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## Young Survivor Tells Of Sinking Of American Ship

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A 19-year-old survivor of the Panama flag tanker L. C. White declared today that "one and perhaps two" unidentified submarines torpedoed and sank the American-owned ship without warning in a midnight attack 600 miles off Brazil.

H. W. Ackerman of Charleston, S. C., said in the first interview with any of the 17 survivors brought here by the rescue ship Del Norte that the submarine or submarines fired only one torpedo.

Brazilian port authorities who boarded the Del Norte earlier said they were told the ship was shelled as she sank.

The port authorities boarded the vessel for routine inspection while United States embassy and naval officials took depositions from the 17 survivors aboard.

Ackerman said the three men

missing from the tanker's crew of 37 "almost surely drowned." He identified the three as a boatswain named Rankin, an able seaman and an oiler.

Ackerman declared the tanker was attacked by "certainly one and perhaps two submarines 600 miles off Brazil during the dark, moonless night of September 27-28."

"I was asleep when a torpedo hit square amidship about 12:15 a. m.," said Ackerman. "So were most of the other members of the crew except a group of nine playing poker in the crew's mess. "But we got topside in less than five minutes and had two boats overside with 17 men in each in less than ten minutes."

Port officials said that despite seven days on the open sea with a limited ration of sea biscuit and three cups of water the men appeared in good condition.

# Hitler Aims At Moscow

## St. Mary's Bridge Collapses

## Heavy Train Causes Fall Of Big Span

### Vital Defense Freight Movement on River is Blocked; Two Trainmen Carried to Death in Engine Cab; Sabotage Discounted.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Oct. 7.—(AP)—The mammoth bridge across the St. Mary's river buckled beneath a freight train early today, hurling two trainmen to death as the engine plunged into the water, and blocking vital defense freight movement.

One of two great spans in the bridge collapsed as a heavily loaded Duluth South Shore and Atlantic train started to cross from Canada. The locomotive, dragging two freight cars behind it, dropped into the river.

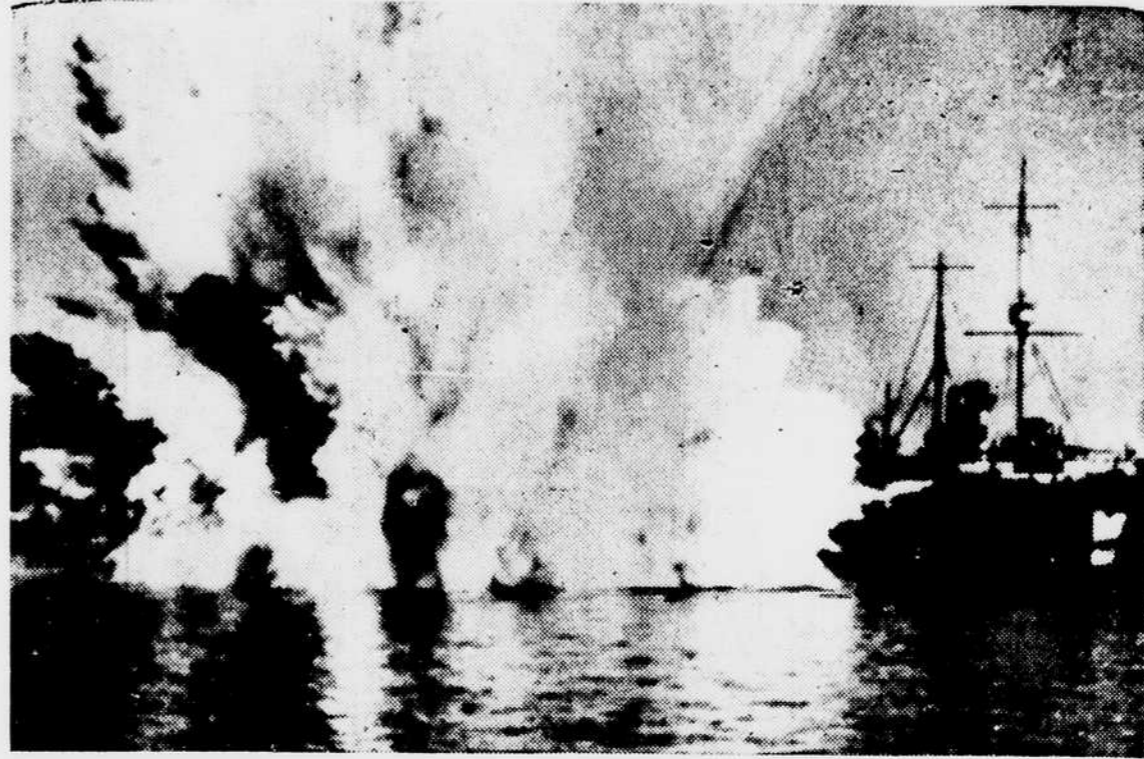
Four men were riding in the locomotive. Engineer Hazen Willis and Conductor Dave Monroe, trapped in the engine cab, were drowned. The other trainmen in the locomotive climbed back up the twisted bridge girders to safety.

Suspicious of sabotage were discounted by authorities, inasmuch as the bridge, which spans a vital canal through which come freighters bearing precious ore from northern Minnesota, has been under guard of Fort Brady troops during the defense emergency.

Soldiers at the fort were routed out of barracks and extra guards posted at the bridge, which is just above the great Soo locks. Numerous vessels were forced to anchor in the river for an indefinite period.

Railroad men and military authorities prepared at once to begin the task of raising the locomotive and the two cars cut of the river so that vessel traffic could resume.

## Nazi Bombs Rock Hospital Ship



A huge German bomb explodes with spectacular violence alongside a British hospital ship in the harbor at Alexandria, Egypt. The vessel had just arrived with troops wounded in the Mediterranean area. (Central Press)

## Nazis Claim Gains North Of Azov Sea

### Great New Offensive Launched on Central Front; Entire Soviet Nation Mobilized to Meet New German Assault.

(By The Associated Press.) Adolf Hitler's invasion armies have launched a great new offensive on the central (Moscow) front, aiming at a knockout before winter sets in, the Russians acknowledged today, and the entire Soviet nation is being mobilized to meet the assault.

While the Russians pictured the Nazi armies as turning in toward Moscow away from the vast flanking attack on Leningrad in the north and the Ukraine in the south, Hitler's high command emphasized German progress on the southern front, claiming victory in a big-scale battle north of the sea of Azov.

Adolf Hitler's high command claimed victory over the Russians today in a great new battle in the Ukraine north of the sea of Azov, but London military quarters reported that the Germans had been checked with severe losses and that guns of the Soviet Black sea fleet were heavily pounding the invaders.

Front line dispatches to Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, reported a violent battle was raging on the central (Moscow) front, with Marshal Timoshenko's troops striking force blows against German armored wedges driven into the Russian lines.

Soviet infantry supported by tanks and aviation were reported to have attacked heavy German troop concentrations, destroying 198 tanks and killing more than 1,000 nazis in three sectors.

Red Star said a Soviet tank battalion ambushed a Nazi tank column southeast of Kiev, the German-held Ukraine capital, and smashed seven tanks. Bloody German losses were reported here as well.

On the northern front, the Red army announced that Leningrad's defense guns had smashed 19 German earth and timber forts on the approaches to the old czarist capital, silenced two artillery batteries and put other Nazi siege weapons out of action.

Masses of German troops were said to have been dispersed by Soviet fire.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters indicated that the Leningrad front of the Azov sea was part of the "gigantic new developments" which the Fuehrer himself declared had begun last Wednesday.

"German troops shoulder to shoulder with troops of the allied countries are pursuing the defeated

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## Negotiations Collapse For Prisoner Exchange

### Germany Insists on Prisoner-For-Prisoner Basis for Deal, Britain Holds for Exchange of All Sick and Wounded.

London, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Negotiations for the war's first exchange of wounded prisoners between Britain and Germany collapsed today because Germany insisted that the deal be on a prisoner-for-prisoner basis while Britain held out for an exchange of all sick and wounded without regard for numbers.

Britain's war secretary, Captain H. D. R. Margesson, charged in the house of commons that the negotiations failed because of "a flagrant breach of faith on the part of the German government."

He announced that wounded German prisoners, who had been put aboard two hospital ships at Newhaven poised to leave at any hour over the week-end for their homes, were being disembarked and sent back to camps.

Germany held several times as many wounded British prisoners as there are wounded Germans in England.

## Parachutist Frightened By Crowd



George Hopkins atop Devil's Tower

Sundance, Wyo., Oct. 7.—(AP)—People scare George Hopkins, but six night at a time atop a rock spire leave him without qualms.

That's how the 30-year-old Texas parachutist voiced his reactions after he was eased to the base of Devil's Tower after dark last night by eight veteran mountain climbers.

"Were you frightened up there or coming down?" was asked.

"Never was," he replied.

"But I'd rather climb back up than face that crowd."

The headlights of several hundred cars glared at the white garbed daredevil and the weary men who saved his life—and risked their own—through twelve perilous hours of climbing and descending the 1,280-foot volcanic formation.

The San Antonio adventurer dropped 600 feet to the top of the rock by means of a parachute. His inspiration was a \$50 bet and the desire for publicity as a parachutist.

## MEASURE WOULD SET THANKSGIVING DATE

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—The House passed and sent to the Senate legislation yesterday to make the last Thursday of November in each year after 1941 a legal holiday to be known as Thanksgiving day.

The House judiciary committee reported to the House in approving the legislation that presidential proclamations changing Thanksgiving from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday in November "only made for confusion" but "there is no law fixing the date other than the President's proclamation."

The President fixed the earlier date in the hope that a longer interval between Thanksgiving and Christmas would improve trade, but he has announced that his hopes were not realized and that next year he would revert to the later date.

## Tornado Rips Kansas City

Kansas City, Oct. 7.—(AP)—A furious tornado, the second destructive storm to batter Kansas City in six weeks, ripped through the eastern edge of the city and suburban communities in the Blue river valley last night, leaving three persons dead and at least 135 injured.

The storm first hit near 43rd street and Kensington avenue in Kansas City, moved northeast through Fairmount and several smaller communities and struck last in Sugar Creek, nearly ten miles from its point of origin.

Fairmount, between Kansas City and Independence, Mo., took the brunt. Hundreds of homes were destroyed and many industrial plants along the Blue river were damaged or destroyed. No estimates of property damage were available, but one plant alone suffered a loss of \$50,000.

## LOCAL DRAFT BOARD BUDGETS ARE CUT

Raleigh, Oct. 7.—(AP)—An official of state selective service headquarters said today that the budgets of practically every local draft board in the state would be cut under new tables of board expenditures prepared here.

Draft officials said that local boards could handle their reduced budgets as they saw fit, either by cutting salaries or reducing the size of their clerical staffs.

## Cranemen End Strike

### Steel Plant Walkout Settled; Week-Old Cleveland Strike Hits Auto Plants.

(By The Associated Press.) CIO cranemen today ended a two-day work stoppage at a big Gary, Ind., steel plant, but a week-old strike at a Cleveland factory forced the Studebaker Corporation to close down its passenger car production line because of a shortage of frames.

The cranemen, whose failure to report to work Saturday night forced the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation to halt the operation of twelve blast furnaces and 53 open hearths, voted last night to go back to their jobs after the management had agreed to meet a union grievance committee today. The absence of 39 cranemen in key positions affected operations of nearly the entire plant employing 23,000.

The Studebaker shutdown at South Bend, Ind., was declared by company officials to have resulted from a lack of auto frames caused by the strike at the Midland Steel Products Co. in Cleveland.

CIO employees of Midland struck for wage increases.

Midland also makes frames for army "jeeps" and Hudson, Buick and Ford trucks. Willys-Overland officials said their work on army "jeeps" would have to be curtailed unless they got more frames soon.

## WEATHER

### FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Cloud with occasional rain tonight and probably in east and central portions. Wednesday, somewhat cooler. Wednesday afternoon and night.

Extended weather forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. October 7 to 7:30 p. m. October 11.—Heavy rains Tuesday and Wednesday, cooler first part of period.

## Iceland Is Vulnerable

### Military Quarters There Say Island Would Be Hard to Defend Against Nazis.

By DREW MIDDLETON. Reykjavik, Iceland, Oct. 1. (delayed)—(AP)—Despite its remoteness this keystone position in the battle of the Atlantic could be highly difficult to defend if the Germans should decide to make an all-out effort to capture it, whatever quantity of troops and equipment the United States were to send, informed military quarters said today.

These sources said they were satisfied Iceland is a formidable position and that the United States Army and air corps would have opportunities to make it much stronger.

But two years of war have demonstrated that the German high command makes it plans on a grandiose scale and is sparing of men and equipment.

Germany would be likely to attack Iceland for one reason only—clear indication that she is joining the battle of the Atlantic because of British-American occupation of this island, informed quarters said.

The high command might then expend ships and planes without stint to acquire this inoperable base for anti-submarine activities.

Military sources said the coming

## SERBIAN PUTSCH SMASHED BY NAZIS

Berlin, Oct. 7.—(AP)—German troops and two companies of Croats have smashed a putsch led by an attorney's daughter in the west Serbian town of Sabac, the authoritative news service. Dienst aus Deutschland said today.

Rebel bands had stormed Sabac, the report said, far outnumbering German soldiers stationed there. The Germans, nevertheless, were said to have "offered heroic resistance."

## U. S. Plane Production Hits High In September

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—United States warplane production should reach 2,500 military craft monthly by the end of 1941, a responsible defense production official said today.

September's new high of 1,914 delivered military planes—including training as well as combat types—was not a chance production spurt, OPM officials said, but a token that the nation's plane producers have reached their objective of sustained increasing quantity production.

"We are definitely over the hump," an OPM aircraft spokes-

## Neutrality Law Course Uncertain

### Shah Of Iran Hopes To Form Democracy

By DANIEL DE LUCE. Teheran, Iran, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Shah Mohammed Reza, for 22 days the titular ruler of the oriental kingdom of Iran, said today he hoped to visit the United States after the war and gain guidance which would help him make his country "a real democracy."

"America and Iran should be the best of friends," declared the 21-year-old shah who was elevated suddenly to the throne when his father abdicated under British-Russian pressure last month.

In a 60-minute interview—the first granted American correspondent—the young ruler expressed confidence that if Britain won the war Iran's neutral integrity would be assured and she would be given a chance to progress toward the goal he already has in mind for her.

The shah indicated that he counted on a Britain—and the United States—to "assume the world of an order in which small states will have room to work out their own existence without the necessity of maintaining large armies and needing only a small police force for internal security."

## DIES AT 121

Kinston, Oct. 7.—A report from Grangers today said Hannah Jones, negro, who claimed to be 121 years of age, had died there. As a slave she was owned by Louis Desmond, whose plantation was a short distance west of Kinston. Acquaintances were satisfied the woman was middle-aged when the War Between the States began. She remembered many occurrences during the war.

### President Advises Congressional Leaders He Favors Arming Merchantmen and Permitting Them to Enter Combat Zones.

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported authoritatively today to have advised congressional leaders that he favored changing the neutrality law to arm American merchant vessels and to permit them to travel to belligerent ports and now forbidden combat zones.

Those who conferred with the Chief Executive on the neutrality issue reported, however, that he was undecided whether to request the two changes in a single message or first to ask authority to arm the ships and then recommend later an amendment to permit them to travel anywhere.

One of the legislative leaders at a White House meeting today said there virtually was unanimous agreement that both steps should be taken, but that there was considerable controversy over procedure.

One of those who particularly urged that both changes be made at once was Harry L. Hopkins, lieutenant administrator, this informant said.

Democratic Leader Barkley predicted a definite decision would be reached tomorrow at another White House conference.

Complications were added to the situation by Panama's sudden reversal of policy on the arming of merchantmen.

Senator Connally Democrat, Tex., however, was inclined to look on Panama's action as a boon for neutrality modification, contending that it would help speed authorization for the arming of American flag ships.

The Panamanian decision, reached by the cabinet council yesterday, said that Panama henceforth would revoke the registration of any merchant-owned mounting arms, American-owned ships have been transferred to Panamanian registry in order to operate in combat zones.

## CHINESE FORCES FIGHT IN ICHANG

Chungking, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Chang Kai-Shek's armies, launching their own counter offensive, have entered Ichang and are fighting in the streets of that westernmost outpost of Japan, military spokesmen said today.

Ichang, in western Hupeh province, constitutes the spearhead of the Japanese effort to drive westward along the Yangtze valley toward the wartime capital of Chungking.

The spokesman said forces of China's mid-continent armies entered Ichang this morning, climaxing an offensive.

## WORKS PROJECTS GIVEN APPROVAL

Washington, Oct. 7.—(AP)—Presidential approval of 79 defense public works projects to cost \$6,233,319 was announced today by John M. Carmody, federal works administrator.

The projects included: Reelfoot, N. C., recreational facilities, \$3,500; New Bern, recreational facilities, \$20,000; Lumberton recreational facilities, \$4,614; Spring Lake, sewerage facilities, \$117,000, and water facilities, \$121,000.

## Maneuvers In Second Day

Campden, S. C., Oct. 7.—(AP)—Advance forces of the 8th division were reorganizing leading elements of the hostile blue army this morning as Major General Charles M. Thompson's first corps entered upon the second day of its field maneuvers in the Chester region.

The blue army is made up of the remainder of the corps, principally the 9th division and the 30th.

Contact by reconnaissance troops was established early last night after the opposing groups had spent the broiling hot day in taking up assigned positions.

The scene of action was on a line running generally from Chester to Fairfield county. Headquarters said today that "aggressiveness" was the feature of the night's movements.

The cavalry, both horse and mechanized, was reported to have been on the move all night, while at the same time foot patrols proved a menace to mounted men.