

NAZI MOTORSHIP UNDER U. S. FLAG NABBED BY NAVY

Odenwald Taken To San Juan After Crew's Unsuccessful Attempt to Scuttle

San Juan, Puerto Rico, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The German motorship Odenwald, seized in the south Atlantic by units of the U. S. navy, arrived here this afternoon under American escort.

She was traveling under her own power.

It was understood that prompt action would be brought in United States court to forfeit the ship, a 5,098-tonner listed as owned by the Hamburg-American line, for disguising herself illegally as a U. S. merchantman.

Washington, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The navy announced today that the disguised axis merchantman captured by a cruiser in the South Atlantic was the German ship Odenwald and that it arrived today at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In a detailed eyewitness account of the seizure November 6, the navy said the vessel had left Yokohama, Japan, two months previously, had made its way around Cape Horn and was believed headed for the occupied French port of Bordeaux.

3,000 Tons Rubber

The cargo consisted of more than 3,000 tons of baled raw rubber, many American-made automobile tires with inner tubes, bags of peanuts and rice.

The navy identified the vessel as a Hamburg-American line ship.

The crew numbered 33 men and 15 officers, all but one of whom were transferred to the cruiser. One man remained aboard the Odenwald to accompany the seized ship with its prize crew to San Juan.

The navy said that the merchantman used the name of the Willmott of Philadelphia. The American flag flew forward and aft when the ship was overhauled, and flags were affixed or painted to other parts of the ship.

The disguised Odenwald was first sighted at dawn November 6 about 11 miles from the cruiser. A searchlight signal brought no reply. Later, when the cruiser drew nearer, the warship's officers were given to understand that the vessel was bound from Cape Town.

Cargo Jettisoned
"About this time during the megaphone conversation, we observed packages being thrown over the side—a continuous stream of packages," said the navy's eyewitness version.

Suspicious, the cruiser's commander ordered a boarding party to investigate. As the sailors left the cruiser, the Odenwald hoisted an international code flag with the signal meaning, "I am sinking—please send boats."

As the warship party reached the ship, two explosions occurred and lifeboats put over the sides.

The Americans were told the vessel would sink in 20 or 30 minutes. The cruiser's commander thereupon organized a repair party which boarded the Odenwald and started the successful struggle to save the scuttled vessel.

The navy still refrained from identifying the cruiser, nor did it divulge the author of the "eyewitness" story.

The government of Peru is studying the possibilities of establishing a local rubber industry.

The number of midshipmen at the naval academy has jumped from 1,704 in 1934 to 3,118 at present.

Naval officers are no longer required to own swords because there are more urgent needs for the metals.

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Los Angeles Quake Causes Damage



Bricks toppled from buildings in Torrance, a short distance from Los Angeles, when a sharp earthquake rocked the Los Angeles area. Bricks and glass from broken store fronts and windows littered most of this block of small stores.

Tightening of German Censorship Seen Indication of Gloomy News Or Impending Big Developments

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The war-time news censorship imposed by a country is the clinical thermometer which records the state of well-being of that country.

The severity of the censorship is in direct ratio to the feverishness of the situation, that is, to the degree of nervous tension.

Thus a lax censorship means that all's well, and there's nothing to conceal. A rigid censorship may mean either that things aren't moving in the right direction, or that there are impending developments which the government doesn't want to have advertised.

U. S. Radio Broadcasters Barred

The German government has banned the Berlin representatives of three American broadcasting companies from the air—the National Broadcasting company, the Columbia Broadcasting system and the Mutual Broadcasting system. It is charged that these representatives submitted unjustified complaints to their companies with the Reich Broadcasting company.

Now, irrespective of the arguments over these charges, the thermometer would seem to register a state of nervous tension in Germany.

Assuming that Berlin is getting publicity which it doesn't want, or fears future disclosures, I think we can find reasons for the Nazi attitude in the following.

Debit side: Hitler has fallen so far behind in his program for crushing Russia and winter has him in such an icy grip that Moscow reports Nazi soldiers are being frozen to death. Berlin denies this, but there is no denying his armies are encountering such difficulties that they may be stalled until spring. If this should happen he would have suffered a major defeat.

German Losses Are Terrific

German losses in lives and equipment have been terrific, a fact which cannot long be concealed from the home public and is bound to cause depression. The conclusive victory and the fruits thereof which had been promised the people still evade Nazi arms. Clearly the privations of another belt-tightening winter must be endured. On top of that comes Propaganda Minister Goebbels' gloomy call upon the population to prepare for a longer war and one requiring vast national sacrifice if victory is to be achieved.

The allies are growing stronger. American production is beginning to hit its stride. The

Nazis have lost heavily in the striking power which they had before their attack on Russia.

Credit side: Hitler still retains the initiative. He must keep striking and there is no doubt that he is preparing fresh ventures. Where will he strike?

Kerch Capture May Help

It is likely that if his present drive for the Caucasus and its oil moves well, he will pursue it. Berlin today claims the capture of the fortified port of Kerch in the eastern Crimea, and this might permit him to fling troops across the narrow strait into the Caucasus.

It is clear that the Fuehrer intends to wage fierce war against shipping in the Atlantic.

Beyond that is speculation. He might try to compel the Turks to give him passage through their country for an assault on the Middle East. He might even attack Turkey to force a way. Another axis assault on Egypt from Libya is possible.

The Associated Press has trustworthy advices that France is close to a decision to enter entirely into Hitler's "new order."

SILVER HARVEST

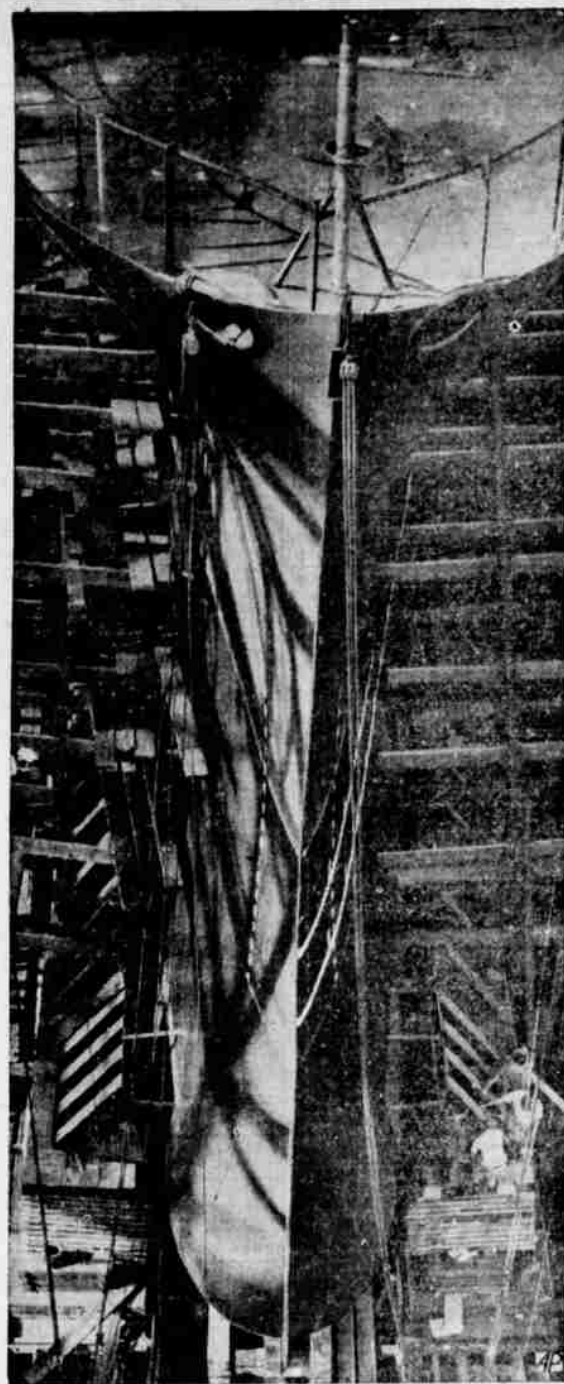
Ossage, Ia., Nov. 17.—(AP)—In a burst of generosity, Mrs. Oscar Pohle's husband, a druggist, said he would give his wife all the silver dollars he took in on their silver wedding anniversary day. The whole town ganged up on Oscar and his 25th anniversary gift cost him \$97.



IRE—Britons vexed at the Duke of Bedford, pacifist target of London agitation for removal of Bedford Square iron railings for war scrap, lapsed into an American "pony" when daubing yellow paint on above statue of the Duke's ancestor.

The bugle call formerly used to stop polishing brass aboard ship now is sounded as a black-out signal.

The woodcock, named "doodle birds" by early settlers, are believed to migrate northward in the fall.



WHAT THE WATER HIDES—When the new 35,000-ton battleship U.S.S. Indiana is launched at Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding and Drydock Co. within the next two months, water will hide the great depth of her knife-like prow.

JAPAN RUSHING TROOPS TO INDO

Shanghai, Nov. 17.—(AP)—The Japanese are rushing fresh troops into Indo-China, leading the best-informed observers in the French colony to believe that some major development, either against China or Thailand, will occur before the end of November, according to trustworthy reports received here tonight.

Transport and supply ships are arriving almost daily both in Hanoi and Saigon, chief ports respectively in north and south Indo-China.

Total strength of the Japanese army in Indo China now is estimated at 45,000, which is slightly above the 40,000 figure stipulated in the joint Indo-China-Japanese defense agreement signed this summer.

A naval man always salutes the quarter deck of a ship, as the symbol of the state.

More salmon is canned at Ketchikan, Alaska, than in any other city in the world.

More American tourists visited Canada this year than in the two preceding years.

American destroyers are the only ones in the world which can be refueled without stopping at sea.

LEAGUE OF CITIES SETS MEETING IN MEDFORD NOV. 26

Mayors, Councilmen and Department Heads of Neighbor Cities Invited.

The regional meeting of the League of Oregon Cities scheduled for Medford November 26 will be held in the Hotel Medford beginning with a luncheon at noon, it was announced today by Frank P. Farrell, city attorney appointed by the council to make the arrangements.

Mayors, councilmen and department heads of Medford, Ashland, Grants Pass, Phoenix, Talent, Jacksonville, Central Point, Gold Hill, Rogue River and Eagle Point will attend the conference, sponsored by the league in cooperation with the bureau of municipal research at the University of Oregon.

Conference speakers will be Mayor Earl Riley of Portland, Mayor W. W. Chadwick of Salem, J. W. McArthur of the Eu-

gene water board, and Orval Etter and Virgil Langtry of the bureau. The conference is intended to provide an opportunity for city officials to exchange ideas and experiences on a variety of municipal problems and to make suggestions for research by the bureau.

DOUGLAS TURKEYS BEING HELD BACK

Roseburg, Ore., Nov. 17.—(AP) Douglas county turkey growers have marketed only about one fourth of their crop for the Thanksgiving trade, local dealers report. While total 1941 volume is expected to be about 1,750,000 pounds, about 75 per cent of last year's production, the birds are averaging from a pound to a pound and a half more apiece in weight over last year, it is stated, due to the exceptionally mild summer and fall weather.

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And here is one patriotic idea that any man can follow:

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If, for instance, in this little old man's town today the men who can afford to pay their bills, who have it within their means, would just pay their bills instead of letting them run, these slow pay debtors would be saving. Their savings would make quite a difference in the bookkeeping of this town.

It would put scores of merchants out of the red into the black. It would show up in the bank statements. It would make this city a bright spot on the nation's financial map.

Inflation is caused by a number of things and one of them is debt. If every man would pay his debts, the national income would rise. The government would profit by it and not have to borrow so much by reason of the income taxes which would come rolling in.

It is a little thing, this matter of paying your debts. But the 10 million little things that would happen if every American who owes a dollar or a hundred dollars or a thousand past due, would pay it would make a stream of prosperity that might stop the everlasting borrowing of the people and the government.

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