

Quick Changes Aided Bremen

Netherlander Describes Perilous Journey of big Ship

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AMSTERDAM, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A heavy disguise and the swirling mists of the north Atlantic helped the German merchant flagship Bremen to make a perilous voyage through strange waters and reach safe harbor in the Russian Arctic port of Murmansk a member of her crew related today.

The crewman was E. Post, tall, blind seagoing cook, and the only Netherlander aboard.

In a copyrighted interview with the Amsterdam newspaper Het Volk, Post told of repainting the ship at sea, after her delayed departure from New York Aug. 30, of the anxiety aboard and finally of the Bremen's reaching Murmansk with the hammer and sickle flying.

The Bremen was held in New York two days while US customs men searched her for possible armaments and finally sailed 36 hours before Germany invaded Poland.

Without passengers or cargo, but with 900 seamen, Capt. Adolf Ahrens was reported by Post to have dodged the British blockade with gasoline drums on the deck of his \$20,000,000 ship, ready to burn and sink her if need be.

"It doesn't look very good for us," Post quoted the captain as telling the crew. "I've sworn that the English will not seize me and my ship while I'm alive. I would rather sink the Bremen."

Without slackening speed, the ship received a complete coat of dull gray paint. She refused to answer wireless calls and at night she ran without lights.

"The first morning out," said the cook, "everybody who had nothing more urgent to do, including butchers, stewards and the ship's crew, all got jobs of gray paint. Lifeboats were swung out and the men applied the paint to the sides of the ship, welding paint brushes with long handles."

"In no time the Bremen was like the Bremen any more. You may have heard 'pump or down' and we to 'paint or drown'."

Post brought home some photographs of this work, including one in which he alone was not wearing the Nazi salute.

When the job was done, he said, the mist at 200 meters (656 feet) you could not have seen the Bremen."

"Among the members of the crew there came a terrible tension," recalled Post, "as nobody knew where we were going."

"Later, in the day of Sept. 3, we were all called together in a large saloon. The captain, standing in the center, said: 'Men, war in Europe has started.'"

After he told of plans to sink the ship should capture seem sure, "everybody gave the Nazi salute except himself, the only Hollander on board. For, to be frank, the prospect of disappearing below the surface didn't attract me very much."

Oregon WCTU Meeting Opens Here Tuesday

The Oregon WCTU convention will open in Salem next Tuesday in the First Methodist church for a five-day meeting. The convention will be opened formally that night with greetings brought by Governor Charles A. Sprague, Mayor W. W. Chadwick, D. A. Emerson from the state department of education, and Frank Bennett from the Salem school system.

President of the WCTU will give her annual address. Wednesday night greetings will be brought from other organizations, in whose work Frances Willard was especially interested. Miss Evangeline Philbin of Portland will bring greetings from the General Federation of Business and Professional Women.

Miss Harriet Long from the American Library association, and Mrs. Harold Peterson of Dallas from the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Dr. Bruce Baxter, President of Willamette university, will give the address of the evening on "Frances Willard, Educator."

The whole convention commemorates the 100th anniversary of the birth of the WCTU founder. Thursday night Charles W. Watkins, past governor of Rotary International, will give an address. Also on the program will be H. C. Seymour, state 4-H club leader.

Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith, national president, will arrive Friday night.

The convention will open informally Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with a school of alcohol education, led by Mrs. C. W. Stacey.

A program of vocal and instrumental numbers will be carried through the five days of the convention.

Marion County Births Increase

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against 113 in 1938; 39 cases of influenza as opposed to 101 in 1938; and 50 cases of pneumonia against 117 a year ago. There were 34 new cases of tuberculosis, as compared with 27 a year ago, but deaths from that cause were reduced for the year from 14 to 9.

An increase was noted in mumps, from 22 to 163, in measles, from 58 to 109, and in scarlet fever, from 39 to 71. Smallpox showed only four cases as compared with 18 last year.

Armed Jap Police Hold China Bank

SHANGHAI, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Twenty armed Japanese plainclothesmen today occupied the building of the Bank of Communications—a Chinese government bank—in the British defense sector of the international settlement.

The British forces took no immediate action.

The plainclothesmen, apparently attached to the Japanese police force for occupied portions of Shanghai, were reported to have removed bank stationery and part of the building's furnishings, to have smashed doors and to have caused other damage.

Listeners' Music Said School Goal

The new Salem public schools music program is aimed at posting students on musical knowledge that will enable them to gain enjoyment from listening to music rather than to become professional musicians, Vernon Wiscarsen, instrumental director, told the Salem Lions club yesterday.

Conceding that "there are many numbers that one who has been a musician for many years may not like," Wiscarsen said that training could make music enjoyable that otherwise would be meaningless.

Klamath Falls Starter Of Fires Gets one Year

MEDFORD, Oct. 12.—(AP)—George Harris, 53, Klamath Falls, found guilty last Tuesday of setting fires which burned 5,192 acres of Klamath Indian reservation timber, was sentenced to music to serve a year in a county jail.

Federal court attaches indicated Harris probably would serve his time in the Multnomah county jail at Portland.

Set Game Ahead

EUGENE, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The final football contest between the University of Oregon Freshmen and the Oregon State college Rooks will be played at Corvallis November 10 instead of November 3, Coach John Warren of the Oregon Freshmen said today.

Silverton Car Stolen

SILVERTON—An automobile belonging to Donald Stokoy of Gresham was stolen from its parking place in front of the E. H. Banks residence here Thursday night, police reported. Stokoy is a guest of the Banks.

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Britain Says 'No' to Hitler

Choice of Real Peace or War Offered Fueler by Chamberlain

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tion were on their feet demanding a more definite outline of Britain's war aims.

Chamberlain indicated he would make another statement next Wednesday. By then Britain will have had opportunity to receive the new Italian Ambassador Giuseppe Bastianini who reports from Rome said was hearing an aide memoir giving Premier Mussolini's views on a peace proposal and an international conference.

The 70-year-old prime minister read his answer to Hitler in precise emphatic tones—more vigorous and more dramatic than those he usually employs.

He snatched his words as he said the proposals in Hitler's speech were "vague and uncertain and contain no suggestion for righting the wrongs done to Czechoslovakia and Poland."

Gripping one hand in the other he added sharply "we must take it then that the proposals which the German chancellor puts forward for the establishment of what he calls the 'certainty of European security' are to be based on recognition of his conquests and his right to do what he pleases with the conquered."

"It would be impossible for Great Britain to accept any such basis without forfeiting her honor and abandoning her claim that international disputes should be settled by discussion and not by force."

"If we were to fully develop our trade potentialities with the far east we would have no unemployment," he stated. "And unemployment is still America's number one problem."

Babson said he believed the allies were allowing the European war to drag, and instead of being interested in killing Germans they were after Hitler and hoped to bring the Nazi leader to his senses by bottling up Germany.

Oddities in the News

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Police Justice Folkes didn't bat an eye when the clerk intoned the name of the prisoner as "Christopher Columbus" adding sotto voce, "his last name is Ross."

The justice has had George Washington before him on Washington's birthday. The arresting officer told the justice that Christopher had stolen some lumber.

"Enough for a Flinta, a Nina or a Santa Maria?" the justice pursued.

"What's that, your honor?" the officer asked.

"Oh never mind," said the justice. "Let him spend a month in jail."

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The heat got Santa Claus today—that and his beard.

Henry Markus, a professional Santa Claus who already had started growing a heavy beard for the Christmas season, collapsed in a restaurant from heat prostration and was taken to Central emergency hospital.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 12.—(AP)—It took an agreement of opposing counsel in a criminal case and a special order from the judge to get Henry W. Selker's goat milked tonight.

Selker, a juror in the case, was given permission to go home and do the milking after he reported no one in the neighborhood knew how to do the chore. A deputy sheriff accompanied him.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Governor Luren D. Dickinson, who attended the Michigan-Michigan State football game last Saturday after refusing to watch the Joe Louis-Pastor prize fight, said today several persons had written him asking "why?"

"In a prize fight," he said, "the intention of each fighter is to hit and injure the other fellow. In football no player intends to hurt another. Such injuries as do result are accidental."

Thief Gets Jewelry
PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A thief who smashed a display window early today escaped with \$2000 worth of diamond rings and watches from the Stone-Margulis jewelry store, Jerome Margulis, manager, reported to police.

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Carson Would Let Meters Pay Police

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Police will pocket a portion of the parking meter income here if Mayor Joseph K. Carson's suggestion to lower the property tax is accepted.

The mayor proposed police salaries be taken from the meters, since traffic engineering projects which took a major part of the \$150,000 annual income from the boxes are virtually completed.

Norwegian Boat Rides Out Battle

Story of German Planes, British Ships Clash Told by Skipper

ALESUND, Norway, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The skipper of a Norwegian fishing boat came into port today with a hair-raising story of having ridden out a major naval engagement Monday between British warships and German bombing planes in the North sea.

For an hour and a half, said the captain, his sturdy boat, the Kvaloy, was caught in the thundering battle participated in by five British ships and about 150 German planes.

So far as he and his crew could see, neither ships nor planes scored hits. The captain related, however, that after the warships steamed away there was a terrific explosion and a column of fire spouted skyward.

The German admiralty reported its planes scored 10 direct hits in a North sea battle Monday, the British admiralty agreed there had been a battle, but said the German bombs fell hundreds of yards away from the warships and that there was no damage or casualties.

The fishing boat captain said he was going quietly about his nets off the Viking bank when the warplanes roared out of the west and the ships appeared on the horizon from the east.

As the warships approached close to his boat—much too close, in fact—the planes began raining bombs and the ships' pom guns began chattering their reply.

The Kvaloy, bobbing on the water like a cork from the heavy seas kicked up by the exploding projectiles, attempted to steer to the west but the warships did likewise.

Finally, the captain said, the warships which had followed a zigzag course at full speed during the battle withdrew and the bombers roared away.

Market for Labor Rises Due to War

AFL, CIO State Business Highest in Two or Three Years

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(AP)—A rising labor market, highest in two or three years, was announced here today by the CIO and AFL.

They credited the European war, the threat of more war and general business improvement.

The teamsters union, with a membership of several thousand, cleared its hiring hall twice within a week and said not more than 80 members were without jobs. The "best conditions in two years" were announced by the machinists' organization, primarily because of railroad activity and employment at Seattle's Boeing aircraft plant.

The boiler-makers' union exhausted its rolls of 500 to 600 workers with jobs in Oregon, Idaho and Vancouver, Wash. A spokesman for the office employees' union said no bonafide member was without a job. Only 5 per cent of the big culinary joint council membership is idle.

The electricians' union has all its members at work, compared to 150 idle a year ago. The union has issued work permits to provide extra hands demanded by the Bonneville project, Northwestern Electric and Portland General Electric.

A number of carpenters are idle but Grand Coulee dam has placed a standing order for men who can pass physical examinations.

A jobless list still exists in lumber unions, although many said more men were at work than in 1938. The cabinet makers said 500 men were working, compared to 150 a year ago.

Other unions reporting increased activity included the longshoremen, painters, furniture workers, plylock and building trades.

Vancouver Man Logging Head

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 12.—(AP)—Fred B. Brown of Vancouver, B. C., was elected president today of the Pacific Logging congress, succeeding Gordon J. Manary of Scotia, Calif.

The congress voted to hold its 1940 convention in British Columbia—probably Vancouver—next October.

Truman W. Collins, Ponders, Ore., was elected vice-president. The election was held after delegates returned from an inspection of the Tillamook burn, where they studied ravages of fire and methods of salvaging damaged trees.

FDR not Heading For War, Knox

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, said tonight a fear that President Roosevelt "is secretly maneuvering us into war is untenable and unworthy."

In a discussion with former Governor Philip F. LaFollette of Wisconsin on the neutrality act, Knox, the republican vice presidential nominee in 1936, asked: "Can you make yourself seriously believe that any man, except a madman like Hitler, would deliberately involve a great nation in war to promote his own, or his party's political success?"

"Here to state the proposition is enough to compel its prompt rejection by serious-minded citizens."

Woman Injured in Silverton Crash

SILVERTON, Oct. 12.—A young woman identified by Silverton police as Maureen Johnson suffered severe cuts and bruises tonight when an automobile in which she was riding left the Silverton-Mt. Angel highway near the Abiqua bridge and overturned in a ditch. She was brought to the Silverton hospital.

Officers said they were unable to locate three other persons reported to have been in the car, a sedan registered to William Pfaff of Silverton.

Health Division To Visit Silverton

Supervisor of Nursing to Present new Manual for Teachers

Today the Marion county department of health will participate in the teachers' institute to be held at Silverton.

The new manual for teachers which has been prepared as a guide for school health services will be presented by Mrs. Nova Young, nursing supervisor.

The manual contains general information about the health department, an outline of the part the nurse and the teacher play in the public health program, presentation of laws pertaining to sanitation and examination of children and information pertaining to the school medical examination, child's health record and communicable disease control.

The schedule of nurses and copies of all records used in school health work are also included.

Mrs. George Moorhead, director of health education, will take the second half of the health department portion of the program and will present a brief outline of a new teaching unit prepared by the division on milk. This project includes printed material and a film made by the health department and financed by the milk producers of Salem, "A Bottle of Milk is a Bottle of Health."

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