below," he said, "and their fighting is magnificent."

Mrs. Daniel De Luce, wife of an Associated Press war correspondent in the Far East, returned to America for the first time in three years. She last saw her husband, she said, January 10 in Rangoon.

Sharp Fall Expected in Nation's Gasoline Demand in April

By the Associated Press.

A substantial drop in the Nation's total demands for gasoline during April, because of tire rationing and a 20 per cent motor fuel curtailment in the East and Pacific Northwest, was forecast today by the Bureau of Mines.

The bureau estimated 55,700,000 barrels of motor fuel would be needed next month, and said this was "about 5,000,000 barrels less than might have been expected," had there been no rubber and gasoline restrictions.

Petroleum Co-ordinator Ickes reported that tank car movement of petroleum to the East last week again set a new record with the railroads delivering 464,561 barrels daily in an effort to combat the seaboard oil emergency resulting from a shortage of tanker ships.

The railroads used 14,453 cars in this operation. The previous record of 439,200 barrels daily was set in the week ended March 14.

Flannagan Renominated To House by Acclamation

By the Associated Press.

BRISTOL, Va., March 28.—A 9th Virginia congressional district Democratic convention today renominated John W. Flannagan, jr., by acclamation to the House seat he has held for 12 years.

Nazis Report Food Ship For Greece in Lisbon

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), March 28.—Dispatches from Lisbon reported today that the 5,548-ton Greek freighter Master Elias Kulukundis had arrived from the United States en route to Greece with a cargo of food for distribution by the Red Cross.

Nazis Reported Attacking on Soviet Front

Counterthrusts Are Aimed to Shake Free For Spring Offensive

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, March 28.—German troops, encircled and besieged by strong Russian forces, are counterattacking all along the eastern front in an effort to shake off the Soviet Army for their own spring offensive, an authoritative foreign military source said today.

"The Germans are striving mightily to capture the initiative but it still is definitely Russian," he added.

The Germans have changed their strategy to open-field fighting, he declared, instead of clinging to fortified villages and cities because of fear of encirclements and outflanking.

Violent Fighting Described.

Dispatches from the south described violent fighting while the encircled 16th German Army in the Staraya Russa sector also was seeking to break through the Red Army ring.

Pressure by Russian landing parties from Arctic beachheads behind the left invasion flank, combined with Soviet sea and air attacks, was reported today to be making the position of the German Alpine army before Murmansk extremely difficult.

Lt. Gen. Eduard Dietl, 51-year-old Bavarian whom Adolf Hitler decorated for his defense of Narvik in 1940, was identified by the army newspaper Red Star as the enemy commander.

"Now Dietl has been forced on the defensive and his Austrians (mountaineer troops) are being steadily pressed," it said.

To Clear Allied Supply Lines.

The surprise landing of a Russian seaborne force on Axis-occupied soil of the Murmansk coast, designed both to clear Allied supply lines and imperil the invaders from the rear, was announced last night. The operation, however, apparently was initiated some time ago, with Red ships and planes in full support.

A Red Star dispatch said one German offensive had been blocked after a month-long struggle.

(Murmansk, which lies 175 miles north of the Arctic Circle, is Russia's major Barents Sea port and communications center. Its population in 1926 was 8,777.)

Submarine operations connected with the Russian troop movement was said to have cost the Germans at least 10 transports and a Red Star dispatch said hydroplanes and dive bombers recently sank a German destroyer and damaged another which attacked Soviet fishing boats.

Russian fighter squadrons on the Kalinin front, which includes the Staraya Russa defenses of the 16th German Army, were credited by the Moscow radio with shooting down 15 Nazi craft in an air fight from which only nine flew away.

2,450 Germans Killed.

The Soviet Information Bureau said Russian units assigned to a Kalinin front sector had killed 2,450 Germans, wounded large numbers and destroyed 25 tanks in five days of fighting after "the Hitlerite command brought up reserves and attempted to deal a blow to our troops wedged into enemy defenses."

The German assault formations were said to have been made up of 50 tanks, the "Reich" SS Division and a regiment each from the 14th Motorized Infantry Division and the 206th Division (which would normally total about 20,000 men).

Red Army infantrymen dislodged the Germans from another settlement on the central front and killed hundreds of officers and men, authorities announced.

More than 500 Germans were annihilated and much war materiel was captured during a two-day fight on a southwestern sector, the information bureau said.

Moscow Military Objectives Bombed, Berlin Reports

BERLIN (From German Broadcasts), March 28 (AP).—"Important military objectives in Moscow" were attacked last night in the first bombing of the Soviet capital in recent weeks, a German communique said today.

Twenty-one Russian planes were said to have been shot down yesterday and 35 tanks put out of action.

Strong, tank-supported attacks by the Red Army on the central and northern fronts were reported by the German high command, which said the onslaught proved unsuccessful.

A communique said the Russians still were attacking in the Kerch Peninsula of the Crimea, at the southern flank of the battleline.

Here, the war bulletin said, the

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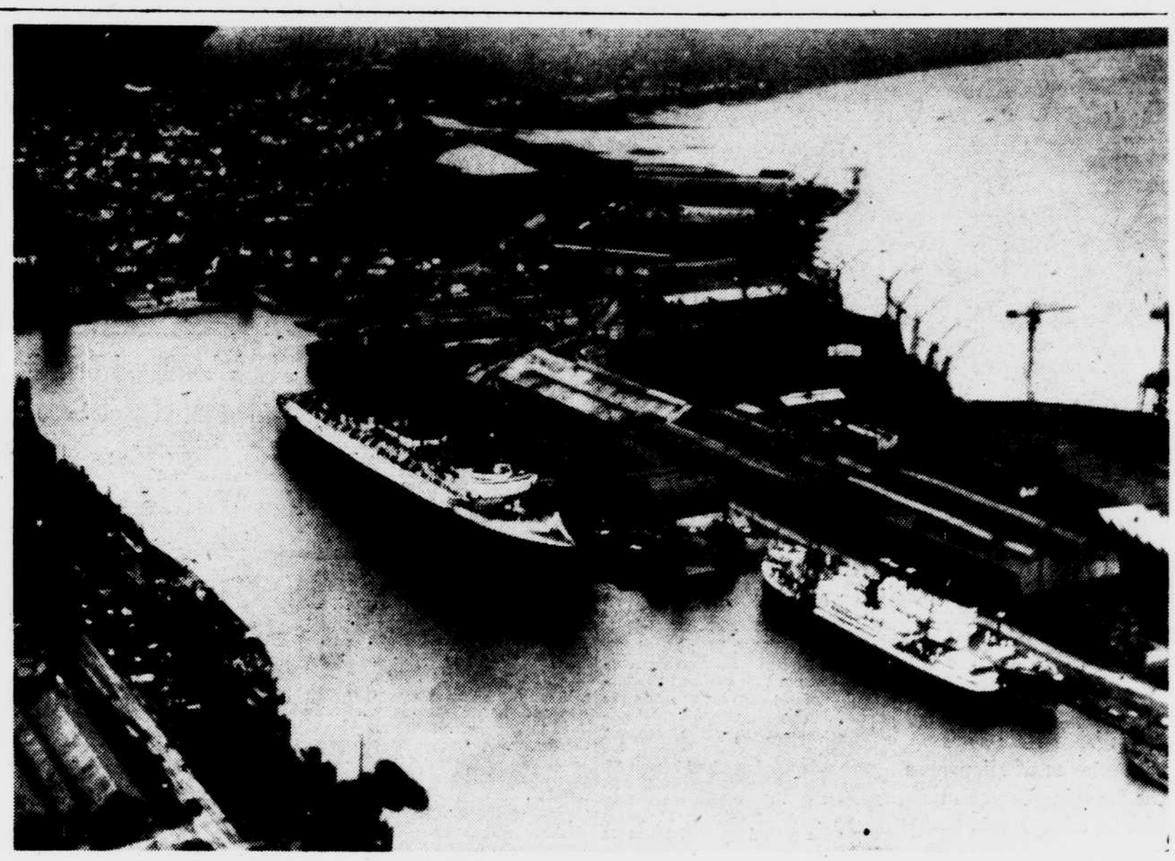

BRITISH COMMANDOS INVADE NAZI SUB BASE—British commandos invaded St. Nazaire (above), the great Nazi submarine base on the French Brittany coast, early today in what appeared to have been an attempt to duplicate the World War coup of Zeebrugge and destroy the harbor locks by blowing up an old warship crammed with explosives. The big ship shown here is the ill-fated Normandie. (Story on Page A-1.) —A. P. Wirephoto.

Spence's Homer Helps Nats Down Braves, 4-2, for 14th Win

Blow in Eighth Inning Overcomes One-Run Edge Of National Leaguers

By BURTON HAWKINS,
Star Staff Correspondent.

ORLANDO, Fla., March 28.—Stan Spence's eighth-inning home run with Pitcher Steve Sundra on base presented the Nats a 4-to-2 victory over the Boston Braves here today. It was Washington's 14th triumph in 18 exhibition games.

Spence, who entered the game in the seventh inning, was the first batter to face Pitcher Warren Spahn who replaced George Washburn on the mound for the Braves after the latter walked Sundra to open the eighth. Spence lifted a home run over the right field fence to give the Nats a 3-2 lead. The fourth run was added when Alex Kvasnak and Bruce Campbell walked and Stan Galle singled, scoring Kvasnak.

Boston took a 2-0 lead in the fourth off Walter Masterson, but the Nats' whittled the Braves' advantage to 2 to 1 in the sixth.

FIRST INNING.

BOSTON—Holmes doubled to left. Holmes held second as Repass threw out Waner. Fernandez walked. So did West, filling the bases. Demaree hit into a double-play, Repass to Pofahl to Vernon.

WASHINGTON—Case flied to Demaree. Kvasnak was safe when West dropped Fernandez's throw. Ortiz forced Kvasnak at second. Fernandez to Cuccinello. Vernon grounded out to West.

SECOND INNING.

BOSTON — Repass threw out Kluttz. Cuccinello flied to Case. Galle threw out Miller.

WASHINGTON—Evans fouled to Miller. Galle flied to Demaree. Fernandez threw out Repass.

THIRD INNING.

BOSTON—Tost singled to center. Holmes forced Tost at second, Galle to Pofahl. Waner fouled to Oritz and Holmes was caught off first base for a double-play, Ortiz to Vernon.

WASHINGTON—Pofahl was safe on Fernandez's low throw to West for an error. Masterson fanned. Case forced Pofahl at second, Miller to Cuccinello. Case was picked off first, Kluttz to West.

FOURTH INNING.

BOSTON—Galle threw out Fernandez. West singled to right. Demaree singled to right, sending West to third, but when Ortiz fumbled, West scored and Demaree continued to second. Kluttz's smash caromed off Masterson's glove to Repass, who threw him out, Demaree holding second. Cuccinello singled to left, scoring Demaree. Miller forced Cuccinello at second, Repass to Pofahl. Two runs.

WASHINGTON — Cooney now playing first base and West playing right field for Boston. Tost tossed out Kvasnak. Ortiz singled off Miller's glove. Vernon popped to Fernandez. Evans forced Ortiz at second, Fernandez to Cuccinello.

FIFTH INNING.

BOSTON—Masterson tossed out Tost. Holmes fouled to Vernon. Repass threw out Cooney.

WASHINGTON—Galle doubled to center. Repass walked, Pofahl flied to Holmes and Galle was out attempting to take third after the catch, Holmes to Fernandez. Lyons batted for Masterson and forced Repass at second, Miller to Cuccinello.

SIXTH INNING.

BOSTON—Sundra now pitching for Washington. Fernandez fouled

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MacArthur Praises Troops in Accepting Medal of Honor

By the Associated Press.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur told President Roosevelt in a message published today by the War Department that he accepted the award of the Congressional Medal of Honor "as a recognition of the indomitable courage of the gallant army which it was my high honor to command."

Gen. MacArthur's message was published in a communique along with a message to the Philippine people by President Manuel Quezon of the Philippine Commonwealth and an exchange of messages between President Quezon and Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright, present commander in the Philippines.

29th Infantry Unit To Leave Meade and Train in Virginia

Streamlined Division Will Go to A. P. Hill for Intensive Maneuvers

By the Associated Press.

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, March 28.—Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, commander of the 29th Infantry Division, today announced the division will leave Fort Meade within a month for a period of intensive training in Virginia.

Gen. Gerow said the division, recently streamlined from the old "square" National Guard division into the Army's new "triangular" division, would be stationed at the A. P. Hill Military reservation near Fredericksburg, Va., where the 29th trained last summer.

Some artillery units, now detached, may go to the reservation with the infantry regiments, Gen. Gerow said, or may join the division later.

At A. P. Hill the troops will live in tents and engage in maneuvers. Later, officers said, the division may go to North Carolina for further training and field maneuvers. Men in the division are made up principally of former Maryland, Virginia and Pittsburgh National Guardsmen.

The 29th has been stationed at Fort Meade since its mobilization into Federal service in February, 1941, except for field maneuvers and training in Virginia and the Carolinas last summer and fall.

A new division, the 76th Infantry, the famed Liberty Bell Division of World War 1, is to be activated here in May.

N. Y. A. to Train Marines For Mechanical Jobs

By the Associated Press.

Aubrey Williams, national youth administrator, said today the N. Y. A. would train Marine Corps enlisted men for mechanical jobs.

The announcement said the arrangement would be on the same basis as that now in effect between N. Y. A. and the Navy Department for the training of enlisted Navy men.

The first contingent of marines to receive training under the arrangement will be from the amphibian tank forces, assigned to the N. Y. A. resident project at Camp De Soto, Tampa, Fla.

Mr. Williams said N. Y. A. youths would continue to be trained for war production jobs at the centers to which the Navy and Marine personnel were assigned.

Leap From 5th Floor Of Hospital Kills Admiral Blakely

Death at Denver Called Suicide; Summary Court Will Hold Inquest

By the Associated Press.

DENVER, March 28.—Rear Admiral John R. Y. Blakely, 69, retired, was killed instantly today in what Army officers described as a leap from the fifth floor of Fitzsimons General Hospital.

Col. Omar Quade, public relations officer at the Army hospital, said the death was suicide. A summary court, he added, would hold an inquest.

Admiral Blakely, a veteran of the Spanish-American and First World Wars, was admitted to the hospital in October, 1940, for treatment for tuberculosis.

Left Two Letters.

Two letters were found in his room by investigating officers, Col. Quade said. One, addressed to a ward officer, gave instructions for disposal of his personal effects and the other was addressed to John R. Y. Blakely, jr.

Col. Quade said Admiral Blakely's hospital registration card listed a brother, Walter C. Blakely, Wynnewood, Pa., as next of kin.

Admiral Blakely was born in Philadelphia July 17, 1872, and was appointed to the Naval Academy

ADMIRAL J. R. Y. BLAKELY.
—A. P. Photo.

from that State in 1888, graduating in 1892.

He was given the Navy Cross for World War convoy and transport duties with the U. S. S. Des Moines and the U. S. S. Seattle. Following the war, he attended the Naval War College in 1920 and 1921 and served in the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, from July, 1921, to 1922, when he was given command of the battleship U. S. S. Arizona (which ship was sunk at Pearl Harbor December 7).

He returned to Washington in 1925 to be assistant chief of the Bureau of Navigation, holding that post until 1927, when he was transferred to the command of Light Cruiser Division 3, Scouting Fleet, which was sent to the Asiatic in February, 1927. Following his duty in Eastern waters, he was appointed

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Markets at a Glance

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP).—Stocks steady; price changes narrow. Bonds narrow; selected rails advance. Cotton firm; mill price fixing and local buying.

CHICAGO.—Wheat higher; short covering. Corn higher; good industrial demand. Cattle nominally steady. Hogs nominally steady.

House Told Output Of Planes Exceeds World War Peak

Tank Production Also Has Increased Amazingly, Cannon Points Out

By the Associated Press.

Chairman Cannon of the House Appropriations Committee said today that plane production "far exceeds" the peak First World War total of 2,000 monthly and that "amazing increases" in tank production already have occurred.

Opening debate on an $18,000,000,000 supply bill mostly for the Army, Mr. Cannon told the House:

"It is true that we are suffering heavy reverses—and will continue to suffer heavy reverses for some time to come—but that is to be expected."

Army Equipped With Garands.

"There is in some quarters a national egotism which has always assumed that our untrained forces could spring overnight to arms which required years to manufacture and in three weeks subdue any nation which might challenge us.

"Now that the house of cards has fallen, partisans and professional sensationalists catering to the disillusioned resentment in these quarters have sedulously emphasized minor deficiencies and overlooked the notable accomplishments of the program until there is a widespread impression that the war is being mismanaged."

Ample appropriations have been made, Mr. Cannon continued, the Army has been equipped with Garand rifles and "our artillery is second to none in the field."

Tanks Rumbling Off Line.

"Today modern tanks of the latest design are rumbling off the assembly lines * * *" he said. "While exact figures must be withheld, the War Production Board reports amazing increases in production.

"Few American planes reached the front in the First World War and in November, 1918, the 21st month of the war, we were producing less than 2,000 planes a month. While production figures cannot be given, it may be said generally that our production in January, the second month of this war, far exceeds that figure, and is rapidly increasing."

Italian Division Reported Destroyed by Yugoslavs

By the Associated Press.

NEW YORK, March 28.—The Moscow radio relayed an Istanbul report today that early this month Yugoslav guerrillas "destroyed an Italian division (12,000 to 15,000 men) stationed in the city of Niksic in Montenegro."

The broadcast added, according to C. B. S.'s transcription, that the battle began late in February, with the Yugoslavs surrounding the city and the Italians refusing a demand to surrender.

"The fighting, which had begun following the refusal, ended on March 6 with the annihilation of the Italians," the Moscow radio said. "The partisans seized large trophies, including 18 tanks, 46 guns, 112 machine guns and huge quantities of ammunition. The local population helped the partisans very fiercely."

Dutch Still Holding Out

TOKIO (From Japanese Broadcasts), March 28.—Domei reported today that Japanese columns operating against Dutch forces still holding out in Northern Sumatra have occupied the town of Koetajana in the Wilhelmina Range 65 miles west of Medan.

War Workers Feared Trapped In Wreckage

Others Are Rushed To Hospitals; Fire Spreads to Homes

By the Associated Press.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 28.—A heavy explosion today shattered a one-and-a-half-story building of the Remington Arms Co. plant, one of the vital arsenals of war production in the East, sending at least six persons to hospitals.

Officials feared that a number of other persons might be found in the wreckage, however.

The blast shook the sprawling munitions factory, stirred a general alarm of fire and a rush of ambulances to the scene. Several fires, which followed the explosion, were subdued, but not before the flames had spread to three nearby residences.

Mary Nemeth, being treated for shock and shoulder abrasions, told this story:

"The fellow next to me was asking me if I was going to get married soon, and I said 'Yes' that I was going to get married in June. Then everything went black. My girl friend was pinned under a plank, and the fellow who was talking to me was pinned under, too.

"The fellow was still under the plank. I tried to drag my girl friend, but she was too heavy. The whole ceiling caved in, and seemed as though the building crashed down. One of the fellows tried to climb up a conveyor. Then I saw a fellow climbing toward some light and I followed him.

"There were flames all around and that's what stopped us from getting out. We couldn't get out because of the flames that would shoot up. The flames singed my hair, but I put it out with my hands. It wasn't my steady job, but it was Saturday afternoon and I was doing a little extra work. The explosion must have been right above us because the ceiling fell down."

U. S. Will Support Butter At 36 Cents a Pound

By the Associated Press.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced today the Government would support prices of butter at a minimum base rate of 36 cents a pound during the remainder of 1942 "in order to stabilize prices and to assist in assuring adequate production of dairy products."

The 36-cent minimum will apply for 92 score butter, carlot basis, at Chicago. Comparable prices will be paid for other grades. The Department of Agriculture has been supporting prices at a base rate of about 34¼ cents a pound.

The price support is maintained by Government purchases, which are made available for distribution under the lend-lease food and domestic relief program.

Mr. Wickard said that the increase was made because of rising need and farm labor costs. Failure to increase support, he pointed out, might result in a substantial decline in milk production with "later serious consequences to consumers."

Belsley Appointed To New W. P. B. Post

By the Associated Press.

Appointment of G. Lyle Belsley of Roanoke, Ill., as executive secretary of the War Production Board was announced today. Mr. Belsley, assistant executive secretary for the last six months, succeeds Herbert Emmerich, recently named commissioner of the Federal Public Housing Authority.

Mr. Belsley is a former personnel director for the Farm Credit Administration.

Gen. Von Brauchistch Is Reported in Greece

By the Associated Press.

MOSCOW, March 28.—A Tass dispatch from Istanbul said today there were reports in military circles in Turkey that Field Marshal Gen. Walther von Brauchistch, removed by Adolf Hitler from command of the German Army, had arrived in Greece on a special mission connected with concentration of Nazi parachutists at island bases in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Late Races

Earlier Results and Entries for Monday on Page 2-X.

Tropical Park

FIFTH RACE—Purse, $1,200; allowances; 3-year-olds; 6 furlongs.

Bright Willie (Haas)	4.10	3.30	2.60
Pig Tails (Strickler)		9.90	4.40
aWar Melody (McCreary)			3.20

Time, 1:11 3-5.

Also ran—Curious Roman, Alohort, aChabelle, Son o' Hal.

a Mrs. L. Lazare and N. S. McCarthy entry.

Oaklawn Park

SECOND RACE—Purse, $700; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; 6 furlongs.

Graustark (Dattilo)	26.50	7.00	3.60
Flying Bonny (Longden)		3.20	2.50
Jayfcee (Parise)			2.80

Time, 1:11⅘.

Also ran—Valtite, Midluck, Sweet Story, Burston Manor and Big Bubble.

THIRD RACE—Purse, $700; claiming; 4-year-olds and up; 1⅛ miles.

Franco Saxon (Lo'sd'n)	24.60	9.40	6.30
Bion Gla (Guerin)		4.90	3.70
Somali (Dattilo)			5.40

Time, 1:45⅘.

Also ran—Lyner, Fencing, Bon Fly, fConville, La Scala, Dip, fAnna Grand, Lactose and f Reigh Countess.

f Field.