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Bombers Fire Jap Vessels In Bengal Bay

United States Flying Fortresses Officially Credited with Leaving Cruiser and Transport in Flames, Two Others Damaged.

(By The Associated Press)
Giant U. S. Army flying fortress bombers, striking for the first time from bases in India, were credited officially today with leaving a Japanese cruiser and a transport in flames and probably damaging two other ships in the Bay of Bengal.

TWO FLIERS KILLED AS BOMBER CRASHES

Boise, Idaho, April 4.—(AP)—A four-motored Army bomber crashed near the Utah-Idaho border last night. Two men were killed and the other seven aboard are missing. Gowen Field public relations officers disclosed today.

Jap Bombers Shot Down

Corregidor's Gunners Bag Two More Planes, Raising Total to 17 in Two Weeks.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The War department reported today that the anti-aircraft gunners of the Philippines Corregidor fortress shot down two more heavy Japanese bombers, increasing their bag to 17 destroyed in less than two weeks.

Two other enemy raiders probably were damaged, a communication said.

Three Ships Sunk By Subs

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The Navy announced today that a medium sized U. S. merchant vessel, a medium size Panamanian merchantman and a small Canadian merchant vessel had been torpedoed and sunk.

Pelley Held For Sedition

'Silver Shirts' Leader, Lately 'Galilean' Editor, Arrested by FBI Agents.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, leader of the Silver Shirts, was arrested today on charges of distributing false statements intended to hurt the United States and "promote the success of our enemies."

Cotton Closes 40-65 Higher

May	19.56	19.60
July	19.63	19.76
October	19.83	19.83
December	19.88	19.96
January	20.00	19.96
March	19.97	20.03

"He Is Risen"



And entering into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen. He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him. . . . St. Mark 16: 5, 6.

Plumbing Fixtures Prices Are Frozen

RECIPROCAL PACTS FOR TWO COUNTRIES

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—Acting Secretary of State Welles announced today that the United States would negotiate reciprocal trade agreements with Mexico and Bolivia.

New Labor Plan Offered

Administration Reported Sounding Out Labor Leaders on Voluntary Agreement.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—The administration was reported authoritatively today to be sounding out labor leaders on the possibility of obtaining a voluntary agreement for a 44 or 48 hour work week at regular pay in war industries.

There has been some discussion in administration circles of a compromise calling for overtime pay only after 44 hours, but opposition to such a scheme was said to have arisen on the grounds that this would be a half-way measure likely to be un-

Price-Fixing Order Precedes WPB Order Curtailing Production; Household Electrical Appliance Prices Also Frozen.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—Adopting a new technique to prevent speculative price increases, the office of price administration froze prices of all types of plumbing fixtures today, preliminary to a war production board order curtailing their production.

The temporary ceiling, effective Tuesday, pegs prices at levels in effect March 27. Manufacturers, wholesale and retail prices were affected, but prices charged by plumbers who actually install the fixtures were excluded.

Top prices were also fixed today on all household electrical gadgets from the toaster in the kitchen to the curling iron on the dressing table.

The OPA also set the price ceiling on these 44 appliances at March 30 levels, effective next Tuesday.

acceptable to congressional critics of the present law.

Reds Move Reserves To Meet Nazi Drive On East War Front

Moslems Expected To Reject Proposal For Indian Freedom

Jinnah Declares Plan Would 'Keep Moslems Tied to the Chariot Wheels of Hindudom'; Congress Committee Meets.

New Delhi, April 4.—(AP)—Declaring that Britain's plan for post-war Indian dominion status would "keep Moslems tied to the chariot wheels of Hindudom," Mohammed Ali Jinnah indicated today that the autonomy proposal already rejected by the powerful All India Congress party also was unsatisfactory to his Moslem league.

Jinnah, leader of India's second largest party, expressed deep disappointment that the "unity and integrity of the Moslem nation was not expectedly recognized" in the offer outlined by Sir Stafford Cripps in an effort to bring the Indians wholeheartedly into the war effort.

Subsidiaries Law Opposed

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—Senator Truman, Democrat, Missouri, expressed opposition today to a recommendation by Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Jr., that "in some appropriate fashion" the government be empowered to exercise control over international business dealings of foreign subsidiaries of American companies.

Berle made the proposal after testifying before the Senate defense investigating committee yesterday that not until he had initiated steps to place the Brazilian subsidiary of Standard Oil Company (New Jersey) on the State department black list did the Standard company agree to halt sales of gasoline to axis air lines.

Business concerns in other countries own subsidiaries in the United States, he said, and any efforts to control them would be resisted by the United States.

Some Stocks Gain Ground

New York, April 4.—(AP)—An assortment of stock market leaders managed to work a little higher in today's brief session although numerous issues dozed at slightly lower levels.

Two Ships Reach Port

London, April 4.—(AP)—The Vichy radio, heard here by Reuters, said today that two of ten Norwegian ships which made a dash for England from Goteborg, Sweden, Thursday had reached an English port.

Two others returned to Goteborg and two were sunk, the Vichy radio said, adding that there was no news from the other four.

Profits Law Supported

Thomas Claims Approval of Proposal for Sliding Scale of Profits of War Contracts.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—A "sliding scale" for limiting profits under war contracts was approved by the Senate appropriations committee today as it reported out a new war fund measure carrying more than \$19,000,000,000.

Before agreeing upon the graduated new profit limit proposal the committee rejected on a tie vote, 8 to 8, a substitute proposal by Senators O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, Wand Overton, Democrat, Louisiana, which would have given the War department, or maritime commission, flexible authority to limit profits without any rigid schedules.

Washington, April 4.—(AP)—Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, today claimed broad congressional support for a sliding scale of limiting profits on war contracts as the Senate appropriations committee considered this newest proposal.

"My proposal would amount to a cost-plus-fixed fee basis for all profits," Thomas said. "It would give the little fellows a higher limit than the multi-million dollar contracts."

The Thomas proposal came before the appropriations committee as it considered recommendations for a new \$18,300,000,000 wartime appropriations measure which passed the House carrying a rider limiting war contract profits to a flat 6 per cent.

Thomas said his proposal was approved in principle by an appropriations sub-committee and ordered combined with a profits limit provision by Senator O'Mahoney, Democrat, Wyoming, and Overton, Democrat, Louisiana, also offered as a substitute for the flat 6 per cent limit voted by the House.

'Several Million' Freshly Trained Russian Soldiers Go to Long Battleline; Hitler Reports 'Very Heavy' Red Losses.

(By The Associated Press)
Adolf Hitler's invasion armies, slowly receding after a winter of bloody setbacks, were reported making "very hard" counter attacks on the Russian front today in evident preparation for the heralded Nazi spring offensive.

Simultaneously, the Russians were reported moving the vanguard of "several million" freshly trained reserves into the thriving battlefront from Leningrad to the Black sea in an attempt to smother the German offensive before it can get started.

Soviet quarters said the reserves would boost the Red armies at the front to 7,000,000 troops compared with approximately 4,500,000 Germans.

The German high command said activity had increased on the northern front, where a heavy battle was reported raging around long besieged Leningrad, and acknowledged Soviet attacks on the Moscow and Ukraine fronts.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters, summarizing the first three months of 1942, declared the Russians had suffered "very heavy losses" in men and material "in an unsuccessful attempt to shatter the German eastern front and daring German offensive operations."

Aside from unspecified high losses in Red army troops killed, the Nazi command claimed the Russians had lost 104,128 prisoners, 2,167 tanks, 2,519 guns and 2,720 planes from January 1 to March 31.

Russian authorities credited guerrillas with the slaughter of 800 Germans and aggressive action against supply lines on the central front today, and several more settlements were reported captured by the Red army.

Will Trade Prisoners

Britain and Italy Make Arrangements for Exchange of Sick and Wounded Men.

London, April 4.—(AP)—The foreign office announced today that an exchange of sick and wounded British and Italian prisoners of war—on an "all or none" basis—will begin shortly at Izmir, a port in western Turkey.

Negotiations conducted through a third country—identified only as "a protecting power"—have set in motion the machinery for the exchange, the foreign office said.

"In view of the nature of the operation, further details cannot be given at this stage but a full statement including the names of those repatriated will be issued when it is completed," the announcement declared.

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WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Not much change in temperature tonight.