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300 KILLED AS NAZI SHIP SUNK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BRITAIN and France, moving with spectacular speed over the week-end, lay mines in Norwegian territorial waters. Purpose: to choke off shipments of Swedish iron ore to Germany. Norway, shocked and angry (also badly frightened), protests what she terms an "open breach of international law" and demands removal of the mines. The allies admit their new move is illegal "under ordinary circumstances" and offer as an excuse that the Germans broke the law first, citing German destruction of neutral ships.

SOMETHING to remember: War is governed only by the primal law of tooth and fang. When "necessity" commands, all other laws are scrapped.

THE allies say world opinion will recognize the necessity for their action. Intelligent world opinion recognizes that a struggle for POWER in Europe is upsetting the rest of the world.

REPRESENTATIVE CLYDE H. Smith, of Maine, aged 63, dies of coronary thrombosis (heart trouble), making the 24th member of the 76th congress to die in office. That sounds worse, probably, than it really is. If the normal death rate at the ages of men in congress were applied, it would doubtless not be far under this somewhat startling total of 24. Still, it emphasizes the fact that congress isn't exactly a rest resort.

CONGRESSMAN SMITH died an hour after expressing the hope his district would elect his wife to succeed him. That has been done rather often, and is a nice gesture. But it tends to set up precedent for the idea of hereditary interest in office. That idea isn't sound in this country.

HOWARD PHILBRICK resigns as director of motor vehicles in California (salary \$6,000 a year), giving as one of his reasons the planting of a dictaphone, for spying purposes, in the office of Speaker Gordon Garland of the assembly. Philbrick, obviously thinking of the dictaphone incident as one of the handicaps of public service in these hectic days, says he has been offered private employment which in justice to his family he can't afford to refuse. Private employment, you see, LOOKS ATTRACTIVE to him. That is worth thinking about at this time when government is rapidly becoming our biggest employer.

Negro Legislator Shot in Quarrel

CHICAGO, April 8 (P)—A. Andrew Torrence, negro state representative, was fatally shot today by another negro, Cornelius Woodward, 54, who later died suddenly while being questioned in the state's attorney's office.

Police said Woodward, a former school janitor, had quarreled with Torrence over a political job. They said he was being investigated by officers and prosecutors when he complained of losing control of his legs. He slumped in his chair, they said, and died.

LIFE WITH FATHER

MACON, Ga. (P)—A man parked his car in a storage garage for the night and left for his hotel. A little later he reappeared at the garage. "I left something in my car," he said, mopping his brow. Sure enough, he had. His six-year-old daughter was fast asleep in the back seat.

Man Killed In Four-Way Crash

L. E. PADDOCK CRUSHED AFTER AUTO STALLED

Two Women Injured as Cars Pile Up at City Limits on Sixth

Louis E. Paddock, 60-year-old lumber scaler, was instantly killed Sunday morning in an accident on South Sixth street near Midland junction, in which at least five automobiles were involved.

Injured in the accident were Mrs. Merle Metzger, 59, and Wilma Tilch, 20. The trouble started when Paddock's car was sideswiped by an unknown driver who did not stop. The Paddock machine went into the ditch beside the highway.

G. E. Raymond undertook to pull Paddock's car from the ditch. Paddock got out of his car to push it, leaving another man in the car at the wheel. Mrs. Metzger of 133 North Tenth street, was an occupant of the Paddock machine.

Third Car
Another car approached, traveling toward Klamath Falls, and driven by Clair Schureman of Tulelake, accompanied by Miss Tilch.

When Schureman saw what was going on, he applied the brakes on his car.

Fourth Car
Following behind him was Bruce Bieler, 26, census enumerator of Bonanza. Bieler's car struck the rear of Schureman's car, knocking it into Paddock's machine.

Paddock, on the ground between the two automobiles, was crushed. He died instantly.

Mrs. Metzger was injured and Miss Tilch lost several teeth. The two women were reported improving at local hospitals Monday.

Heavy Rain
A heavy rainstorm was in progress at the time of the accident. The pile-up of cars on the highway shortly resulted in more trouble.

One driver reportedly went through, striking the fenders of two or three cars.

Anti-Climax
About that time a car driven by Ray Ledbetter, 331 South Eleventh street, approached the scene. Some distance from the accident, where another car was stopped on the highway, Ledbetter suddenly saw the obstruction and applied his brakes. His car turned over on its side in the middle of the highway.

Paddock's body was removed to Whitlock's, where funeral arrangements are being made. Two sons, Cecil Ellsworth and Louis Ora, live in this city.

Hammer Girl Made Court Ward
LOS ANGELES, April 8 (P) Chloe Davis, 11-year-old school girl, whose mother, brother and two sisters were killed in a "family massacre" Thursday, today was made a ward of the juvenile court.

This blocked the efforts of Chloe's father, F. Barton Davis, grocery clerk, to obtain her release by a habeas corpus action. Superior Judge W. Turney Fox ordered the little blue-eyed girl with pigtail held at juvenile hall until a court hearing April 17, at which time she may be released or placed in an institution until she is 21.

Committee Aides Ordered Arrested



Chairman Martin Dies (center) is shown in his office in Washington, D. C., with his committee's two agents who were ordered arrested as the result of a raid on Philadelphia communist headquarters. Federal District Judge George A. Welsh ordered issuance of warrants for Agents George F. Hurley (left) and Chester Howe (right) after hearing complaint that a communist party official's civil rights were violated in the raid.

ACCIDENTS TAKE TOLL IN OREGON

Six Killed in Accidents, One Drowns, One Shot Over Weekend

PORTLAND, April 8 (P)—Violent death laid its heavy hand on Oregon over the week-end, taking six lives in automobile crashes, one in a shooting and another in a drowning.

Worst of the road tragedies occurred Saturday night on the McLaughlin highway between here and Oregon City. Two men were fatally injured and seven others hurt.

Death of an aged pedestrian who was run down by a car here Saturday night brought the city's 1940 traffic toll to 30.

Joseph Beardsley, 50, Portland, and George Coffman, 44, Willard, Wash., lost their lives in the McLaughlin highway crash. Automobiles driven by Coffman and Victor E. Henderson, 25, Oregon City, collided head-on. Accident investigator George Phillips arrested Henderson, least seriously hurt, on a charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Beardsley's wife, Carrie, 53, was in serious condition with a broken hip and possible fractured skull. She was the most severely injured of the other six.

E. A. Briggs, 85, died a few hours after he and his wife, 83, were struck by a car at an East Portland intersection Saturday night. Mrs. Briggs suffered bruises and shock.

Near Forest Grove, Arthur C. Snyder, 58, Forest Grove, was killed, late Saturday. He was struck by a car while walking on the highway near Gales creek.

A four-car crash took the life early Sunday of Louis E. Paddock, 60, Klamath Falls on the Lakeview road near Klamath Falls.

At La Grande L. H. Brown, 45, Wallawa dentist, died Saturday. (Continued on Page Seven)

What Should He Do Now?

D. V. Kuykendall, prominent attorney, had a problem on his hands this afternoon. When he investigated a suspicious clatter in his basement furnace, he found a full grown skunk delving into some garbage that had been thrown into the firebox.

Pressed for time, the "judge" slammed the furnace door shut. He was busy Monday afternoon figuring what he would do when he opened it again.

Klamath to Get Second Guard Unit

Another battery of the 249th coast artillery will be organized in Klamath Falls, it was announced Monday.

A captain, two lieutenants and 66 men will make up the new company. A part of the membership of battery D will be transferred to the new battery, but approximately 54 men will be enlisted.

A start now is being made in lining up new men for the national guard unit. Men from 18 to 45 years of age, without dependents, are eligible for membership.

With the establishment of the new unit, Klamath Falls will have 132 national guardsmen, with six officers. Re-arrangement of quarters at the armory for the new battery will be necessary.

Volcano Breaks Through Crater In Mauna Loa

HILO, Hawaii, April 8 (P)—A fissure four to five miles long was opened on the side of Mauna Loa by an eruption today which filled the Mokuaweewe crater with molten lava that started flowing down the mountain in the direction of the Kau desert, on the side opposite Hilo.

A cascade of fire from 150 to 200 feet wide and several hundred feet high issued from the rift in the crater's side. It was the mountain's first eruption since December, 1935, when lava rivers threatened Hilo.

Grass has 23 times more A than fruits and vegetables, eight times more B-1, the nerve vitamin, 21 times more B-2, the growth vitamin, and 14 times more C, the anti scurvy vitamin.

Twelve pounds of grass was said to be a little more than equal in vitamins to the 340 pounds of fruits and vegetables which dietary surveys find the

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"Pass the Grass" May Take Status of Table Etiquette

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
A. P. Science Editor
CINCINNATI, April 8— "Please pass the grass" will be good dinner table etiquette if science confirms that man can eat grass as reported to the American Chemical society here today.

Powdered grass would be used in a shaker about as sparingly as salt. It would furnish all the vitamins that come from all the fruits and vegetables. Evidence that plain grass is the richest source of these vitamins was reported by W. R. Graham, G. O. Kohler and C. F. Schnabel of Kansas City, Mo. They have developed a powdered grass which can be added to cooking moist foods, from flapjacks to desserts.

It can be put in bread, they said, without changing the fla-

DEWEY FACES DUAL TEST IN PRIMARIES

Farm-Belt Battle Against Vandenberg, Vote Race With F. D. R. Set

WASHINGTON, April 8 (P)—The 1940 presidential tryouts feature Thomas E. Dewey tomorrow in the double role of seeking a new farm-belt victory over Senator Arthur Vandenberg and measuring vote-getting powers in the midwest with President Roosevelt.

The New York prosecutor meets Vandenberg, whom he trounced last week to win Wisconsin's 24 delegates to the republican national convention, in Nebraska's presidential preference primary.

Convention delegates are not directly at stake, but another Dewey triumph over the Michigan senator would threaten to make a "Stop-Dewey" contest the dominant factor in the republican race.

F. R. Unopposed
President Roosevelt is unopposed on the democratic preferential ballot in Nebraska, but his vote tally in relation to the republican turnout will be watched for hints of political trends.

A more direct test of Roosevelt-Dewey popularity occurs in Illinois, where the president is opposed by Vice President Garner in the preferential primary.

Dewey supporters, lacking an opponent, are endeavoring to pile up a vote adequate to support claims of a republican trend in this key state.

The Illinois democratic ma-

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ALLIES PLANT MINES INSIDE NEUTRAL AREA

Norway, Sweden, Berlin Speed Protests; Nazi Navy Rumored at Sea

By The Associated Press
Mine fields laid by the allies in Norwegian territorial waters today slammed shut a death-laden gate across the protected path of ships carrying vital iron ore to German blast furnaces.

The combined British-French invasion of Norway's waters drew immediate, sharp repercussions. Scandinavians' anxiety over being dragged unwillingly into a fight they want no part of suddenly mounted. Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht of Norway announced removal of the mines would be demanded.

Fleet Moving
Authorized sources in Berlin predicted "tremendous" consequences—which Nazi officialdom said "nobody can foresee." As soon as news of the allies' spectacular blow reached Berlin, the staffs of various German ministries went into conferences.

A hint of how Germany might answer was seen in rumors in Copenhagen that German warships already were heading toward Norway through the great belt, a passage between the Baltic and North seas.

The Norwegian parliament was called hastily into special session to hear a foreign affairs committee report on the protest against the allies' mine fields.

Scandinavians Protest
Excitement was intense in Oslo. In Stockholm, Swedish officials, worried over this newest danger to Scandinavian neutrality, were quoted as calling the mine-laying a "flagrant" violation calling for strongest condemnation.

At dawn today, British and French warships sowed the mines in three areas close to the Norwegian coast—all south of Narvik, between that shipping center for Sweden's prized iron ore, and Germany.

Freight vessels now will have to stop the traffic, take the precious ore onto the high seas past the muzzles of Britain's blockade fleet, or face the peril of mines.

Identical British and French broadcasts announced the new mine fields, each commanding a fjord and a port.

The northernmost is near Bodoe, outside the entrance to Vest Fjord and Narvik; the next is off Kristiansund and the southernmost at the entrance to Nord Fjord, 110 miles north of Bergen.

All are north of the main European shipping routes.

British vessels began a patrol of the mined zones to last 48 hours from the laying of the first mine in each area—an array of naval power which one Oslo newspaper said would make impossible any attempt forcibly to remove the mines.

The allies acknowledged that the mines were "not lawful in ordinary circumstances" but, as justification, they argued that "illegal" German practices gave them the right to take counter-measures.

Benefit of Fair Urged on Oregon

PORTLAND, April 8 (P)—Oregon should reconsider its decision not to exhibit at the San Francisco exposition this year, Mayor Angelo J. Rossi of San Francisco declared Saturday. He described the fair as a benefit to the entire Pacific coast.

To Face Charges



Irving Cohen, traced to Los Angeles by officials who recognized him as a policeman in a motion picture, is shown as he began a rail journey back to New York to face charges in connection with the death of Walter Sage, whose body, stabbed with an ice pick, was found in Swan Lake, N. Y., in 1937.

GERMANY TARGET OF DYNAMITE ATTEMPT

British Scheme to Blast Danube Channel Nipped by Rumanian Police

BERLIN, April 8 (P)—Authorized German sources today revealed to foreign correspondents details of what they described as a gigantic British plot to make the Danube impassable and to carry the war into the Danubian basin—that is, southeastern Europe.

(In London official sources said they declined to "dignify" the reports of a Danube plot by comment.)

The plotters, these sources said, planned to send a half dozen barges loaded with dynamite up the river, blast the channel and blow up bridges.

Plotters Arrested
More than 100 British army, navy and air force men who were to have participated in the coup were arrested by Rumanian police before they had time to carry out their design, the Germans said. The barge fleet was reported to have been seized at Giurgiu, directly south of Bucharest.

The chief plotter was described by the Nazis as an English vice consul at Bucharest, who, they said actually was the chief of the British secret service in Rumania.

They said that the scheme had been disclosed through the watchfulness of Rumanian police.

BUCHAREST, April 8 (P)—Rumanian authorities confirmed today that they had halted a number of British barges loaded (Continued on Page Seven)

Tornadoes Kill Four in South, Wreck Property

AMITE, La., April 8 (P)—Citizens and relief agencies toiled today to clear a way tangled debris in the wake of a tornado which left three persons dead here, 25 seriously injured, and property damage estimated at \$500,000.

Another tornado at Barataria, 100 miles away, caused widespread damage and took at least one life, with another person missing.

The two tornadoes and smaller storms in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida occurred early yesterday.

Square blocks of the business area. Amite, a town of 3000 population, is in the heart of the rich strawberry belt.

BRITISH SUB STOPS TROOP SHIP VOYAGE

Presence of Vessel Near Norway Unexplained as Survivors Brought in

ARENDAL, Norway, April 8 (P)—A British submarine today torpedoed the German transport Rio de Janeiro four miles off the southern coast of Norway, sending approximately 300 uniformed Germans to their death. As rescue ships laden with survivors and bodies reached Norwegian ports, officials raised their estimate of dead from 150 to 300 and said there had been 500 Germans aboard the Rio de Janeiro.

Norwegians who saw the survivors said they wore green uniforms of the German navy.

Guns Heard
Eighty horses also were lost in the icy Skagerrak where gunfire again was heard later in the day, but because of poor light its source could not be determined.

The German steamer Kreta reported she also was attacked by a submarine but still afloat off Aerder, southern Norway.

Calls Confused
Reports that a 12,000-ton German tanker was torpedoed and sunk late tonight were said by Norwegian officials to have been due to confusion over the Kreta's distress calls. They said the Kreta sent out the call letters of the Posidonias, apparently to conceal her own identity, and that as far as they knew the Posidonias was not sunk.

Norwegian fishermen said the Rio de Janeiro failed to halt when ordered by the British submarine to heave to. There was no indication why a German troop transport was in these waters close to Norway.

First reports of the fighting conflicted. One version was that an armed British vessel and a German submarine were sunken when the British ship was attacked. (Continued on Page Seven)

100 Mayors in Conference at Portland Meet

PORTLAND, Ore., April 8 (P) Mayors of 100 American cities, seeking cures for municipal headache, debated the federal low-cost housing program here today.

The program, started to provide comfort for low income groups, met opposition at the outset, but gradually has been accepted throughout the country, the debate developed.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York City, president of the United States Conference of Mayors, presided at the opening session of this two-day regional conference that has attracted municipal executives from coast to coast.

The debate was started by Mayor Ben Douglas of Charlotte, N. C., after Mayor W. J. McCracken of Oakland, Calif., outlined development of the program in western states. "Hast federal government financed housing made inroads on private industry?" he asked.

Mayor LaGuardia answered: "If private capital could and would do this job, there would be no need of a public housing program."

The government moved, he added, to give proper, sanitary and cheerful dwellings to members of the income group who could not afford to pay rents demanded by private capital.

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