

# BRITISH SINK TWO ITALIAN SHIPS OF WAR

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axis air fields in Tunisia, although the weather was bad, and it was announced that RAF Wellingtons struck effectively Wednesday night at enemy airdromes in southern Sardinia.

Only patrol activity was reported on the Enfidaville line front, where Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's eighth army is again massing strength for a climatic push to the north.

## Italy Declares Sicily, Sardinia Military Area

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in his capacity as commander-in-chief. The Moscow radio said a state of emergency had been declared in Sardinia following discovery of an "anti-government organization working to disrupt the military measures of the Italian-German command." Three arrests were reported.

The move by Mussolini followed his four-day conference with Hitler to contrive strategy and rally resources against allied invasions promised for the summer. The action was interpreted here as suggesting that Mussolini shares the view held in some of the best informed British quarters that the cleanup of axis forces in Tunisia now will be swift and complete.

It is known that much-bombed Naples has been evacuated at least partially and similar moves may be made in Sardinia and Sicily.

## VITAL STATISTICS

MOTY—Born at Hillside hospital, Klamath Falls, Ore., April 16, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Moty, 910 Eldorado street, a boy. Weight: 6 pounds 9 ounces.



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## Potatoes

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 5 Idaho arrived, 500 sacks by truck; 5 broken, 3 unbroken cars on track; market firm; no sales reported.

LOS ANGELES, April 16 (AP-USA)—Potatoes: 2 California, 2 Colorado, 9 Idaho, 2 Texas, 3 Utah arrived, 10 by truck; 5 broken, 15 unbroken cars on track; market steady; no sales reported.

CHICAGO, April 16 (AP-USA)—Potatoes, arrivals 29; 49 on track; total US shipments 412; old stock; supplies very light; no track trading account of lack of offerings; market unsettled; no track sales reported; new stock; supplies very light; demand moderate; market firm at ceiling level; Idaho Russet Burbanks US No. 1, \$4.00-09; Idaho utility grade \$3.60; Texas Bliss Triumphs victory grade \$3.06-10 per 50 lbs. sack.

## SENATE GIVES OKAY TO STABILIZATION

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the people are being asked to buy \$13,000,000,000 in war bonds this month while the treasury is asking extension of a power which he said could be used to "depreciate the value of the bonds."

## EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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in valleys that are commanded by hills.

Watch the fighting around Tebourba and Medjez el Bab, especially the latter. "Bab" is an Arab word meaning "gate" and Medjez el Bab is the historic gate to the marshy plain surrounding Bizerte and Tunis. This plain is the site of the ancient city-state of Carthage.

IT won't be an easy nut to crack. The French spent decades fortifying it, and the Germans have applied all their skill to adding to the French fortifications.

THE German Transoceanic news service says that supplying the axis forces in Tunisia involves difficulties, but on the whole they are getting what they need—including reinforcements moved across the Mediterranean by sea and air.

THE Berlin radio today says Mussolini has declared Sicily, Sardinia and other Italian islands an area of military operations, and London interprets this as throwing up hasty defenses against an expected allied attack on Italy. Also as an indication of axis belief that the Tunisian siege won't last long.

THE Moscow radio reports anti-Hitler disorders by students in Berlin, Heidelberg and other German cities. Also that an anti-government organization has been discovered in Italian Sardinia and several arrests have been made.

(The Berlin radio reports on the supposed creation of a military area in the Italian islands added that there has been a shake-up in the Italian police.)

THIS writer's advice is to keep your fingers carefully crossed on all these reports hinting at dangerous unrest in Germany and German-held countries (including Italy.)

They may be true. But, on the other hand, the Germans could fabricate similar stories out of our strike disturbances in this country—which, WE KNOW, don't indicate any impending revolution here.

THE pay-as-you-go tax idea bobs up again today in congress. Like a good man, it can't be kept down.

To us ordinary taxpayers, who would like to keep as nearly paid up as possible, all this Washington opposition to the pay-as-you-go idea sounds CHILDISH.

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# THREE ENEMY SHIPS HIT IN FIRST ASSAULT

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tians Wednesday. The base was hit 10 times in a record-breaking attack Tuesday.

Hit Solomons  
The navy said U. S. bombers and fighters also struck the enemy in the Solomon islands yesterday, raiding off-bombed Hunda and sinking an 80-foot Japanese vessel in Rekata bay.

The Japanese, hard hit by losses to their 100-plane armada during the past week, slacked up on their big new aerial offensive, but United Nations airmen continued to pound the enemy mercilessly.

Promised Buoy  
Buoyed by War Secretary Stimson's promise of a constantly increasing flow of planes and other war supplies to the Southwest Pacific, allied fliers reached out across the seas to blast three major Japanese air bases—at Rabaul and Gasmata, New Britain, and Lae, New Guinea—and raided enemy-occupied Trangan in the Azore islands, bombed coastal shipping off the Timorbars and strafed a Japanese held village on Timor island.

In addition, swarms of A-20 attack planes swept low over Japanese troops in the Mubo sector, below the enemy's big Salamaua base in New Guinea, bombing and strafing the invaders 11 times.

Meanwhile, allied headquarters disclosed that Japanese casualties in the New Guinea campaign up to April 1 totalled 38,000, mostly killed, against 10,531 allied casualties. American casualties were listed as 2175 killed or missing in action and 2144 wounded.

Tokyo Version  
Imperial Tokyo headquarters, the fount of repeated myths, came up with a belated version of Wednesday's 100-plane Japanese attack on the allied base at Milne Bay, in Southeast New Guinea, asserting that 11 allied transports were sunk and 44 planes shot down.

The Tokyo communique said the only Japanese losses were five planes which "crashed-dived into enemy objectives."

By contrast, allied headquarters said only three small allied ships were damaged while the Japanese lost 30 planes.

## First "Hold Line" Strike Confronts Administration

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cent over the pay levels of any group of workers on January 1, 1941.

Little Steel Formula  
Prior to the president's hold-the-line order of April 8, however, the WLB could exceed the Little Steel formula, if necessary, to equalize wages within an industry or area whenever it found manifest injustices existed. Now that power is reserved to Byrnes, the WLB had a backlog of 17,000 voluntary wage increase applications when the executive order was announced. Approximately two-thirds of them were submitted under the category of "inequalities" and it has been estimated that about 10,000 of them were reasonably certain of approval.

## Congress May Send Men to Observe Food Conference

WASHINGTON, April 16 (AP)—Congress moved today to send its own observers to the international food conference scheduled to begin at Hot Springs, Va., May 18 with a demand from the senate agriculture committee that some of its members be permitted to attend.

Senator Aiken (R-Vt.) said the committee unanimously had approved a motion instructing Chairman Smith (D-S.C.) to confer with state department officials and attempt to arrange for the members to attend all sessions. Smith is ill and committee attaches delivered the message to the state department.

Treatment—Mrs. R. E. Sparlin, route 2, is receiving medical care at Klamath Valley hospital.

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## Prentiss Pleads



Shortly after Price Administrator Prentiss Brown asked the Senate agricultural committee for "sympathy, understanding and help" in the fight against inflation, President Roosevelt came to his aid with new price and wage freeze order.

## AIRMEN DESTROY JAP GENERATOR

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cat fighters (Gruman F4F), bombed Japanese installations at Munda on New Georgia island.

(B) During the afternoon, Dauntless dive bombers (Douglas) with Wildcat fighter escort attacked Japanese installations at Vila on Kolombangara island. A building, believed to be a power generating station, was destroyed.

(C) Still later in the day Avenger torpedo bombers, escorted by Corsair (Vought F4U) and Wildcat fighters attacked and sank an 80-foot Japanese vessel in Rekata bay on Santa Isabel island.

North Pacific  
"2. On April 14th, formations of army Liberator heavy bombers (Consolidated B-24), and Mitchell medium bombers (North American B-25) supported by Lightning (Lockheed P-38) and Warhawk (Curtiss P-40) fighters, carried out eight attacks on Kiska. His were scored in the Japanese camp area, damaging the runway and revetment area."

## Heavy Bombers Blast Lorient Submarine Base

LONDON, April 16 (AP)—United States heavy bombers blasted the Nazi submarine base of Lorient and the port of Brest in daylight today in a continuation of a furious allied day and night aerial offensive against enemy targets on the continent.

## Eight Welders Held For Sabotage Work

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ties on the part of the welders."

One Convicted  
Another Bethlehem-Fairfield welder, arrested on a similar charge several days ago, was convicted of sabotage yesterday in Baltimore's federal court. He was George Arnold Steele, 20, formerly of Franklin Furnace, Ohio. Sentence was deferred until April 19.

Hoover said that the workers were charged with using what is known as "bridge welding" and "slugging." He said that in the former method the workmen welds only the outside edges of steel plates leaving air space in the center, so that instead of completely fused plates there is only a veneer, with the result that the weld will break under certain strains.

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# MARTINIQUE HEAD WILLING TO FIGHT AXIS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, April 26 (AP)—Admiral Georges Robert, French commissioner for Martinique and Guadeloupe, said in a letter to The Associated Press today that he was willing to join the fight against the axis under these conditions:

1. That this would not force him into rebellion against the French government.

2. That the allies permit the fighting French to form a unity under the authority, vested with sovereign rights, instead of having the French under two factions represented presently by the De Gaullists and the adherents of Gen. Henri Giraud.

3. That joining the struggle would continue to safeguard the interests of the French Antilles.

The admiral's letter was dated April 8 and came today in reply to my letter of last month, requesting an interview. The admiral contended he was appointed, not by the Vichy government, but by the Paris regime before the fall of France.

(The United States suspended food shipments to Martinique and other French possessions in the Antilles in November, the month of the Allied landings in French North Africa.)

## MINOR ACCIDENTS OCCUR THURSDAY

Leonard Springer, 15, Klamath Union high school student, suffered a fractured left arm late Thursday when he fell while running the obstacles race. Springer is the son of Mrs. Minnie Springer, 410 South Fifth street.

Gerald Ripley of Chemult, Big Lakes Box company, suffered an injury when he cut a tendon in a power saw at the plant late Thursday. Both Springer and Ripley were treated at Klamath Valley hospital.

## Two Men Admit Providing Wine To Indians Here

PORTLAND, April 16 (AP)—William Birtley, 71, and Fred Butts, 71, both charged with providing wine to Indians last month in Klamath Falls, pleaded guilty today before Federal Judge Claude McColloch. Their cases were referred to the probation officer for presentence investigation.

## Hitch-Hiking Boy Has Interruption

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who had five or six slices of bread and three cents in his pockets, revealed his mother's address, and she was promptly notified.

Friday morning the runaway, whose face fairly beamed when he heard the news, was told that his father would arrive Saturday morning to claim him.

## Condition Same—The condition of James Eugene Echer who suffered a bullet wound in an altercation with police a week ago, remained unchanged at Klamath Valley hospital where he is a patient.

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## Klamath Bond Buyers Increase War Savings Money

Klamath county bond buyers steadily increased purchases of war savings and by Friday noon had passed the \$489,000 mark on the way to the \$1,269,000 goal, it was announced by committee members.

No exceptionally large purchases were reported, but numerous small buyers appeared at banks and postoffices in the county to contribute to the second war loan.

## OFFICER TELLS OF MURDER IN TRAIN

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a conference. Folkes rejoined the party and retired later.

"All the time I kept thinking of the woman in lower 13," Tetrick quoted the confession. "I couldn't get her off my mind."

Folkes arose about 3:30 a. m. on January 23, still thinking of the woman in lower 13. He went into sleeper D.

Pretends to Fall  
Before lower 13 he pretended to fall into the berth, reached his hand through the curtain and felt her body.

If he awakened her, he planned to say he had fallen into the berth because of the train's rocking. Then he went to the smoking compartment of car D, talked to Pullman Porter Harry M. Hughes and had a cigarette.

Folkes returned to the dining car galley, put a knife in the sleeve of his white cook's jacket and came back to car D. There he met a man from an upper berth, whom he later identified as R. M. Kelso, El Cajon, Calif., retired navy chief water tender.

Kelso wanted to know the direction to the men's washroom. Folkes told him he was going the wrong way and sent him to the right one.

Sharpens Knife  
Folkes went again to the diner, sharpened the knife, donned an overcoat, put the knife in the pocket and returned to car D.

There he walked back and forth unfastening the curtains of lower 13.

He went toward the smoker, noted that Kelso was shaving and that Hughes was lying down. He figured the coast was clear and went back to lower 13.

He stepped inside, discovered that he had neglected to unfasten the bottom button.

He was afraid part of his body would protrude into the aisle so he straddled the form of the sleeping woman.

Mrs. James Wakes  
When he straddled one leg, she awoke. She was lying on her back, with the bedclothes up to her armpits. Her right side was toward the curtain.

He put the knife to her throat, and when she asked, "who are you?" Folkes replied:

"It makes no difference. But-ton those buttons or I'll cut your throat." He referred to the curtain buttons.

Throws Body  
He said he reached across her body with his left hand toward the curtain, and as he did she threw her body in such a way as to try to throw him out of the berth. He admitted he was a little unsteady from drink, and Mrs. James almost succeeded in throwing him from the berth.

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# BEST WATER, MORE SPRING FLOODS SEEN

PORTLAND, Ore., April 16 (AP)—The Pacific northwest, including British Columbia, has in prospect its best water year for irrigation and power development in a decade or more, reports at the annual Columbia basin water forecast conference here today indicated.

The Columbia river is headed for a peak flow similar to the high water of 1933, it was concluded, which means trouble for ship yards, waterfront industrial plants, and to lowland farming areas on both sides of the river.

Only early season estimates are issued by this conference. The official advance spring flood forecast will be issued soon by the U. S. weather bureau.

## STRIKERS RETURN

DENVER, April 16 (AP)—Reid Robinson, president of the International union of mine, mill and smelter workers, announced today strikers at the Universal Atlas Cement company at Universal, Pa., had agreed to return to work immediately.

your throat," Folkes said. She did it again, throwing her body in the same manner, and he cut her. He was holding the knife in his right hand. He said he made one cut, not four or five.

Runs to Diner  
He got out of the berth, ran back to the diner and went into the galley. He said he already had prepared the fire and had put a lot of grease inside the stove. He also had prepared the muffins and had gotten some pies ready.

When he started the fire, flames shot out of the stove as a result of the grease. He put the muffins in the oven, and by the time the marine (Private Harold Wilson, USMC, occupant of upper 13 and first man to reach Mrs. James after the assault) came through the car, looking for the slayer, the muffins were well along.

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# RAF Squadrons Execute Heavy Aerial Sweep

LONDON, April 16 (AP)—RAF squadrons, executing one of the most protracted and heaviest sweeps of the year, bombed industrial targets in Ostend, Belgium, by daylight today.

Offensive operations against German targets were continuing. They had been in progress 24 hours when darkness fell tonight.

Crippling blows were aimed at the enemy's railway lines, trains, shipping, dockyards, planes and airfields.

Authorities said fighter-escorted Ventura bombers made the thrust at Ostend and destroyed four enemy fighters. One of the RAF fighters failed to return.

A great force of four-engined bombers was out more than two hours on a mission across the channel from the southwest coast of England.

## Mayor Rodisch of Chiloquin Dies in Hospital Here

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the late Harry Ackley at Ackley Brothers mill on Lake Ewanna.

Mr. Rodisch next became interested in the Modoc Lumber company yards at Pine Ridge but continued to make headquarters in this city. Early in 1917, Mr. Rodisch had become interested in Chiloquin and contributed much to the building of that community. In 1926, he served as a member of the city council, and in 1936, was elected mayor, a post he held until the time of his death.

Returning actively to business, Mr. Rodisch was appointed to operate the Chiloquin liquor store, first in Oregon to be owned and operated by a city.

Mr. Rodisch was a member of the Presbyterian church, was affiliated with the republican party and had been a member of the Elks lodge in Klamath Falls since 1914. Mrs. Rodisch died in 1897 in Chicago. Two sons, Harry of Chicago, and William of Michigan, survive.

Notice of services will be announced Saturday by the Earl Whitlock Funeral home.

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