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## German Submarine Fired At U. S. Destroyer, Berlin Says, But Nazis Claim Greer Attacked Sub

### Leningrad Defense Holding

The Breadline in Unoccupied France



Women and men stand in line with their baskets in Grenoble, France, as the Vichy government distributes food to needy families in unoccupied territory. Reports from France speak of a general lack of food throughout both unoccupied and occupied land. (Central Press)

### Big Battle Still Rages Around City

As German Invasion of Russia Finishes Eleventh Week, Battle for Leningrad Overshadows Sieges of Kiev and Odessa.

(By The Associated Press.)

Desperate Russian counter attacks in defense of Leningrad have pushed the German besiegers out of a vital railway zone in the approaches to the city in a great battle which began three days ago and is still in progress, official Soviet accounts stated today.

The army newspaper Red Star made the claim without stating the exact location. Mention of the railway was no clue, for Leningrad is a hub of radiating lines, which the Germans claim to have cut. The Germans only yesterday, however, said they were shelling the railroad between Leningrad and Schlusselburg, 25 miles east of Leningrad, and this route might well be the key to the defense of the entire area between Lake Ladoga and the Gulf of Finland.

In autumn fog made thicker by the explosions of heavy artillery shells and the bursting of bombs, the Russians said the battle was continuing without respite for either side. Seventeen out of 30 raiding German planes were declared destroyed near the city.

Thus, as the German invasion finished its eleventh week, the battle for Leningrad became the foremost chapter in the story of the war, which was the tale of three cities—Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa.

Each was being defended by all the steel and armor the Soviet Union could bring to bear against the close drawn punch of conquest.

For all three the climax seemed near.

The German high command said only: "Operations of attack in the east are progressing favorably."

Announcing the steady force of assault, after being by thrusts of superiority, the Russians said soldier and citizen armies were grimly defending each of the three great cities.

Five operating brotherhoods are seeking a 50 per cent boost in basic pay rates, and the 11 non-operating unions ask increases of from 30 to 34 cents an hour. A carriers committee acting for 125 class one roads maintained the union demands would cost \$900,000,000 yearly and that the companies could not meet the proposals.

The non-operating unions, with

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### Germans Charge Roosevelt With Attempt To Incite American People Into War

### Nazi Communique Carries Own Comment, Official Says

Lyle Park, Sept. 6.—(AP)—White House officials declined comment "considering its sources" on a German communique today which mentioned the case of the U. S. S. Greer and said a Nazi submarine had launched two torpedoes Thursday at a destroyer in the German blockade area.

William D. Hassett, acting presidential secretary, was advised of the contents of the German statement.

"I'll show this to the President when I have a chance," he said. "But considering its source I don't think any comment is necessary. It carries its own comment, and I think it's a typical comment, considering its source."

Asked whether he took the communique to mean that it definitely was a German-made aircraft which tried to sink the Greer, Hassett replied:

"Apparently, from this."

Then he added: "Your interpretation is as good as mine."

### Nazi Statement Says Attack Occurred Within German Blockade Zone; U. S. Navy Department Has 'No Comment' on Statement.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Germany countered sharp American reaction to the firing of torpedoes at the U. S. destroyer Greer today with a charge that President Roosevelt had his facts backward and was using the incident in an attempt to "incite the American people into war against Germany."

There was an exchange between a submarine and a destroyer near Iceland, the Nazis said in a communique, but it was the destroyer, and not the U-boat, which did the attacking.

The submarine loosed two torpedoes in self defense, the German version said. This contrasted with the story told by President Roosevelt at his press conferences yesterday that, without warning, a submarine fired at the Greer, en route with mail to Iceland, and the Greer retaliated with depth charges.

One point made by the Nazi statement was that the attack occurred within the German blockade zone, a zone which Mr. Roosevelt said had no recognition here.

"No comment," was the U. S. navy's reply to questions about the German statement, which was issued in Berlin during the course of official efforts here and abroad to fix the submarine's nationality as a preliminary to possible stern diplomatic action.

Officers and crew members of the Greer said on their arrival in Iceland yesterday that their depth bombs might have sunk the submarine.

However, this would not be borne out by Berlin reports of the clash, as presumably they would have to come from the U-boat itself.

The communique said the U-boat commander was justified in his actions because it was in self defense and said he was "not in position to determine the nationality of the attacking destroyer."

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters yesterday that the navy was seeking the submarine with the intention of "eliminating it if found."

American naval sources, namely the United States navy department, the Nazi statement said, "claims that the attack was started by the German U-boat the purpose of such an assertion can only be to give at least an appearance of justification to the attack by an American destroyer on a German U-boat in violation of neutrality."

The communique went on to say that "the attack itself is proof" that Mr. Roosevelt had given "shooting orders, and added:

"Mr. Roosevelt in this way, is trying by all the means at his disposal to provoke incidents in order to incite the American people into war against Germany."

### Japan Is Watched Against Blockade

#### King-Gunner



A royal hand operates the levers of an anti-aircraft gun as King Peter of Yugoslavia visits an A.A. site in England. The young refugee king was accompanied by Gen. Simovitch, Slav premier. (Central Press)

### Arrival of United States Tankers at Vladivostok May Precipitate Action.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(AP)—American officials watched the north Pacific today for any sign that Japan—after failing to stop the first two American tankers carrying oil for Soviet Russia—would attempt to blockade Vladivostok by declaring a "safety zone" across the sea lanes between the chain of Japanese islands which almost encircle the Siberian port.

International law authorities said that aside from involving the traditional American policy of freedom of the seas, any such action by Japan might be interpreted by Soviet Russia as a violation of the treaty of Portsmouth, which ended the Russo-Japanese war on September 5, 1905.

(In reply to Japanese representations against the oil shipments, the Soviet Union has already informed Tokyo that any attempt to interfere with trade between the United States and the Soviet would be considered an unfriendly act.)

If the Japanese attempted to take any action to prevent American oil deliveries to Russia, it was said, they missed the boat at the very start by failing to intercept the tanker L. H. St. Clair, laden with 40,000 barrels of high octane gasoline, which docked at Vladivostok Thursday.

A second American tanker, the Associated, was reported to have arrived at Vladivostok yesterday with a cargo of aviation gasoline.

Still another tanker was said to be due in the Russian port tomorrow or Monday, but in view of the precedent set in the case of the L. H. St. Clair and the Associated, diplomatic quarters here believed no effort would be made to intercept the third vessel.

## RAIL STRIKE TO F. D. R.

### Tax Measure To House

Administration Seeks to Hurry Adjustment of House and Senate Differences.

Washington, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Jubilant over the Senate's 67 to 5 approval of the record \$3,563,000,000 tax bill late yesterday, administration leaders strove today to hurry along the adjustment of differences between that measure and similar legislation passed by the House.

The bill, which would bring an estimated 4,911,000 additional persons under the income tax measure and thus raise an extra \$292,000,000 of revenue, was rushed through the Senate in only three days.

Both proponents and opponents said the measure was only a step toward paying the nation's huge defense bill. The House way, and a House committee has estimated that all federal expenditures would exceed \$22,000,000,000 during the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Existing taxes, plus the Senate-approved levies, are estimated by Treasury experts to yield about \$13,500,000,000 during the next calendar year. Chairman George, Democrat, Georgia, of the Senate finance committee predicted the total federal income would approach \$15,000,000,000, however.

To win fast Senate approval of the tax measure, leaders had to make two important concessions:

1. They dropped a finance committee amendment estimated to yield \$50,000,000 a year, which would have prevented husbands and wives in community property states from dividing income for tax purposes.

2. They promised pension advocates that the finance committee would consider promptly a proposal to give \$30 a month pensions to all persons over 60. The pension plan had been offered as a rider to the tax bill.

The Senate and House bills now will go before a joint conference committee for the adjustment of differences.

Because of a recess agreement the House could not act on a compromise measure before September 15 and leaders said they hoped to have all differences ironed out by that date.

### Cotton Closes 8-13 Higher

New York, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 4 to 8 higher. Futures closed 8 to 13 higher, middling spot 18.16, up 15.

	Open	Close
October	17.47	17.50-52
December	17.63	17.69-70
January	17.71	17.74
March	17.85	17.88-89
May	17.99	17.99
July	17.99	17.97-98

### 'Hostages' Executed

Paris, Sept. 6.—(AP)—The execution of three French "hostages" in reprisal for an attack on a sergeant of the German army of occupation in France last Wednesday was announced by the Germans today.

The executions—first of the reprisals threatened by the Germans in an effort to halt attacks on German troops of occupation—were announced in all Paris newspapers and in notices plastered on walls throughout the city.

The hostages, taken from among thousands of Frenchmen held in prison, were lined up along a wall and shot by a German firing squad.

### Big Italian Liner Sunk

London, Sept. 6.—(AP)—British submarines have sunk the Italian liner liner Lepanto off Tripoli and a second merchantman in a "saccharine" attack on a foodstuffs convoy between Tripoli and Benghazi, the admiralty reported today.

The communique reporting the sinking of the liner said the Italian was serving as a troop ship.

A second communique identified the smaller merchantman as one of the big liners indicated she government, which displace only about 4,000 tons but are capable of 18.5 knots and have been used by Italy for Indian ocean commerce raiding.

### Winborne's Views On Gasoline Confirmed By Senate Hearing

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

Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Information given the U. S. Senate investigators that there are 20,000 tank cars available for gasoline transportation came as complete confirmation of statements made some time ago by Utility Commissioner Stanley Winborne.

In fact, there is considerable volume of opinion here that the Winborne comment, which he passed along to Senator Josiah W. Bailey, was primarily responsible for the turn which the gasoline transportation matter has taken.

Certainly it appears that the big wigs of the oil industry, and the moguls of the federal government, have at last got round to seeking utilization of the facilities which the Tar Heel utility boss pointed out were available. Certainly, also, they did not do so until the Winborne

pointing had been given considerable publicity.

What is hard for the average man to understand is why it took the big wigs and moguls so long to find out what Mr. Winborne learned weeks ago. He asked officials of the three big railroads serving North Carolina (Southern, Seaboard and Coast Line), and they told him. Secretary Leakes and his minor functionaries could have done the same thing, which would also appear to be the very natural thing.

Of course the railroads were not pushing into public prints to volunteer the information that they have available so many tank cars—that wouldn't have been good business. The rails, it is true, will get revenue from hauling gasoline in these tank cars, but they would get even more in freight and passenger increases if

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### U. S. Recruits For British Killed At Sea

Glasgow, Sept. 6.—(AP)—Four American recruits for the RAF were drowned and two injured when the boat in which they were crossing the Atlantic was torpedoed, it was disclosed here today.

The survivors were reticent about the submarine attack but said they had been taken into action in the anti-aircraft gun in the air.

William Beattie, Belfast seaman who was on the torpedoed ship, told a startling story of talking to the submarine commander after the attack.

"There were four of us in a life boat," he said, "and it was waterlogged when the submarine came to the surface. The commander seemed to be in his early 20's. He asked if any officers were on board."

"He seemed to be ashamed of what he'd done and asked us what caused the explosion. He said he had no fired a torpedo."

"He apologized," said Beattie, adding that he was German.

Beattie said the survivors clung to the lifeboats and rafts for twelve hours, before being picked up by a Polish warship.

### WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Generally fair, not so warm on coast tonight. Sunday, partly cloudy, becoming unsettled in mountains.

### Vocational Training Hit By Shortage Of Teachers

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Raleigh, Sept. 6.—Now that school opening time is here, it is possible to make a pretty fair estimate on the effect of the defense program on vocational education in North Carolina, and it takes but a small bit of estimating to mark down the rate and industry demand of the vocational work as the hardest hit.

T. E. Browne, director of the vocational education division, estimates that the planned trade and

industry training program will have to be slashed by about one-fourth, at a conservative estimate.

Which will mean there will be approximately one hundred trade and industry units in the state where it had been planned to have approximately one hundred thirty odd.

There are, Mr. Browne said, 33 towns and cities which have appropriated the local funds necessary for establishing trade and industry units, but which will not get these units

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### New Cruiser Is Launched

Atlanta, Latest Navy Vessel, Carries Several Secret Innovations in Design.

Kearny, N. J., Sept. 6.—(AP)—The Navy launched the light cruiser Atlanta today with the announcement she would make at least 43 knots, equal to the speed of the fastest United States destroyers.

Her armament and certain features intended to increase her speed were kept strictly naval secrets.

Partly streamlined, with the deck enclosing the forward funnel, the

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