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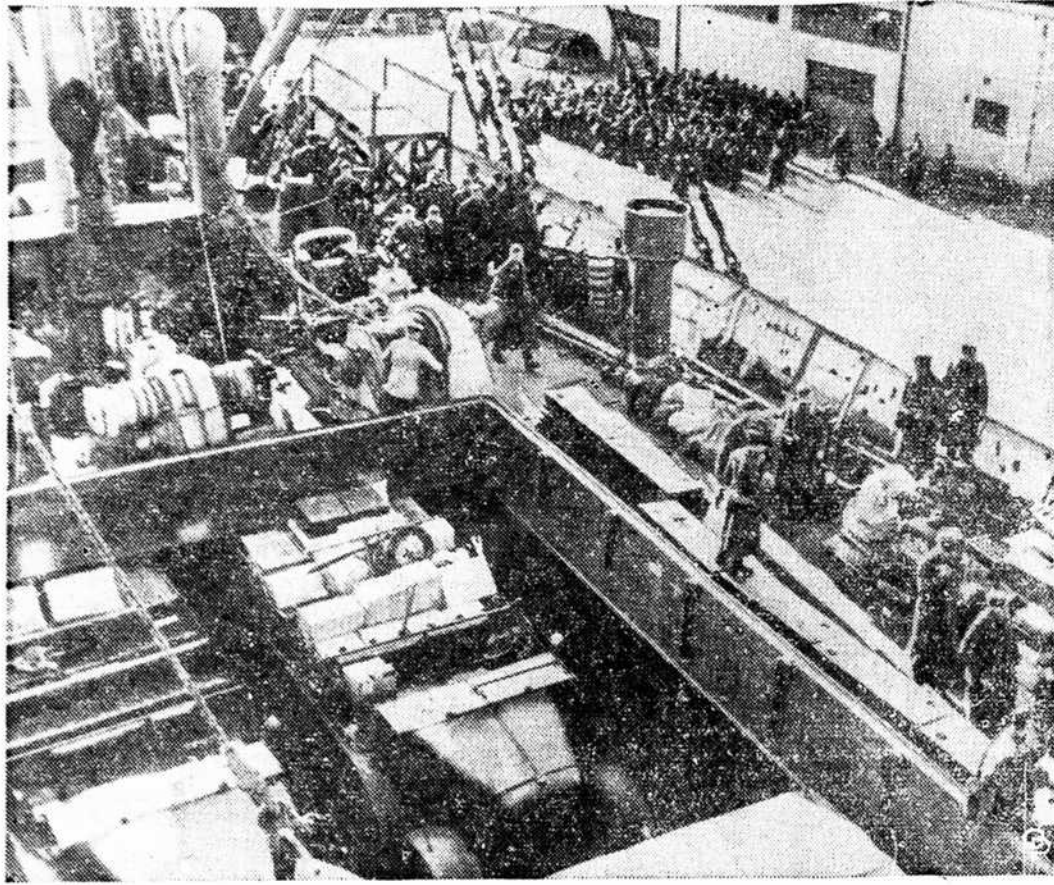
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NAZI PLANES SINK BRITISH BATTLESHIP

Two-Thirds Of Norway Held By Nazis

One Powerful Reason Why Nazis Won



It has been acknowledged that one of the most important reasons for the supremacy of the Nazis in Norway is that their troops were sent over fully equipped and were backed up by quantities of supplies. Here, we look through the hatchways of a Nazi transport which landed troops. Supply trucks, already loaded, are ready for road. They even brought beer (cases at right).

Norse Ask Armistice Of Germans

Bitter Storm of Criticism Aroused in England Against Conduct of the War; Norwegians Accuse Allies of Desertion.

The Associated Press. A German blitzkrieg has captured almost two-thirds of Norway. German sea and air forces and paratrooper forces from all over the northernmost region.

Norwegian resistance collapsed in the wake of the allied attack. Although most British not only failed to support southern Norway but also accused a storm of bitter criticism against the Norwegian government.

Norway's central military command accused the invading Germans of an armistice and accused the allies of "uncomprehensible action" in not giving them due notice of their intentions.

The Norwegians laid down their arms and moving German forces into the new territory, occupying Oslo, Narvik, Tromsø and other central points.

There was some scattered guerrilla resistance by Norwegians, but in the main fighting was over for them. Allied troops remained in Norway only in the Narvik sector, where they were to stay. German forces moved that one port, and the French government at Paris announced today the allied forces had surrounded 4,000 Germans in the Narvik sector and that the position of the Germans there was desperate.

At home, the Chamberlain government faced a mounting barrage of criticism and members of the government's own conservative party urged a rebellion in protest against the government's conduct of the war.

Eight Derby Hopesful To Barrier

London, May 4.—(AP)—The eight probable starters in today's opening of the Kentucky Derby are expected to start shortly before noon today with the scratching of J. P. Semmler, True Star.

The last chance True Star had of winning in the \$75,000 event disappeared under the rays of a burning sun. The track promised to be a hot one and True Star's owner had entertained more than a hope that the colt might run well in the mud.

The eight starters in the Kentucky Derby are Bimelech, Mieland, Dit, Keweenaw, Roman, Victor, Royal Man and Galadrial.

The drying track promised to make Bimelech even a greater favorite.

Nazis Enter Namsos

Norwegian Commander Issues Order Saying Fight Against Germans Is Ended.

Stockholm, May 4.—(AP)—German forces sweeping northward were reported today to have entered Namsos, a town of allied withdrawal 100 miles north of Trondheim.

The Stockholm newspaper said Nazi troops were occupying the destroyed town and occupying other points in the region deserted by the allies.

Gen. O. B. Getz, acting commander of Norwegian forces in the central sector, who yesterday asked Germany for an armistice in the district, issued a new order of the day this morning in which he said that effective today the fight against the Germans was finished.

Police Join In Man Hunt

Finding of Three Mutilated Bodies In Box Cars Spurs Mad Butcher Hunt.

Pittsburgh, May 4.—(AP)—Grim-faced police officials of two states, taunted ten years by a mad butcher who has counted his victims at more than a score, mobilized today for a man hunt from Pittsburgh, dumping ground for three more mutilated bodies.

Detectives came from Cleveland, home of the mad man's mearings, as they did from Youngstown, Ohio and Newcastile, Pa., ports of call in a tour of death that led yesterday to a railroad siding near here, where three surgically sliced, headless corpses were found in three box cars.

The slaughterer's trail, twisted and obscured by perhaps several months of time, apparently traced back to Cleveland, where in the downtown Kingsbury Run section residents for years have been terrorized by a man with a knife who has killed and cut a dozen victims and left them dismembered in city dumps.

Two of the bodies, uncovered from crude wrappings, had been cut into eight pieces by what morgue attendants said was an expert in the surgeon's scalpel or a butcher knife. The third had the word "nazi" carved across the chest in five-inch letters. There were no identifying clues.

21 DIE IN TRAIN WRECK IN FRANCE

Paris, May 4.—(AP)—Twenty-one persons were killed and 25 others injured today when a local train crashed through a flood-weakened bridge near Valton in Allied department.

Utility Claims Legislation Is Unconstitutional

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Electric Bond and Share Company asserted today that the so-called "death sentence" of the holding company act was unconstitutional, and asked the Securities Commission to dismiss proceedings directed toward disintegration of its utilities system.

Electric Bond and Share, largest of the nine major systems against which the commission has begun proceedings, set out its views in a formal answer to a SEC order issued in February. The company said that it "expressly reserved" its right to contest the constitutionality of any provision of the holding company act which might be applied to it.

Police Join Wage-Hour Change In Man Hunt

None Injured In Powder Explosion In DuPont Plant

Penns Grove, N. J., May 4.—(AP)—Two tons of rifle powder exploded this morning in a building of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours company at nearby Carney's Point.

The blast shook this south Jersey area for miles, but caused no serious injuries or property damage. Two workmen in a building 150 feet distant suffered shock and were treated at a hospital.

Mold Causing Heavy Damage To Plants

Raleigh, May 4.—(AP)—Eastern North Carolina tobacco farmers, already well behind schedule in transplanting, are facing new delays because of increasingly severe attacks of blue mold. Dr. Luther Shaw said today following a tour of Pitt county.

Dr. Shaw, Extension plant pathologist at North Carolina State college, found that the tobacco disease had inflicted "heavy damage" in the last ten days.

Governor's Race Is Much Too Close For Comfort, Latest Survey Shows

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, May 4.—This governor's race is much too close for comfort—particularly the comfort of the candidates, the news men who are trying to gain reputations as soothsayers and the host of bandwagon riders who want to be on the winning side.

Talk for as much as a minute to each of half a dozen political-wise people who usually know the answers. Get out a pencil and paper and figure the state county by county. Look long and hard into a crystal ball. Toss a coin. Do almost anything, in fact, except ask the candidates or their managers—you get pure hokum there.

Italy Warns Against Any Sea Attack

Warning Follows Publication of British and French Naval Movements in Mediterranean, Telling Fleet To Alexandria.

Rome, May 4.—(AP)—A warning that Italy would fight off any attempted attack from allied naval forces massing in the Mediterranean was sounded today in authoritative Italian circles.

The authoritative editor, Virgilio Gayda, wrote that "the Italian nation does not yet really understand exactly what particular design inspired the joint decision of England and France to reinforce their war fleet in the Mediterranean."

An allied battle fleet yesterday reached Alexandria, Egypt, in the eastern Mediterranean near the Suez canal.

Gayda said that it is certain that the Mediterranean is keeping "completely quiet."

"It is not the first time that Italy sees concentrated in the Mediterranean with openly anti-Italian aims fleets of England and France operating in accordance with joint political plan," he said.

FDR Vetoes Cotton Bill

Fight Planned by Proponents of Bill To Extend Crop Insurance Measure.

Washington, May 4.—(AP)—Representative Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, said today he had learned indirectly from the White House that President Roosevelt had vetoed a bill to extend the federal crop insurance program to cotton.

Fulmer, co-author of the legislation, said he and other advocates of the measure planned to appeal to the President at Hyde Park to delay returning the bill to the House until they had an opportunity to discuss it with him.

Fulmer said he would try to impress upon the Chief Executive the fact that while losses might be expected under the program at the outset, the cost would "be nothing in comparison to what the government is spending now in relief of distress due to crop failures resulting from floods, droughts and similar disasters."

Sinclair Ends Controversy With Mexico

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Decorated by France



Arthur Stratton
First American to win a French decoration in the present war is Arthur Stratton, of Clinton, Mass., a volunteer ambulance driver. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre with palm for gallantry in action, "somewhere in France."

Peace Stand Is Adopted

Methodists Include Plea That Conscientious Objectors Have Consideration.

Atlantic City, May 4.—(AP)—The Methodist church, in a declaration of its opposition to war, included today a plea that conscientious objectors be accorded consideration by their fellowmen.

"There is no common judgment among Christians as to what a Christian should do when his own nation becomes involved in war," the committee report said. "On this issue our own membership is divided. We believe, however, that the Christian church, in a world torn asunder by bitter conflict must not permit itself to be divided over any matter."

The delegates rejected an amendment which would make the anti-war stand refer only to "aggressive" wars.

To this proposal Dr. Ernest F. Title of Evanston, Ill., chairman of the committee, which drafted the pronouncement, said:

"We must not do again what we did 20 years ago when we fought a bloody war with the mistaken idea that everything we held dear was at stake."

Snow Last Night At Blowing Rock

Blowing Rock, May 4.—(AP)—Snow fell here last night.

The fall was sufficient to be still visible when the sun came out today, when it melted quickly.

Residents could not recall when it last snowed here in May.

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30,000-Ton Vessel Sunk Off Namsos

Germans Describe Sinking of Mighty Warship as Equivalent To Defeat of An Army; British Sources Decline Comment.

Berlin, May 4.—(AP)—Germany officially reported today a British battleship and a heavy cruiser were sunk, one cruiser was damaged, and one destroyer hit in heavy German air action yesterday off the Norwegian port of Namsos.

An official announcement said constant attacks by German war planes were carried out on a British naval unit which had embarked British troops from the Namsos area.

Announcement also reported raids yesterday on Narvik in the far north, stating that eight British warships and transports were sunk or badly damaged in the attacks there and at Namsos.

A heavy cruiser reported sunk was described as a vessel of the "York class."

(The York is a vessel of 8,250 tons and has a normal crew of 600 men).

Berlin, May 4.—(AP)—Germany asserted jubilantly today that her bombing planes had sunk one of the mightiest vessels of the British navy—a 30,000 ton battleship of the Queen Elizabeth class—off Norway's west coast.

The sinking was said by the German high command to have taken place yesterday off Namsos.

Authorized sources said it was the first since the beginning of the current war that German aircraft had sent out with specific orders to keep after a designated battleship until it was sent to the bottom.

Adolf Hitler and Air Marshal Goering were represented as overjoyed at the news of this latest German success, which they were said to regard as equivalent to the defeat of an army.

(Vessels of the Queen Elizabeth class, of which there are five, normally carry a crew of 1,124 to 1,181 men).

It was also announced today that an enemy submarine had been sunk by a pursuing German U-boat after it had been sighted and bombed by a German reconnaissance plane.

German authorities said that numerous hits were scored on the battleship during the attack, which the command said was carried out by Dive bombers, but it was thought that one bomb must have struck the powder magazines.

That alone would have caused, it was said, the flames which were said to have shot up 1,500 feet into the air.

Authorized sources speculated whether the commander of the British expeditionary forces to Norway was aboard the warship and a statement by Winston Churchill was anxiously awaited.

Escape Try Ends In Death

Raleigh, March 4.—(AP)—Gary prison camp officials said today that Steve Gryzwana, Jr., 18, sent up from Cumberland, was fatally wounded in an escape attempt today.

Gryzwana, Prison Superintendent Oscar Pitt said, jumped from a truck which was bringing a prison work gang back to the camp, and was shot by Guard W. O. Rex. Prison records showed that Gryzwana was sent up from Cumberland in April. His home was Otis, Ind.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Fair to partly cloudy and continued rather cold; scattered frost in west and central portions tonight; Sunday fair.

OUTLOOK FOR THE WEEK.
Fair beginning and near end of week with showers middle period; temperatures will be near or slightly above normal.

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