

City Today Joins U.S. In Launching Parade Of Ships

William Moultrie Is Among 27 Going Down Ways Today

Observance of "Maritime Day" today will be marked with the launching of 27 ships throughout the nation, one of them, the S. S. William Moultrie, from the ways of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company here.

Hopes Of Securing Shipping Brighter

Maritime Official Inspects Wilmington Port Facilities

The outlook for lend-lease shipments through the port of Wilmington is very good at the present, following an inspection of the port by a Maritime Commission representative yesterday, it was announced by Louis T. Moore, acting secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

MAN AND WOMAN FALL TO DEATHS

Broker's Wife Leaves Note Saying, "I'm Nervous And Can't Go On"

NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—A man and a woman plunged to death within 12 hours today from upper floors of the RCA building, 70-story skyscraper in Rockefeller Plaza.

Strict Nation-Wide Gas Rationing Asked

WASHINGTON, May 21.—(AP)—The Brookings Institution urged strict nation-wide gasoline rationing today for the primary purpose of conserving rubber and automobiles for the performance of essential services. It foresaw probable government requisitioning of privately owned automobiles in 1943.

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Allies Sink Cruiser, Destroyers

Action Is Carried Out In Southwest Pacific By Submarines 14 PLANES DESTROYED

Air Raids Are Made Upon Enemy Bases In New Guinea And Timor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Friday, May 22.—(AP)—Allied submarines have sunk a 7,100-ton Japanese cruiser of the Kako class and two Japanese cargo vessels, of 9,000 and 6,000 tons, it was announced officially today.

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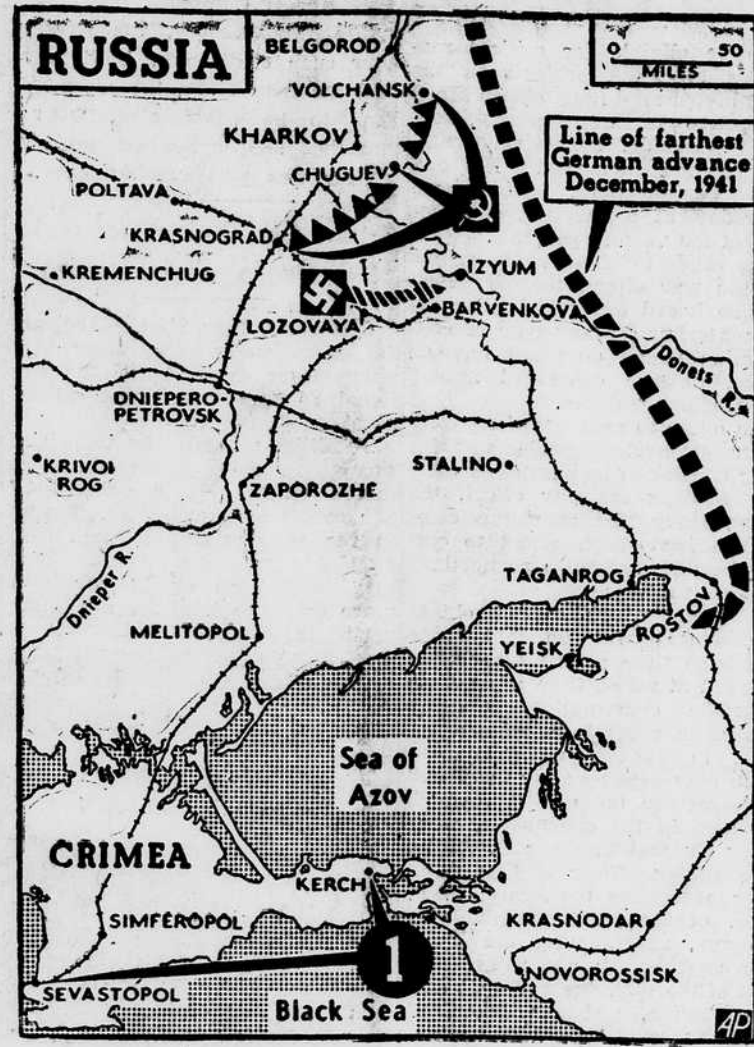
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Flight Sergeant C. W. Harp (above) of Columbus, Ga., shot down two German Focke-Wulf fighter planes over northern France May 19, the British Air Ministry in London has announced. Harp is a member of the American Eagle Squadron.

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By HENRY C. CASSIDY MOSCOW, May 21.—(AP)—

The heavily fortified Nazi defense line guarding Kharkov has been breached at one point in a furious 40-minute onslaught which wiped out a key German stronghold and carried Marshal Semeon Timoshenko's tanks and troops on six miles into an open battlefield held only by German infantry and scattered pillboxes, Red Star asserted tonight.

Along with this swift new sweep toward Kharkov, prime prize of ten days of the fiercest fighting of the spring campaign, the army newspaper outlined these developments on the eve of the twelfth month of the war:

In the far north: picked Russian troops, wading waist-deep in icy water, skirted twelve and a half miles around an enemy flank in Karelia, killed or wounded 3,000 Finns and Germans in a surprise assault then pushed on twelve miles more, cutting one of the enemy's main roads to the north.

In the south: Gen. Viktor von Schwedler's German counter-drive into the Barvenkova-Izum sector 80 miles southeast of Kharkov, menacing the flank of the Russian offensive, has been checked. In the Crimea, outnumbered but determined Russian troops still clung to the eastern tip of Kerch peninsula, blocking the short cut to the Caucasus.

The midnight Soviet communiqué said merely that "our offensive continued on the Kharkov sector," that the Germans had been repulsed in the Izum-Barvenkova area 80 miles to the south, and that "fighting continued on the eastern part of the Kerch peninsula."

Adding to this, Pravda, the communist party newspaper, said that behind the German lines strong guerrilla forces recaptured an important city of several thousand population deep in Nazi-occupied White Russia, driving the Germans from a large section and holding it against dawn-to-dusk German assault.

This may have occurred in the Smolensk area because a supplementary communiqué tonight said that a guerrilla detachment had killed more than 3,000 Germans in action there.

Destroy 74 Tanks The Red air force was credited with destroying or damaging 74 Nazi tanks, 23 German trucks with troops and supplies, 55 ammunition wagons and 31 guns Wednesday in various sectors.

Elsewhere on the central front Russian infantry was said to have slipped through German lines on a raid along rear lines, blowing up two troop trains and killing 1,100 Germans.

On the Kharkov front, where the mid-day communiqué reported only that the Russians "continued offensive battles," Red Star said "in a number of sectors our troops again advanced."

(Close military observers in London said most of the Russian gains during the past 48 hours apparently were on the northern half of the Kharkov front, a 125-mile arc from Belgorod to Lozovaya, but that German resistance and the danger from Von Schwedler's scyth-like flanking thrust had brought the Russians to a halt on the south.

(This version was borne out by Bucharest dispatches reaching Bern which said the Russians were

DOSS, SIBLEY GET PROMOTION AT ACL

Officials Of Railroad Promoted By Board Of Directors In New York

R. J. Doss, former General Traffic Manager of the A. C. L., has been appointed to the post of vice-president-traffic of the A. C. L. and G. C. Sibley, former assistant general manager, has been appointed general manager of the railroad, it was announced yesterday following a meeting of the directors in New York.

Mr. Sibley succeeds F. W. Brown, vice-president and general manager, who will serve as vice-president-operations.

Mr. Doss entered railroad service with the Atlanta, Knoxville & Northern Railway, now a part of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, in 1900. He entered the service of the Atlantic Coast Line in 1913 as Chief Rate Clerk at Savannah, Ga. He was appointed Assistant General Freight Agent at Wilmington in 1916 and during the period of federal control was attached to the staff of the Southern Rate committee of the United States Railroad administration at Atlanta, Ga.

He returned to Wilmington as assistant General Freight Agent in 1920, successively holding the offices of General Freight Agent, Assistant Freight Traffic Manager, Freight Traffic Manager and General Freight Traffic Manager prior to his appointment as General Traffic Manager on May 15, 1941.

Mr. Sibley entered railroad service in 1899 as messenger in the offices of the Plant system, now a part of the Atlantic Coast Line, at Savannah, Ga. In 1914 he became Trainmaster of the Atlantic Coast Line at Savannah, later being assigned to the staff of the Regional Director, United States Railroad administration, Atlanta, Ga.

In 1918 he became Superintendent and later General Superintendent of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway company, returning to the service of the Coast

coast. President Manuel Avila Camacho was said authoritatively to be preparing a manifesto to the nation, to be read personally before a special session of Congress within the next few days, demanding that war be declared.

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C. W. Shackelford, well known owner of a radio repair business here, was appointed to the City of Wilmington Civil Service Board to fill a vacancy created a few weeks ago by the resignation of E. W. Carr.

The appointment of Mr. Shackelford was announced last night by Chief of Police Charles H. Casteen after a meeting of the police department during which Mr. Shackelford was selected.

The new member of the commission will act as the representative of the police department, it was pointed out. The Civil Service Commission is composed of five members; a labor representative, a minister, a specially selected man to represent the police department and two others.

It was impossible to contact Mr. Shackelford last night to get a statement from him.

E. M. Beery, chairman of the board, declared last night that the appointment of Mr. Shackelford was "news to him" and that he had not received any notification as yet.

"However, as soon as the board has been officially notified of Mr. Shackelford's appointment, a meeting will be called," he continued, "and it will probably be some time early next week."

99 Per Cent Of Ships For Britain Arriving

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, May 21.—(AP)—Navy Minister Angus Macdonald declared today 99 per cent of the ships leaving North American shores for Britain are getting through safely under convoy of warships of Britain, the United States and Canada.

WEATHER FORECAST: NORTH CAROLINA—Little change in temperature Friday with scattered thundershowers east and central portions.

(EASTERN STANDARD TIME) (Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday): (By U. S. Weather Bureau) Temperature: 1:30 a. m. 71; 7:30 a. m. 74; 1:30 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 75; maximum 80; minimum 68; mean 74; normal 72.

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NEW YORK, May 21.—(AP)—A new process by which the raw materials for synthetic rubber and an improved quality of aviation gasoline can be produced simultaneously from petroleum was announced today by W. S. Farish, president of the Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey).

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