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Glamor Girl Comes Home



Miss Betty Craton of New York, a native of North Carolina who was chosen by New York society as "Glamour Girl of 1941," perched atop a suitcase upon her arrival in Raleigh, N. C., for the debutante ball the night of September 12 at which she and 143 other belles were listed to make their formal bow to society. She said illness of Frank Howard of New York, her chief marshal, would prevent him from escorting her to the ball. Robert Carr of Durham, N. C., one of four assistant marshals, was chosen to do the escorting.

America May Arm U. S. Merchantmen

Authoritative Quarters in Washington Declare Step Is Likely as Supplement to President's Shoot First Orders.

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The arming of American merchant ships was described in authoritative quarters today as a step likely to be proposed by the administration, supplementing President Roosevelt's orders to the Navy to shoot first at axis warcraft in American defense waters.

Discussion of such a move intensified with news of the torpedoing of an American-owned freighter carrying lumber to Iceland—an attack which occurred Thursday morning but which was not announced until yesterday.

30th Division To Release 3,000 Men

Fort Jackson, S. C., Sept. 13.—(AP)—Authorized to release 3,000 soldiers from the 30th division here at the end of their year's service, officials announced today that 1,375 soldiers would be sent to their homes in the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee next week.

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SEAMEN CALLED OFF WAR ZONE VESSELS

New York, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Seafarers International Union of North America (AFL) called a walk-out at 11 a. m. (EST) today over a war-bonus dispute, ordering its members to "all ships bound for axis or allied ports."

Gas Problem Undecided

Senate Committee Decides to Let Reported Shortage In East Work Itself Out.

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Informed sources said today that a special Senate investigating committee had decided to let a controversy over the reported eastern gasoline shortage work itself out.

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With Only Eight Ships Missing, Big Convoy Makes Port

Reds Report New Successes

Nazi Drive On Bryansk Rolled Back

Heavy Losses Inflicted on Germans, Russians Declare, Including 10,000 Casualties and Many Tanks, Vehicles and Guns.

Moscow, Sept. 13.—(AP)—The Red army was reported today to have rolled back a great German offensive on Bryansk, 220 miles southwest of Moscow, to have recaptured 26 towns and villages and inflicted a loss of about 10,000 Germans in a long, bloody battle.

The German drive was reported made by twelve German infantry divisions (about 180,000 men) and two tank corps.

Dispatches said the 47th and 24th German tank corps were routed and estimated that besides nearly 10,000 officers and men, the Germans lost more than 260 tanks, 600 vehicles and hundreds of field guns.

The Germans broke through toward Bryansk midway on the Kiev-Moscow railway, late in August, according to these reports, but were defeated by a Russian counter-offensive which began 13 days ago.

In the sector about 150 miles northwest of Bryansk, persistent Red army counter attacks were said to have recaptured Sotolovo, a village in the vicinity of Smolensk. Two German regiments were reported broken through in these counter attacks.

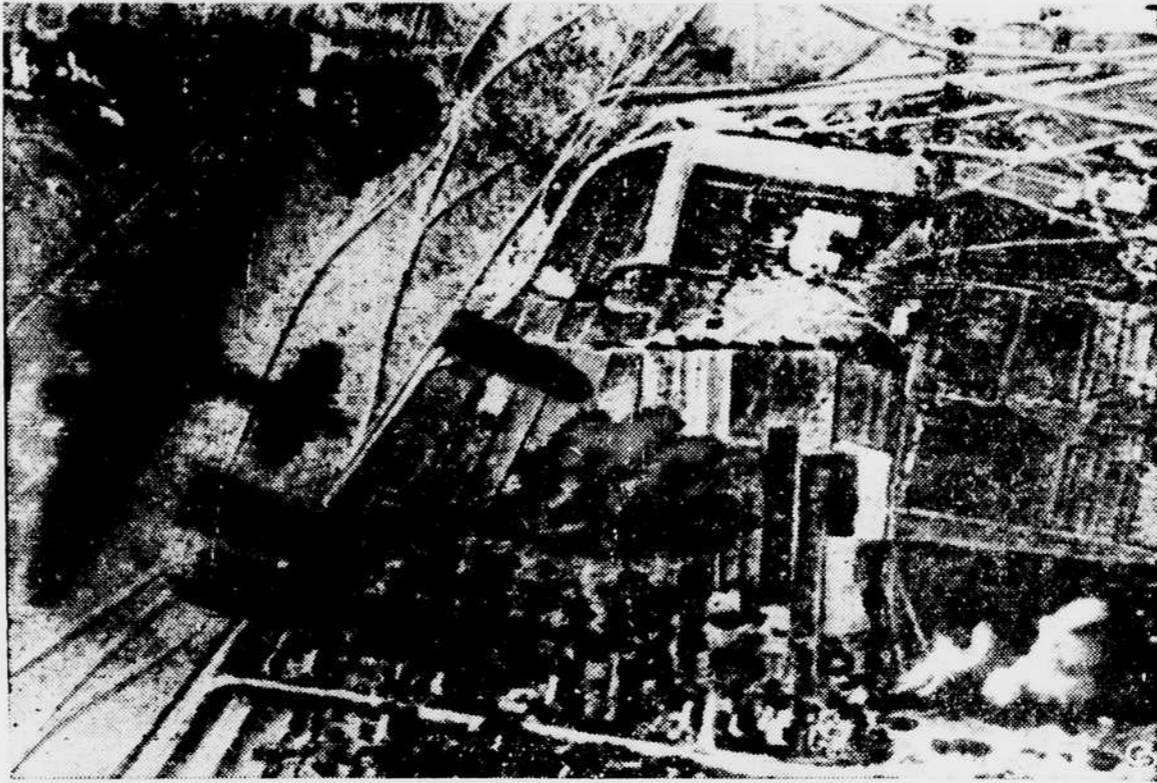
Near Russian-recaptured Yelnya, within 50 miles of Smolensk, these reports said, the Germans failed in another "psychological" attack.

Two hundred shooting, wild-riding Nazi motorcyclists, they said, sped across a field toward Red army positions, but the Russian infantry held their fire until the attackers were within close range, then scattered them with rifle and machine gun fire.

Dispatches from the Bryansk front indicated Russian infantry, artillery, tanks and planes, working in close harmony, were carrying out pincer movements against armored Nazi wedges and destroying them piecemeal.

At the same time an increasing threat to Kiev, capital of the Ukraine, was declared in official acknowledgment of the fall of Chernigov.

Grim Shadow of War Over the Soviet Front



According to the caption with this Soviet photo, a Red plane is casting its shadow as it drops huge bombs on German artillery positions somewhere on the vast 2,000-mile front. Puffs of smoke at lower right indicate spots where bombs have exploded. Three bombs can be seen hurtling to earth.

Gayda Declares U. S. In War

U. S. Shooting Zone



Although President Roosevelt's radio address did not definitely mark the limits of America's defense waters, the areas outlined in the map above give the approximate positions regarded as our chief defense zones in the Atlantic. The President declared orders had been given the nation's armed forces to shoot any Axis vessels sighted inside the protective zones and that America would demand freedom of the seas in the Pacific.

Leaf Prices Hold Firm

Brisk Sales Characterize Opening Week on Middle Belt; Averages Announced.

Durham, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Brisk sales at firm prices characterized the opening week of 1941 auctions on the Middle Belt tobacco markets.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair tonight and Sunday;
slightly warmer in interior Sunday afternoon.

Says Axis Is Prepared

Italian Editor Says Washington Has Issued "De Facto Declaration of War."

Rome, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Virginio Gayda declared today that the United States had issued a "de facto declaration of war" and Italy and Germany would adjust their war plans to meet what he called a threatened attack by the United States in any part of the world.

In this sense, Gayda apparently meant a declaration of war actually but without legal status as contrasted with a formal "de jure" declaration.

"The world is faced with a de facto declaration of war by the Washington government, whose confines are not specified, and whose fundamentals are not determined," the authoritative fascist editor wrote in the newspaper *Il Giornale d'Italia*.

"While Italy and Germany have sought to fix the limits and conditions of their war, American war-mongering leaves the door open for its war in all parts of the world," he declared of President Roosevelt's shoot first order to U. S. warcraft in American defense waters.

Fascist observers had granted American entry into the war.

Gayda reiterated that Axis warships would fire on American ships if necessary "in those regions to fire, we will fire," he said.

PERSHING IS 81

Washington, Sept. 13.—(AP)—General John J. Pershing became 81 years old today, observing the occasion quietly and without ceremony at Walter Reed hospital here where friends said he had been undergoing his annual physical checkup.

Cotton Closes 1 To 6 Lower

New York, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 7 to 9 higher. Futures closed 1 to 6 lower, middling spot 18.59, unchanged.

Three Ships Torpedoed, Four Bombed

British Convoy in Atlantic Battered by Two U-Boat Attacks and Air Attack in Raging Storm, Narrowly Missed Raider.

London, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Battered by two U-boat attacks and an air assault in a raging storm, and just missing a fight with a German surface raider, the bulk of a British convoy in the Atlantic nevertheless reached port with the loss of but eight ships, the admiralty said today.

Three ships of the convoy were sunk by torpedoes and four by bombs. One ship damaged by a bomb later foundered in the gale, it was said.

The admiralty, highly praising the conduct of the men of the convoy, gave credit in large measure for bringing the majority of the craft through the hazardous situation to Lieutenant Commander G. A. Thring, D. S. O., in command of the senior escort ship.

(The Germans claimed today 31 ships—28 merchant ships of 164,000 tons—still missing at U-boat attacks.)

Berlin, Sept. 13.—(AP)—U-boats, still slushing at a British-bound convoy in the north Atlantic after President Roosevelt's shoot on sight orders to the U. S. Navy, have sunk four more merchantmen and three escort vessels, the German high command declared today.

The new bulletin raised the toll claimed from the convoy to 28 merchantmen, totaling 164,000 tons—31 ships altogether including the three war vessels. Two merchantmen, totaling 11,000 tons, reported yesterday as probably sunk, were included in this newer, unqualified claim.

First announcing the assault on the convoy in a special communique yesterday, the high command said it included 40 ships heavily escorted by corvettes and destroyers.

tons and three warships—were sunk in the running attack on a convoy of 40 ships.)

Far out at sea the convoy was attacked first by U-B 5 and two ships were hit and sunk in a few minutes, according to the British account.

The steamer Brandenburg picked up nearly all men from one of the torpedoed ships, while the sloop Lightfoot lowered a boat for the rescue of the other crewmen and went to hunt the U-boat. Later the Lightfoot picked up her boat loaded with survivors from the second ship.

An air attack by six four-engined German bombers came twelve hours later. One merchant ship was sunk outright, and two others sank soon. The engine room of the fourth was wrecked and the ship had to be abandoned.

A fifth ship was struck by a bomb on signal that she could carry on. Boat crews rescued the survivors of all the bombed ships.

The second U-boat attack was

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Eighty Nazis Are Interned From Iran

Tehran, Iran, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Eighty Nazis bound for internment in India and Siberia left here by train today while British and Russian diplomats listened in irritation to their Sieg Heils echoing through Teheran's palatial marble depot.