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Britain's Biggest Ship Is Sunk

British Planes Challenge Nazis At Crete

Five Brothers Form a One-Family Army



The five Cooper brothers, of Samson, Ala., form a one-family army, with four of the boys in Headquarters Squadron of the Army Air Corps at Maxwell Field, Ala., and the fifth belonging to the 67th Armored Regiment at Fort Benning, Ga. Looking over a training plane at Maxwell Field, they are (left to right) Private Alto Cooper, Staff Sgt. Sylvester Cooper (in cockpit), Sgt. Marion Cooper, Sgt. Otto Cooper, tank man, and Private Malone Cooper. (Central Press)

Air Mastery Of Germans Challenged

Long-Range Fighters Combine With Bombers to Destroy at Least 14 German Planes in One Day, Air Headquarters Announces.

Cairo, May 24.—(AP)—British long-range fighters have challenged the German air mastery of Crete, combining with bombers on distant bases to destroy at least 14 German planes in one day in the spreading battle at the western end of the island, RAF headquarters announced today.

The British acknowledged that German forces landed by parachute, transport plane and glider in the five days of the battle, and making their main effort to broaden their hold on the M. I. I. airfield area, now the chief center of the fighting. But, Middle East general headquarters asserted, efforts to land reinforcements by air elsewhere have been "decisively dealt with" and have cost the Germans a high proportion of their air transports.

The RAF indicated that the toll of German aircraft may be far higher than the 30 claimed so far—14 reported destroyed yesterday by air attack and 16 said previously to have been downed by anti-aircraft fire. "Large numbers of Junkers 52's" were attacked by the British bombers on the airfield and beach at Maleme, the RAF said, and besides a minimum of ten destroyed many others "were burned out and a large

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In Memory of Those Who Died



A huge anchor, made of thousands of Buddy Poppies, is presented to Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox (left), to be used on Memorial Day, when the piece will be placed on the waters of the Potomac in memory of the Sailors and Marines who lost their lives in the World War. P. T. Ryan, of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, makes the presentation.

H.M.S. Hood Blown Up Off Iceland

Germany's New Battle Cruiser Bismarck Is Credited With "Unlucky Hit" Which Struck Magazine of the Hood; Probably 1,300 Men Lost.

London, May 24.—(AP)—Britain's mightiest battleship, the 35,000-ton battle cruiser Hood, was blown up and sunk today in a battle between Iceland and Greenland by the German battle-ship Bismarck.

The admiral announced the loss tonight. "Probably 1,300 men were lost when the announcement indicated 'an unlucky hit' from the new, 35,000-ton German battle-ship struck a magazine of the Hood and the giant warship exploded.

The admiral said there probably would be few survivors from the Hood, the mightiest warship in the British fleet. Its normal complement is 1,341 men.

The German battleship Bismarck, was named by the admiral as the Nazi warship which struck the fatal blow.

"It is feared there will be few survivors from the H. M. S. Hood."

"An unlucky hit" destroyed the Hood, it was reported, which was carrying the flag of Vice Admiral L. E. Holland.

The admiral issued this communique. "British naval forces intercepted this morning off the coast of Greenland, German naval forces including the battleship Bismarck.

The enemy were attacked and during the ensuing action H. M. S. Hood (Captain R. Kerr, C. B., R. N.) was sunk. The flag of Vice Admiral L. E. Holland was carried by the ship. "The Bismarck has received damage and the pursuit of the enemy continues.

"It is feared there will be few survivors from the H. M. S. Hood."

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—A British battle cruiser, probably the giant H. M. S. Hood, has been destroyed by the new German battleship Bismarck in a naval battle off Iceland, Germany announced officially tonight.

A second British capital ship had to turn away after the assault by Nazi fleet units in mid-Atlantic, the high command said.

An extraordinary communique said the German forces were commanded by Fleet Admiral Guehrer, Luetjens, who previously has been disclosed as head of a Nazi battleship unit which is credited with having taken a huge toll of British merchant shipping.

The Hood, a 35,000-ton ship, is the largest man-of-war in the British

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U. S. And Canada Plan Twin Economic Boards

Nazi Air Chief Dead

Colonel General Grauert Killed While "Leading the Fight Against England."

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—Germany announced today the death of Colonel General Ulrich Grauert, one of her highest ranking air commanders, while "leading the fight against England."

Grauert, the leader of the flying corps which has been the heart of the air attacks on Britain, and the battle of Dunkerque, "and a hero's death," the high command said.

The place and circumstances were not mentioned, but there were several indications he might have been killed some days ago, before the aerial invasion of Crete began.

Some informants asserted positively that his death was not from the Crete attack, but from the first time today by the high command.

Names of Members of Contemplated Boards Are Closely Guarded Secrets; To Complement U. S.-Canadian Defense Boards.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The United States and Canada, it was learned today, will establish early next week two closely collaborating economic planning boards to speed the mobilization of American resources for aid to Britain and defense of the western hemisphere.

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King are expected to announce simultaneously the two boards. The three-member United States and Canadian boards will advise the two nations' resources and guide their economic and financial policies.

The new boards in general were expected to complement on the economic and industrial fields the work of the United States-Canadian intergovernmental committee to coordinate the military and naval defense of North America.

All but one of the members of the board have been named, selected

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U-Boat Attack Off Greenland Is Reported

Berlin, May 24.—(AP)—German submarines were reported today to have attacked a British convoy in waters near Greenland.

Intelligence sources said the Greenland attack was the one reported in the high command's communique yesterday which said nine merchant ships totaling 70,000 tons and including three large tankers were sunk as they headed for England.

It was said it was not disclosed where the action took place.

DNB, official German news agency said that during the U-boat attack one of the ships, a 7,000-ton merchant steamer, died by a direct hit from the danger zone but was struck by a torpedo and sank after a succession of tremendous explosions.

The convoy, DNB said, was heavily guarded.

Greenland, mentioned by some observers as a possible trans-shipment point for supplies for Britain, was declared part of the western hemisphere last month by the United States, which pledged its protection of a Danish colony.

Cotton Prices Fixed

New Ceiling Survey Indicates Need For Vocational Training

Combed Cotton Yarn Price Limits Set by Office of Price Administration.

Washington, May 24.—(AP)—The office of price administration today fixed ceiling prices for combed cotton yarn at levels as low as 20 per cent below those quoted recently in the industry.

Combed cotton yarn is used in the manufacture of textiles, underwear, hosiery and other apparel requiring a high grade of yarn.

Leon Henderson, price administrator, said the ceilings "are expected to be reflected in the prices not only for combed cotton textiles, but also for finished products."

The ceiling price of 30's single ply, 16-32 cents a pound, which officials said included an allowance for recent increases in raw material costs. Recent quotations on that grade have been 32 cents.

Prices for other grades are keyed to the price for 30's single ply and officials said they have the same relation as exist normally in the trade for various grades.

While some members of Congress have questioned the authority, the price schedule was the seventh issued by Henderson. The previous ones covered such items as iron and steel, second hand machine tools and secondary aluminum.

Study of School Leavers in Mecklenburg County Shows Only Three of 295 Credit Schools With Helping Find Jobs.

Early Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. BY HENRY AVERILL.

Raleigh, May 24.—A survey directed by S. Mason Justice, state supervisor of occupational information and guidance, of school leavers (either graduates or dropouts) in Mecklenburg for the 1939-40 school year reveals that only three out of 295 former pupils credit the school with helping them secure employment.

Obviously, the survey of students comparatively small number of persons from one section, cannot be taken as a true index of conditions everywhere in North Carolina, but it is sufficient to put a large question mark after the value of the state's school system as it concerns vocational education and occupational guidance.

Here are some of the facts brought out in Mr. Justice's survey.

Of 472 graduates, only 62, or 13.13 per cent, enrolled in college the following fall. An additional 14.6 per cent enrolled for some other form of training—CCC, NYA, Army, Navy, business school, nursing school.

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Irish Dail Summoned

Parliament Called Unexpectedly to Hear Statement on British Conscription.

Dublin, May 24.—(AP)—Premier Eamon de Valera today unexpectedly summoned the Dail, Irish parliament, to meet Monday to hear a statement on application of British conscription to the six counties of Ulster, Northern Ireland.

The Dail has approved conscription in Ulster, which, unlike Eire, is part of the United Kingdom, because of the number of British residents who would be affected.

It was further noted by observers that de Valera would elaborate his position regarding Eire's defense and giving conscription a definite status.

At the same time, it was reported from Belfast that an anti-conscription meeting had been called to sign a pledge almost identical to the resolution of 1917 which called British attempts to enforce Irish compulsory military service for them.

Survivor Says Lifeboat Fired Upon

On the Evening Star in Frontier day 22 (Delaware).—An American woman, survivor from the Egyptian battleship Zanzibar sunk by a Nazi raider in the southern Atlantic April 12, said today that she and her children were machine-gunned after they had taken to a lifeboat.

Mrs. Elsie Hamilton of London, Kan., and her children, boarded the life boat early after the raider attacked the Zanzibar, but that it apparently was mistaken for an armed launch at the darkness.

With the six children who had life preservers tied to their and with the sixth child who had no life preserver, under the guns, the woman in-

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New Strike Threat Made

CIO Workers Vote to Strike Against North American Aviation for Wage Hike.

(By The Associated Press) CIO workers have voted to strike next Wednesday against N. A. American Aviation of Inglewood, Cal., unless their wage demands are met.

They are asking increases from 50 cents to 75 cents an hour in minimum wages and 10 cents an hour raises for all employees.

In Washington, however, the defense mediation board telegraphed the union asking that a strike be withheld until the board has had opportunity to adjust the dispute.

North American is working on \$190,000,000 worth of orders for the

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WEATHER
FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair and cooler tonight and Sunday.

Greek Shoots At Car Of Italian King

Rome, May 24.—(AP)—A Greek declared "infected by poetic madness," emptied a pistol at the motor car in which King Vittorio Emanuele was riding with the Albanian premier during the monarch's visit to Albania May 17, official Italian dispatches from Tirana disclosed today. All the shots went wild.

The assailant, whose name was given as Vassali Laci Mihaloff, was arrested, the dispatches said, "and saved from lynching by the people so as not to complicate investigation begun to run down his possible accomplices."

In the motor car with the king-emperor was Shetket Verlac, who has been premier of Albania since the Italians first invaded that country early in 1939.

The official announcement described the affair as an attempt on the life of Verlac.

Even Isolationists Favor Occupying French Islands

By CHARLES P. STEWART, Central Press Columnist.

Washington, May 24.—Senators Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri and Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina (the latter is the new chairman of the upper congressional chamber's military affairs committee) don't consider that it would be war intervention for the United States to occupy France's islands in her neighboring West Indies.

They're strenuous American isolationists, as was particularly emphasized in Senator Reynolds' case the other day when he was

boasted into his military affairs chairmanship. Senator Clark's as much so as Senator Reynolds.

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It isn't surprising that Senator Claude Pepper of Florida agreed with 'em as to the West Indies; he's out-and-out for intervention.

Senator James E. Murray of Montana also agreed. He's from a pretty isolationistic state; his associate solo is Senator Burton K. Wheeler, and he is an isolationist. Still, Jim Murray hasn't been as vehement as Earl Wheeler.

So Claude Pepper's pro-seizure attitude as to those islands was only what might have been expected, and Jim Murray's isn't anything to wonder about.

Champ Clark's and Bob Reynolds' disclosure that they, too, were pro-seizure, however, came as a bit of



Senator Clark