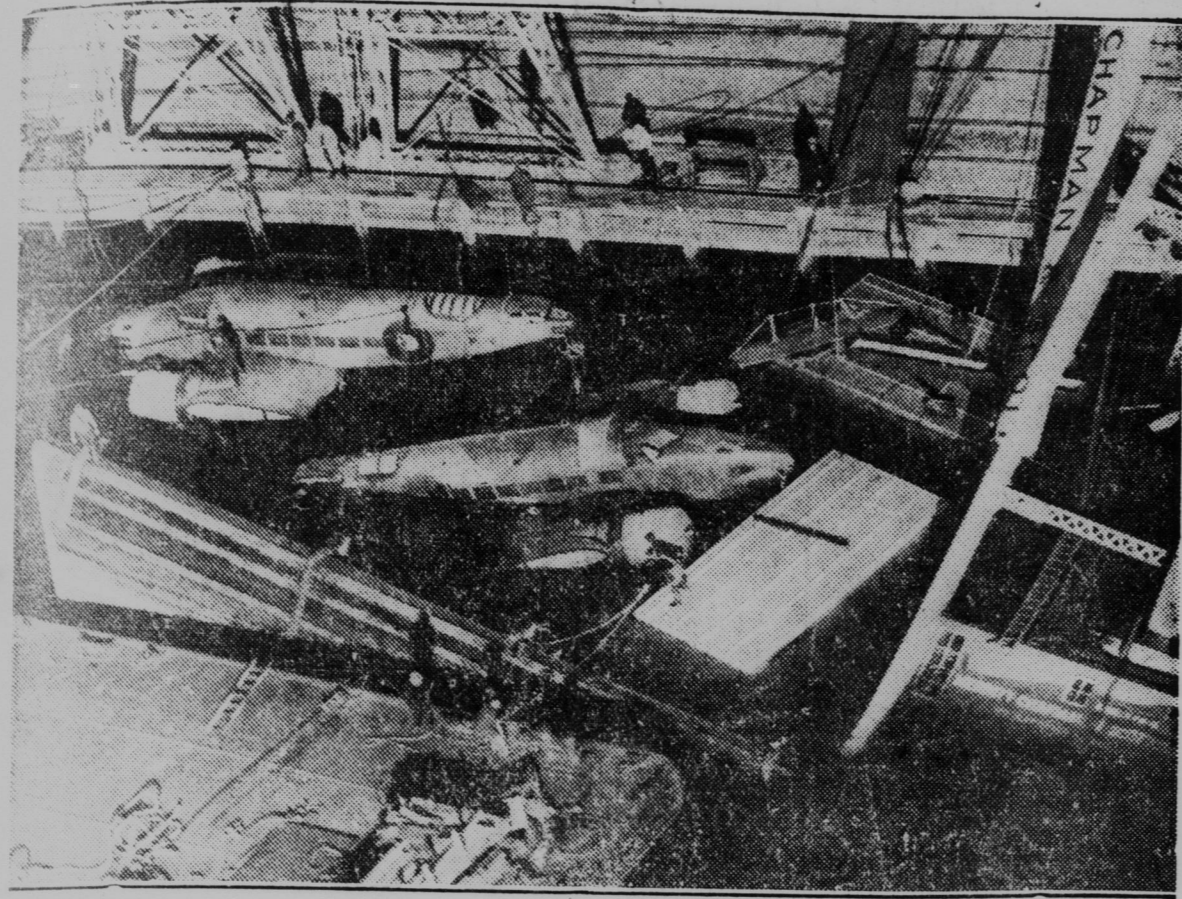


As Barge Sank with British Bombers



A possible victim of saboteurs, this barge, carrying two bombing planes consigned to the British air ministry, is shown sinking off a Staten Island pier.

Three British Vessels Sunk German Peace Reply Is "No"

Peace Now Impossible, Berlin Says

British And French Rulers Made Cessation of War Out of Question by Answers To Belgium And Netherlands, Neutrals Told.

Berlin, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop today informed the Belgian and Netherlands envoys that Germany's reply to the joint mediation offer from the lowland nations would be a polite "no."

The formal reply to the offer, made November 7 by the Queen of the Netherlands and the King of the Belgians, will be sent tonight to The Hague and Brussels, with instructions to German envoys that it be presented tomorrow, informed sources said.

Von Ribbentrop was said to have stated that Germany's reply was based on answers already received by the two sovereigns from Britain and France, which he said rendered peace impossible at this time.

The French reply, delivered Sunday, declared it was up to Germany to repair "the injustices which force has imposed on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland" before peace could be discussed.

(Britain promised consideration of an German proposals which might "efford real prospect of achieving" Britain's avowed aim to halt German "aggression.")

Soviets Are Hoping Economic Pressure Will Force Finland

Little Country's Mobilization Puts Terrific Strain on Its Affairs; Finnish Negotiators Not Expected Back.

Moscow, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Soviet Russia, hoping the economic strain of counter mobilization still may bring Finland to terms, probably will continue massing troops along the Finnish border, diplomatic observers said today.

(Finland has been preparing for five weeks against a showdown with Russia, and approximately one-tenth of the 3,067,000 population has been mobilized for defense service.)

There appeared to be a general belief here that the Finnish diplomatic mission, which departed for Helsinki last night, after steadfastly re-

Two Flying Boats Also Shot Down

Germans Claim Hits In Shetland Islands Raids; Destroyer Freighter and Trawler Admitted Lost by Admiralty Statement.

London, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The sinking of a British destroyer, three British merchant vessels and a Norwegian tanker was reported today as sea warfare intensified.

At least 22 dead and missing in the sinking of the tanker, disclosed when 33 members of her crew were picked up in an open boat after 30 hours adrift. The tanker, whose name was not given, was torpedoed.

London, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Three British vessels, a destroyer, a freighter and trawler, were listed today as latest casualties in the intensifying war at sea.

The Admiralty announced that a German mine sank the unidentified destroyer first of her type lost by the British navy since the war began.

Loss of these ships came on the (Continued on Page Four)

Expansion For Social Law Talked

Further Government Competition With Private Business Seen in Annuity Insurance Plan Fostered by Wagner of New York.

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—A proposed expansion of the social security program, under which individuals could buy annuities from the government paying up to \$100 a month at maturity, has been submitted to President Roosevelt for consideration.

Senator Wagner, Democrat, New York, sponsor of the social security legislation, was said reliably today to have discussed the annuity proposal with Mr. Roosevelt at a recent White House conference.

Details of the Wagner plan remain to be worked out, but well informed sources said it would provide: That any citizen could buy an annuity insurance policy providing up to \$100 a month from the government at a cost 30 percent less than he would have to pay a private insurance company.

That annuities be sold through post offices in the same manner that postal savings and baby bonds are handled.

Wagner told reporters he had been advised by one insurance official that such an annuity program would do little harm to the private insurance business. Insurance companies, the senator added, are interested primarily in annuities paying more than \$100 a month.

COTTON CONSUMPTION SHOWS LARGE GAINS Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Census Bureau reported today total consumption during October totaled 596,936 bales of lint and 97,706 of linters, compared with 624,902 bales of lint and 82,446 of linters during the same period last year.

Protest By Ireland Stirs Controversy Over U. S. Shipping

Transfer of Four Ships Is Refused

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The Maritime Commission refused today to permit the transfer to Panamanian registry of four vessels owned by the Pacific Steamship Corporation.

The firm, incorporated in Nevada, is in process of liquidation under the bankruptcy act, the commission said, and the transfer would be "detrimental to the best interests of the United States." The vessels were built in 1920.

The application did not state what use was planned for the vessels, it was said at the commission.

Muni League Starts Early For Program

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The City of Raleigh's Municipal League is getting an early start in its primary legislative campaign and from every indication it plans as the objective of its most intensive drive, a larger share for cities and towns in the gasoline taxes and other sources of highway department revenue.

At present only half a million of highway funds are divided annually among the cities and municipalities for them to spend on their streets. The League appears to have set \$3,000,000 annually as its announced objective, although it will no doubt be glad to compromise in the end for some sum in between the present share and that \$3,000,000.

British Isles Neutral Objects to Being Listed in Combat Zone; Foes of American Registry Press Their Case.

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Controversy over shipping restrictions in the neutrality law was stirred anew today by Irish objections to being included in the war zone, and by a proposal to prevent transfer of United States vessels to foreign flags.

At the same time, another maritime problem the case of the City of Flint, appeared nearer solution when the German government ordered its warships not to interfere with the American freighter on her way back home. The action was taken the State Department was informed yesterday, when the ship, captured by Germany as a contraband carrier, and later released by Norway, had landed its cargo at Bergen, Norway.

The Irish complaint was made to the State Department yesterday by the country's minister, Robert Brennan. He told Adolf A. Berle, Jr., assistant secretary of state, that Eire had been injured by President Roosevelt's action in putting her in a "combat zone from which American ships are barred."

Brennan said his country was neutral and would remain so, that she needed American products, particularly (Continued on Page Four)

Rep. Taylor, From Tennessee, Victim Of Heart Ailment

J. Follette, Tenn., Nov. 14.—(AP)—Representative J. Will Taylor, Republican, Tennessee, died of a heart ailment at his home here early today. He was 59 years old.

Dr. R. J. Buckman said Taylor was found dead in bed by his wife, who was attending him. He had suffered a heart attack last night.

Nobel Winner

Production Higher Than Ten-Year Average; Turning Out Better Than Last Year, Crop Reporting Service Announces.



Raleigh, Nov. 14.—(AP)—North Carolina farmers are busy harvesting crops whose yields in nearly every case "are higher than the averages for the past ten years", the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service said today.

The tobacco crop this year set records both in total pounds and pounds per acre, the service said in estimating this year's production at 696,525 pounds, 35 percent more than last year, and 41 percent above the ten-year average.

The yield per acre was estimated at 944 pounds, an increase of 99 pounds over last year, and 178 pounds over the average for the past decade.

The service estimated a corn crop of 47,151,000 bushels, two percent more than 1938, and 14 percent above the ten-year average.

Nearly All Crop Yields In State Increase Some

Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence

The world's highest honor in the field of physics comes to Dr. Ernest Orlando Lawrence, youthful University of California professor, as the 33-year-old scientist is notified that he has won the 1939 Nobel prize for his work in discovering and developing the cyclotron or atom-smasher.

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HARRY BROWN WILL QUIT HIS AAA JOB

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Retiring for Purely "Personal Reasons"

Washington, Nov. 14.—(AP)—Harry L. Brown, assistant secretary of agriculture, has tendered his resignation to Secretary Wallace, effective tomorrow, associates reported today, but neither Wallace nor Brown would comment on the report.

Friends said he was resigning for "personal reasons." As assistant secretary he has been particularly active with the department's programs promoting production controls and the search for new uses for cotton.

120 Ships In All Sunk Since Start Of European War

(By The Associated Press.)

Sinking of five British and German steamers raised the toll of ships sunk in sea combat to 120 today, and the total known tonnage destroyed to 489,117.

At least 1,875 persons have been killed or drowned, and many others were listed as missing.

Great Britain has lost 65 ships, Germany 14, France seven, the Scandinavian countries 24, and other neutrals ten.

Al Capone Threatened Gang Chief

Once Czar of Chicago Underworld Vocative Even in Alcatraz; O'Hare Lieutenant Stabbed in Los Angeles Attack.

Chicago, Nov. 14.—(AP)—The discovery of a letter relating that Al Capone voiced threats in Alcatraz prison against Edward J. O'Hare, slain president of Sportsman Park race track, gave an unexpected turn today to the search for the turfman's slayers.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Wednesday; slowly rising temperature Wednesday; scattered frost in southeast portion tonight.

College Station, Raleigh, Nov. 14.—A series of meetings outline procedure for administering the 1940 tobacco program, including the establishment of acreage allotments, is being held in the blue-cured producing counties of the State this week, it was announced today by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State college. County and community AAA committeemen are attending, together with farm agents and AAA field officers.

Meetings were held Monday in Snow Hill, Whiteville, and Henderson, with representatives of Pitt, (Continued on Page Four)