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Nazi-Yugoslav Crisis Worsens

"Rick" Gets Back to Work



Capt. E. V. Rickenbacker, recuperating in Atlanta from an airplane accident in which eight died, discusses plans for the coming 500-mile Memorial Day race at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, with T. E. "Pop" Myers, general manager of the track. "Rick" is president of the Speedway. (Central Press)

British Fighting Ships Unscathed

Mediterranean Fleet Parades Into Port At Alexandria, Claiming at Least Five Italian Warships Sunk in Battle.

Aboard the flagship of the British Mediterranean Fleet at Alexandria, Egypt, March 31.—(AP)—Britain's fighting ships paraded into port today, apparently unscathed in the victorious battle of the Ionian sea in which at least five Italian warships sank under their blazing guns.

Besides claiming three—and possibly four—of Italy's biggest cruisers and two—perhaps three—destroyers, the British said three aerial torpedoes hit the crack, new Italian battleship Littorio and that they left that 35,000-ton capital ship heavily damaged.

The Italians acknowledged that three 10,000-ton cruisers and two destroyers were sunk by the British but declared that at least one British cruiser was sunk and two other warships were damaged.

The 15-inch guns of Britain's battleships were said to have turned the Italian cruisers into a mass of flames when the fascist fleet was surprised heading eastward in the Mediterranean last Friday night.

All the Italian ships, and possibly another cruiser and another destroyer, went down in the two hours between 10 p. m. and midnight that night, the British said.

In addition, they said, three German warplanes were shot down and more than 900 Italian seamen and officers were taken prisoner.

No British warship was hit and there were no casualties of any British surface vessel, naval officials declared. (The admiralty, however, has acknowledged two British warplanes are missing.)

Broughton Returns Home

Raleigh, March 31.—(AP)—Governor Broughton, acting as an unofficial good will ambassador from Mexico, returned to Raleigh today after a fortnight's visit in Mexico City, where he was the guest of Ambassador Josephus Daniels of Raleigh.

Looking fit after his holiday, the governor stopped in at his office for a few hours before leaving for Fort Bragg where he planned to meet President Roosevelt.

Broughton said President Comanche of Mexico asked him to "convey timely greetings and good wishes to Mr. Roosevelt." He added that the Mexican president thought very highly of the Chief Executive of the United States.

Broughton said he wished to talk over several matters with Mr. Roosevelt and might ride in the presidential train from Fayetteville to Rocky Mount.

The governor parried questions about the forthcoming appointments which he will make. He said he probably would not announce any appointments this week, and would not name the new highway commission until about April 15.

Protest To London

Vichy, March 31.—(AP)—The French government announced today it was protesting to London against what was described here as a British attack yesterday on a French convoy in the Mediterranean.

(The British said their ships were fired on by French shore batteries when they attempted to stop the merchantmen in the normal process of search under belligerent rights of blockade.)

The French said the protest would be made through the U. S. embassy in London.

The navy ministry denied that the convoy's cargo included rubber or war material or any supplies destined for enemies of England.

Instead, it said, the freighters carried 15,000 tons of rice, 1,500 tons of vegetables and seed, and 7,000 tons of oranges.

Hotel Workers Work Longest, Earn Least

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

Raleigh, March 31.—North Carolina hotel workers today are the longest and paid them the least of any of the trades and industries, on which the state department of labor compiled figures for the month of February.

On the basis of these figures 171 hotel employees on 21 Tar Heel hostelrys worked an average of

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Broughton Expected To Make Some Job Appointments Soon

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Raleigh, March 31.—Governor J. Melville Broughton will get back from his junket to Mexico this week—which will mean that those who have been stewing in their own juice ever since he went away will reach the boiling point in anticipation of gubernatorial frown or favor.

Those doing the stewing include (1) folks who think they have a chance at some of the juicy plums which will be handed around to those who have been good little political boys and (2) news men who depend upon political and governmental mills to furnish the bulk of the grist for their news mills.

The Broughton return will cause a mixture of joy and sorrow among members of group (1) and will at least relieve those in group (2) from

Vanadium Strike Is Settled

Mediation Board Wins Agreement

Dr. Frank P. Graham Announces That Workers Will Return To Jobs; None of Strike Issues Finally Settled.

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—The national defense mediation board announced settlement today of the strike of CIO workers at the Vanadium Corporation, an America at ...

Dr. Frank P. Graham, who represented the union on the board's mediation panel, announced that 22 strikers would resume work as soon as their jobs became available. The plant was expected to resume operations tonight or tomorrow morning.

The agreement, Dr. Graham said, called for return to work "without discrimination against any member of the union" and with "no prejudice whatsoever" to the claims of either party in the dispute which closed the plant February 19.

None of the strike issues was settled finally in today's agreement, Dr. Graham said.

The question of hiring of five non-union guards, which caused the walk-out, was left to future negotiation and investigation by the defense mediation board, as was the question of what party was guilty of violating the union's contract.

Dr. Graham announced that all parties had signed the settlement, including Philip Murray, president of the CIO, who was in Washington.

FDR Visits Carolinas

President at Fort Jackson This Morning and Fort Bragg This Afternoon.

Aboard Roosevelt Train En Route to Fayetteville, March 31.—(AP)—Heading toward the capital to expedite a \$7,000,000,000 program of aid to embattled democracies, President Roosevelt indicated today that he personally had ordered seizure of axis ships in U. S. ports.

Holding a brief press conference at Fort Jackson, S. C., he declined to comment on week-end seizure of German, Italian and Danish vessels. But when asked whether it had been done at his specific direction, he told reporters he thought they could make certain assumptions.

Seizure of the ships and authorizing transfer of another consignment of weapons to Greece and Britain made it apparent the Chief Executive already had begun implementing his announced policy of "action and more action."

Additional steps were in prospect soon after return to the White House

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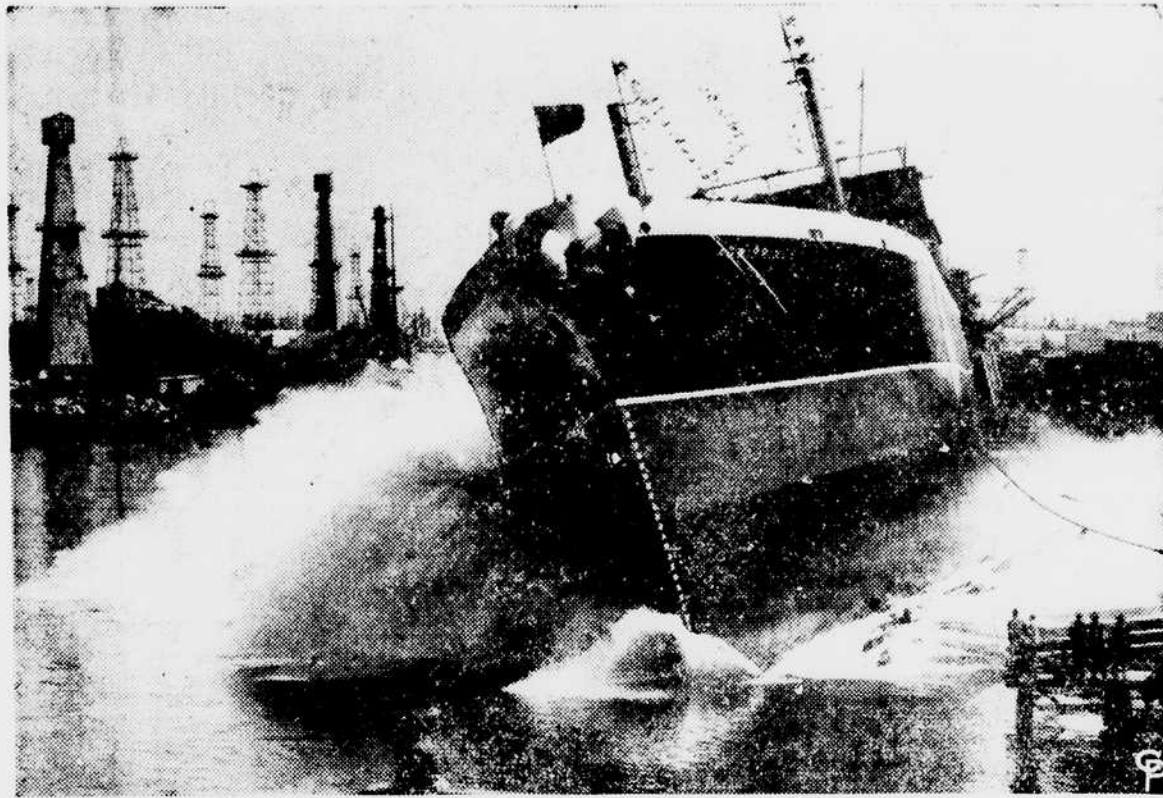
something of a nervous strain—particularly those who have gone out on limbs in attempting to read the Broughton mind.

The last named coterie is extremely small, however, as it has long since been learned by the Raleigh correspondents that Mr. Broughton is the one plus ultra and all that sort of thing when it comes to keeping his own counsel about what he intends to do in the matter of appointments. On matters of general policy he has been as frank and free with the news men as any state official within recent memory.

When he was asked about any question during the legislature, he never hesitated to say when—a practically what—action was to be taken on any given issue; but on the other hand he has never, so far as

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Merchant Ship Launched Sideways for U. S.



The Agnesprince hits the water sideways in launching at the Consolidated Steel Corp. shipyard at Long Beach, Cal. The \$2,000,000 ship is a steam turbine vessel, 417 feet long, with space for 8,000 tons of cargo. Its 4,000-horsepower engines provide a speed of 14 knots. Ship is second of C-1 type cargo carrier constructed for the U. S. Maritime Commission.

Ship Seizure Expected

66 Vessels Are Seized

Armed Forces of United States Take Custody of Foreign Vessels Over Week-End.

Washington, March 31.—(AP)—Seventy German, Italian and Danish ships were seized by armed forces of the United States over the week-end to protect them against acts of sabotage by their crews.

The Treasury made public a compilation covering 28 Italian, 20 German, and 36 Danish ships taken into custody by the Coast Guard and the Army and Navy in ports of the United States and Panama Canal zone. Four other Danish ships were taken over by the Navy in Philippine waters.

The Treasury said that the crews had been removed from the 66 vessels included in its announcement. The Coast Guard is a unit of the Treasury.

The 66 vessels aggregated 296,715 tons, including 148,775 Italian, 9,087 German, and 138,853 Danish.

The saboteurs, reported by the Treasury to have resulted in extensive damage to at least 20 Italian ships, spread to Central America today when crews set fire to one German and one Italian ship in Costa Rica. The crews were arrested.

MARINERS' STRIKE IS QUICKLY ENDED

Boston, March 31.—(AP)—With six foreign vessels—four Danish, one German and one Italian—in New England Coast Guard custody, 43 German and Italian mariners engaged in a temporary nonsleep and hunger strike today while awaiting immigration service action on their status.

During the short-lived protest demonstration, which began after the German and Italian crew members were taken from their craft last night, the men refused to go to bed or to eat breakfast.

After their consuls conferred with the two ships' captains today, however, the men ended their hunger by eating a hearty luncheon.

THREATS CHARGED.

Fayetteville, March 31.—(AP)—Chief A. B. Crews announced today the arrest here of a man because of "threatening remarks he made against President Roosevelt."

Crews said the man was listed as R. J. Beaver of Kannapolis.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Mostly cloudy, occasional rain tonight or Tuesday morning; warmer tonight.

For Greek Aid



Spyros P. Skouras, national president of the Greek War Relief Association, is shown with Madeleine Carroll at the Greek Festival for Freedom, in New York, in the drive for funds. Celebrities of the stage, screen and radio appeared and gave freely of their talents to aid the courageous country.

Did Wallace Dodge Vote?

Stewart Calls Attention to Vice President's Absence on Argentine Meat Question.

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist.

Washington, March 31.—Just what did Charles C. Wallace vote on the United States Senate bill on Argentine meat today in President Cal's absence?

It was a bill or resolution or some such thing that the White House was very anxious to get favorable action on.

The Senate tied on it. That meant that the proposition was lost, because an outright affirmative majority's required to pass legislation. In case of a tie, however, the vice president is entitled to a vote. At that time Charles G. Dawes held the job, and as he was a good proponent of the bill, Cal would have scored a victory.

But if so happened that Charles wasn't on hand to break the dead-

lock, the bill would have failed.

Henry Wallace

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Ultimatum Is Expected At Midnight

Ministers of Two Countries Return To Home Capitals, German and Italian Nationals Leave; Nazi Demands Renewed.

Belgrade, March 31.—(AP)—Relations between Germany and Yugoslavia grew worse by the hour today and the German legation secretary declared that only an "unexpected miracle" could save the situation.

The secretary announced that the German minister was leaving for Berlin and at the same time the Yugoslav minister to Germany arrived unexpectedly from Germany.

An unofficial German source declared Adolf Hitler intended to wait only until midnight to issue an ultimatum demanding demilitarization of the 1,200,000-man Yugoslav army—the same demand which was reported to have touched off last week's upset of Yugoslavia's axis government and the catapulting of King Peter II to the throne.

Hitler was said by this source to be waiting only until all axis nationals could get out of the country, and then if the Yugoslavs failed to meet the expected ultimatum Germany would set her war machine to rolling.

A great exodus of axis nationals, on orders from Rome and Berlin, was proceeding. All trains leaving the city last night and early this morning for Germany and Italy were jammed, and many seeking to leave were left standing on the station platforms.

The deadline for completion of this exodus was reported set for midnight.

The German legation secretary who yesterday described the ultimatum as "serious but not hopeless" declared that it was "practically hopeless" and added:

"A decisive turn for the better is not impossible, but it would be an unexpected miracle."

A special train ordered for tonight was expected to take the last of the axis nationals except legation members out of the country.

Their home governments ordered

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Matsuoka To Rome

Rome, March 31.—(AP)—Japanese Foreign Minister Matsuoka arrived here this evening to confer with Premier Mussolini and other leaders at the southern end of the Rome-Berlin axis after his conference in the German capital.

Matsuoka stepped from his train at 6:30 p. m. (11:30 a. m. EST) while hands played the Japanese and fascist anthems.

He had crossed from Germany into Italy at Bremerhaven 6:40 a. m., where an Italian foreign office delegation and the Japanese ambassador to Rome greeted him.

British Blast German-Held French Coast

London, March 31.—(AP)—Royal air force bombers and fighters blasted the French "invasion coast" and channel shipping by daylight today in a fiery follow-up to a night raid on the Nazi battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau at Brest.

The air over the Dover strait was declared "thrumming" throughout the morning and early afternoon with British planes, and the heavy clump of falling bombs could be heard plainly on this side of the channel.

Observers watching through glasses also saw water shooting into the air near the German-occupied shore. This was believed to be a continuation of attacks on German shipping which earlier in the day was reported by the air ministry to have hit two German tankers afloat and sinking.

In last night's attack on Brest, the air ministry said that no direct hits were observed on the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau, but their docks were "straddled from all directions by bombs, large and very large bombs."

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