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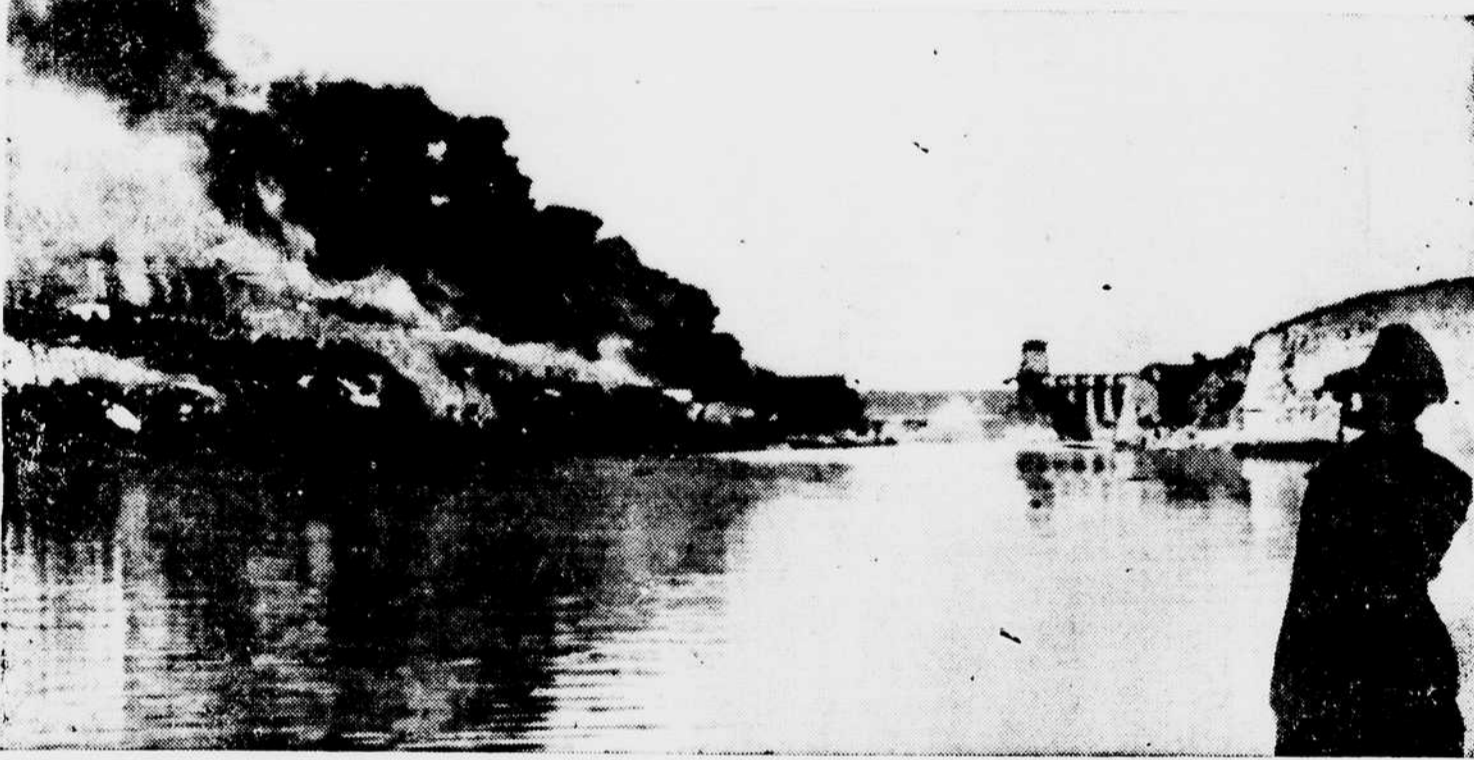
Discussing Attack On U. S. Destroyer, Roosevelt Says

Submarine Attacker Is Hunted

Russian Counter Attackers Advance

One Attack Not All Made On U.S. Vessel En Route To Iceland

Proof From Berlin That Reds Wrecked Dnieper Dam



Radiophoto

Confirmed by the Russian claim that Red engineers destroyed the giant Dnieper dam before retreating east of the Dnieper River, Berlin flashed this photo by radio to New York. Wreckage of the \$110,000,000 dam can be seen in background, while at left are burning industrial plants.

Leningrad Defenses Stronger

Heavy Artillery Into Action at Leningrad as Both Sides Bring up Big Guns; Kiev and Odessa Continue Strong Defense.

Moscow, Sept. 5. (AP) — Red army units counter-attacking amid artillery fire on the approaches to Leningrad were reported today to have advanced about a mile at one point in the battle for Russia's second largest city, taking four villages.

The defenses of Leningrad were said to have been bolstered by the arrival of troops from Tallinn, evacuated successfully before the Germans took the Estonian capital.

Other dispatches said both sides were bringing up their big guns for the battle for Leningrad and the Russian communique announced night-long fighting on the whole front.

Russia's two other beleaguered cities—Kiev, the Ukraine capital on whose approaches the Germans are attempting to attack, and Odessa, the Black sea port which the Rumanians have locked in cage—also were reported strengthening their defenses.

Red army troops, Red navy sailors and embattled civilians of Odessa, fulfilling an oath to defend the city "to the last drop of blood," are now fighting down Rumanian forces by the thousands, Pravda reported, and a mass meeting of Kiev's populace took a similar oath to fight to the death for that city.

The German, upon capturing Leningrad, "K" and "G" selected fortifications and artillery positions as a base for further advance on Leningrad," Red navy dispatches said.

The Soviet dispatches, while telling of the presence of German artillery equipment, failed to mention German artillery fire, but a Berlin announcement stated that Leningrad was under German artillery fire.

First "Incident" Occurs to Challenge United States Navy's Patrol of Atlantic; Berlin Disclaims Responsibility.

Washington, Sept. 5. — (AP) — Shooting at night against a submarine attack in an American destroyer when fought back with her depth charges—put the United States on its guard today with the first "incident" to challenge the navy's patrol of the Atlantic.

The capital looked expectantly to the White House for some word from President Roosevelt, and it was a foregone conclusion that the question would be raised as soon as he opened his regular Friday press conference.

The Japanese fleet at the U. S. S. Green in a yesterday's daylight attack saved their main fleet of aircraft believed that they might have far-reaching consequences in determining the navy's future strategy in the North Atlantic.

For the moment, the state department had nothing to say and the navy department declined to amplify the become three-sentence announcement of the attack on the Greer, which is a flush-deck, four-stacker of World War construction, identical in appearance with the destroyers traded to Britain.

The fact that the Greer has the same silhouette as the ships now serving with the royal navy led to the belief that she might have been mistaken for a British vessel. Some of these already have been damaged or sunk by enemy action.

However, the mistaken identity theory was not universally accepted. Navy men pointed out that the Greer flew the Stars and Stripes, and one veteran submarine officer was satisfied that the attack was made during daylight.

"You can't see a torpedo track at night," he said, indicating that he had reasons to believe that the Greer had used the tell-tale feathery wake of the torpedoes to rush to the spot where she dumped her depth bombs.

The submarine's identity was temporarily a mystery, and there was no certainty that a subsequent report from the Greer would add to information on this point.

Berlin almost immediately disclosed all knowledge of the attack. London, on the other hand, was ready to blame the incident on a Nazi U-boat.

Lacking a more complete report, members of congress were cautious but apprehensive in appraising the clash at sea. They counseled the public against forming hasty opinions, and expressed the belief that the incident was not of sufficient magnitude to plunge the country into war.

There was much conjecture, however, whether the Thursday morning attack represented the initiative of a single submarine commander, or whether it presaged the beginning of an intensified campaign against the north Atlantic shipping lanes.

Adolf Hitler on three different occasions this year has served notice in his speeches that his U-boats would torpedo any ships that came before their periscope if the ship represented aid to Britain.

Italian Ships Sunk

London, Sept. 5.—(AP)—A large Italian liner of a type known to be serving for troop transport—believed to be the 22,000-ton *Dall'Acqua*—has been torpedoed and "almost certainly sunk" in a series of British successes in the Mediterranean, the admiralty announced today.

The big ship was attacked while sailing with two other large passenger ships off the coast of Italy, the admiralty said in a communique announcing two other Mediterranean attacks on axis shipping.

President Roosevelt Authorizes Press to Quote that Submarine Will Be "Eliminated" if Found by U. S. Ships.

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today that the United States destroyer Greer had been attacked more than once, that steps were being taken to track down the attacking submarine and that the vessel would be eliminated if found.

Mr. Roosevelt, speaking to a press conference, did not say exactly how many attacks had been made on the vessel, which was carrying mail to Iceland, but he said they occurred in daylight, not definitely on the American side of the ocean.

He said that while the Greer was alone at the time torpedoes were launched at her, with no other American ship nearby, she was clearly marked, and carried an identification number, plus an American flag.

Asked what would be done if the attacking vessel were found, Mr. Roosevelt said his supposed American forces would "eliminate" it or try to. He authorized direct quotation of the word eliminate and said it was a good one.

The Chief Executive said the Greer was under conditions of good daylight and visibility. The Navy department had announced torpedoes were launched at her yesterday morning, and that the destroyer promptly dropped depth charges.

Mr. Roosevelt did not say whether the attacks occurred within a relatively short time or over a considerable number of hours.

He left little doubt that he approved the action of the commander in taking immediate steps against the submarine by dropping powerful depth charges.

Mr. Roosevelt said it was fortunate the destroyer was not hit, remarking that it was beyond his power to say why the aim of the submarine was so poor. He would not disclose whether the undersea craft's periscope was above water, declaring he could not talk about that.

"As a land lubber to a sea expert," a reporter inquired, "is it possible for a submarine to make a mistake

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TAX BILL MEETS OPPOSITION

Rails Get Green Light To End Oil Shortage

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The green signal was flashed today for railroad to send hundreds of trains sailing out of the west to relieve the oil emergency in the eastern states.

Rate Reductions Agreed Upon; Rail Officials Say Emergency on Eastern Seaboard Can Be Ended in Two Weeks.

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—The representatives of the oil industry gave the government a pledge last night to use every available railroad tank car, opening the way for the railroads to prove that their kind of transportation could eliminate the oil shortage within two weeks.

Rail representatives and a committee of the oil industry agreed speedily on sharp reductions of rates for full movements of oil.

Cigarette Price Hike Is Explained

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 5.—(AP)—Paul M. Hahn, a vice president of the American Tobacco Company and a defendant along with his company in the tobacco anti-trust trial, testified today that the company increased the prices on Lucky Strike cigarettes in 1931 after being informed "by the trade" that the R. J. Reynolds company was boosting its prices.

Red Planes Raid Berlin

Moscow, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Russian bombers dropped explosives and incendiaries on military and industrial targets in Berlin overnight and saw their missiles touch of fires and explosions.

The announcement did not state how many planes carried out the attack but said only one was missing. The German high command said only seven Russian planes attempted to attack the capital and one was shot down.

Mediation Effort Fails

Chicago, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Mediation of the wage dispute between the nation's major railroads and their 1,250,000 employees ended in failure today, less than three hours after the employees had given a general strike authorization to their 19 union leaders.

In announcing that attempts to reach an amicable settlement of the dispute had ended, the national railroad mediation board disclosed that an offer of arbitration had been rejected by the unions.

Tom Melvin Executed

Raleigh, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Tom Melvin, 42-year-old Goldsboro Negro convicted of the hatchet murder of G. Ivy Holmes, 40-year-old Goldsboro white man, was executed in Central Prison gas chamber today.

Goldsboro Negro Pays for Murder of White Man; Woman Serves Life Sentence.

On the other side of Raleigh, in North Carolina's woman's prison, Mrs. Florence Holmes, who admitted in court that she offered Melvin \$2,000 to kill her husband, was serving the ninth month of a life imprisonment term for being an accessory before the fact.

Melvin, one-time Baptist preacher, Holist's assistant, and numbers runner, took his execution calmly. The State took eleven minutes and 20 seconds to gas the 140-pound Negro to death.

In the witness chamber watching Melvin die was Thomas H. Spear, Goldsboro florist by whom Melvin was employed for 26 years. The Negro smiled and waved to Spear as he entered the death room. Spear and other witnesses from Goldsboro said the Negro "had always been a good man until he got mixed up in bad company." Spear said he had known Melvin since he was a boy of 14, and that he had

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Delay Seen In Passage

Washington, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Hopes of Senate leaders to pass the \$3,643,000,000 revenue bill by this weekend slumped today as members from eight community property states pledged a last ditch fight against a provision prohibiting husbands and wives from splitting their incomes in making tax returns.

Community Property Prohibition and Automobile Use Tax Vigorously Opposed.

Such division, which usually operates to lower tax liabilities on joint incomes above \$3,500, is now permitted in Louisiana, Texas, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, California, Idaho and Washington. The projected production would add about \$50,000,000 in revenue, some senators estimated.

The restriction was recommended by the tax committee, but Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, a member of the committee, termed it "a proposal which no senator from a community property state can accept without making known his opposition."

"We do not plan a filibuster," Connally declared, "but there are 16 senators from community property states. Suppose one of them should go back to his people and they could say 'the senate destroyed our basic law and we didn't raise your voice against it.'"

Another controversy involves a proposed \$3 annual use tax on automobiles with a sliding scale of use taxes on it depending on size. The levy already imposed by the house and expected to yield \$129,000,000 annually, were basically criticized today by Senator Danaher.

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday, some likelihood of a few scattered showers, mostly in north portion and in mountains; no decided change in temperature.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. September 5 to 7:30 p. m. September 10—South Atlantic states: temperatures will continue near normal, precipitation light to moderate, except fair most of southern section first of period.

New French Law Offered

Vichy, Sept. 5.—(AP)—Marshal Petain has received proposals outlining the fundamentals of a new constitution for France providing for a democratic electorate at the bottom crested by an aristocracy at the top.

Proposed Constitution Seeks to Combine Rule by Democracy and Aristocracy.

The system as sketched to the chief of state by the state council forms a combination of democratic and aristocratic rule endeavoring to utilize the best parts of each.

Besides one lower house of parliament, it proposes two upper chambers.

The lower house would elect a municipal council to serve with a mayor appointed by a departmental prefect who, in turn would be appointed by the central government.

Next in order would come general councils in each department, these elected by the municipal councils; then provincial councils in which half the membership would be named by provincial governors and the other half elected by members of the veterans' legion, syndicalist corporation representatives of the most numerous families and local dignitaries who would have an executive right to vote.