

NEW WARSHIP STILL AFLOAT AFTER ATTACK

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man U-boat activities applied. On these occasions he has described their attacks as piratical. The commander of the Kearny is Lieutenant A. L. Danis, 42, who took charge of the \$5,000,000 craft last year.

The Kearny, completed only last year, is one of the navy's newest destroyers. Armed with the standard five-inch gun battery carried by ships of her class, the Kearny is 341 feet long, has a 35-foot beam and displacement of 1630 tons.

Other details were available, the navy said. The position given to the torpedo attack was the same general area where the destroyer Grer was attacked unsuccessfully by a submarine more than a month ago.

It was the first torpedoing since President Roosevelt's speech of September 11 which gave the fleet its shoot-on-sight orders and barred all "defensive waters" of the United States to axis warcraft.

Although the orders were issued on September 11, Secretary of Navy Knox subsequently revealed that they did not go into effect until 12:01 a. m. on September 16. At that zero hour, the Atlantic fleet extended its protection to all friendly shipping in the designated area, with explicit instructions "to capture or destroy by every means at their disposal axis-controlled submarines or surface raiders encountered in these waters."

The axis made no formal reply to Mr. Roosevelt's "defensive waters" proclamation, but semi-official reaction in both Berlin and Rome left no doubts that the axis would refuse to recognize the policy and that the American navy would be courting trouble if it sought to enforce it.

More concretely, the Germans openly claimed that in the week following the president's address their U-boats had sent 28 merchant ships to the bottom in "ice-land waters." Since Mr. Roosevelt has ordered the navy specifically to keep the sea lanes to the U. S. base in Iceland free of hostile warcraft, this claim was looked on at the time as a possible direct challenge to the new American policy.

The Kearny has but two smoke stacks and thus contrasted with the 50 world war type, four-stack vessels transferred last year to Great Britain. Navy officers said its silhouette thus was far different from these, although resembling some of Britain's new two-stackers.

Officials estimated the Kearny carried a crew numbering between 125 and 150 officers and men.

There was no indication in the navy's first report on the Kearny incident as to just how the torpedoing occurred or what if any combat or protective steps preceded it.

Navy Denies Ships Ordered Off Practice

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ships have been controlled and directed as seemed desirable.

"Instructions regarding this are amplified or modified from time to time."

"There is nothing unusual or new in such procedure." Earlier in the day the navy had said in response to inquiries about the rumors that "in view of the present situation in the Pacific the navy has no comment to make."

The number of American ships in Japanese and Chinese waters was said to be "small," with a "considerable" number of American ships operating in the rest of the Pacific.

The maritime commission, like the navy, declined to discuss ship movements in the Pacific or to estimate the number of ships operating in those waters. "Any orders that might have gone out have been a matter for the navy," a commission spokesman said.

"Our only jurisdiction is over commercial movements."

Principal American steamship lines operating in the Pacific are the American President, American Mail, American Pioneer, Isthmian, and Waterman.

MANILA, Oct. 17 (AP)—Unconfirmed rumors circulated widely through Manila tonight that all American ships in the Pacific had been ordered to proceed immediately to their closest American or British port.

There was no comment forthcoming immediately from high navy sources, but one shipping executive said the Panamanian freighter Perida, being operated by the U. S. maritime commission, had been ordered by the U. S. navy to return to Manila. The Perida, which sailed for America this morning, dropped

Get the Drift?



Tommy volunteers from every regiment of Britain's army train at her parachute troop schools as Russia wonders when her ally can use these and other counter-irritants on western front.

REBUILT SUBS SENT BRITAIN

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (UP)—Transfer of two recommissioned, overage United States submarines to Great Britain under the lend-lease program was disclosed today by Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox.

As far as is known they are the first warships to be turned over to Britain since 50 overage destroyers were transferred a year ago in return for base sites on British possessions in the Atlantic and the Caribbean.

Ten partially-armed coast guard cutters of the Chelan class were transferred to Britain last spring.

Knox' announcement coincided with a statement by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson that American troops in Iceland are under the "complete" authority of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel of the U. S. army.

Stimson's comment followed inquiries by several congressmen about reports United States forces in Iceland are operating under British command. He reiterated the statement in a letter read to the senate today by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg, (R-Mich), one of the questioners, and added American and British forces on the island would act "by cooperation" to repel an axis attack.

Knox said, after a White House conference, no additional transfers of submarines to Britain were contemplated. There had been reports at least 10 more of the navy's 87 overage submarines might be sent to Britain.

Knox said one of the submarines is an R-type, the other an S-type. They have been operating as part of the United States Atlantic patrol. Time and place of the coming transfer was kept secret, but Knox said the vessels would be manned by British officers and crews before leaving American waters.

S-type boats, of 800 tons displacement, were built in the fall of 1923 at a cost of about \$1,850,000 each; decommissioned in 1930, and brought back into service last year. The R-boats, displacing 530 tons, were built in the spring of 1919 at a cost of about \$900,000 each; decommissioned in 1930 and recommissioned in 1940.

HIT BY RAIN

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 17 (AP)—The Latah county AAA committee disclosed last night that 15 per cent of the county wheat crop had not been harvested. Rain which prevented completion of harvesting molded the standing grain in the fields.

It is part of our (American) homely tradition to shoot the works or else pick up the dice.—Stacy May, OPM.

(In Washington, a spokesman said that "For the time being, at least, the navy has no comment.")

Victory Plan Ordered Drawn By President

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purposes. While no accurate figures are available, Germany's war effort is believed to be costing over half of its national income.

In terms of present budgets, the tentative "victory program" would approximately double federal expenditures. The budget bureau has estimated that federal costs in the current fiscal year will be \$24,000,000,000.

The studies so far do not show where the money would come from. Even with the steepest taxes in history, recently enacted, the highest federal revenue in sight, according to officials, is about \$15,000,000,000 a year. Presumably the "victory program" if adopted would mean even greater taxes and borrowing on a gigantic scale.

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GENERAL GETS CONTROL OVER JAP CABINET

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has a war minister, a general on the active list, been promoted directly to the premiership. It was understood Tojo would be raised to full general's rank tomorrow and would continue to hold the war portfolio.

Tojo, 56, is one of the youngest and most vigorous of army leaders, a thorough soldier and son of a soldier.

He has been an open admirer of German military methods since service in Berlin as an attaché in 1919 and declared as long ago as 1937 that "Japan must be prepared to fight China and Russia simultaneously."

Emperor Hirohito entrusted General Tojo with the task of forming a new government upon the recommendation of Japan's elder statesmen to Marquis Koki Kido, lord keeper of the privy seal. They made their decision at a 21-hour conference.

Soon after Tojo was summoned, Admiral Koshiro Oikawa, who was minister of the navy under Konoye, was called to the palace.

The general and the admiral left the palace together.

The premier-designate began conferences with prospective ministers in the hope of completing a tentative line-up for presentation to the throne after the emperor returns from ceremonies at the Yasukuni shrine in honor of the war dead Saturday.

"I have received the imperial command to form a new cabinet and I am overwhelmed with a feeling of awe," the general said. "I retired from the presence of the throne respectfully asking a period of grace."

Domei said the premier-designate had been assured of support by General Gen Sugiyama, chief of staff of the imperial army, and General Ootozama, commander-in-chief of the home forces.

British Bombers Attack Naples, Kill 12, Hurt 37

ROME, Oct. 17 (AP)—British planes bombed Naples early today, killing 12 persons and injuring 37, and starting fires which Italian officials declared were quickly extinguished.

Naples, a provincial capital of 925,000 population rising on volcanic hills from the Tyrrhenian seacoast, is a maritime and industrial center. Ships, railway equipment and motor cars are among its products.

The raid was announced by the high command, which also reported a counter-blow at sea.

An Italian torpedo boat sank a British submarine in the Mediterranean, it said, the second British underwater craft reported to have been sent to the bottom in two days.

Wind-driven generators should be securely grounded to the aircraft structure with bonding tape, as vibration may loosen the attachment points. A poor ground connection may cause sparking and radio static.

Commercial airlines are hoping to acquire 75 new planes for their passenger traffic. More than 100 such planes have been taken over for defense.

More than 17,000 persons are now engaged in Canada's aircraft industry.

Green Praises Defense Unity Of AFL Meet

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old federation award to the teamsters of jurisdiction over brewery industry truck drivers. Except in the Pacific northwest, the brewery workers generally have kept the drivers.

The AFL vote followed a castigation of the brewery workers by Daniel Tobin, Teamsters' president, for the string of injunctions their leaders obtained during recent years against Teamster officials and the AFL executive council.

FOOTBALL SEASON HITS PEAK HERE

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revelation that 1000 sacks of Klamath potatoes have been put up against 1000 boxes of Rogue River valley pears on the outcome of the battle.

Both teams will open tonight at top strength. The surging Pelicans have come through the past week's intensive secret practice without an injury. Hammer said today, and will take the field with the same starting lineup that opened last Friday against Ashland.

Bill Bowerman's Peapickers' squad's opening lineup remained shrouded in doubt up to this afternoon. Ika Orr, shifty right half, and Curt Hopkins, left end, both came down with charley horses in practice and may not start. In their places may go Darrell Montieth, 163-pound junior flanker, or Steve Dippel, sophomore wizard, at right half.

Both coaches declined to make a prediction about the "colossal." Hammer only pointed to the fact that Klamath has never lost to Medford on Modoc field since he had been on the Pelican coaching staff. Bowerman said, "The game will be won in the line."

The Tiger line will boast an approximate two-pound per man weight margin and go into the fray with the better defensive record of the two forward walls. The Klamath line, however, can be credited with helping Bigbill backs to a better per game rushing attack record.

Historically, the odds will be against the locals. They've won only two games since the annual series started in 1914. The Tigers have captured 23 and two were ties.

Medford high school authorities have reserved 250 seats for valley students and clamored for more. The ticket situation has brought another evidence of the bitter rivalry between the two cities.

Valley people have intimated the ticket supply is not enough. Klamath ticket authorities, however, remember that last year they were able to get only 100 reservations for the valley game.

One of the best between halves exhibitions ever seen on Modoc field has been promised by Chuck Stanfield, leader of the KUHS band and Pep Peppers.

The game starts at 8 o'clock.

President Says Kearny Clash In Defense Zone

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formation about casualties or possible retaliation by the Kearny.

To an inquiry whether the same instructions, to hunt down the marauder, had been given as in the case of the destroyer Greer, the chief executive merely replied that regular navy orders applied. Unsuccessful torpedo attacks were made on the Greer last month in the same general vicinity as the Kearny attack today.

HOUSE PASSES BILL DESPITE WAR CHARGES

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ing on merchantmen, while not a declaration of war, would be "a recognition of a state of war."

"Deadline" for Critics

"With its adoption we become an army of 130,000,000 men and women," he said, "everyone of us pledged to the destruction of Hitler, who has his iron heel on all of Europe."

Cox also said that with adoption of the repealer "we come to a deadline for all criticism of the foreign policy of the administration."

Opponents of the repealer frankly conceded defeat and sought to expedite a final vote by refraining from sponsoring time-consuming amendments.

Asks Notice

A recommendation that the United States "serve notice on Japan that if she moves north or south, we will destroy her navy," was made by Rep. Faddis (D-Pa.), who declared that German successes in Russia had given Japan "false courage" to start "saber rattling" again.

"But Japan is a great bluff," the Pennsylvania said. "Let us not repeat our mistakes of talking security."

He said that in the enactment of the neutrality act the United States had been seeking an "elusive security."

Rep. Mundt (R-S. D.) contended that the issue before the house was not a matter of degree but "the direction in which it takes us." Repeal, he said, would start "a parade toward war which you can't stop."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—All members of the Washington and Oregon congressional delegates, except Rep. Hill, Washington democrat, voted today to amend the neutrality act to permit arming of merchant ships.

BERLIN REPORTS GAIN AT MOSCOW

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of the cavalry were decimated, and that 800 prisoners, 500 horses and 31 pieces of artillery were captured.

These successes were announced as the German high command said the air force, attacking soviet troopships fleeing Odessa, had sunk or damaged 14 merchant ships and destroyed one soviet motor torpedo boat off that Black sea port.

The Germans said their bombers splattered Odessa's harbor with a hail of explosives as transports attempted in the very final hour to carry trapped troops to safety from the burning city.

MOSCOW, Oct. 17 (AP)—Russian soldiers fighting savagely against German attacks west of Moscow held stubbornly to their battle lines today, according to official report, and newspaper dispatches asserted they in fact broken two German spearheads thrust into red defenses in the Vyazma and Kalinin sectors.

The mid-day communique acknowledged no gains for the Germans. It declared the fighting was particularly fierce west of Moscow, where the Germans are pounding at red positions with unabated fury.

The nazi wedges were driven into the front in heavy fighting

Germans Deny Knowledge of Kearny Incident

BERLIN, Oct. 17 (AP)—Authorized Germans said tonight they had only American reports of the torpedoing of the U. S. destroyer Kearny and were unable to comment because there was no indication that a German naval vessel was involved.

They pointed out, besides, that German submarines are not in constant touch with their bases and usually return to their stations before making reports.

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Oct. 17 (AP)—Senator Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the foreign relations committee, said today "We shall retaliate" for the torpedo attack on the U. S. destroyer Kearny.

"When our naval vessels are attacked by murderous and cowardly submarines, we shall retaliate by sinking every surface raider or submarine that invades our defensive waters or threatens any of our naval vessels."

"This incident is but another revelation of the contempt of Hitler for all law—human, international and divine," the senator added.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—The Kearny's survival of a torpedo attack without casualties or mortal damage was viewed by naval men today as evidence of the staunch, improved construction of the new craft and her sister ships.

Completed only last year, the Kearny was designed to withstand much great battle punishment as well as to hit harder and speed faster than earlier and smaller destroyers.

Water-tight compartments which can be closed quickly to localize damage, are more numerous. Like battleships, new type destroyers have double "skins" of steel, but it was considered unlikely the outer skin of any destroyer would suffice to explode a torpedo while the inner skin remained intact.

From the navy's terse announcement, informed quarters were inclined to believe the torpedo probably struck towards the bow. Explosion of a half-ton of TNT in the destroyer's stern almost inevitably would have put the propelling mechanism out of commission, it was believed.

An explosion amidship might conceivably occur without causing casualties or crippling damage, but the chances for such an escape were deemed less likely than if the blow occurred nearer the forward end of the vessel.

Destroyers such as the Kearny are understood to have four fire rooms where steam is generated from oil, and conceivably only two of these compartments might have been manned. An explosion wrecking one or more idle compartments thus might occur without casualties.

The navy's announcement did not say specifically that the torpedo exploded but the chances that it was merely a dud were considered small.

Wednesday and up to mid-day Thursday, dispatches from the front lines said, in which tanks, motorized infantry and small detachments of parachute-dropped troops were used.

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