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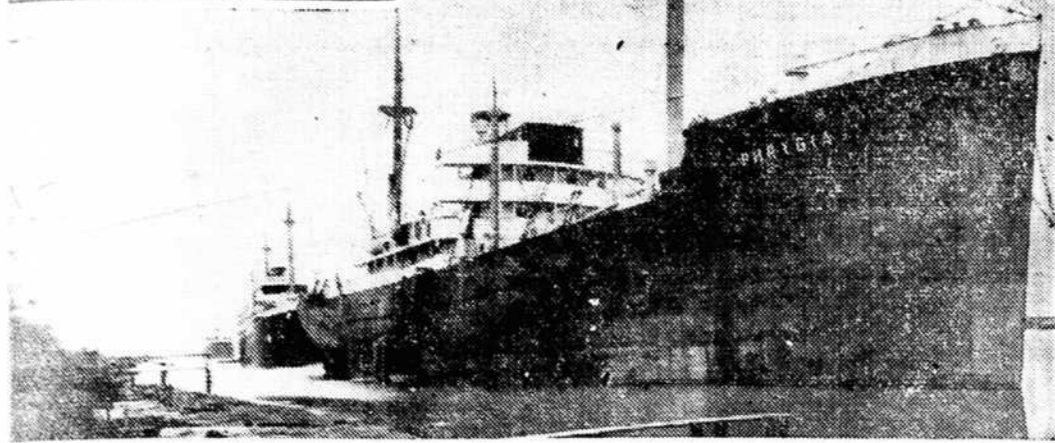
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Nazi Merchantman Scuttled Off Mexico



During a dramatic attempt by four German merchantmen to run the British blockade, the 4,137-ton *Phlegon* lies in the Gulf of Mexico, a scuttled, charred derelict. Her three companion ships found back to the Mexican port of Tampico (see inset map), where the vessels are shown previous to their scuttling. The Nazi captains believed they were being pursued by British warships, but there is a possibility the warships were part of the United States neutrality patrol. (Central Press)

Base Building Rushed

Site Leases Approved

Navy Plans to Rush Construction of 500,000 Chain of Defense Bases.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The navy plans to rush construction, it is reported today, on a 500,000 chain of bases on the sites approved by Britain in the western Atlantic.

There are also indications that the navy will immediately and temporarily lease facilities for a chain of bases and seaplanes along the Atlantic and Caribbean coasts to the Panama Canal.

A general start of construction and partial occupancy of the bases appeared cleared by the official announcement last week that the British authorities had agreed upon sites for the bases in the Atlantic, Indian, British Guinea and the Pacific.

Trinidad, the southern end of the chain, were announced. The exact facilities to be built in Trinidad.

Surveying parties are working in Newfoundland, where a defense post is planned. An air base and army barracks are also planned in Newfoundland. The plan for Canada would put the bases on the flank of the continent which attempted to cut off the country from the North Atlantic.

Bomber Named To Committees

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The House named Representative [Name] to a committee on aviation and merchant marine. The committee assignments were announced by Representative [Name].

Dies Agents To Four Cities

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Chairman Dies announced today that he had named agents of his committee on un-American activities to four cities in the United States. Dies is expected to visit these cities in the near future. He has also named agents to four cities in the United States. Dies is expected to visit these cities in the near future.

Rev. Cunningham Elected Davidson College President

Davidson, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Rev. John Read Cunningham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Winston-Salem, was elected president of Davidson College today by the board of trustees. He succeeds Dr. Walter L. Lingle.

Storm Halts Air Raids

German and British Air Forces Largely Grounded by Unfavorable Weather.

(By The Associated Press.) A storm over Britain and the English channel cut down the customary trading of air blows last night between Britain and Germany.

The British reported "few casualties and little damage" from bombings of Liverpool, in one midlands community and along the south coast. London, which had four alarms during the night, reported no bombs were dropped there.

One small squadron of RAF bombers was said to have struck through the storm in a raid on "an oil target" in central Germany.

Hitler's high command asserted that ten British merchant ships totaling 51,229 tons were torpedoed or dived to the bottom off England yesterday and last night.

German warplanes were reported to have set new fires raging at Coventry, the English midlands town which was attacked by 500 raiders the night of November 14, and at Birmingham and Liverpool.

The London admiralty acknowledged the loss of ships totaling 71,719 tons in the week ending November 16-17, but said that in the same period the Germans claimed to have sunk 149,414 tons—almost twice as much.

\$65,000,000 Project In West North Carolina Endangered

In Second 'Tuckertown' Brawl

Aluminum company has planned a huge development in the west, with a tremendous hydroelectric dam to be built on the Little Tennessee in Swain and Macon counties, and a big plant at Andrews. It has taken option on land, done preliminary survey work and is all ready to raise the whole project through to an early completion. But the Federal Power Commission, the Aluminum Corporation of America and an interested party, the State of North Carolina. Conferences are scheduled to be held next week in Washington with representatives of these three agencies sitting down together in an effort to untangle the affair; but until some body reaches from what seems an unshakable resolve, the net seems to be less than zero.

FDR Urges Labor Peace

President Suggests That Labor Leaders Can Find Way to Honorable Peace.

New Orleans, Nov. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, in a message to the American Federation of Labor today, urged a "just and honorable peace" within the now divided labor movement in the United States and suggested that labor leaders can find a way toward that end. "Peace will not be easy to achieve," the President said in a letter to AFL President William Green, who had it read to the convention, "and the intricate problems involved may not be easy to solve."

"But when men of honor and good intentions," the President said, "sit down together, they can work out a solution which will restore the much needed harmony either by unity or by a sensible working arrangement." In his message the Chief Executive stressed the need for "a great and united democracy" in "any emergency which might be forced upon us."

Unemployment Predicted After War

New Orleans, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Loss of jobs by perhaps 5,000,000 men when this country returns to a peace economy was predicted today by Federal Housing Administrator Nathan Straus. Plans to prevent such wholesale unemployment, Straus said in an address prepared for delivery at the American Federation of Labor convention here today.

Greece Asks Help

HITLER SAID TO BE FORMING "AXIS EMPIRE"

German Fuehrer Attempting to Array a Whole Continent Against Britain; Bulgaria and Hungary Next on List.

(By The Associated Press) Adolf Hitler is rapidly forging an "axis empire" in Europe, it became increasingly clear today, attempting step by step to array a whole continent in political ties against Great Britain. Amid a new flurry of diplomatic activity, presumably bringing Bulgaria and Hungary within the axis fold, the German Fuehrer was evidently drawing his lines swiftly to present Britain with a fait accompli of European "unity."

DNB, the official German news agency, disclosed that Hungary is next on the list for axis discussion—starting in Vienna tomorrow—and that King Boris of Bulgaria secretly conferred with Hitler at his Bavarian mountain retreat Sunday. Previously, either Hitler or his axis partner Mussolini have conferred with leaders of Soviet Russia, France, Spain and Rumania. If successful, these talks would appear to leave Europe virtually a "closed corporation" under a Rome-Berlin axis directorate except for conquered nations and the four neutral states of Switzerland, Sweden, Portugal and Yugoslavia.

In the face of official reticence, the German foreign office mouthpiece described Hitler's activity as "a clear sign that the goal of building Europe on completely new principles is being brought nearer realization." Hungary's premier and foreign minister, Count Teleky and Count Saky, will go to Vienna tomorrow to confer with German Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop and Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano, it was officially announced today.

German-Rumanian Drive Predicted

Bern, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Diplomatic sources asserted today that a German-Rumanian drive toward the Aegean Sea and Salonika in Greece "may be effected at any hour." A Greek spokesman declared that his country's high command had taken all necessary steps to meet such an attack. Foreign military observers here expressed belief that the Greeks could not hope to defend the narrow peninsula of Macedonia and Thrace along the Aegean sea unless Turkey comes to their aid but might try to hold the city of Salonika.

Wilson County Bonds Are Sold

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission sold \$115,000 worth of Wilson county bonds today on an interest basis of 2.048 percent. Harris Trust and Savings Company of Chicago took the 130 issues. For \$50,000 school refunding bonds the bank bid for the first \$12,900 maturities to bear 2 1/4 percent interest and the remainder 2 percent, and for \$65,000 general refunding bonds the first \$13,000 to bear 2 1/4 percent and the remainder 2 percent. A premium of \$24 was paid.

Axis Claims New Partners

Rome, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Italian sources asserted today that Bulgaria and Rumania would join in forthcoming war moves by Germany and Italy. Spain's decision, these sources said, will become known as the Spanish foreign minister returns to Madrid following his conversations with Hitler yesterday.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Wednesday, becoming somewhat unsettled in the mountains late Wednesday.

Henderson's Guest Situation Compared To Finland's



MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

First Lady Arrives Here For Address

Mrs. Roosevelt Driven by Automobile from Lynchburg, Accompanied by Local Committee; Speaks in High School Tonight.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the Land, arrived here by automobile late this afternoon for her address in the auditorium of Henderson high school at 8 o'clock this evening. She came from Lynchburg, Va., where she left a Southern Railway train on which she came from Johnston, Pa., where she spoke last night.

The First Lady's appearance here is under auspices of the Henderson Business and Professional Women's Club, and the subject of her address is "Relation of the Citizens to the Community." A committee of Henderson citizens went to Lynchburg for Mrs. Roosevelt, in the group being Mrs. R. B. Green, honorary president of the local E. P. W. club; Miss Edna Oliver, president of the club, Mrs. Edith O'Leary, a member, and Mayor Henry T. Powell of Henderson. They reached Henderson late this afternoon, whereupon Mrs. Roosevelt was immediately taken to quarters in the city.

GREEK WOULD BUY PLANES AND OTHER MATERIALS IN U. S.

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The Greek government has appealed directly to the United States government for permission to purchase aviation and other military supplies. This was made known today by Sumner Welles, acting secretary, that the appeal would receive a most sympathetic response.

BRIEFS SUBMITTED IN MURDER CASE

Raleigh, Nov. 19.—(AP)—The State supreme court announced today that the appeal of Sylvester Woodward from a death sentence imposed in Wayne county for the killing of a Negro girl would not be argued but would be submitted on briefs.

Woman Waits Sentencing

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Rosalyn Bandle, lecturer on personality building, diet and health, awaited sentence today on indictments charging her with using the mail to defraud. She had pleaded guilty to seven of eight indictments returned against her. Assistant United States Attorney Arthur B. Caldwell told the court that Mrs. Bandle unwittingly had corresponded with a postal inspector posing as a sick person and declared that she could cure cancer and paralysis by diet. Caldwell declared Mrs. Bandle had been convicted of practicing medicine without a license at Henderson, N. C. A check of local court records this afternoon failed to disclose any record of any conviction of Mrs. Rosalyn Bandle here.

Murray Is Only Man Talked Of As CIO Leader

Atlantic City, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Philip Murray, Pittsburgh labor leader, told the Congress of Industrial Organization convention today that he was not a candidate to succeed John L. Lewis as CIO chief.

Murray, vice president of the CIO, has been the only person mentioned at the national convention as a possible successor to Lewis. The CIO was called on to approve Lewis' program for labor peace, long regarded by the American Federation of Labor as an impossible basis for settlement of their differences. The committee on officers' reports reiterated Lewis' declaration that CIO industrial unionism must be preserved intact and that any labor unity should be built on the combined forces of the CIO, American Federation of Labor and the Railroad Brotherhood.

Atlantic City, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Philip Murray, Pittsburgh labor leader, was the only man talked about today in CIO's national convention as a successor to John L. Lewis. In the CIO presidency, but informed labor leaders said Murray had not yet agreed to take the post. As the convention began consideration of Lewis' stewardship over the last year, there were increasing reports that Murray would be reluctant to assume the CIO presidency if the convention failed to take a stand against communism or signify its willingness to reopen negotiations with the American Federation of Labor.

The question of CIO's policy toward communism and the employment of officials who belong to communist, Nazi or fascist groups has been raised in the convention by Vice President Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union. Proposed that CIO's constitution be amended to prohibit the employment in CIO offices of anyone who is a member of communist, Nazi or fascist organizations.

Nantahala Has Fights

Trouble Aimed at Driving Northerners From Dam Project, Union Leader Says.

Andrews, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Sheriff A. B. Shagle kept deputies posted today after a round of fistfights which a labor union spokesman asserted appeared aimed at "driving northern workers out."

James C. Turner, business agent of the Operating Engineers Union (American Federation of Labor) said workers in this vicinity instigated the fights.

Congress Now Winding Up Session Which Established Historic Defense Program

Washington, Nov. 19.—(AP)—An election year Congress which faced a brief "do little" session last January is winding up nearly eleven months of unexpected activity with a peacetime spending record of \$25,572,319,337 and with a vast defense program approved and in operation. About two-thirds of the money voted—\$16,920,657,375—in actual appropriation, which can be spent before next July 1, according to the figures of Chairman Taylor, Democrat, Colorado, of the House appropriations committee. The remainder represents authorizations for future contracts. Defense expenditures were primarily responsible for the huge total which has been exceeded only in the World War year of 1918. Appropriations and contract authorizations for the armed services aggregated \$12,136,832,516. In addition, \$4,783,826,859 was authorized for eventual development of a two-ocean navy. Adjournment talk already was in progress.