

Munich Bombing Said Solved by Gestapo

Mine Sinks Japanese Liner

Reprisals for Unrestricted Sea Warfare

Chamberlain Announces Seizure of All German Exports

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—Unrestricted sea blockade of Germany was proclaimed today by Britain in "retaliation" for mine warfare which counted the 11,930-ton Japanese passenger liner Terukuni Maru as its newest victim.

A mine-sweeping trawler of the British navy and two other trawlers also were added to the mounting list of maritime losses today.

Prime Minister Chamberlain announced an order in council would be issued directing seizure of all exports of German origin or ownership on the high seas, regardless of whether they were being transported under neutral flags. The measure is designed to throttle German trade by which she could build up currency reserves abroad for purchase of war supplies abroad.

Japanese Liner Sunk

The Japanese liner was believed to have struck a mine such as Britain has blamed for the sinking of nine out of ten ships lost off the English coast last week-end. The liner's 180 passengers and crew were saved.

The mine-sweeping trawler Mastiff was sunk by a mine yesterday and two other trawlers, the Thomas Hankins and the Sea Sweeper, sunk by submarines.

The sinking Japanese liner, which could be seen from the shore, carried a crew of 180 and 26 passengers, one of them British.

A lifeboat and other craft rushed to the rescue, and some survivors were brought to shore.

British reprisals against Germany, extending the blockade to exports as well as imports, would mean concentration on neutral shipping, since Germany herself has practically no ships at sea now.

The aim would be to halt completely all sea commerce with Germany.

Chamberlain made his statement in reply to a question by opposition laborite leader Clement Attlee on whether the government proposed to take any action as a result of the laying of mines which sank the Netherlands passenger ship Simon Bolivar and other vessels over the week-end.

Today a British mine-laying trawler, the Mastiff, was added to the toll, becoming Britain's sixth admitted naval loss of the war.

In reply to Attlee, Chamberlain explained that under international law if unanchored mines are used they should be harmless in one hour, the most, after those who laid them lost control over them. He said none of these provisions had been observed by Germany in laying the mines which Britain considers the cause for recent ship losses.

(Germany has denied her mines were responsible for the sinking of the Simon Bolivar.)

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Program to Win Offered by McNary

Washington, Nov. 21 (U.P.)—Senate Minority Leader Charles L. McNary, R., Ore., proposed a three-point farm program today which, he said, the republican party could win western states and elect a president in 1940.

"After considerable thought," he said in an interview, "I have arrived at the conclusion that the republican party can be successful if it demonstrates to the farm voters and those dependent on the farmers that the party is interested, as formerly, in their welfare."

McNary recommended that the following program be written into the party's 1940 platform in "simple language so that all can understand":

1. Equalization of benefit payments under the AAA soil conservation program.
2. Repeal of the reciprocal trade agreement act.
3. Liberalization of the public land policy to give the 14 public land



Corinne Maddox shown after she surrendered.

Two-Gun Girl Out On \$7500 Bail

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 21 (U.P.)—The "mystery woman" in the two-gun girl shooting of Attorney Brooks Coffman appeared voluntarily today before a grand jury investigating the case. She identified herself as Miss Flora Allen, 25-year-old stenographer formerly employed in Coffman's office and said she

Garment Mills Plead Guilty

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—Eleven of the country's major knitted garment manufacturers and sellers acknowledged in federal court today that they had violated the wage and hour law.

As a result, 10,000 home workers will receive approximately \$250,000 in wage arrears.

The companies consented to the entry of a permanent injunction restraining them from any further violations of the law, either directly or by subterfuge.

Those involved were: Regal Knitting, Inc.; May Knitting company; Blue Bird Knitwear, Inc.; Newport Knitting Co., Inc.; Fay Infants Wear, Inc.; Cupid Knitwear company, Inc.; Knitown Togs, Inc.; Famous Infants Knitwear corporation; Sternberg Knitting company, Inc.; Morris Bernstein and Samuel Bernstein, doing business as Infants Sweater Mills, and Julius Berger.

The government's complaint charged the defendants with evading the law by devising a purchase and sales plan from which it appeared that their former home workers had lost the status of employees and had become "independent manufacturers and producers."

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Terukuni Maru First Japanese War Casualty

Big Vessel Hits Nazi Mine Off West Coast of England—All Rescued

London, Nov. 21 (AP)—A ship believed to be the 11,930-ton Japanese liner Terukuni Maru, bound from Japan to London, sank today off the east coast of England.

She was reported to have struck a mine.

The liner carried a crew of 180 and 26 passengers, one of them British.

The sinking ship could be seen from shore.

Great spouts of water rose from her sides. A lifeboat and other craft went to the rescue.

Some survivors were brought to shore.

Officers of the ship's owners said they had received no word of casualties and believed no lives had been lost.

En Route Antwerp

New York officials of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, owners of the craft, said she left Shanghai last October 4 for London after loading cargo at Yokohama and Kobe. They added she was due in London November 17 and although they had no confirmation of her arrival there they assumed she had dropped some passengers there and was en route to Antwerp when she struck the mine.

The 567-foot liner was built at Nagasaki in 1930 and was considered one of the finest of her type. Her home port was Tokyo. Her sinking was the first Japanese casualty of the war.

British Losses 74

Britain's losses rose to 74 with the sinking of the trawler Sea Sweeper, 329 tons, and the naval mine sweeper Mastiff, 490 tons. One man was killed and five were missing from the Mastiff. The Sea Sweeper's crew of 12 escaped.

The sinkings added to the week-end toll of 19 vessels, nine of them apparently sunk by mines in the North sea. More than 2,000 persons have perished in the struggle for mastery of the seas.

Fatal Party on Wood Alcohol

Astoria, Ore., Nov. 21 (AP)—A drinking party aboard the Norwegian motorship Indra, at which a half gallon of wood alcohol taken from the ship's paint locker was consumed, resulted in the death of one man and the serious illness of five others, it was revealed today.

Hans Laupsa, 29, motorman, died of effects of the drink yesterday, and Sigurd Petene, 25, also a motorman, fell ill. The others, all members of the ship's crew, are Olaf Anderson, Alf Heggen, Jorgen Toife, and Kare Larsen. The survivors are in the Astoria hospital.

Capt. Thomas Nokling, who became master of the vessel two months ago, said Laupsa and Petene broke into the locker and obtained the alcohol Saturday night. He said they believed the fluid was pure alcohol and invited the others to share drinks.

The captain said each of the men drank from a half a glass to a pint and used no "chaser." He said he knew nothing of the escape until two of the men became ill yesterday.

It was explained that no liquor is allowed on Norwegian vessels, and the captain said there were no bootleg stocks aboard.

The Indra has been anchored off Tongue Point in the Columbia river for the past ten days, awaiting orders.

Skiing Delayed By Lack of Snow

Portland, Nov. 21 (AP)—The one-day start of Mt. Hood's skiing season was delayed again today by lack of snow. The first tournament—and dedication of the new \$100,000 chair ski lift—originally was scheduled for November 19, then postponed until November 26, now delayed until December 10 on order of the Oregon Winter Sports Association.

Russia Stages Maneuvers In Baltic Area

Newly Seized Bases Utilized for Naval Games—Finland Again Warned

Moscow, Nov. 21 (AP)—Soviet Russia disclosed today her Baltic fleet is holding large scale maneuvers from newly won bases in that area. At the same time she warned Finland nothing "will ever break our decision to establish a strong peace all over the Finnish gulf."

The warning was voiced by Admiral V. Tributz, commander of the Baltic fleet, in an article in the newspaper Kom-somolskaya Pravda, organ of the communist youth league.

Tributz declared the Soviet fleet now was in command of the Baltic fleet, with the acquisition of bases from Estonia and Latvia. He said the Baltic fleet, previously landlocked in the Gulf of Finland by winter ice, now could navigate throughout the year.

Negotiations between Finland and Russia over Soviet territorial demands were halted last week when a Finnish delegation refused Russia's demands and left Moscow.

Admiral Tributz said Soviet ships now were making cruises from their new Baltic bases into the open sea for gunnery and target practice.

Decision Irrevocable

The Russian admiral expressed "the regret of Soviet sailors" that Finland refused the Russian offer.

He added: "In Finland we hear but the rattling of arms and the call to war with the U.S.S.R. . . . The dark game of Finnish ruling circles favors incendiaries of war who aim to use Finland as a base for hostile plots."

"No obstacles will ever break our decision to establish a strong peace over the Finnish gulf to safeguard Soviet borders, the great city of Leningrad and friendly Baltic countries. The red bannered Baltic fleet is ready at any minute."

Record Order For Scrap Iron

New York, Nov. 21 (AP)—A record order for 850,000 tons of scrap iron has been placed in the United States for shipment to England's war-burdened steel mills, it was learned today in trade circles.

In addition, it was said, Italy has bought around 150,000 tons and Japan about 100,000.

At the current price of about \$21 a ton for heavy melting scrap in the Pittsburgh area, the tonnage would be valued at approximately \$23,000,000.

The British buying, trade circles reported, was done in the name of the British Iron and Steel federation.

Dealers said England would pay cash and supply the ships in accordance with U. S. neutrality laws. The scrap is destined to move from Atlantic and Gulf coast ports in coming months.

The exact price paid for the metal was not disclosed.

Coalition Cabinet For Lithuania

Kaunas, Nov. 21 (AP)—A coalition government was formed today as the cabinet formed by General Jonas Varnas last March 28 after Germany's acquisition of Memel, resigned.

Antanas Merkys, nationalist high commissioner for Vilna and ex-governor of Memel territory, former German region given to Lithuania after the World war, is the new premier.

Storm Signals Flying Along Coast

Seattle, Nov. 21 (AP)—Red pennants flew below black centered flags at Oregon and Washington coastal weather stations today, denoting strong westerly winds attaining gale forces of above 30 miles an hour within 12 to 18 hours.

Moderate to fresh southerly winds were forecast for Puget Sound tonight and tomorrow, accompanying showers and moderate temperatures.



Head-On Air Crash Kills Two—Chester Vienot, 33, and Peter Petersen, 30, both of San Francisco, were killed when their planes crashed together a few hundred feet above the Alameda, Calif., airport. Airport attaches said both planes were circling to land. Shattered fuselages of the two ships are shown. — Associated Press Photo.

Discrepancies in County Records

With filing of the state auditor's report today on county offices in general for the year 1938, it also became known that Mark Weatherford, special investigator into county expenditures, has called the grand jury to reconvene Friday when it is understood a number of county employes or officials have

been instructed to be on hand to give testimony. Weatherford several weeks ago in announcing that the grand jury would discontinue its investigation in this regard to a time, said it was due to the fact that this audit was not completed and that the jury would not be back until it was completed. The jury has been making these investigations under the direction of Weatherford on the strength of special instructions from Circuit Judge McMahon to delve into county expenditures, particularly those for which the county court was responsible.

The audit report for the year contains humorous comments and recommendations from the auditor, included in them being the following:

As to county treasurer's record (as this being independent of the separate report made some months ago in which a shortage of over \$23,000 was alleged in the office accounts): Several errors noted in distribution of fines, forfeitures and court costs which have been discussed with the treasurer. Warrants paid by the treasurer not all stamped or noted as to date of redemption.

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Ranch House Frisked Of All Furnishings

McMinnville, Nov. 21 (AP)—Marion Schindler of Grand Island told Sheriff G. W. Manning yesterday that he could put up with a little conservative burglary but the yeags who frisked his place during the family absence last week went too far.

They even took the drawers out of the kitchen built-ins, to say nothing of the globes out of the light sockets. They took the refrigerator, washer, circulating heater, davenport, chairs, chair cushions, silverware, dishes, cooking utensils and a general household inventory.

The investigation was first evolved in the World war when it was known as the "navicert system." It will be made effective again December 1.

"For the benefit of exporters and others who are not familiar with the operation of the system," the embassy said, "the navicert may be explained as a form of commercial passport."

Intending exporters desiring to take advantage of the system may

French Report All Quiet Western Front

Paris, Nov. 21 (AP)—The French high command's communique this morning said, "nothing of importance to report during the night."

A 37 minute air raid alarm in northwestern France last night apparently resulted from a German scouting flight. Last night's war ministry communique noted only "reduced activity on the front," including some patrol and artillery action.

(Observers in Luxembourg told of French shellfire between Perl and Apach. They said the Moselle and Safer rivers were flooded, barring infantry action on that northern extreme of the front.)

Beer Hall Blast Plot Laid to British Agents

Nazi Secret Service Arrests Three and Claims Confession of One

Berlin, Nov. 21 (U.P.)—The Nazi secret police tonight announced the arrest of three persons including two "leading" agents of the British secret service in connection with the Munich beer cellar bombing attempt on the life of Adolf Hitler.

The Nazi press had, from the first, charged that British agents were responsible for the Munich bombing and that British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain was at least morally responsible for inspiring the assassination attempt because of his speech calling for an end to Hitlerism.

Claim Confession

Eiser, according to the Nazi gestic, confessed November 14. The bombing was on November 8, the day he was seized.

Eiser said he worked for a week placing the bomb in one of the pillars of the beer cellar and that it was set for 144 hours or six days.

Eiser was quoted as saying he planned the crime as far back as September or October of last year. The building of the bomb position (in the pillar) occurred in August, however.

The bomb was taken to the beer cellar seven days before Hitler made his anniversary speech, according to the announced confession.

Placing the Bomb

Eiser, it was announced, confessed that on the next day (the sixth before the bombing) he attempted to put the bomb into its position in the cellar but failed.

He failed again in five attempts before the meeting but succeeded about three days before the meeting.

It was announced that he confessed immediately that he had attempted to cross from Stuttgart into Switzerland to meet the persons who had instructed him to place the bomb.

Strasser Organizer

The announcement said that Otto Strasser, leader of the illegal "black front" anti-Nazi organization in Germany who fled to France, was the organizer of the bombing plot and that British intelligence agents were the instigators. A number of persons implicated have been arrested, it was announced.

The official announcement said that the chief of the British intelligence service for western Europe—a Mr. Best—and his alleged accomplice—a Captain Stevens—were seized while attempting to cross the frontier into Holland near Venlo.

George Eiser, 36, of Munich, was arrested while attempting to flee into Switzerland to report to persons who instructed him to place the bomb, the announcement said.

Eiser, charged with responsibility of the bombing, confessed, the official announcement said. The Britons were charged with being accomplices.

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To Inspect Exports Before Shipment

Washington, Nov. 21 (AP)—Great Britain announced today a system for pre-shipment investigation of American exports which is designed to expedite American trade with European neutral countries. The announcement was made here by the British embassy which said that initially the system "will apply to all shipments from the United States to the following countries—Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, Norway and Sweden."

"The system will be further extended as opportunity offers," the embassy stated.

The investigation plan, according to the embassy, was first evolved in the World war when it was known as the "navicert system." It will be made effective again December 1.

"For the benefit of exporters and others who are not familiar with the operation of the system," the embassy said, "the navicert may be explained as a form of commercial passport."

Intending exporters desiring to take advantage of the system may

apply to the nearest British consulate on special forms obtainable from any British consulate in the United States and, if the intended consignee is regarded as unobjectionable, they will be granted a navicert for it.

"A charge will be made for navicerts granted to cover the cost of the necessary telegraphic inquiries. Its exact amount will be announced in a few days."