

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The following reports were clipped from the daily papers:
London, Nov. 22.—The Admiralty announced tonight that a "wild" mine had sunk the British destroyer Gipsy, seventh British naval vessel lost since the start of the war, within sight of the English east coast, with possible loss of about 40 lives.

The 1,335-ton Gipsy went down about 9:35 p. m., Tuesday in the North Sea region that has become a graveyard for British and neutral shipping because of German's alleged indiscriminate sowing of mines in violation of international law.

The Admiralty's announcement said the Gipsy struck a mine "and subsequently was beached," but eye-witness accounts said that immediately after the explosion the warship settled on the shallow sea-bottom within plain view of shore.

The 40 men estimated to have been lost with the Gipsy, beached offshore with bridge and mast above water after the explosion, brought to more than 1,500 the number of lives lost by the British navy in the sinkings of the seven warcraft.

The Gipsy was the second British destroyer to be sunk by a mine the loss of another with one life lost having been announced on November 14.

No Reply

(The United Press today received a cable "unable to reply" from its London bureau in response to a query regarding a report by the New York Times that a German submarine had slipped into the Fifth of North naval base in Scotland and damaged the new British cruiser Belfast. Only news approved by official censorship is permitted to be sent from Britain. The Times credited its report of the damaged cruiser to "private advice" received in New York.)

Before announcement of the sinking of the Gipsy tonight, an Italian steamer and a German freighter had been added during the day to the rapidly-mounting toll of the war at sea.

Since last Saturday, 18 ships, many of them neutral vessels, have been sunk off the English coast and British naval authorities have blamed most of the disasters on German's mines alleged to have been sowed in "brutal and utter disregard" of international law.

Another Italian Ship

The Italian steamer Flanona, 6,800 tons, struck a mine three or four miles off the southeast coast today, but did not sink immediately. The Flanona was the second Italian ship to hit a mine off England, the freighter Grazia having gone down over the week-end.

When the news of the explosion and wrecking of the Gipsy reached the public tonight, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir John Simon was making a radio broadcast censuring Germany's alleged resort to the use of magnetic mines, which he called "the latest abomination of German savagery."

"Germany's mining is a breach of the rules of war which Germany only two months expressly promised to obey," Simon said. "All that science and skill can devise is being devoted to meeting this new danger."

There were reports that the British navy was about to introduce new "non-magnetic" mine sweepers made almost entirely of wood to remove the German magnetic mines, lying far below the surface and exploded by the magnetic attraction of the hulls of approaching ships.

Of the approximately 145 officers and men aboard the Gipsy, 21 were injured, the Admiralty announced.

A large number of the survivors were landed at an East English port Tuesday night after crowds on shore had watched the rescue operations, so close at hand that they could hear the shouts of those aboard the rescue ships and see searchlights trained on the crippled and sinking destroyer.

Paris, Nov. 23.—(Thursday)—An airplane, presumably German, circled over Paris early today, but apparently was driven off by anti-aircraft guns, which opened up with a thundering attack.

An air-raid warning sounded five minutes before the plane's appearance, giving Parisians time to get to dugouts and cellars. The all-clear signal was given at 1 a. m.

The plane wheeled around amidst the flash of anti-aircraft fire and searchlight beams before disappearing. There were no immediate reports of any bombs dropped.

It was disclosed later that northern France twice had been put on the alert by air-raid warnings several hours before the sirens wailed in Paris.

Victories at sea in which two German submarines were sent to the bottom by one French torpedo boat within three days were announced by the French.

Drifting Mines

Washington, Nov. 22.—Warnings went out from the Navy today that 99 mines had been sighted drifting off the English coast where explosions have played havoc with British and neutral shipping this week.

The reports were relayed by the cruiser Trenton, flagship of the three-ship American naval squadron in European waters. Thirty-one were sighted today in the North Sea, and the others yesterday.

Previously, drifting mines also have been sighted in the Bay of Biscay off the French and Spanish coasts, and in the Mediterranean, but some at least were considered relics of the Spanish civil war and probably harmless.

The World War demonstrated that mines drift in the North Sea and English Channel are kept there by strong tides and currents and will not drift into the Atlantic.

Berlin, Nov. 22.—Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's own newspaper today linked a 21-year-old American citizen, executed in Berlin on June 4, 1937, to a series of bomb plots against the Fuehrer's life, culminating in the Munich beer-cellar bombing of two weeks ago.

The American citizen, Helmut Hirsch, was said to have worked with Otto Strasser, refugee leader of the anti-Nazi "Black Front" who is accused of organizing the Munich bombing under instructions of the British secret service.

The disclosure by Hitler's newspaper, the Voelkischer Beobachter, coincided with indications in authoritative Nazi quarters that two captured Britons, described as high British intelligence agents will be placed on public trial to "prove" that the British government ordered the attempted assassination of Hitler at Munich.

Within a few days, a spokesman said, the Gestapo probably will produce "irrefutable" evidence that the Britons, Sigismund Payne Best, 54, and Capt. Richard Henry Stevens, 46, were part of the brains behind the November 8 bombing of the Beurgerbrau beer cellar in Munich.

Hitler escaped the bomb blast by barely 10 minutes. Eight persons were killed and 62 wounded.

LOUISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. W. W. Barnes, of Southwestern Seminary spoke on the fact of the Resurrection. He gave three sources of evidence: the Romans, the Jews, and the Disciples. His coming out of the tomb was proof that He was what He claimed to be. The Resurrection was proof that he was the son of God. His Resurrection gripped the disciples anew. Boldly they went to the ends of the earth to carry the news. Today we get strength in the realization of the fact "Christ is alive!"

The Sunday evening service brought to a close the ten day revival in the Baptist Church. Dr. Barnes brought excellent messages each morning and evening. The meeting was a most successful one in that it deepened the lives of members of the church and reached non-affiliated and unconverted. The full results of this meeting will be realized in the days ahead.

Dr. A. Paul Bagby will preach at both the 11:00 A. M. and the 7:30 P. M. services. Observation of "Stewardship Night" comes on Sunday at the 7:30 hour. Every member of the church is urged to attend for this is an Annual Church Conference as well as Stewardship Night. The Ordinance of Baptism will be observed also.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. and Baptist Training Union at 6:45 P. M.

New railroad rates on cottonseed cake and meal, which went into effect recently, mean savings of close to 50 per cent on hauls of less than 100 miles, and nearly 30 per cent on distance slightly greater.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre beginning Saturday, Nov. 25th:

Saturday—Double Feature—Gene Autry and Smiley Burnette in "Rovin' Tumbleweeds" and Roy Rogers, Weaver Brothgers and Elvira in "Jeepers Creepers." Also Chapter No. 6 "Dick Tracy's G-Men."

Sunday—Only—On the stage in Person, DICK TRACY. On the screen, Joe E. Brown and Mary Carlisle in "Beware Spooks!" Monday—Arthur Lake, Penny Singleton and Larry Sims in "Blonde Brings Up Baby."

Tuesday—Ann Sothorn and Linda Darnell in "Hotel For Women."

Wednesday—Ronald Reagan and Margaret Stevenson in "Smash the Money Ring."

Thursday-Friday—Lew Ayres, Lionel Barrymore, and Laraine Day in "The Secret of Dr. Kildare."

INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT TO HAVE NEW LABORATORY

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Y. D. C. Holds Meeting

The Young Democratic Club of Franklin County held an enthusiastic meeting Saturday, Nov. 18, making plans for the coming year. The new president, J. P. Lumpkin, will complete his list of committees and have them working within a short time. H. H. Hobgood, who was elected chairman of the "First Voters" committee, plans to contact all first voters in the county.

Mrs. Kenneth Tharrington, of Youngsville, membership chairman, with the aid of a committee composed of K. P. Yarborough, W. J. Shearlin, R. C. Whitfield, and Miss Beulah Lancaster, will begin an intensive campaign for members.

The coming political year will be a most important one to the Democratic party and all eligible Democrats are urged to take a part in this organization.

Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, Secretary Pro tem.

DR. WHELESS APPOINTED LIEUT.

The commissioning of two officers in the North Carolina National Guard and promotion of another Guard officer was announced Tuesday by Adjutant General J. Van B. Metts.

Second Lieutenant Henry L. Bridges, of Battery C, 252nd Coast Artillery, Greensboro, was promoted to first lieutenant to succeed William W. Sharp, who resigned. Second Lieutenant Leonard J. Bliss, Jr., Coast Artillery reserve, was commissioned in the State Guard to take Bridges' place.

Dr. James B. Wheless, of Louisburg, was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and assigned to the 113th Field Artillery. He is now in camp with the 113th at Fort Bragg.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

This will be the Sunday before Advent. The services in St. Paul's Church will be as usual: The early celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:00 A. M., Church School at 9:45 A. M., and Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11:00 A. M. The subject of the fourth sermon on the Holy Spirit will be: "The Holy Ghost, the Comforter."

There will be a Vestry meeting Monday evening at 7:30 in the Rectory.

The Woman's Auxiliary Bible Class will meet Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 30th, there will be a service in St. Paul's Church at 10 o'clock in the morning.

O. E. Carrithers, farm agent of Caldwell County, estimates that 450,000 people observed the Caldwell progress exhibit at the State Fair in Raleigh and at the Southern States Fair in Charlotte.

Battery "B" At Camp

Battery "B" 113th F. A., with almost a one hundred per cent membership left Sunday morning for Fort Bragg, under command of Capt. Chas. P. Green, for a week's encampment. The boys left in good spirits and although much of the time it was raining, word received from them says they are getting along nicely.

The Battery did not carry the heavy guns as mostly drill work was to be done.

Maj. E. P. Griffin also accompanied the Battery to camp.

Nice Lot of Game

Messrs. V. E. Owens, W. B. Tucker, C. R. Sykes and Frank Culpepper returned Monday night from a hunting trip to Currituck Sound and were displaying a fine bunch of game bagged by them on Monday. In the lot were ten geese and 21 ducks. They left Sunday afternoon. This was an exceptionally fine lot of birds, ranging in the larger sizes, and will make a fine repast for them and their friends on the New Thanksgiving Day.

APPRECIATES FRANKLIN

The following extract was taken from a letter to the FRANKLIN TIMES from Mr. R. E. Miller, former Supervising Principal of Edward Best School District:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Miller, at the Wilkes Hospital, in North Wilkesboro, N. C., a daughter, Gloria Louise, on November 14th.

We are making our home in North Wilkesboro, my native home, this year. Perhaps some of the Franklin County folks will still remember me as a former Supervising Principal of Cedar Rock-Cypress Creek Schools. We miss Franklin County very much.

ENTERTAINS O'HENRY CLUB

Miss Katherine Rogers entertained the O'Henry Book Club on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Papers for the afternoon "American Period Furniture" read by Mrs. Robert Smithwick and "Authentic Reproductions of Antiques" by Mrs. George Oliver, were very interesting and much enjoyed.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Chas. Ford and Miss Peg Ford served a delicious salad course and coffee to the following: Misses Elsa Craig, Alberta Davis, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Fulghum, Mrs. E. F. Griffin, Mrs. Earl Murphy, Mrs. Geo. Oliver, Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Mrs. E. W. Smithwick, Misses Helen Smithwick, Camille Swindell, Elizabeth Timberlake, Mrs. Geo. Weaver, Mrs. Albert Wheless and Mrs. C. R. Sykes.

An Older Youth Club, composed of farm boys and girls beyond the 4-H age limit, has been organized in Bertie County, reports Assistant Farm Agent R. D. Smith.

Craven County farmers are showing considerable interest in the purchase of brood mares, says L. G. Matthis, farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

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European Summary

London—German "wild" mine sinks British destroyer Gipsy with probable loss of 40 lives; another badly damages Italian steamer; Nazi planes again raid Shetlands and English east coast, but damage is slight; British planes reconnoiter German cities.

The Hague—Dutch ships are ordered to remain in port because of British blockade plans and the danger of "wild" mines; Holland and Belgium are expected to protest British blockade of German exports carried in their ships.

Berlin—Nazis indicate two British intelligence agents held here will be tried publicly in order to "prove" the British government ordered an assassination attempt on Adolf Hitler.

Paris—Government announces sinking of two U-boats by French torpedo boat within three days.

Western Front—British and French claim eight Nazi planes are shot down as rains cease and air and artillery activity intensifies along entire 100-mile front from Moselle to Rhine.

Fire Damages Residence

The residence of Mrs. R. H. Strickland on East Nash Street was damaged by fire at 6 o'clock Thursday evening of last week. The firemen did a pretty piece of work to save a large portion of the residence, although the fire and water damage was rather large but was insured.

"Marvo"

"Marvo" claimed to be America's living mechanical man will be presented Saturday in the show window at W. E. White Furniture Co., for the benefit of the people visiting Louisburg who wish to see it. This act is free and is sponsored by the Louisburg Chamber of Commerce. The management announces that they offer a Bantam car free to the person who makes him laugh.

METHODISTS GIVE THANKS

On Sunday morning at the Louisburg Methodist Church there will be the special note of Thanksgiving in the service. There will be a harvest home decoration, planned and arranged by Mrs. B. N. Williamson and assistants. This will be an example of how God, in His Providence, has shown us with His blessings. The Choir has made preparation for music in the Thanksgiving festival spirit.

Mr. Phillips' sermon will be on the topic, "Man's True Treasure." The young people meet at 6:45 and the evening service, with sermon by the Pastor is at 7:30.

POLES GRATEFUL TO AMERICA

Washington.—From the Polish Ambassador, President Roosevelt received today an expression of gratitude for what this country had done for Poland.

The Ambassador, Jerzy Potocki, told reporters after a White House visit: "I thanked the President and the Government for all they have done for Poland in times of distress; I especially emphasized our gratitude for the assistance extended to us through the American Red Cross."

Justice Club Furnishes Club Room

Justice Club women were given a room which they could use for a club room, last spring when the school moved into a new brick building. The room is one of three in a frame building in good repair, located on the Justice School ground.

They were not content with just a room, and went to work immediately to furnish the room and make it as home-like as possible. They bought paint and had the room painted ivory, purchased shades and draperies for the windows; and by this time had accumulated enough material for a window seat were given.

Mrs. Marvin Bowden and Mrs. Rufus Bunn solicited in Louisburg one day, and received a lamp, end table, chair, two vases, material for some pillows, and several ash trays. The window seat has been constructed and covered with material like the draperies. Three large boxed pillows on the seat give it, somewhat, the appearance of a studio couch when moved against a wall, near the stove for winter.

Mrs. R. H. Williams is the newly elected president of the Club and has been very enthusiastic and active in getting the room furnished.

Fathers' Night

Mills P. T. A. Observes Night With Enthusiastic And Instructive Program

The Mills Parent-Teacher Association observed Fathers' Night at its November meeting Thursday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 P. M. Prizes were offered for the oldest father present, the youngest father and the father having most children in school. These honors were won respectively by Messrs. Geo. W. Weaver, E. I. Wilkins, and Willie May. Mrs. James King's expressions students gave a humorous play, Mrs. A. B. Insoe read the P. T. A. Creed.

The devotional exercises were conducted by the Rev. Leicester F. Kent. Musical numbers were rendered by Bobby and Billy Andrews, who played two clarinet and cornet solos, accompanied at the piano by James Byerly, Dean of Music at Louisburg College.

Mrs. Murphy explained that the organization was combining a safety program with the regular program scheduled for the meeting. She asked Mayor W. C. Webb to introduce the local police chief and patrolman. Mayor Webb responded to the audience, N. C. Barefoot, statistical analyst from the Safety Division of the N. C. State Highway.

Mr. Barefoot made a most enlightening talk on the education, enforcement, and engineering phases of safety. His address was made more effective by the listing of statistics on school and highway accidents, causes, and provision for safety in the future. Of especial concern to parents present was the fact that already in 1939 the number of children under 15 years of age who have been killed in motor accidents has totaled 108. To teachers and parents alike he warned that the State appropriated for public education in North Carolina for the present biennium less than the 25 million dollars that motor accidents in this state cost during last year.

Mr. Barefoot offered the services of his department in advising the local school safety patrol. Acknowledgment of this offer was made by W. A. Huggins of the Mills Safety Patrol. Mrs. Murphy suggested that the audience recognize the local Boy Scouts who were present in a body.

The president read a Thanksgiving prayer. Superintendent W. R. Mills made a few timely remarks. Miss Davis' room won the attendance prize.

Those present were invited to the Economics Department for tea and cookies.

No Court

On account of the illness of Judge Frizzell no session of Franklin Superior Court was held on Tuesday. Instead the jury was dismissed by Clerk of Court Avent and recess was taken.

BROKEN ARM

Mrs. J. F. Mitchiner, Superintendent of Public Welfare of Franklin County is resting well from a broken arm and minor injuries, at a hospital at Durham, received in a fall on Main Street Saturday.

EPSOM SCHOOL PLAY

The Junior Class of Epsom High School will present the Junior play "Adventurous Ann", Friday evening, December 8, at 7:30 o'clock.

Come and enjoy a three-act comedy playing a full evening.

A new cotton crop loan program for 1939, which established for the first time a policy of location differentials, has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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'Uncle Jim' Says:



Wise farmers will follow the recommendations of the State College Extension Service and turn over a portion of the winter legumes seeded this fall, instead of cutting the entire acreage for hay. This will increase the yield of such crops as corn by as much as 40 per cent when planted on land where a green manure crop was turned under.