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U. S. Naval Tanker Torpedoed

German Field Guns Shell Sevastopol

Axis Troops Immobilize Crimea City

German Dispatches Say Red Armies in Crimea Face Inevitable Annihilation and Flee Headlong Toward Sea; Other War News.

German field batteries were reported shelling Russia's great Black Sea naval base of Sevastopol today and Nazi front line detachments declared that after driving 90 miles across the Crimea in seven days axis troops were ready to storm the city within a very few hours.

Axis troops reaching London reported that the Germans already had immobilized Sevastopol as a base for operations of the Soviet Black Sea fleet.

A bulletin from Adolf Hitler's field headquarters said German troops had cleared the eastern coastal town of Eilidossya on the southern side of a narrow isthmus leading to the Kerch strait, perhaps thereby cutting off the eastern avenue of escape to the Caucasus.

German dispatches said the Red armies trapped in the Crimea—variously estimated to number from 250,000 to 500,000—faced almost inevitable annihilation and that the shattered remnants were fleeing headlong to the sea in the hope of duplicating the British withdrawal from Dunkerque.

Nazi reports said German dive bombers had sunk or damaged 26 Russian transports waiting in Crimean harbors.

Dispatches to Red Star, the Soviet army newspaper, said the Germans had lost at least 90,000 troops killed and wounded in Crimean fighting.

Meanwhile United States pressure on Finland to end her war with Russia touched off sulphuric comment in the Wilhelmstrasse, with a German foreign office spokesman declaring:

"No words are sharp enough to characterize Washington's ghetto methods whereby the government with glibbery the head in Jewish shamelessness and with pitiful dilettantism tries to tell the Finnish people what to do."

Similarly the Finnish command announced the capture of the Kaituma islands in the Gulf of Finland, whose fortresses served as the western anchor of the Mannerheim line in the 1939-40 winter war between Finland and Russia.

Map Report No Surprise

Stewart Says Latin American Nations Well Aware of Axis Plotting for Conquest.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Latin American diplomatic representatives in Washington have manifested little curiosity concerning the map President Roosevelt recently said he had in his possession, outlining the plan Herr Hitler's declared to have in mind for a reorganization of their home governments, the absorption of several of the western hemisphere southern republics by certain of the others and the general systematization of their affairs in Germany's interest.

The reason for this seeming indifference appears to be that new world Latin officials already knew what Adolf was scheming for them, and consequently didn't need to be told from the White House.

It's even reported that some of their embassies and legations have been put under the protection of the United States, and that the United States is better protected as to the future's intended program than R. D. R. is.

From sotto voce remarks by their

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Tale of a Pup in a Chimney



Skippy was lowered down a blind chimney in New York by a group of children during a game. But, once down, Skippy was stuck and it took a police emergency squad to get him out. Left, Sgt. E. McWilliams knocks open a hole at the spot where the little dog was stuck. Center, a dusty Skippy is pulled out of the chimney. Right, little Marion Fletcher bawls lustily as she again holds her pet, but the tears stopped when the police let her go home with the puppy.

Telephone Strike Threatened

(By The Associated Press.) Fifteen thousand long lines telephone workers reinforced their demands for wage increases today by authorizing a strike November 14, but their union president said the walkout would be cancelled if the dispute was certified to the defense mediation board.

John J. Moran, of Pittsburg, the president, served notice that the strike if carried out would include long distance wires, civil and military, as well as national radio wire hook-ups and the transmission of wire photos and teletypewriter news services. It would affect 42 states, all except Vermont, New Hampshire, Washington, Oregon, Nevada and Montana.

The independent union has demanded that the American Telephone and Telegraph company grant a four per cent wage increase and narrow its geographical differentials in pay. A company spokesman declared A. T. & T. had offered to make increases totaling more than \$2,000,000 a year.

The mediation board was concentrating on an attempt to settle the union snop dispute in so-called captive coal mines operat-

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Navy Bomber Lost At Sea; Twelve Killed

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Loss of a huge bomber in the Atlantic with the death of 12 men was announced by the navy last night—its third report within two weeks of major disaster.

The ship crashed, the navy said, and killed the two officers, and nine men of her crew and also an army officer, Lieutenant W. P. Robinson, who was described as a passenger.

Where the bomber crashed, what may have caused the disaster, and all other details were withheld for the time being.

The type of ship itself was not identified in the navy's announcement. From the number of men aboard, it was believed, however, that it must have been one of the huge PBV flying boats used for long distance sea patrols.

Nazis Claim Sea Successes

Berlin, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The German high command announced tonight that Nazi submarines and bombing planes had sunk a destroyer and 14 merchant ships totaling 73,000 tons in a new series of attacks on Great Britain's vital supply lines.

Eleven of the ships aggregating 53,000 tons were sent to the bottom by submarines which attacked a convoy in the Atlantic, a special announcement said.

"Three other ships and a destroyer were badly damaged by torpedo hits," the communique added.

Navy Gives Up Hope Of More Survivors

Women Egg Halifax

Detroit, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Women peace demonstrators showed eggs and tomatoes on Tuesday, British ambassador to the United States, today as he entered the Chancery building on Washington Boulevard in downtown Detroit for a meeting with Arch Bishop Edward Mooney of Detroit.

The ambassador, making a two-day tour of Detroit defense industries, was struck by several eggs before police broke up the demonstration.

Detective Inspector Charles E. Scoble, who was accompanying Lord Halifax, said the women were apparently the same who picketed the entrance of the Book Cadillac hotel Monday during Halifax' visit, carrying placards reading "Down with England" and "Halifax sea war negotiator."

Tanks Enter Maneuvers

Camden, S. C., Nov. 4.—(AP)—The First Army, "threatened" for the first time by an armored division, today called upon thousands of tanks, housewives and business men to man 200 warning stations throughout the Carolina maneuver area and help it guard against surprise attack.

It was the first time in any army maneuver that civilians had been organized to cooperate in a defense against a ground attack.

In a 65-mile strip of country, in-

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Reduction In Public Debt Improves Market For N. C. State And Local Securities

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—The net public debt in North Carolina—state, county, district and municipal—has been reduced \$102,607,576 in the last ten years.

In the meantime, the state's population has been increasing. The result is that the average per capita public debt in the state has been reduced by more than 25 percent during a period which included the worst depression in the national

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Seven Officers and 88 Enlisted Men Now Believed Lost in Torpedo Sinking of Destroyer Reuben James; 45 Are Saved.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Navy department announced today it had abandoned hope for finding the seven officers and 88 enlisted men lost in the torpedo sinking of the destroyer Reuben James.

Intensive search has been made in the area west of Iceland where the ship went down last Thursday night, the department reported, but searching vessels as previously announced found only one man's body in the water and rescued 46 other enlisted men, one of whom died two days after being rescued.

Of the 112 officers and men aboard the destroyer only eight wounded men and 37 uninjured survivors.

From the reports received in the attack on the U.S.S. Reuben James, it was made during complete dark-

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Jap Papers Renew Attack

(By The Associated Press.) Japanese newspapers renewed their anti-American editorial campaign today, declaring that "the time has come for the final showdown."

One newspaper said Japan must assume the failure of Tokyo-Washington talks unless the United States changed its present attitude.

The Japanese cabinet spokesman said news from Japan still awaited official reports before formulating her attitude on the German declaration that the navy had been "attacked" by the United States.

Under the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo alliance the axis partners are bound to aid one another if one of them is attacked by a power not involved in the European war or in the Chinese-Japanese conflict.

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Lodge Joins Opposition

Massachusetts Senator Declares 'We Are Going Too Far Too Fast' In Repeal.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Declaring that "we are going too far too fast," Senator Lodge, Republican, Massachusetts, told the Senate today he would vote against repeal of a provision of the neutrality act barring American merchant ships from Europe's war zones.

The Massachusetts senator who has approved many administration foreign policy steps, joined with Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Mississippi, in announcing that he would vote to arm merchant ships and could not support a move to send them to belligerent ports.

The two broke in the Senate's eighth day of debate on proposed neutrality law changes after Senator Lucas, Democrat, Illinois, urged speedy passage of the pending legislation, but declared that this country must prepare its defenses on the

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Cloudy and warmer, scattered showers in west and central portions tonight, Wednesday partly cloudy, scattered showers in east portion, cooler, northwest and extreme west portions.

Extended forecast for the period from 7:30 p. m. November 4 to 7:30 p. m. November 8—Showers at beginning of period and over northern section at end of period, temperatures rising to near normal first of period with cooling tendency by Friday.

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Moscow Defender



Marshal B. N. Shaposhnikov

Marshal Boris N. Shaposhnikov has been named chief of the Soviet general staff to succeed Gen. Zhukov, who recently was placed in charge of the Red armies on the central front. The marshal will be responsible for the defense of the hard-pressed Soviet capital.

Elections Held Today

New York City Mayorality Race Highlights Voting in Handful of States.

(By The Associated Press.) Odd year elections highlighted by the LaGuardia-Dewey mayorality contest in New York city draw voters to the polls in a handful of states today to select state and city officers and legislators, one governor and two congressmen.

The day provided no clear-cut opportunity to gauge the electorate's sentiment on the question of peace or war, for no countrywide balloting will take place until the Senate and House and gubernatorial races a year from now.

President Roosevelt planned to vote early in his home township elections in Hyde Park, N. Y. Only four states—New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Kentucky, had statewide voting.

Highest balloting was predicted in New York city, where Mayor F. H. LaGuardia sought a third term, against the Republican, American Labor, City Fusion and United City party tickets. He was opposed by Roosevelt's district attorney.

A contest marked by name calling, it involved a strenuous political attack by the opposing LaGuardia, President Roosevelt was "ranged

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FINNS START DRIVE AGAINST MURMANSK

New York, Nov. 4.—(AP)—Finnish forces, including artillery, infantry and motorized units, are starting a direct assault upon Murmansk and "the town will be taken within a few days should the Russian garrison refuse to surrender," a Finnish broadcast by NBC declared today.

Winborne Asks Observance Of Blackout

Raleigh, Nov. 4.—(AP)—United Commissioner Stanley Winborne warned today that unless North Carolinians observed an OPM order blacking out store windows and decorative lighting "our people may be forced to suffer."

The commissioner, who has opposed any power rationing for North Carolina, said none the less that since the order had been issued it had to be observed.

Violators, he said, may find themselves cut off from power connections.

"The better cooperation North Carolinians give to the ruling the better chance we will have to have the ruling lifted."

The order will not apply to municipalities which have their own power plants and which at the same time have no connecting wires by which their excess current might be sold to a power company.

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Damaged Ship Makes Way To Port

Navy Department Announcement Says No Lives Lost as Vessel Was 'Torpedoed Without Warning' While in Atlantic Convoy.

Washington, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Navy announced today another torpedoing in the north Atlantic waters—that of the United States naval tanker Salinas—but said that happily there was no further loss of life to add to the 97 men presumed lost on the sunken destroyer Reuben James.

The Salinas was "torpedoed without warning," a terse Navy statement said. Seriously damaged, she made her way to port.

"No details of the damage will be released as it will be of no value except to the axis," the Navy said in disclosing that the tanker was hit last Wednesday night southwest of Iceland.

This was the day before and in the same general area where the Reuben James, first American warship to be lost in the battle of the Atlantic, went down.

The 16,800-ton Salinas was in a convoy when attacked, the Navy said.

Counted also as victims of the ocean warfare were twelve more Navy men, killed in the crash of a big patrol bomber somewhere at sea.

The Salinas is commanded by Commander Harley F. Cope of New Orleans, La. It was built for the U. S. shipping board in 1920 and transferred to the Navy December 16, 1921.

The Navy said the ship had a complement of 107 men and is armed

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British Tars Board Vichy Merchantmen

London, Nov. 4.—(AP)—British sailors intercepted and boarded the Vichy French merchantmen and prevented the scuttling of three of them in an action which is still proceeding off the South African coast, the admiralty announced today.

The admiralty charged the French with attempting to convey contraband supplies for the Germans from the Cape to the Orient.

At the same time a night battle in the English channel was announced in which the admiralty said patrol boats engaged the escorts of a strangely protected axis convoy.

In the latter battle, the British sank two and two torpedoed into a mine, although several probably sinking the remaining three. Some of the vessels, said to be returning, suffered slight damage by one of their own patrol ships.

Nazis Open New Drive

Heavy Offensive Has Rostov as Objective; Veteran Tank Commander Leads Army.

Kempeno, Russia, Nov. 4.—(AP)—The Germans have opened a heavy offensive toward the strategic Caucasus gateway city of Rostov under the direction of the veteran tank army commander, Colonel General von Kluge, dispatches from the front disclosed today.

Von Kluge's forces are smashing in several directions in southern regions of the Don basin, the dispatches said, and in the vicinity of a place identified as "village K" have succeeded in hammering a wedge into the Red army's positions, acknowledged to be "several miles long."

After smashing this wedge, however, the Germans were declared to have halted. The 16th German tank division which carried out the attack

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