

The figures show seven per cent of the men of the United States are alcoholics. An North Carolina law has been passed. A new editorial feature, "A Public Problem" announced. News and others on the editorial page today.

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42 British Sailors Die in Gun Battle with Communist Reds

Communists Cross River In Force Officials Flee Before Advance

BRITISH NAVAL OFFICERS said the cruiser London had fifteen dead and twenty wounded and the ship Black Swan had five wounded.

These two latest vessels to be hit by Communist artillery were the British ships driven aground on a river bank in Shanghai late tonight.

Behind them they left the crippled ship Amethyst, first British ship to be shelled by the Reds about 60 miles east of Shanghai Wednesday.

Neither the London nor the Black Swan was able to reach the Amethyst, which was shelled on an island but later was refloated.

The known dead included seven members of the Amethyst crew from the destroyer Concorde, which was shelled when it vainly sought to aid the Amethyst.

The number of wounded could not be determined, but was said to about 100 in reports from the ship, with possibly some duplications.

The London and Black Swan were first shelled at 7 a. m. by a Naval Hospital in Shanghai.

An official British statement said the Amethyst was being fired on occasionally.

A British embassy spokesman in Nanking said a U. S. Navy doctor, Lt. Comdr. James W. Packard, and the British assistant military attaché were attempting to reach the Amethyst.

The spokesman said the three officers were leaving with a hospital of medical supplies for wounded believed to have been aboard near How Island, where the ship was grounded.

He said the Amethyst might try to reach Nanking because Communist shells were shelling the route downriver to Shanghai.

Meanwhile, the Communist in East China today surged across the Yangtze River to the south bank and toward the north bank.

A Government official said the Communist forces were still remaining in Nanking being fought with all bound for Canton.

The Communist forces were reported to have been reported the night heavy artillery fire from the south bank position directed against the Communist.

Neutral military experts and other Government quarters said the first crossing was by 8,000 to 10,000 men, but the Reds were reported to have crossed the river.

Heavy fighting was reported in the general area of a Communist crossing.

On the Communist side, Communist defense headquarters reported confirmation of this.

Once Over Lightly

Like Scene From Opera Met Singer Sain In Atlanta

ATLANTA — (AP) — A Metropolitan Opera Co. tenor, Hans J. K. Garetz, was found shot to death today in a back alleyway in the warehouse district.

City Detective J. M. Pack and J. W. Ellington said there "is no doubt" the victim was Garetz, who sang in this country under the name of John Garlin.

The opera company itself was en route to Memphis, Tenn., this morning after ending a three-day tour here last night.

The body was found about 7:45 A. M. in an alley in the downtown section. It was lying straight in the alley.

The man was in shirt sleeves. A single bullet wound was in the back of his head.

Coppper said that among the possessions was an identification card issued June 12, 1946.

Another showed the victim was a member of the American Guild of Musical Artists Inc. Both were in his pocket.

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'Party Line Performers' U. S. Denounces 'Peace' Parley

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department said today that delegates to the "peace parley" in Paris are "party line performers."

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all Cites High Cost of Building Says Man Can't Afford Homes

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Sen. Taft (R-Ohio) told the Senate today that 45 per cent of the people of the nation can't afford to build a four-room house.

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Royal Is Reported Leaving Cabinet Job

WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Truman was reported today to have accepted the resignation of Kenneth Royall as Secretary of the Army.

A top White House official said he anticipated an announcement of the long-reported resignation to be made at Mr. Truman's late afternoon news conference.

The White House official who declined the use of his name, said no successor to Royall has yet been picked.

Goldsboro — (AP) — The Goldsboro News-Argus said today that Secretary of Army Kenneth Royall would resign his office.

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Conference Agrees On Money Bill Terms On Deal Not Disclosed

RALEIGH — (AP) — Senate-House conferees on the huge biennial appropriations bill reported today they had reached an agreement.

Terms of the compromise the eight-man group will recommend to the Senate and House was not revealed. The report is expected to be made on the floor of the two bodies over the weekend.

When the report is made, the Senate and House will decide whether to accept the report. A quick agreement might pass the bill before the adjournment of the legislature Saturday.

Senate leaders said they talked on the amendment with their representatives of the Governor and Governor Scott shot back that he saw no reason for the amendment.

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Senate Would Keep Rent Control For NC

RALEIGH — The Senate seems content to allow rent controls to continue in a statewide basis.

The upper chamber approved today a report by one of the judiciary committees that no action be taken by the Legislature to decontrol rents on a statewide basis.

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