

Axis Sinks Another US-Owned Ship in Atlantic Near Iceland

Haill Fall

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Weather

Fair and moderately warm today and Wednesday. Max. temp. Mon. 75, min. 43. Northeast wind. River, -1.5 feet. Clear.

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First Attack Since FDR Warning Is Told By State Department

Germans Report Successes at Sea Against Reds, Asserting Ports Sealed Against Aid

By The Associated Press

The first sinking of an American-owned vessel since President Roosevelt's shoot-first warning to the axis was announced Monday night by the state department.

The victim, the 6850-ton Pink Star, owned by the US government and flying the flag of Panama, went down in the north Atlantic near Iceland on September 19, it was stated. The first word of the incident did not disclose whether she was torpedoed, struck by a bomb or destroyed by a mine.

The news brought up the immediate prospect that the sinking, if subsequently established as of German work, might bring a break in relations between Panama and the Reich. Informed persons in Panama had stated some time ago, on the occasion of a protest to Berlin over previous attacks on Panama flag vessels, that a repetition probably would lead to such a rupture.

The initial announcements did not disclose whether any of the Pink Star's crew of 24—none Americans—had survived.

A German spokesman in Berlin said "Sorry, nothing is known here," when informed of the Pink Star sinking.

Her loss momentarily somewhat overshadowed the great and bloody struggle on the eastern front.

The Germans, subordinating reports of successes at sea to those at land, claimed late Monday night to have seriously reduced Russian naval strength both in the Baltic and Black seas and asserted that they had substantially sealed Russia's European ports against the supplies of urgently sought food, Britain and the United States.

The soviet command in its communique for Tuesday morning reported only local success somewhere along what the Russians call the western front—presumably at the center—and in the Ukraine. Six German battalions, along with 4000 more nazis troops killed, were declared substantially destroyed in the west and it was said that in the south, probably about Odessa, a Rumanian infantry brigade lost 600 men.

Aside from this, however, the red general staff gave only the familiar, uninformative report of heavy fighting everywhere.

Moscow had offered Monday only the most general information, which had a tone of desperate determination illustrated by the appeal made by armament workers in Leningrad to the red armies and civilian volunteers struggling bitterly at the city's gates.

"Win or die—there is no other choice. Win or die: This is the law of the soviet fighter; this is the slogan of the entire soviet nation! Let us give our holy oath that we will not lay down our arms until we bury the fascist beasts."

The soviet position both at Leningrad and at Odessa on the Black sea plainly remained most grave, although there was nothing to indicate that any final decision was in sight on either front.

At the center, a Russian counter-offensive still in progress, Berlin termed it an unsuccess-ful and costly action to relieve the northern and southern red flanks, but unofficial British reports said the nazis were slowly being forced back to the south-east of Smolensk.

Far behind this front, the Mos- (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Jewish Rites Observed Here

Rosh Hoshanah or Jewish New Year, first day of the year 5702 by the Jewish calendar, was observed with congregational services Monday by Salem Jewish families.

September 30, one week from today, is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, when services will be conducted on the eve and during the day, in the hall at Che-mereta and Commercial streets.

On the Air For Defense
Eleanor Francisco, 10 years old, and Eddie Jackson, about 14, selected because of their knowledge of the flag as revealed in answers to questions recently asked on the program, are scheduled to be guests tonight on the Marion county civil defense council's 9:15 o'clock broadcast.

Bulgars Shoot, Intern Solons

Parliament Members Eliminated as Martial Law Is Declared

BERN, Switzerland, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The execution of an un-expected number of communist members of the Bulgarian parliament and the sending of 120 communists to German concentration camps as hostages for sabotage were reported Monday night in Sofia dispatches.

Legislators of the former peasant party were also reported interned as speculation turned on whether the state of martial law proclaimed in Bulgaria over the weekend meant that country was preparing to enter the war against Russia.

(A Sofia, DNB dispatch from by way of Berlin, said Bulgarian Premier Bogdan Philoff told a conference of professional organizations Monday that combating communism is one of the most important problems facing the government and "there is no doubt the Bulgarian people must do everything to eliminate the evil which has menaced Bulgaria more than once."

(The British Broadcasting corporation reported King Boris of Bulgaria was on his way today to meet Hitler and the fuhrer's chief aides in what the BBC called a "prelude to declaring war on Russia." Authoritative Berlin quarters issued a virtual denial of such a meeting.)

Sofia dispatches were not clear on the date of the execution of the communists but apparently they preceded the weekend martial law declaration. The dispatches also failed to state the reason for the executions and internments, but it was recalled that it was secret (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Salem Budget Group Called

Special and final meeting of the Salem city budget committee has been called for Wednesday night, Mayor W. W. Chadwick announced Monday after all aldermen had been notified of the special council meeting to be held in conjunction.

What the recommendations of the sub-committee on salary changes of which he is chairman would be the mayor declared he did not know. A meeting of that committee was tentatively slated for this afternoon.

Sole purpose of the special council meeting, Chadwick said, is to make provision for a budget hearing.

Red Cross Prepared If War Comes, County Chapter Told

As an organization, the Red Cross is not afraid to face the possibilities of war, although its part in meeting a nation-wide disaster would tax its financial and personnel resources, Paul Harvey, Pacific coast roll call chairman for that organization said Monday noon in Salem as he addressed members of the Marion county Red Cross board.

"The experience of many years' dealing with disasters on large and small scale, the great network of organization which the Red Cross boasts as at the nation's services, he declared.

That even the greatly-enlarged budget requirements of wartime could be met with little diffi-

Willamette U Gets Set for New Semester



As remodeling work on Willamette university's music hall, formerly the science hall, progressed toward completion, Dean Melvin H. Geist of the school of music (left) anxious to get moved into his new quarters, took off his coat and donned overalls Monday to give carpenters a helping hand. Con-tractor Albert A. Siewert (center) looks on as Carpenter J. C. Enlow shows Geist what needs yet to be done to the dean's office. (Below) Orientation of freshmen to collegiate surroundings began Monday at Willamette and the newcomers were busy choosing their courses. Here Recorder Francis Harris in the registrar's office helps Florence Duffy, pretty Salem freshman, work out her schedule for the year. Statesman Photo.

French Fear Nazis To Occupy Entire Nation

German Army Seen Riled Over Slaying of Officer; Petain Appeals for Help of People

VICHY, Unoccupied France, Sept. 22.—(AP)—The slaying of a German captain—latest victim in a series of outbreaks in once gay Paris—intensified fears Monday night that the German army might step far beyond the retaliatory execution of hostages to

Salem Guard In Army Now One Year

One year ago today Salem's national guardsmen marched to trains which took them to Camp Murray and Camp Clatsop for a year, or more, of training. Some, listed as "hardship" cases, are now being released.

Early in the morning Company B of the 162nd infantry started for Camp Murray, Wash., and a little later units of the 249th Coast Artillery were on their way to Camp Clatsop, Ore.

Four per cent, about 700, of the strength of the 41st division are to be released this month after asking for discharges because of dependency or other circumstances. Probably 200 will be Oregon men.

(Authoritative sources at Bern, Switzerland, reported that some elements in Vichy feared all France might be occupied by the Germans if shootings and sabotage continued in the present occupied zone.)

Marshal Petain, who appealed by radio Sunday for all Frenchmen to help him avert new dangers to France by preventing the attacks which he attributed to foreign agents, followed up with a new appeal today in Savoy, French territory desired by Italy.

He urged Frenchmen to "close ranks" around him to save France unity. France, he declared, has (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

with food and clothing, not that of providing the US with a heavy order of surgical dressings nor of answering calls for nurses, although all of these loom large among the organization's activities, Harvey said.

The heaviest task the Red Cross is undertaking today is its routine home service to US armed forces, a service performed for many years under its charter as a quasi-governmental agency and one which has increased considerably with the influx of new men into army, navy and marines.

Because the Red Cross had no desire to be placed among "warmongers," its activities in preparation for possible attack on the

WU Freshman Class Enrolls

Women Outnumber Men This Year as 221 Newcomers Register

Registrar's figures Monday bore out the first-glance opinion that women outnumbered men in the entering class of '45 at Willamette university. The total enrollment of freshmen was nearly as high as on the first day in 1940.

Of 221 freshmen who enrolled Monday, according to Walter Erickson, registrar, 121 were women. A year ago, when 234 enrolled, 96 were women.

Erickson said the figures indicated the class would equal last year's. Although no official predictions were made, reports from returning students, who were numerous on the 100-year-old campus Monday, were that several of their number would not be back to school this year.

That defense activities work both to keep some away from and to send others to school was seen in other reports of new students coming because of improved financial condition.

Freshmen were introduced to the campus Monday by Dr. E. Franklin Thompson, dean of freshmen, and English placement tests were taken.

Today's program includes physical examinations for men, registration in the library for freshmen and the first meeting of the class "on its own."

Wheeler Hits War Mongers At Portland

PORTLAND, Sept. 22.—(AP)—Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana declared Monday night, "We are not prepared for war and our entrance would bankrupt the United States as well as cost the lives of millions of our boys."

Speaking extemporaneously before 5000 persons at an America First committee rally, the senator said, "Talk of invasion of this country is nonsense. There is no intelligent officer of our army or navy who believes this country could be invaded. Willingness of interventionists to give aid to England, China, Russia and South America shows invasion is not feared by them."

He suggested that "if there are those who want to go to war, it is only a short distance to Canada where they can enlist."

"We are building up a debt that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Atlantic coast have not been widely told, Harvey said.

Now, he told the Marion county committee, that civilian defense organizations have been set up with federal approval, admitting the fact that preparations have been underway for more than two years to take care of emergencies in case of attack does not seem to be giving way to hysteria.

The turn of attention to the Pacific coast as a probable target for enemy bombers should this nation enter the war or other nations desire to draw her into it has led the Red Cross to re-surveys its preparedness plans here.

The same organization which

Lost McChord Bomber Located On Bare Peak; Wreckage Is Scattered

Hull Declares Neutrality Act Due for Repeal

Statement Made After Parley With FDR on More US Aid to Allies

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—(AP)—While President Roosevelt conferred with advisors on ways of accelerating American assistance to nations fighting the axis, Secretary of State Hull indicated Monday that he thought the time had come to lift restrictions of the neutrality act.

Already modified by the repeal, in 1939, of its rigid embargo on sale of arms to belligerents, the act still forbids the arming of merchant ships, prohibits them from sailing into combat zones, and requires belligerents to take title to implements of war obtained in the United States before such implements are shipped.

Hull declined to venture any prediction as to whether congress soon would repeal or modify the act.

But at the same time he commented on his press conference that both he and President Roosevelt had criticized the neutrality act from the start as a measure more likely to get this country into war than to keep it out.

President Roosevelt, soon after returning from a weekend visit to Hyde Park, N.Y., held a conference at the White House with Vice-President Wallace, Speaker Rayburn, House Majority Leader McCormack of Massachusetts, Chairman Cannon (D-Mo) of the house appropriations committee; Representative Woodrum (D-Va), also a member of the house appropriations committee; Chairman Connally (D-Tex) of the senate foreign relations committee, and Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) ranking democrat on the senate appropriations committee.

Their talk dealt principally, the conferees said, with the new \$5,985,000,000 lend-lease appropriation, and proposed price control legislation.

Wallace and Connally said the consensus was that there would be little difficulty in obtaining congressional approval for the new lend-lease bill.

McCormack said Mr. Roosevelt was advised that the lend-lease measure would reach the house in about two weeks.

City Schools Total 5048

Enrollment was up 418 from a week ago in Salem public schools Monday, but the total was 229 below the second Monday figure of 1940. The number at present is 5048, according to Supt. Frank B. Bennett's office.

The senior high school, at 1629, is 107 below last year's figure on the same date, while Leslie Junior high school is up 36 to 500, because Folk county pupils were changed this year from Parrish to Leslie.

Plane Crew Missing 13 Days Believed to Have Died in Crash

Air Searchers Sight Ship on Side of Olympic Mountain; One Crashes, Pilot Unhurt

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Army air corps officers announced Monday night the wreckage of a twin-motored bomber, in which six men vanished before dawn 13 days ago, had been sighted on a rugged Olympic peninsula peak, and a few hours later reported the crash of a training plane that had been engaged in the far-flung search for the bomber.

Two men in the training plane miraculously escaped without serious injury, Col. William H. Crom, McChord Field commander reported, when their ship struck treetops of a peak near Morton, Wash. The trees cushioned the crash enough to save the men, although the plane was almost demolished.

The two survivors of the trainer crash were brought to McChord Field by automobile shortly before

Storm Tension Eases on Gulf

Hundred Seek Refuge Awaiting Passing of Southwest Hurricane

PORT ARTHUR, Tex., Sept. 22.—(AP)—Tension among gulf coast residents eased somewhat tonight with word from the New Orleans weather bureau that the rate of movement of a tropical storm threatening the area had decreased during the last six hours.

Storm warnings were ordered down east of Biloxi, Miss. The weather bureau said the disturbance was centered 190 miles south of here.

The hurricane was described as moving west-northwestward at about eight miles per hour. The 8:30 p. m. advisory added:

"All vessels in vicinity of storm should exercise extreme caution. Tides have risen rapidly on the upper Texas and Cameron Parish, La., coasts, and will rise to more dangerous heights Monday night and Tuesday."

"Storm warnings are now displayed east of Port Arthur, Texas, to Biloxi, Miss., and south of Arkansas pass to Brownsville, Tex. Hurricane warnings are displayed from Arkansas pass to Port Arthur, Texas."

At Galveston the barometer reading was 29.64, up two points in a half hour. The tide was 6.7 feet above mean low and the wind blowing at 32 miles an hour and higher in gusts.

Hundreds of persons sought refuge in the courthouse and public schools. Spray was dashing sometimes 15 feet above the sea wall. Hotels were filled to capacity, many citizens believing there was safety in big (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Officers said that the airman who sighted the bomber wreckage could find no trace of a trail near the crash scene, and faced a probably full day of trail blazing under difficult conditions.

A trail runs up the mountain's slope. Forest men said its ascent from the Dosewallips river road was a five-hour task under favorable conditions. It is steep and narrow.

Two parties set out from McChord field and Fort Lewis Monday night for the scene, which is an estimated 40 miles airline across Puget sound from Seattle. It was approximately 75 miles northwest of the Cascade mountain area where search had been concentrated for the bomber and where Colonel Crom and other officers had expressed belief the bomber would be found.

One of the parties is with a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)