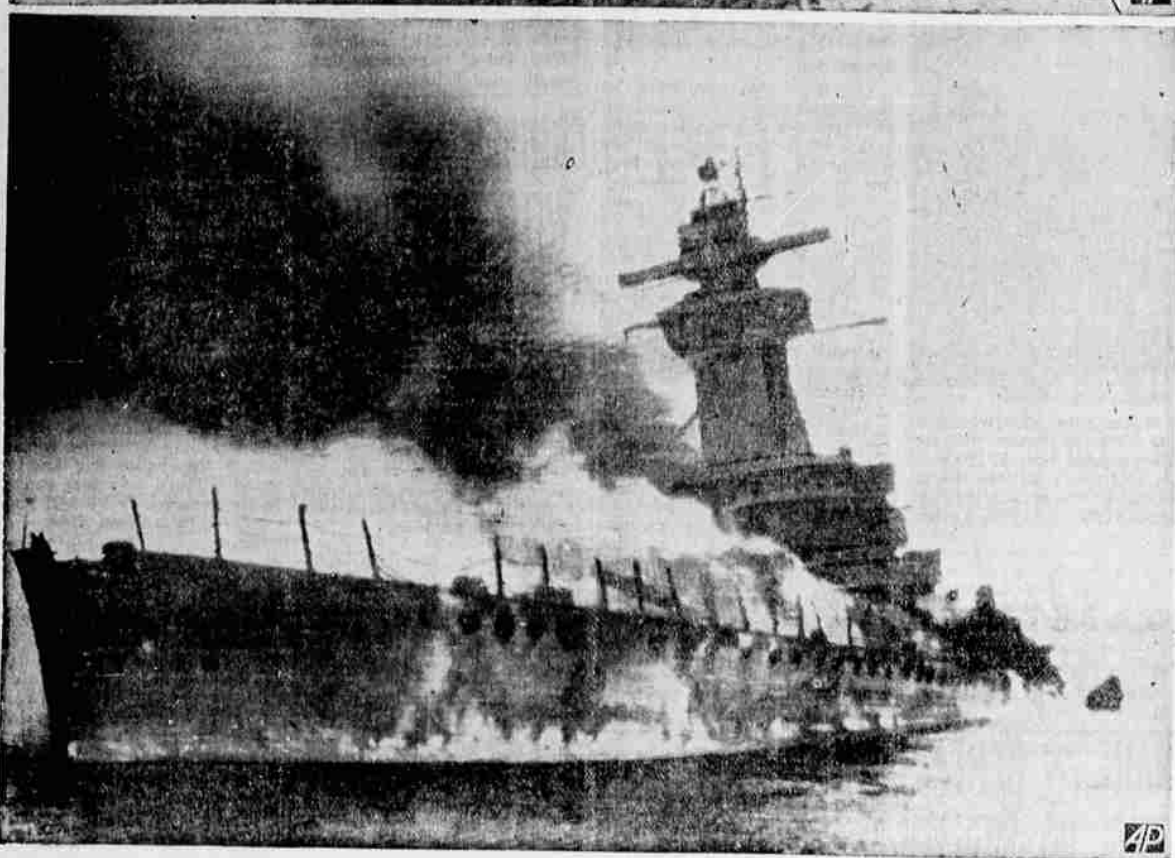
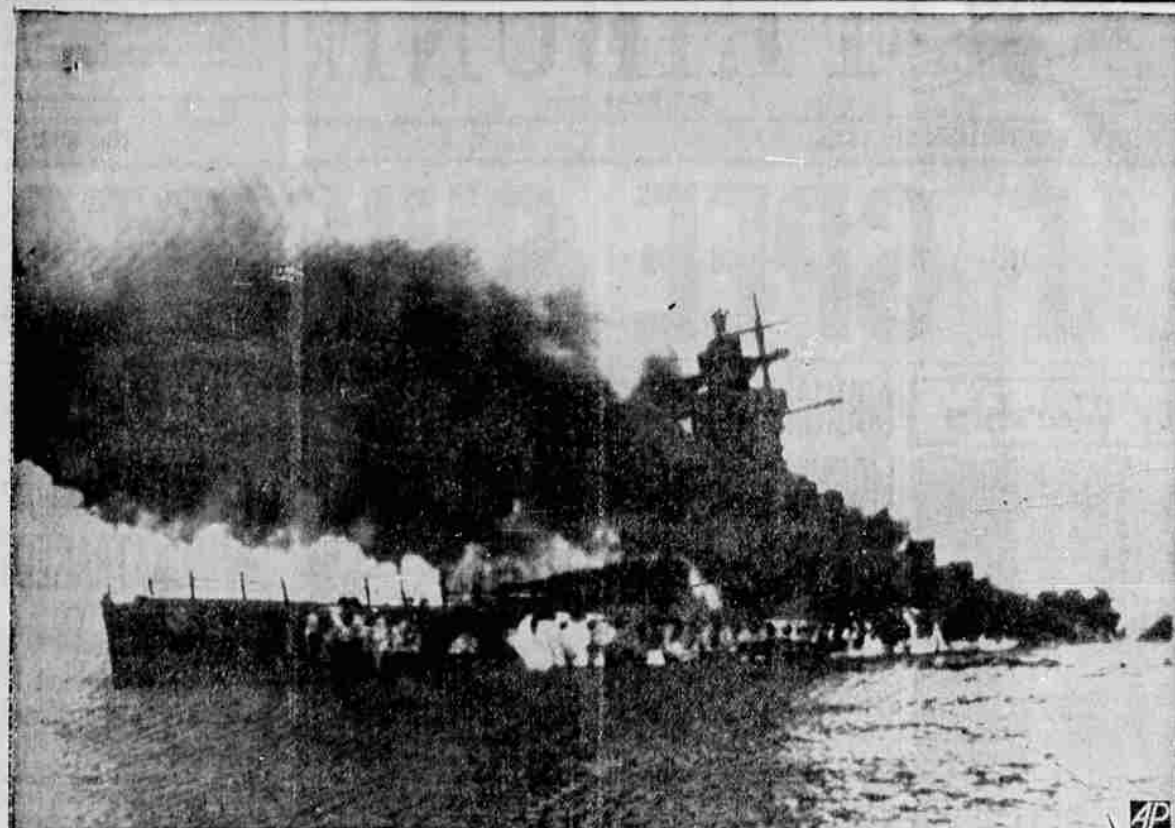


Admiral Graf Spee Gushes Flame and Smoke After Blast



Top picture shows the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, gushing smoke and flames shortly after she was blown up by her commander near Montevideo, Uruguay. Lower: Another view of the destruction of the ship. Captain Langsdorff himself assembled the explosives and directed the filling of the fuel tanks for the blast that was to "destroy all," on the personal orders of Adolf Hitler.—(Pictures radioed from Buenos Aires to New York; airmail to Mail Tribune.)

Christmas is variously celebrated in North Carolina. In addition to the conventional date, the day is, in some communities, observed on January 5, 6 or 7. There are more than seven million fishing licenses issued by the states each year and many million more, it is estimated, fish where no license is required.

URUGUAY OFFERED AID FOR EJECTION OF ADMIRAL SPEE

U. S. Took Leading Role in Firm Stand is Revelation—Other Nations Joined.

Montevideo, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources of high authority disclosed today the United States, Argentina and Brazil had offered armed aid to Uruguay for ejection of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

The informant stated that in the last tense hours before the German raider acceded to Uruguay's departure order Sunday, the United States assumed a leading role in the firm stand taken by representatives of the Washington, Buenos Aires and Rio De Janeiro governments in a meeting here.

Agreed in Conference.

The Admiral Graf Spee finally sailed out of Montevideo and was exploded by its commander, Capt. Hans Langsdorff, rather than again face the British warships it had battled last Wednesday.

It was explained that force had its use been necessary, would have involved the American nations concerned in putting teeth into the neutrality declaration of the Panama conference, which on October 3 warned belligerents away from the coasts in a wide belt reaching from Maine to Cape Horn and back up to Alaska.

Meanwhile, the British government asked the Uruguayan foreign ministry to investigate whether British warships used gas shells in attacking the Admiral Graf Spee last Wednesday, as reported by sailors on the pocket battleship to Otto Langsmann, German minister to Uruguay.

Claim Eyes Injured.

The sailors said they had suffered sight impairment as a result.

(In London, Prime Minister Chamberlain and the admiralty last Thursday denied Nazi charges that British cruisers had used gas shells in the battle.)

The Uruguayan chamber of deputies expected to hear today from Foreign Minister Alberto Guani an explanation of the German protest in regard to the Admiral Graf Spee case.

Deputies of different parties

criticized or praised Guani for his handling of the matter, in which Uruguay ordered the ship interned, if it overstayed a 72-hour deadline.

LABOR FOR EATING MORE EGGS, PORK

Seattle, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Labor, which has already done its bit to aid the Washington state apple market, dealt a sharp blow by the war in Europe, now is offering its helping hand to the egg and pork producers.

An intensive drive to increase consumption of both commodities in the northwest was launched today through the State Federation of Butchers.

The "eat more eggs" and "eat more pork" campaigns will be carried on in Washington and Oregon and are expected to have the powerful backing of organized labor in both states.

MINES STEP UP OUTPUT OF MICA

Spruce Pine, N. C. (AP)—Hundreds of steel-helmeted men are working day and night in the 300-odd mica mines in the mountains of North Carolina.

With the outbreak of war in Europe, mica prices shot upward, hundreds of additional miners were hired and mine-owners demanded that work be carried out as rapidly as possible.

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ARMY GAME

Maryville, Mo. (AP)—It probably doesn't amount to much in these days of stream-lined infantry units but Charles Still, of Maryville, has discovered a line in an old record book that has a lot of hidden blisters in it. It tells of a record Companies A and B of the 4th Missouri infantry set in 1916. They walked from San Ynacio to Laredo, Tex., during the days of the "Mexican incident," a distance of 45 miles in 15 hours. It broke all marching records of United States troops.

FIRST METHODIST DEBT IS REDUCED

Members of the First Methodist church are rejoicing this week in that they have just paid off another \$1000 of their indebtedness," a church spokesman revealed today. "Slowly, but steadily, the debt has been reduced until it is no longer a menace to the welfare and progress of the church," he said.

Next Sunday morning the church will conduct its annual Christmas Gift March, when, instead of the passing the collection plates, the audience will rise and, led by the pastor and choir, file past the altar and place thereon a special contribution as a Christmas gift to the church.

Sunday at 8 p.m. the choir will present the cantata, "His Natal Day" by Norman, to which all are invited.

cently one was captured—with a bag of sugar.

A 9-year-old, 450-pound, performing black bear broke loose from its owner, John Mars, 50, San Francisco, and was A. W. O. L. Bruin had a good excuse for running away. By mistake Mars tied the bear to an electrically charged fence. The bear backed into the fence and galloped away.

Constable Fred J. Goodner of Reedley and W. W. Wood, a ranch foreman, joined the first bear hunt near Fresno in many years and entered the animal into a cage, using the sugar as bait.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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SUGAR IS USED IN HUNTING BEAR

Fresno, Cal. (AP)—California black bears were numerous in the San Joaquin valley when Kit Carson and other early explorers roamed this area before the gold rush of '49.

But there had not been a bear hunt for many years until re-

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60c CHINESE CHECKERS While They Last 39c	CRACKERS StaCrisp Salted Wafers, 2 lb. box 19c StaCrisp Graham 2 lb. box 23c Jello, genuine, package 5c Snowdrift Shortening 3 lb. pails . . . 49c 6 lb. pails . . . 98c
BULBS For Tree Light Sets 4 for 5c	COFFEE S-T-H COFFEE Lb. tins 25c 2 lb. tins 49c
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GUEST SOAP Box of Twelve 49c	COFFEE S-T-H COFFEE Lb. tins 25c 2 lb. tins 49c
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