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Allied and German Navy Fight IMPORTANT Territorial Waters Are CONFERENCE Seeded With Mines Off Scandinavian Coast Soon Results After Daring Action

MAN TROOPSHIP TORPEDOED BY BRITISH . BMARINE AND AT LEAST THREE HUNDRED SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM ARE KILLED AS EVENTS MOVE FAST IN NEW SPHERE OF WARFARE

veral Other Casualties

HTING BETWEEN GERMAN AND BRITISH ARSHIPS IN NORTH SEA-ONE AND POSSIB-LY TWO ENGAGEMENTS ALREADY-FISHING BOATS LAND SURVIVORS

OSLO, April 8: (CP)— Fighting between British and German ships in the North Sea in which at least nine men were killed and several vessels sank was disclosed as Norwegian schooners reached port with victims and survivors. The nature of the engagement was uncertain.

Approximately 300 uniformed Germans were killed today when a British submarine fired two torpedoes into the German steamer Rio de Janeiro four miles off the Norwegian coast. Norwegian fishermen reported that there were more than three hundred Germans aboard the vessel which they say failed to halt when ordered to do so. The submarine fired twice and the Germans started jumping into the Skagerrak.

Norwegian officials said there were about five hundred men in German Army uniform aboard the Rio de Janeiro when it sank. Eighty horses were also lost.

Many of the Germans were drowned and their bodies were washed ashore at Lillesand. Norway. After the first torpedo struck Norwegian fishing boats began picking up the survivors. The second torpedo killed numerous Germans in

Norwegian authorities did not know why the man-laden ship was cruising in sight of the Norway coast.

Earlier French military sources in Paris had reported that German troop contingents had recently been engaged in embarking and landing manoeuvres along the North Sea and Baltic coast. These manoeuvres were interpreted at that time in Paris as being aimed at Scandinavia and the Netherlands, possibly as a bluff to back up diplomatic pressure.

There were indications of at least one other naval encounter off the south Norway coast. Numerous explosions at sea were heard.

The German steamship Kreta reported that she had been attacked by a submarine and was in distress off the south coast of Norway.

Such were rapid developments which ensued today following the drive of Allied naval forces into Norwegian territorial waters to sew mine fields at three strategic points to sever Germany's "life line" for Scandinavian ore.

The mine-laying was completed within one hour and Norway was notified as soon thereafter as "practical."

Authoritative sources, emphasizing that operations were "carried through without incident," said that the action had been taken solely against Germany to force coastal shipping to pass outside Norwegian territorial waters at karee points.

Statements announcing the action were released simultaneously from Paris and London.

As justification for the mines which it was acknowledged would "not be lawful in ordinary circumstances," the Allies declared that "illegal" German practices of unrestricted mines, submarme and airplane attacks on neutral and British

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Challenging Of Blockade

TRIESTE, April 8:-Regard- + as a challenge to British + * warships which are said to be * view to enforcing the block- + + 4700-ton German freighter + + bauxite ore which will be + floated. + transshipped to Germany. + * shipment got through safely * + it was understood Germany in- + + tends to use many more ships + * in carrying such traffic. Italy * + has decreed that the Adriatic + + is an "Italian Lake."

Are Rounding Up Communists And Nazis In States

Party in the United States, is one boat in the open sea. The sur- B.C. Lumber of them.

Thinks This War Will Be Longer

Canadian Officer Gives Impressions After Trip To France

OTTAWA, April 8: (CP)- Lieut. Col. T. W. McDowell, speaking here after a tour of France, ex- Ace Of Last presses the view that the present war will last longer than did the War Killed last unless there is decisive action on the Western Front.

Hoover Back In New York

Former President To Resume His brought Activities On Polish And Finnish Relief

NEW YORK, April 8: -After an' absence of several weeks in California, Ex - President Herbert Cabarets In Hoover will return to New York tomorrow to resume his activities Nanaimo Must as chairman of the Polish and Finnish relief organizations.

United States Will Stay Out

Postmaster General Farley Predicts Congress Will Keep Country From War

WASHINGTON, April 8: (CP)ley declares there is no chance on the Winnipeg market Saturday, Officer H. A. Innes, Royal Air war. They had been able to escape of the United States entering the May closing at 8934c. New York Force, who won the Distinguished with all their equipment and were

: NAZI SHIP

Iron, Strands On Swedish Coast

This Area in the Adriatic Sea with a strockHolm, April 8: — The chairmanship of Foreign Secretary German freighter Curytyba, a 5000 Viscount Halifax. + ade against Germany, the ton vessel, laden with iron cargo. The aim is to devise measures

* Four British ships are said to * NO WARNING

+ German U-Boat Sinks Norwegian deliver Freighter In Usual Ruthless Way-Officers And Crew

off the coast of Fife, Scotland, the 2100-ton Norwegian freighter Nevada, bound from Swansea to Oslo Nippon Intends To Use Island Off with cargo of coal, was torpedoed without warning at 2:30 Saturday morning by a German submarine NEW YORK, April 8: (CP) - and sank in two minutes. Three Ninety warrants have been issued officers and nine members of the for Communists and members of crew were killed and fourteen the German-American Bund for were rescued by the Finnish subservive activities. Earl Browd-steamer Atlas, after drifting and er, secretary of the Communist around for nine hours in a lifepatrol aircraft which signalled the Is Specified

The German u-boat cruised around for half an hour after the torpedoeing of the freighter but made no attempt to rescue the survivors.

The Namora had not been in convoy nor did she use her wire-

Major Hector Giroux Loses His Life In Training Accident In France

Hector Giroux, French ace of the First Great War, in which he twenty - three * enemy planes, was killed in a crash while engaged in duties as an instructor.

Close On Time

NANAIMO, April 8: (CP) - Enforcement of the midnight closing | hour for cabarets in Nanaimo Saturday nights must be strictly carried out, it has been ordered.

WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, April 8: (CP)-| September at \$1.025%.

Means Of Tightening Blockade

prove of vital importance in the Allied drive to head off German, Italian and Russian co-operation in southeastern Furone and tighten the economic blockade on Germany opened in Tondon today

with British diplomatic representatives to eight countries, including ambassadors to Italy. Pussia. They and ministers to Greece. Hungary, Bulgaria, Roumania and

has run ashore off the west coast of tightening the blockade on Ger-Ankara has made her of Sweden. Danish salvage vessels many with as little hurt as nos-* way from a JugoSlavian port * have gone to her assistance and it sible to the neutrals which will be + to Trieste with a cargo of + is expected she will soon be re- thus essisted from being eclinsed into economic bondage to Ger-

Rannets have are to the effect that all Balkan nations welcome the formation of a huge British commercial comment to facilitate trada hotmann the Ballrans and the markets of Great Britain and France which have the cash with which to nav and the ability to

Japanese Naval LONDON, April 8:-Thirty miles Base Is Planned

South Coast Of China

TOKYO, April 8: (CP)- The Japanese have started a new drive for islands off the coast of Fukien Province. China. A naval base is to be established on Hainan Isl-

Must be Used in Construction Hangars for Department of National Defence

VICTORIA, April 8: (CP) - British Columbia lumber has been specified in cannection with the construction of a series of hangars to be built for the Department of National Defence under contract in Eastern Canada, Hon. W. J. Asselstine, minister of trade and industry, announces,

PARIS, April 8: (CP) _ Major , Norway-Sweden Orders Planes

STOCKHOLM, April 8 .- With + the necessity of their having to + fight to preserve their neutral-+ ity becoming more imminent, + + Norway and Sweden have plac- + of for 600 fighting planes to be + NAZIS ARE delivered at once. Otherwise, + + ed orders in the United States +: + intensive action towards bolst-+ + ering up their armed forces are + + being taken by the Scandinav- + + ian nations.

Valorous Pilot Dies In Crash

war. Congress would never permit prices were unchanged today with Flying Cross last month, has been well taken care of after being killed in action.

To Halt Nazi Shipping

a conference which is expected to Deliberate Step Taken to Tighten up Blockade of Reich-Will Be No Terrorism, However, or Ruthless Sinkings and Murder on High Seas-Move is Essential

> LONDON, April 8: (CP)— Setting the stage for British and German naval action off the west coast of Norway following the seeding out of Allied mine fields in three areas of Norwegian territorial waters with a view to tightening the economic blockade of the Reich, the war at sea today started to take on a new phase. With

Bulletins

FIGHT IN CALCUTTA

opponents of Mahatma Gandhi

battled on the streets of Calcut-

ta yesterday when anti-com-

promise Hindus stoned a hand

spinning exhibition being put

on by Gandhi nationalists. There

were cries of "Down with Gand-

ism." The attackers were mem-

bers of the group which would

start a passive resistance cam-

STOPPED AT GIBRALTAR

man consulate here has been

advised that thirty-five German

Columbus have been removed

by the British authorities at

Gibraltar from the Italian

steamer Fella on which they had

been travelling from San Fran-

Asama Maru incident, having

BIG FIRE AT SITKA

Saturday with damage of \$60 .-

LIMIT EXPORTING

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Ship Land On West Coast Of

England For Internment

picked up.

transport any more of them.

disposed to compromise.

CALCUTTA - Followers and

Germany enraged at this new and daring move on the part of the Allies following their decision to assume a more aggressive role in the war, a Nazi naval fleet was today steaming out of the Baltic towards the Norwegian west coast where units of the British fleet were concentrated. In Admiralty circles in London, it was said that such a nemergence by the German fleet to do battle, having been long awaited, would now be wel-

The Allied action in setting out the mine fields aroused a furore among the neutral nations, particluarly Norway and Sweden which had been repeatedly warned of late that the time had come paign at ene in demand for when they must take a stand on self-government. Gandhi is more one side or the other in the war. Sweden condemned the British action and at Oslo there is reported to have been a hot session at the SAN FRANCISCO-The Ger- Norwegian Foreign Office today with the British minister.

Germany, facing the prospect of seamen from the scuttled liner ja cutting off of supplies of vital minerals from Scandinavia, blustered that she was ready to strike in an "unexpected way."

The Netherlands expresses amcisco with a view to reaching azement at the Allied action which home in Germany. They were is deplored as a breach of interpart of the large crew of the national law.

Columbus which, following the Meantime, Great Britain and scuttling off the Atlantic Coast, France maintained a calm attihad travelled across the United tude at the various reactions none States with a view to embarking of which were, apparently, unexon Japanese vessels on the west pected. coast, the Japanese, after the

World Shipping Warned

agreed with Great Britain not to The British official declaration that three areas of Norwegian waters had been rendered dangerous to shipping by the laying of SITKA-The Columbia Lumber mines was broadcast to the world Mill here was destroyed by fire last night. There would be a forty-eight hour naval patrol fol-000. For a time the entire busilowing the laying of the first mine. ness district of Sitka was threatit was announced, for the protection of any vessels which might inadvertently stray towards the new mine areas. The mine areas BELGRADE, JugoSlavia- The would in no way interfere with government of JugoSlavia, in normal access of Norwegian ships view of many commodities becoming scarce at home, is taking to their own ports and hamlets.

steps to limit exports to such In a lengthy British statement countries as Germany, it is re- announcing the setting out of the ported in authoritative quarters. | mine fields in Norwegian waters. A serious domestic situation is it was explained that Germany, in said to be arising owing to the lits campaign of terrorism at sea, had now sunk well over 150 neutral ships with the killing of nearly 11000 neutral seamen. Many of these sinkings had been in utter defiance of the rules of international warfare and without the RESCUED least justification. In some cases ships had been sunk by Germany when bound from one neutral port to another neutral port with no Forty-one Seamen From Scuttled intention of calling at a British port. There had been flagrant violation of neutral rights in the indiscriminate campaign of destruc-LONDON, April 8:- Forty-one tion. British and Alled vessels had seamen rescued from a German also suffered and there had been ship after it had been scuttled following encounter with British nav- air attacks on fishing vessels and al vessels were landed at a west machine gunning of their crews. coast port yesterday and will be There had even been ruthless at-Postmaster-General James A. Far- Wheat prices were %c to %c lower LONDON, April 8: (CP) — Pilot interned for the duration of the tacks on lightships. On the other the Allies had not destroyed a single neutral ship nor had they

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etc.

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