

BRITISH WARSHIPS DEMAND SURRENDER OF OSLO BY GERMANS AS FIERCE SEA BATTLE CONTINUES

F. R. Protects Scandinavian Funds In U. S.

Blocks German Confiscation Of Norwegian And Danish Monies

WAR ZONE EXTENDED

Scandinavian Coast Is Prohibited To American Vessels And Passengers

WASHINGTON, April 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in sweeping orders today, blocked German confiscation of Danish wealth in this country and banned American vessels from the new war zone.

An unprecedented executive order was prohibited, except after special license from the treasury, the removal of any money or other wealth from this country being made to the governments or citizens of Denmark and Norway.

By this step he removed any doubt about the attitude of this government toward a renunciation of the steps by which Germany seized all the gold and other international assets available when she occupied Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

Polish Money Saved
Germany succeeded in some of these seizures in Europe but in this country, it was learned for the first time tonight, the treasury made informal arrangements with American banks to double-check the legality of any claims on the assets of these countries after Germany took them over. Thus, the French still holds title to Polish money in New York.

One official said formal action, rather than informal, was taken in the case of Norway and Denmark.

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PROBE OF KIRTON DEATH RE-OPENED

Action Follows Appeal Of Columbus County Authorities To Maybank

CHAPEL HILL, April 10.—An appeal by Columbus county authorities to Governor Maybank of South Carolina today brought about a reopening of the investigation into the death at Murrell's Inlet, S. C., Monday of Ford Kirton, 45-year-old World war veteran of Chadbourn.

Kirton was found dead near a house where he spent the night Sunday, about noon Tuesday. Georgetown, S. C., county authorities, after a preliminary investigation, said that death was apparently from a heart attack and that no inquest would be held.

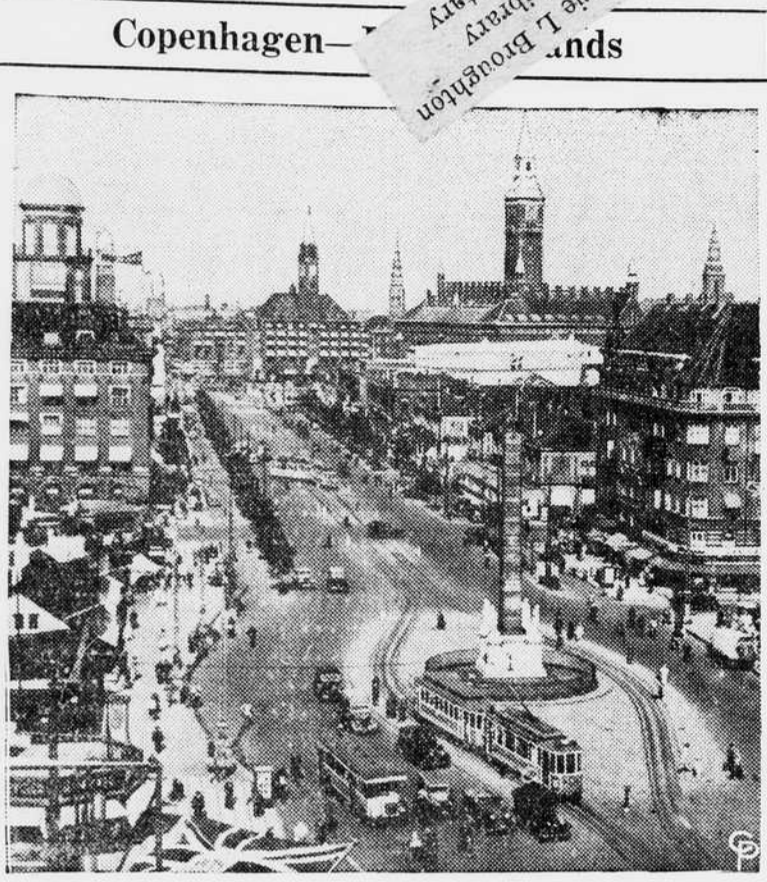
The body was brought here today and relatives, suspecting foul play, appealed to Sheriff Stanley of Columbus county, to make a further investigation.

Georgetown county officials declined, however, to re-open the case and Sheriff Stanley called Governor Maybank with the request that they investigate.

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WEATHER

FORECAST
North Carolina: Cloudy, showers Thursday night west portion. Thursday morning in east portion. Thursday Friday partly cloudy, probably showers in east portion, cooler west portion.



Here is a view looking along the Vesterbrogade toward City Hall in the business section of Copenhagen, the beautiful capital of Denmark. The city is now the scene of Nazi operations following new blitzkrieg which extended the war into the heart of the Scandinavian countries.

Nazis Lose Four Planes In Raid On Scapa Flow

LOSSES ARE COSTLY

Germany May Place Gunboats On Danube

LONDON, April 11.—(Thursday)—Waves of German bombers last night attacked Scapa Flow in what observers described as the "most murderous raid yet made" on that great British naval base, but the raiders officially were reported beaten off with costly losses.

Four big black warplanes were shot down, the British said, and two others were so riddled that they probably failed to get home.

Others Shot Down
Previously two Heinkel bombers officially were reported shot down in Moray Firth, extreme north Scotland, in an attempted attack on a convoy. Two others may have been destroyed in the same engagement, bringing the possible German losses over Britain to ten during the day.

The Germans staged their attack on Scapa Flow in force while the Allied fleet was spreading German naval units in Scandinavian waters.

FLORISTS OF N. C. PLAN BEACH MEET

Association To Hold Annual Session At Wrightsville On August 7-8

The North Carolina State Florist association will hold its annual convention at the Ocean Terrace hotel, Wrightsville Beach, on August 7 and 8. Will Rehder, Wilmington florist, who attended a meeting of the board of directors in Greensboro yesterday, advised the chamber of commerce here last night.

The invitation to meet at Wilmington was extended by Mr. Rehder at the session yesterday afternoon. Meeting at the same time as the florists will be the Florists Telegraph Delivery association.

Recommendations Urging Correction Of Thalian Hall Defects Presented

Recommendations that "serious consideration" be given to correcting the defects in Thalian Hall were presented to the board of city commissioners yesterday by O. G. Foard, architect, and J. A. Loughlin, city engineer.

In submitting a report on the condition of the structure, Foard and Loughlin said that the city should take steps to repair the building or secure the necessary work through a WPA project so that the structure might be made serviceable for public use.

A further report will be filed including an estimate on treating the building for the elimination of termites, James E. L. Wade, commissioner of public works, said.

Oslo Citizens Flee In Face Of New Threat

Thousands Leave As British Threaten To Shell Nazi Invaders Out

USES AUTOS, TRAINS

Entry Of British Into Oslo Fjord Follows Long Battle At Its Entrance

STOCKHOLM, April 10.—(AP)—Panic-stricken residents of Oslo, the Norwegian capital occupied by yesterday by the Germans, fled by every available conveyance today after British warships were reported to have forced the rocky Oslo Fjord and threatened to bombard the city unless it was surrendered within a few hours by its Nazi masters.

The city was ordered emptied of its population at 11:15 a. m. (5:15 a. m., E. S. T.)

The British, said delayed dispatches reaching here by way of the Swedish-Norwegian frontier town of Charlottenberg, threatened to start shelling the town at 1 p. m., but whether the bombardment actually took place was not known.

Civilians Leave

Long columns of cars, trucks and busses began taking the civilians still in Oslo from the city.

The crowds at railway stations were so great it was almost impossible to push up to the gates.

Mothers, with children in their arms, fainted in the crush.

About half the 250,000 population had left before the nazis occupied the city.

The entry of the British into Oslo Fjord was reported to have followed a long battle at the Fjord entrance, in which the Germans were believed to have lost 40,000 tons of warships, including one vessel of the Deutschland class, in contacts with both British guns and the navy and coastal artillery of the Norwegians.

But this battle was only one piece of a giant jigsaw puzzle of sea action today that ranged from northern Norway at Narvik, to within sight of the Swedish shore at the juncture of Skagerrak and Kattegat.

One unit of the British navy plunged into the mined Skagerrak and broke up a fleet of ten German troop transports in a three-hour battle tonight within sight of the Swedish coast, sinking two of the transports and a destroyer.

MILLER TRIUMPHS IN SUPREME COURT

Gives Legal Sanction To His Right To Georgia Highway Chairmanship

ATLANTA, April 10.—(AP)—The Georgia supreme court gave sweeping legal sanction today to W. L. Miller's right to the state highway chairmanship from which Governor E. D. Rivers evicted him four months ago.

Making no immediate move to dissolve his martial law look-out against Miller, Rivers withheld comment.

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ENGLISH LANDING PARTIES TAKE BERGEN, TRONDHEIM; FOUR NAZI CRUISERS SUNK

REICH MAKES CLAIMS

Says At Least Three British Destroyers Destroyed In Narvik Battle

BOMBERS ARE ACTIVE

Reports 'Order Reigns Supreme' In Denmark; Norwegians Resit Invasion

BERLIN, April 10.—(AP)—Nazi Germany, fighting furiously with her fleet to keep Allied men of war from the Norwegian coast, proclaimed tonight the destruction of at least three British destroyers in the battle of Narvik, Norway, conceded the loss of two big cruisers to the fire of Norwegian coastal guns and strove systematically to get her bearings in the two Scandinavian countries which Adolf Hitler is "protecting" against their will.

A fourth British destroyer was damaged and is unfit for battle, the German high command stated, as a result of the engagement at the entrance to the north Norwegian ore port where, as a communique put it, "English naval forces attempted to enter Narvik by force."

Attack Fought Off

"The attack was fought off by units of our navy which are stationed there, with heavy damage and losses for the English," said the communique. "Three British destroyers were destroyed. The British admiralty admits an additional destroyer was badly damaged and is unfit for battle. On Monday, a British destroyer was sunk on another occasion."

Tonight then, the German battle-score in the new theater of sea and air war stood:

Four British destroyers sunk; four British battle-ships, two battle cruisers, three heavy cruisers and two transports badly damaged (mainly by air bombing.)

Two German cruisers, the

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DEFENSE OF FAROE ISLANDS PLANNED

Allies Take Steps To Prevent Germany From Taking Important Isles

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—The Allies, it was learned tonight, already have taken what they regard as adequate measures to prevent the tiny but strategically important Faroe Islands from falling into the hands of Germany.

These islands, between Scotland and Iceland, belong to Denmark.

A spokesman said there were no indications of any German attempt to land on the Faroes or on Iceland, which is under the Danish crown and from which German bombers theoretically could raid Canada.

"Indeed the Allies intend to see that they do not land there," the spokesman said. "You may be quite sure of that."

The Faroes, 22 hilly little islands only 200 miles northwest of Britain's Shetland islands, are assumed to present a tempting prize to the Germans as a base for their air and sea raiders.

Norse Port Retaken By British



Here is a view of the beautiful city of Trondheim on the east coast of central Norway, which is reported to have been recaptured from the invading Germans by British landing parties yesterday. It was one of the first cities to fall to Germany in its lightning invasion of Scandinavia.

Norway Slated To Affirm Plans To Resist Germany

KING TO TAKE ACTION

Expected To Proclaim Intention To Fight Side By Side With Allies

LONDON, April 11.—(Thursday)—A report that King Haakon of Norway will today proclaim the intention of the Norwegian government to fight side by side with the Allies against Germany, without capitulation to the Reich, was distributed today by Reuters, the British news agency, in a dispatch from Stockholm.

The news agency said Norway's determination to resist would be reaffirmed also by Carl J. Hambro, president of the Norwegian parliament, in a speech to the Norwegian nation over the Swedish radio.

It was learned in Stockholm, meanwhile, Reuters added, that the German attacks against Norwegian forces yesterday at Elverum, 75 miles north of Oslo, were repulsed "all along the line" and that there had been no further clashes for more than eight hours.

The Norwegian government and army general staff were reported to have taken all their archives intact from Oslo to Elverum. The Bank of Norway was reported also to have got all its gold and bank notes out safely.

DENIES REPORT

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—The British Broadcasting corporation denied tonight that it had broadcast a report that the German cruiser Emden had been sunk. It said it had, however, repeated an unconfirmed rumor of the sinking of the German liner Bremen, on its German transmission.

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BRITISH ENTER FJORD

Extensive Battles Which May Hold Key To Fate Of European War

TRANSPORTS ARE SUNK

British Also Sink German Destroyer In Engagement Deep In Skagerrak

LONDON, April 11.—(Thursday)—An unconfirmed report from Stockholm, circulated by the Reuters, (British) news agency, early today placed the German losses in last night's Skagerrak naval battle at four cruisers and two or three large troop transports.

This report also said the 5,400-ton German cruiser Emden was believed to be the German warship which was sunk in Oslo fjord by the Norwegian cruiser Olaf Tryggvason. This ship was identified first as a German destroyer, and later as a warship of the Deutschland class.

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BRITISH POUND INVADERS

LONDON, April 10.—(AP)—British warships, pounding again and again at the German invaders of Norway, were reported tonight in dispatches from the north to have pointed their big guns

NAZI MOVE INTO BALKANS FEARED

Allies Admit Near East Forces Powerless To Offer Real Resistance

BY EDWARD KENNEDY
ISTANBUL, April 10.—(AP)—Fear that Germany may move into southeastern Europe to secure vital oil and food supplies, freely expressed throughout the Balkans, was heightened tonight by the frank admission of numerous British and French officials in the Near East that the Allied forces there are powerless at the present to offer effective resistance.

These officials, whom I encountered on a 2,000-mile trip through the Near East, say their army is far from ready.

These reasons are given here for the gravity with which the Allies

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Republicans Show Signs Of Gains In Illinois Vote

CHICAGO, April 10.—(AP)—The thumping endorsement of a third term for President Roosevelt by Illinois democrats shared interest tonight with signs of republican gains in the state's primary elections.

The scope of the chief executive's triumph over Vice President Garner in yesterday's democratic presidential preference poll was measured by his 6 to 1 margin.

Projections indicated Roosevelt's total would approximate 1,160,000 compared with 193,000 for Garner and 977,000 for Thomas E. Dewey, who displayed vote-pulling power while running unopposed on the republican side.

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