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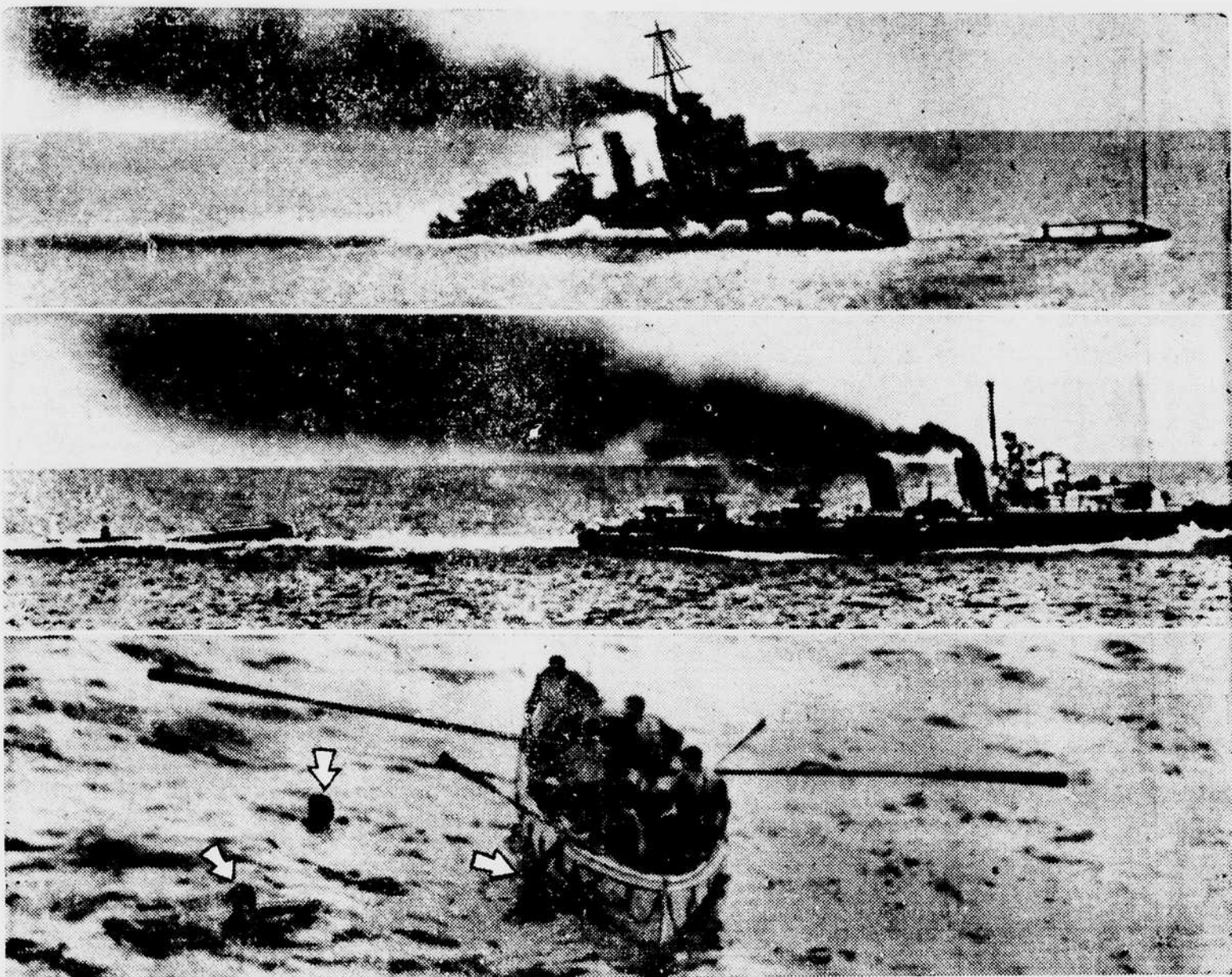
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## Atlantic Fleet Guards Cargoes Hitler Claims Gains On Leningrad Front

### British Destroyer Rams a German Submarine



Three of the most unusual war pictures ever released, these photos show a British destroyer ramming and sinking a German U-boat. Top, the submarine has been forced to the surface by depth bombs and the warship is bearing down on it at top speed before it can resubmerge. Center, the submarine is cut in half by the knife-like bow of the destroyer. Bottom, a boat from the warship picks up German survivors (arrows), one of whom is climbing aboard the rescue craft. London did not reveal where the action took place. (Central Press)

### Nine Soviet Divisions Annihilated

Grand Total of About 270,000 Red Army Casualties Reported South of Lake Ilmen; Russians Report Victory at Sea.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Admiral Raeder's high command reported today the annihilation of nine Soviet divisions and the crushing of nine other divisions "with the bloodiest losses"—a grand total of about 270,000 men—in fighting south of Lake Ilmen on the Leningrad front.

In a special bulletin the German field headquarters declared the strong forces of the 11th, 27th and 34th Russian armies had been "decisively defeated" with the capture of 53,000 Red army prisoners, 32 tanks and 623 pieces of artillery. German losses, as usual, were not disclosed.

The Nazi bulletin said the slaughter occurred "during the past weeks" and indicated a smashing blow to Leningrad's defense army of one million men.

Simultaneously, the Soviet army newspaper Red Star reported that a gigantic night battle of heavy tanks for "an important point on the approaches to Leningrad" ended in a complete rout of the Germans, who left hundreds dead on the field.

Nazi military dispatches, picturing Leningrad as doomed, said the great network of steel and concrete fortifications ringing the city was crumbling under blows of the most destructive weapons in the German arsenal. More than 200 Soviet tanks and pill boxes in the Leningrad defense zone were reported smashed or captured and German troops at some points were reported only 15 miles from the heart of the city.

On the southern front the Nazi high command asserted that German

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### Wins Beauty Title



Mrs. Ruth Licklider

Married women from all over the country flocked to Palisades Park, N. J., to compete for the title of "Mrs. America of 1941," but when the judges had made their decision it was found that red-haired Mrs. Ruth Licklider, from little old New York, just across the Hudson River, was the winner.

### Coal Parley Is Called

Steel Company Heads Called to Washington in Closing of 'Captive' Mines.

(By The Associated Press.)  
The heads of some of America's largest steel companies have been announced to appear before the national defense mediation board at Washington tomorrow in connection with a labor dispute which has closed more than 30 "captive" coal mines whose product is essential to the nation's armament drive.

The "captive" mines produce coal used exclusively by the steel companies which own the mines. Some

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### Virginia Leaf Marts Strong

Danville, Va., Sept. 16.—(AP)—Virginia's Old Belt tobacco markets opened sales of the 1941 leaf crop today with the better grades early offerings generally bringing higher prices than on the first day a year ago.

The state's largest market at Danville reported a 20-cent a pound average for the best leaf. Some growers at Danville said they were getting as much as 32 cents for tobacco which a year ago would have brought 15 cents.

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### Nazi Spy Work Revealed During Trial

New York, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Tasks ranging from recruiting the services of members of the United States air corp "to reporting on new anti-air devices on U. S. warships" were assigned spies in the country by the German embassy according to evidence introduced today at the trial of 16 men on charges of espionage conspiracy.

Government exhibits included a message from Hitler from a Long Island secret radio station to the Hamburg Gestapo office of July 24, 1940, it said.

"Dunn says four battalions of Texas class and ten destroyers going Caribbean to be in England. Six hundred reservists; six hundred enlisted men. The Todd dry dock has

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### Ward Will Seek Overhauling Of Motor Vehicle Department

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

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—The Motor Vehicle Department was set up by the 1941 legislature as one of the principal reorganizations fixed by Governor J. Melville Broughton; but the changes were confined almost entirely to the framework of administration.

The 1943 legislature will be asked by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles Boddie Ward to do a complete overhaul job on the laws which the new department is charged with administering.

The 1941 changes put a new department head in charge of the same divisions which had been functioning for several years. There were

virtually no changes in the laws regarding highway safety, motor vehicle registration or the highway patrol.

Mr. Ward may or may not retain his present division head—he has given no indication of any fixed notions along these lines; but he now plans to present to the next General Assembly a plan for drastic and far-reaching changes in the laws under which Tar Heel motorists now live and have their being. If they're lucky enough to be spared in the slaughter on the state's highways.

As an instance, the commissioner makes no bones about calling the present North Carolina examinations

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### Order Taken As Start Of Convoy Duty

All Fleet Units Under Specific Orders "To Capture or Destroy" Every Axis Raider Encountered Between U. S. and Iceland.

Washington, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Stripped for action, the United States Atlantic fleet took under the protection of its guns today all lease-lend cargoes in transit on the Atlantic between the North American continent and Iceland.

The zero hour for this new phase of operations was 12:01 a. m. and the widely accepted view in authoritative quarters here was that it meant the start of actual convoy duty by U. S. naval vessels along a 2,000-mile stretch of the North Atlantic. Literally, the new naval policy as announced by Secretary Knox was to provide protection "as adequate as we can make it" in the designated area, with all fleet units under specific orders "to capture or destroy by every means at their disposal" every Axis raider encountered.

With the Atlantic fleet charged with the responsibility of safeguarding British and all other cargo vessels in the expanses west of Iceland, the royal navy could concentrate its efforts on guaranteeing safe passage through the perilous 800-mile stretch between Iceland and the British Isles.

In a companion move to ease Britain's shipping burdens, American merchantmen were given explicit permission to carry mine and munition to numerous British colonies and possessions, some of them of strategic proximity to theaters of active operations and others of potential future importance.

Meanwhile, administration leaders in the Senate were mulling over the whole broad question of the existing neutrality laws and the report was they were undecided on how far they should go in seeking its overhaul.

### Wayne County Would Close Mill Houses

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Wayne county and Goldsboro officials, alleging that unsanitary conditions in mill houses had caused an outbreak of typhoid fever, conferred today with Attorney General Harry McMillan on possible legal action against the concern.

McMillan said the officials decided to bring a civil suit against the company, asking for a mandatory injunction for abatement of a nuisance and to prohibit the mill owner from housing employees in places

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### Axis Planes Bomb Cairo

39 Persons Killed, 93 Wounded; Way Apparently Opened for Bombing of Rome.

Cairo, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Cairo suffered its first raid of the war today when axis planes bombed the city heavily, killing 39 civilians and wounding 93.

The Egyptian ministry of interior issued a communique stating that there were alarms in several provinces and that anti-aircraft went into action. Property damage was described as slight.

This apparently opened the way for British bombing of Rome, for the British last spring warned that bombing of either Cairo or Athens would bring reprisals against Rome.

Cairo is a holy city to the Moslem world much as Rome is to Catholics. Although Alexandria, site of a

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### Germans Execute Ten More Hostages

### Allied Troops March On Teheran; Shah Flees

British and Russians Accuse Iranian Ruler of Pro-Axis Leanings; No Opposition Expected to Occupation.

London, Sept. 16.—(AP)—British and Russian troops tonight were reported marching on the Iranian capital of Teheran as the nation's ruler, Reza Shah Pahlavi, abdicated under the threat of such action.

The British and Russians accused the shah and his government of dilatory tactics in carrying out an agreement to expel or deliver to the allied German, Hungarian, Italian and Rumanian nationals.

This afternoon it was learned authoritatively that British and Russian troops were marching on Teheran with plans for immediate occupation.

The shah's abdication was announced before an extraordinary session of the Iranian parliament, the Teheran radio stated.

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### Prices Strong At Opening Of Old Belt

Winston-Salem, Sept. 16.—(AP)—Prices averaged around 30 cents a pound for tobacco at the opening of Old Belt markets today.

In Winston-Salem, where 1,500,000 pounds of medium quality primings was offered, the first 60 piles sold averaged 32 cents and other markets reported prices in keeping with the averages being paid on Eastern Carolina markets.

In Reidsville, where the average last year was 17.32 cents a pound and in 1939 was 14.22, the average on

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### FASCIST PAPERS SEE CERTAIN WAR

Rome, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The fascist press professed today to foresee inevitable hostilities with the United States as a result of Secretary Knox' announcement yesterday that United States naval vessels would protect ships carrying aid to Britain.

"The United States has really arrived at what is called the last step," said one newspaper. "What margin now remains for averting drama? None."

### Tax Measure Is Approved

House Agrees to Changes; Bill Goes Back to Senate For Final Action.

Washington, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The House gave prompt approval of the \$3,532,400,000 compromise version of the new defense tax bill, clearing the way for final action tomorrow by the Senate.

Without a roll call vote, the House adopted recommendations of a joint Senate-House conference committee which sent out compromises on changes made in the record breaking measure by the Senate.

Furries of criticism developed against some of those changes, particularly the reduction of the individual exemptions from \$2,000 to \$1,500 for married persons and from \$800 to \$750 for single persons, and the elimination of the requirement that all

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### Legionnaires In Brilliant Parade

Milwaukee, Sept. 16.—(AP)—The American legionnaires who shouldered rifles in France in 1918 substituted rifles today as they swung jauntily down Milwaukee streets in the American Legion's brilliant convention parade.

Milwaukee got up early and massed ten-deep along the entire three-mile parade route.

The march started promptly at 9 a. m. (CST) to continue without interruption for at least twelve hours. The first section passed before 10 o'clock. Convention officials said about 10,000 would participate.

Business sessions, which got off to a rousing start yesterday with the applauding of every inference of intervention in the foreign conflict, were suspended for the parade.

The convention checked to the latter spokesman for the national administration, Secretary of the Navy Knox, Civilian Defense Director LaGuardia as well as a message from President Roosevelt himself, in a challenge against Nazi Germany.

The convention appeared sympathetic toward a move that would reverse the Legion's traditional stand against American participation in foreign wars and many leading members were seeking support for a resolution which would lift the ban.

### Reds Getting U. S. Supplies, Harriman Says

London, Sept. 16.—(AP)—W. Averell Harriman, head of the United States delegation to the Moscow war needs conference, said today United States products and raw materials already were reaching Russia in substantial quantities.

"They will continue to reach the Russians in increasing amounts," Harriman said. "We have a good idea

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### Reprisals Announced

Frenchmen Shot in Retaliation for Attacks on Men of Army of Occupation.

Paris, Sept. 16.—(AP)—A German non-commissioned officer was shot at here today after a German firing squad had executed ten French hostages for attacks on other German soldiers.

Paris, Sept. 16.—(AP)—General Heinrich von Stuepnagel, commander of the German occupying forces, announced today that ten more hostages had been shot in Paris in reprisal for attacks on German army men.

The executions were in retaliation for attacks on men of the army of occupation on September 6, 19 and 11, a notice informed the public.

The executions brought to 13 the number already announced. Three hostages were shot September 6 for an attack on a sergeant.

The evening after these executions a German officer was shot, another shot at but missed and a German military garage was fired and a German military official assaulted. Subsequently, a German officer was clubbed and another manhandled in Paris streets.

As far as is known the actual attackers have not been apprehended. The German rifle appeared to be three hostages executed for every army man attacked.

(In Berlin, the news agency DNB

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### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Fair to partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday except possibly a few light showers in south portion.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. September 16 to 7:30 p. m. September 20—Temperatures mostly above normal; only a few light showers.