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## German Warships Sink Two Or More Norwegian Ships

### British-Chartered Vessels Risking Dash From Goteborg, Sweden, Attacked by Nazi Warcraft Lying in Wait in Skagerrak.

Stockholm, April 2.—(AP)—German warships blockading the Skagerrak were declared today to have battered or sunk two or possibly four of eleven British-chartered Norwegian merchant ships which risked a daring dash to England from Goteborg, Sweden, and though several others were reported turned back the possibility was held out that some might yet be at large and racing toward safety. The merchantmen which slipped out of Goteborg in a blinding snowstorm the day night ran into a blockade of Nazi warcraft which had lain in wait for them since the Germans found themselves unable to seize control of the ships through action in the Swedish courts.

Residents of the little coastal towns which shook with cannonading Tuesday and Wednesday, Swedish newspapers compiled this record of the fate of the ships: Two of the merchantmen were sunk by German gun fire almost as soon as they passed the three-mile territorial limits. One ship went aground; one was seen burning at sea and perhaps sank; two, cut off from hope of escape, turned back into a Swedish port yesterday afternoon; at least two more were said to be returning, perhaps damaged. At least two large cargo vessels were given at least a fighting chance of breaking through. Fishermen said they were last seen yesterday, undamaged and racing for the open sea.

# Japs Land At Akyab

## Nazi Factories In Paris Bombed

### Successful Attack Made Last Night

#### Main Blows Aimed at Truck Factory in Paris Suburb; Germans Report Sinking British and U. S. Shipping in Atlantic.

(By The Associated Press) British bombers smashed anew at German war foundries in the environs of Paris last night, the London air ministry announced today, while Adolf Hitler's high command reported "very successful" attacks against United States and British shipping in the grim battle of the Atlantic.

As if continuing a U. S. Navy announcement that 28 axis submarines had been sunk or presumed sunk by United States forces so far, the Nazi high command asserted that the German navy and air force destroyed 105 allied merchant ships totaling 646,900 tons during the month of March. U-boats alone sank 91 ships totaling 581,900 tons, the German communique said, adding that 39 other merchant vessels were heavily damaged by torpedo or bomb hits.

Informed quarters in Washington said America's anti-submarine campaign was being stepped up rapidly to meet an expected summer drive by 300 to 400 U-boats, and declared that the Germans had failed in their major objective—to divert U. S. naval strength from more vital war fronts.

Vichy news agency dispatches said RAF bombers striking into occupied France during the night attacked a number of points on the outskirts of Paris. The British air ministry said the heaviest blows were rained on the Matford works at Poissy, eight miles west of Paris, which

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### Stock Market Trend Upward

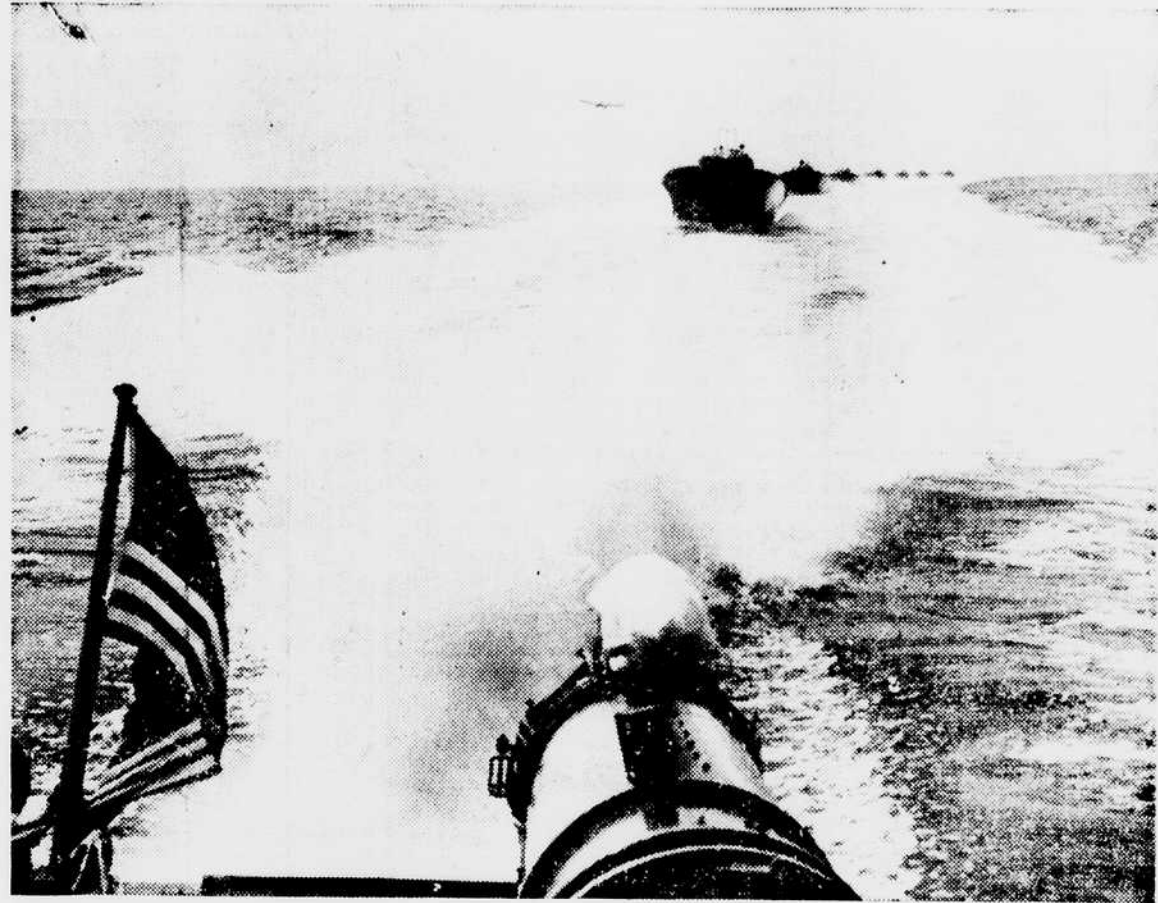
New York, April 2.—(AP)—Leading stocks took on a little more recovery confidence in today's market. After a mild hesitancy at the opening, enough bidding arrived to turn trends moderately upward. Dealings were a bit faster on the extension of Wednesday's last minute revival and, near the fourth hour, gains of fractions to a point or so were well distributed.

## Babson Urges Patience On Part Of Civilians

### Economist Says Patience Will Win War in Field, People at Home Must Also Accept Sacrifices; After-War Job Situation Discussed.

By ROGER W. BABSON  
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Taftville, Conn., April 2.—The allies are going to win World War II by patience. We at home can help by also being patient and cheerfully accepting substitutes when merchants tell us they are out of just what we want to buy. This patience, moreover, will be rewarded by perhaps a better product than we had before. Necessity is still the "mother of invention." It was recently illustrated to me in this Connecticut town where they are making felt hats out of skimmed milk. Before the war, the best felt was made from wild rabbit fur which came from Australia. None is now obtainable; while the government is shutting down on the only wool fibers which can be used.

### An Axis 'Reception Committee' Holds a Workout



Ready to greet any enemy vessel with death-dealing torpedoes is a fleet of U. S. mosquito boats—somewhere off the Panama Canal. This photo, one of the first to be taken during maneuvers in that area, shows a long line of the swift motor boats speeding along in the single file that enables them to break rapidly into any one of many attack formations. In the background is a low-flying plane that works in conjunction with the fleet. (Central Press)

## Australia Can Be Held

### Vice Admiral Hart Tells Senate Group Reinforcements Have Reached Island.

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Chairman Connally, Democrat, Texas, said today that on the basis of information given the Senate foreign relations committee today by Vice Admiral Thomas C. Hart he was encouraged to believe that the United Nations forces were sufficiently strong to hold Australia as a base for future offensive attacks. Hart, appearing before the committee in a closed session, was said to have been questioned in detail about the disposition of allied forces in the southwestern Pacific, where he turned over the command of the United Nations naval units to a Dutch admiral before the fall of Java to the Japanese.

"Apparently," Connally told reporters, "the military and naval situation in the southwest Pacific is much more hopeful than some of us have thought. From such information as is available, in my opinion the United Nations have been able to get considerable supplies and aircraft to Australia."

## Sharp Skirmishes Mark Bataan War

### FIRST NIGHT ATTACK IS MADE ON DARWIN

London, April 2.—(AP)—The Japanese made their first night air raid on Darwin, Australia's north coast port, last night, the all India news reported today. No details were given.

## War Plans Criticised

### Senate Committee Recommends Drafting of Aviation Expert to Speed Production.

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Criticizing the nation's armed forces for a "poor job of overall planning," the Senate defense investigating committee recommended today that the war production board draft a trained aircraft executive to direct a drive to break the bottlenecks which are "holding up peak production" in the warplane program.

Summarizing a subcommittee's visit to the west coast, the committee reported that plane assembly lines in big plants were not running to capacity because of recurring shortages of some vital parts being produced by subcontractors. "A poor job of overall planning, from aluminum ingots to finished aircraft, by the armed services and the old OPM must be blamed for the present situation," the committee said in its report. "The usual red tape and delays in making contracts also

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### MURDERER GIVEN MOST SEVERE TERM

Pontiac, Mich., April 2.—(AP)—Dominick Piccone, 20-year old convict who killed three Michigan farmers in a wild 24-hour murder rampage, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor and solitary confinement in circuit court here today.

Michigan law provides no more severe punishment. Piccone, who was captured by state police on a country road near Otisville, Mich., at 3:30 a. m. today, was brought into court shortly before noon.

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## British Rear Imperiled By New Move

### Sea-Borne Japanese Troop Thrust Nearer India, Landing at Chief Burma Port, Only 100 Miles From Frontier.

(By The Associated Press) Japanese sea-borne troops thrusting closer to India were reported today to have landed at the chief west Burma port of Akyab, only 100 miles from the Burma-India frontier, as prospects for mobilizing India's 390,000,000 on the side of the United Nations took a sudden brightening turn.

A Chinese spokesman in Chungking said the Japanese landed at Akyab under the protective covering of a force of cruisers and destroyers.

Akyab is only 350 miles across the upper Bay of Bengal from Calcutta. Besides heightening the threat of a Japanese invasion of India, the landing directly imperils the rear of British imperial lines now guarding the central Burma oil fields.

Meanwhile, dispatches from Australia indicated that Japan's invasion forces in the southwest Pacific, halted in their attempted overland drive in New Guinea, were preparing to launch a sea-borne attack on the key allied base at Port Moresby, only 300 miles across the Torres strait from Australia itself.

On the critical Burma front, British headquarters reported no substantial change in the situation, indicating that the Japanese had been at least temporarily checked in their two pointed drive from the south toward Mandalay and the Burma oil fields.

In India, Britain's special envoy Sir Stafford Cripps, revived hopes for a settlement of the all important question of Indian self rule, announcing that he would prolong negotiations into next week.

"Points of difficulty are coming down to fairly narrow limits and, with common good will, we may be able to solve the difficulties," the British envoy said in New Delhi.

Modification of Britain's all-or-nothing offer of post-war dominion status was indicated in the efforts to draw more deeply upon the vast reservoirs of Indian manpower and production for the battle against the Japanese.

### HIGH POINT BLAZE TAKES SECOND LIFE

High Point, April 2.—(AP)—Five which yesterday destroyed two turbine concerns, occupying the same two and a half story building and fatally burned an employee, O. W. Wood, 35, claimed a second life this morning when Dwight E. Cannaday, treasurer of Hagan Childress, Inc., died from burns.

## Dies-Wallace Controversy Aired By Axis

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—The White House took note today of the controversy between Vice President Wallace and Representative Dies, Democrat, Texas, by citing a federal communications report that two axis radio stations and one in Vichy had picked up Dies' charge that 35 employees of the board of economic warfare were affiliated with communist front organizations.

William D. Hassett, an assistant presidential secretary, read excerpts from the report from the FCC monitoring service. The report said an official German broadcast to North America on Tuesday, another from Vichy on the same day and a third yesterday from station "debut," which purports to be in this country, had repeated Dies' charge.

## Sub Sinks Tanker Off Atlantic Coast

### Eight of Crew of 37 Missing and Believed Dead; U-Boat Shells Ship to Sink Her After Torpedoes Set Craft Afire.

Gloucester, N. J., April 2.—(AP)—Battered and set afire by torpedoes from an enemy submarine, a medium sized Norwegian motor tanker sank today a hail of shells off the Atlantic coast early on the morning of March 27, the fourth naval district announced today. Eight of the crew of 37, including most of the ship's officers, are missing and believed dead. The 29 survivors were picked up by a Portuguese freighter after spending about seven and one-half hours in two lifeboats and were brought here March 31.

The chief engineer of the tanker said the attack came without warning about 2:30 a. m. The ship was struck by two and perhaps three torpedoes, he said, and was bombarded by about 50 shells before she finally went down. The first torpedo struck just forward of the bridge on the port side, setting the bridge afire. It was followed almost immediately by a second which struck just behind the amidships section, the chief engineer said.

The crew abandoned ship within a few minutes after the attack. The submarine then rose to the surface and shelled the burning hulk until it sank five hours later.

## Standard Oil Official Says Firm Loyal

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, contended today that cartel agreements it had with the German die trust has caused the Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) to be "bound by two loyalties," but a company official disputed the contention.

These relations, protested Vice President F. A. Howard of the company, did not produce any "conflict of loyalty with the United States." Howard was on the witness stand of the Senate defense investigating committee when the discussion arose.

O'Mahoney read a letter written by the manager of the Standard Oil Development Company, on January 20, 1941, saying that under 1939 agreements with I. G. Farben it would be necessary to refer Japanese and South American synthetic rubber.

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## Cotton Prices Turn Higher

New York, April 2.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened 10 to 30 cents a bale higher. Around mid-morning the market was 30 to 45 cents a bale higher.

## Bomb Found At Sawmill Near Epsom

Louisburg, April 2.—(AP)—Sheriff J. P. Moore of Franklin county said today that a small home made bomb was discovered this morning buried in sawdust at a mill one mile from Epsom. The bomb was discovered by the mill owner, P. H. Ward, who noticed wires leading from a spark plug. The bomb was made from an automobile coil and a wooden plug, the sheriff said, and was connected to the sparkplug of a gasoline engine.

## Taft Plans Profits Bill

### Ohio Republican Senator Would Create Board to Fix Ceilings on War Profits.

Washington, April 2.—(AP)—Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, proposed today creation of a board to fix ceilings on war profits, while administration leaders moved to compromise a 6 per cent profits limitation inserted by the House in a pending military appropriations bill. Taft told reporters he had little doubt that the Senate appropriations committee would strike the House amendment out of the \$18,301,000,000 military measure. However, Chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board and Army and Navy officials were working on a substitute which they planned to present to the committee. Nelson was reported to have told

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## Strike Closes Textile Mills

Fall River, Mass., April 2.—(AP)—Key workers in seventeen of Fall River's 18 top textile mills joined the second walkout in two weeks today, pointing to the eventual shutting down of all plants unless mediation is successful in the very near future. While loom fixers, slash tenders, and knot tiers walked out, representatives of rival unions prepared to meet in the state house at Boston with Charles H. Cole, chairman of the state board of conciliation and arbitration, and Theodore W. Kheel, principal mediation officer of the war labor board. It was difficult to estimate the number of workers now idle because of a jurisdictional dispute, but the number increased hourly as the saturation point in the preliminary textile processer was reached.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Slowly rising temperature this afternoon and tonight.