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Raider Is At Large In Atlantic

British Boat Sunk By Mystery Ship; Move Against Vessel Taken

Is Believed To Be Either German Cruiser or Pocket Battleship—Steamship Clement is First Victim

LONDON, October 2: (CP)—The Ministry of Information announced today that an armed raider, undoubtedly German, had sunk the British steamship Clement in the South Atlantic Ocean. South African authorities also announce one operating on their east coast. The ministry announced that the raider had not yet been identified but the correct steps were being taken to rid the seas of such vessels. The raider is believed to be either a cruiser or a German pocket battleship.

The appearance of the raider is in line with the newly announced German policy that all British merchant vessels will be regarded as warcraft. British ships have been advised by the Admiralty to be prepared as far as possible to meet the new situation.

The Admiralty states it expected this sort of move before this.

DRIVE ON NEUTRALS

Denmark, Sweden and Norway Take Steps To Protect Their Shipping From Germans—Several Seizures

COPENHAGEN, October 2: (CP)—Denmark is protesting to Germany over the seizure of four Danish freighters which were seized during the week-end in the Skagerrak and taken to German ports. Three of the vessels were bound for England with butter and bacon and one was going to the Netherlands with wood pulp.

Germany is continuing its campaign against neutral shipping, particularly around the mouth of the Baltic Sea where a Swedish ship was captured and taken to Kiel. A Latvian vessel was similarly captured.

It is even reported that a German gunbot attempted to interfere with a Swedish vessel in Swedish waters, the attempt, however, being frustrated by Swedish patrol planes.

The Swedish government and the Norwegian as well are taking strenuous steps to prevent news of the sailing of Swedish ships leaking out to the Germans. Special police have been posted for duty in the ports of both countries for the purpose.

The Swedish government is also marking out territorial waters in such a way that there can be no danger of mistaking whether merchant vessels are in Swedish waters or on the high seas.

AIR RAIDS IN GERMANY

Royal Air Force Planes Make Reconaissance Over Berlin and Potsdam

LONDON, Oct. 2: (CP)—The Air Ministry announced that Royal Air Force planes made a night reconaissance flight over Berlin and Potsdam. At the same time R. A. Butler, foreign under secretary, said in the House of Commons that any enemy planes which tried to raid London "will get the reception they deserve."

BEATEN IN AIR FIGHT

British Planes Seem To Have Got Worst of Engagement On Saturday

LONDON, October 2: (CP)—The Air Ministry announced Saturday that Royal Air Force planes had engaged in an air battle over enemy territory with "some" British casualties and enemy losses unknown.

FIGHTING HEAVIER IN WEST

British Engage Germans In Air Battle Over Westwall—French Steadily Advancing

PARIS, October 2: (CP)—There was fierce and widespread aerial combat by both sides over the western front yesterday. There was also reciprocal artillery east of the Saar River and along the Moselle, the French improving their position by gaining considerable ground in their movement toward the Siegfried Line and steadily penetrating the German defences. Most of the activity was between Saarbruecken and Luxembourg.

French military reports today said that French forces had consolidated positions and removed thousands of small German land mines Numerous localized encounters continued but no heavy fighting was reported

British planes were in action over the Westwall in a fierce thirty-five minute battle with the enemy. Three of fifteen planes were brought down. As the fight was over German territory it is uncertain how many ships the enemy lost although it is known at least two were shot down. The fighting developed out of Allied reconnaissance operations over the German lines which have become a routine function.

Invasion of Holland?

As if fearing an invasion through Holland, Belgium troops are being transferred rapidly from the French to the Netherlands frontier where defence works have been resumed.

Berlin is reported to be full of German soldiers going through from Poland.

CHINESE ATTACK

Fierce Fighting Since Saturday In Neighborhood of Hong Kong

HONG KONG, October 2:—Continuous fighting has been going on just north of here between Chinese and Japanese forces. The Chinese have been trying to drive a wedge between the Japanese along the Hong Kong border and those farther north. The attack was launched on Saturday and fierce fighting has been going on since. Japanese are said to be sending reinforcements.

The new Japanese commander-in-chief at Nanking says that Japan has decided to completely exterminate all anti-Japanese forces in China with a new drive against British and American influences.

OFFER FOR MEDIATION

American Federation of Labor Suggests That U. S. Give Its Services

CINCINNATI, October 2:—The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor proposes that the United States should offer its services as a mediator towards bringing about peace in Europe while preserving the strict neutrality of this country.

Bulletins

CARDINAL MUNDELEIN DIES

CHICAGO— George Cardinal Mundelein, 67, Archbishof of Chicago, died suddenly today.

CANDHI IS SEVENTY

DELHI—Mahatma Gandhi celebrated his 70th birthday today and was the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory messages.

Weather Forecast

General Synopsis—The pressure remains high off the British Columbia coast. The weather has been fair in this province while scattered showers are reported in the southern interior.

Fish Packer Is Sunk By Coast Passenger Ship

VANCOUVER, October 2: (CP)—The fish packer Princeton, Capt. Charles Princeton was in collision Saturday with the coastal steamer Lady Cynthia and sank.

SOVIET NOT MUCH HELP

Cannot Supply Germany With Much More Oil, Coal or Iron, Berlin Newspaper Admits

BERLIN, October 2:—A prominent German newspaper said yesterday that "we cannot expect large exports of oil from Russia for the time being as there has been no increase of production in that country." The situation is the same in regard to coal and iron minerals in which there has also been no increase of production. Added to this there is the difficulty of transportation.

The only commodity in which larger exports from Russia to Germany may be expected, the paper said, is timber.

Esthonian Pact Is Duly Approved

Soviet Presidium Gives O. K. To Mutual Assistance and Trade Agreement

MOSCOW, October 2: (CP)—The presidium of the Supreme Soviet Saturday ratified the new Russian-Esthonian mutual assistance and trade pact which gives Russia virtual control of Esthonia.

Hitler Started The War, Great Britain And France Will Finish It—Churchill

LONDON, October 2: (CP)—Great Britain strengthened herself today for hostilities on a vast scale, apparently intending to ignore any anti-Nazi peace offer at the expense of Poland. The first official reaction to indications of Chancellor Adolf Hitler launching a peace offensive came from Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who said in a broadcast address: "We are going on to the end. Now we are in this war, we will press on until final victory is won. The war began when Hitler wanted it to but it will not be he who says when it shall end. It will only end when we are convinced that he has had enough, when he and his wicked men, their hands stained with blood and soiled with corruption, have loosed their hold on a docile and unhappy German people.

"We believe, Churchill continued, "that we are entitled in this fight to the respect and goodwill of the world, especially of the United States."

Reviewing the activities of war of the past month, the First Sea Lord referred to the aggression of Germany in Poland—a nation which had been overrun but would rise again. He alluded to Russia's "coldblooded policy of self-interestedness." The Allies would have liked to have had Russia on their side but there was at least comfort that the Soviet had blocked the flames of Nazism from spreading to the Balkans and southeastern Europe. He also referred to the failure of the German u-boat campaign which the British Navy was able to deal with effectively.

Already having a large number of men in France with the Dominions rising to its aid and the support and moral goodwill of Italy, Britain was in vastly better shape for war today than it was in 1914. There was also the support of the suppressed people of Czechoslovakia and Poland. "We have nothing worse to face tonight than we had in 1914."

The Allied means of putting down Hitlerism were increasing daily.

Great Britain and France would stand together come what may.

The government was preparing for a three year war but that did not necessarily mean it would take that long to achieve victory.

"Now that we have begun, now we are going ahead with the help of God and the conviction of defenders of civilization. We shall stay together until the end."

All the courage and skill of Germany's fighting men could free them from the yoke of Nazism with its intolerance and brutality.

Women Flyers In Vancouver Want To Get Into War

VANCOUVER, October 2: (CP)—Seven Vancouver women pilots are desirious of getting into active war service. Three of them have commercial licences and the other four private.

RUSSIA IS EXPANDING INFLUENCE

Agreement With Latvia Similar To That With Esthonia Now Expected—Also Finland?

RIGA, October 2: (CP)—The foreign minister of Latvia left today for Moscow, his government having decided it necessary to "clarify relations with other countries, Soviet Russia particularly."

Report here is that there will be an agreement reached between Latvia and Russia, similar to that which was signed at the week-end between Esthonia and Russia whereby the smaller nation will be protected from aggression in return for trade and military, naval and air force base concessions.

It is also reported there will be a similar agreement between Russia and Finland although it is said in Finland that the pact will go no further than the matter of trade.

MORALE OF REICH BAD

People Know Little About War—Are Full of Complaints And Fears

LONDON, October 2: (CP)—The ministry of information releases an interview with a well known neutral traveller who describes conditions as they exist in Germany today.

Two-thirds of the German people do not know anything about, or pretend not to know, the war. The other one-third have a defeatist attitude.

Food is not actually short, the traveller states, but he was impressed with the complete breakdown of the government machinery. In Vienna, for instance, the police have been dissolved.

From the people of the Reich as a whole little is to be heard but complaints and fears.

YOUNG MEN CALLED UP

All Britons Between Twenty And Twenty-Two Are Liable For Military Duty

LONDON, October 2:—In a proclamation issued by the King yesterday all male subjects of Great Britain between 20 and 22 years of age were advised that they are liable to be called up for army service and will be called upon to register therefore at a date to set. Britishers of this age outside Great Britain are also liable to be called upon their return home and must register within seven days after returning.

Agriculture On Wartime Basis

British Columbia Representatives Back From Trip To Ottawa

VICTORIA, October 2: (CP)—British Columbia agriculture will be placed on a wartime basis, it is announced by Hon. Dr. K. C. McDonald, minister of agriculture, following the return to Victoria of a British Columbia delegation to confer with representatives of the Dominion and other provinces in regard to agricultural matters. Endeavours will be made to increase production in certain lines while there will be problems of markets to be solved for some lines which have lost their normal markets owing to war conditions.

CIANO LEAVES BERLIN ON RETURN TO ROME: HITLER'S PEACE PLAN

New Buffer State Between Partitioned Portions of Poland—Five Power Conference Planned

BERLIN, October 2: (CP)—Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister, left Berlin today on his return to Rome, concluding the first conversation between the Rome-Berlin axis partners since the outbreak of the war. There was no official comment on the result of Ciano's conversations with Chancellor Adolf Hitler and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop.

Italian circles saw in the visit a new reason for believing that Premier Mussolini may assume the role of mediator in the Reich's peace offensive.

Ciano had a long conference, lasting about three hours, with Hitler last night and met Von Ribbentrop this morning.

The general belief is that this is Hitler's latest move in his effort to coerce Great Britain and France into peace.

Hitler's plan will consist, it is expected, of two principal elements:

First, the creation of a new Polish state between the portions of Poland and Russia which have been occupied by Germany and Russia.

Second, the holding of a five power conference—Germany, Russia, Italy, France and Great Britain.

Italy's claims in the Mediterranean would also be recognized.

War News

HULL IS OUTSPOKEN

WASHINGTON, D. C.— Secretary of State Cordell Hull said today that the United States refuses to recognize disappearance of Poland which he termed a "victim of force used as an instrument of national policy." He said the "mere seizure of the territory does not extinguish the legal existence of a government." Ambassador Anthony Biddle has opened a new United States embassy to Poland in Paris.

FAVORS GERMANY

WASHINGTON— Senator Key Pittman, chairman of the foreign relations committee, began debate on United States neutrality policies today by asserting that the existing arms embargo was a "discrimination in favor of Germany." He urged that the Senate adopt the administration's bill to repeal the arms embargo. Senator Borah expressed opposition to the measure. Former Governor A. E. Smith has gone on record as favoring the administration plan for neutrality revision.

SWEDISH SHIP TORPEDOED

STOCKHOLM— The Swedish steamer Gun was torpedoed off Jutland today. The crew of eighteen was rescued.

DUTCH SHIP SUNK

AMSTERDAM—A Netherlands mine sweeper struck a mine yesterday. One officer and five men were killed. The ship, badly damaged, limped into port.

CONFERS WITH DALADIER

PARIS—General Sikorski, the new Polish Premier, conferred with Premier Edouard Daladier today. Two Polish divisions have been raised in France for service with the Allies and three more are being formed. It is hoped to obtain recruits from Canada and the United States. The ultimate hope is a force of 100,000 men. Co-operation of Ignace Jan Paderewski, first Polish president, will be sought.

HITLER TO SPEAK

BERLIN—Chancellor Hitler will address the Reichstag when it assembles this week.

NEW LITHUANIA

KAUNAS, Lithuania— Foreign minister Urbsys of Lithuania will leave for Moscow tomorrow on invitation of the Soviet government, it was announced tonight.

DAY OF PRAYER

LONDON—Sunday was a day of prayer throughout England. The Dean of St Paul's was the outstanding speaker. He stressed the necessity of standing out against a system which was based on a lie. Catholic churches all said intercessory mass in which they prayed for the triumph of the right.

IS PLAYING BOTH SIDES

Turkey Would Assist Great Britain and France Providing Russia Not in War

ANKARA, Oct. 2: (CP)—Turkey is understood to have decided to stay neutral if war involving Soviet Russia and the democracies should spread to the Mediterranean. This is why there is a proviso in the pact, which Turkey says she is ready to consummate with Great Britain and France for mutual assistance in the Mediterranean, providing for the voiding of the agreement in the event of Russia becoming involved in war with the western democracies. In this case the Dardanelles would be closed to all nations, it is reported.

It was reported late Saturday that Turko-Russ negotiations at Moscow had broken down owing to severity of Russian demands.

A Turkish military delegation bound for London arrived in Paris yesterday and was met by British and French officials.

TURN DOWN PEACE PLAN

Russian Threat Fails To Deter Great Britain and France

MOSCOW, October 2: (CP)—The Russian official press echoed the Moscow accords yesterday with an implied warning to the western Allies to end the war or face joint German-Russian action.

Meanwhile both British and French governments were, apparently, cold shouldering the German-Soviet peace gestures by intensifying their preparations to meet any threat of German offensive—whether or not accompanied by Russian co-operation.

WINNIPEG WHEAT PRICES

WINNIPEG, October 2: (CP)—The Winnipeg wheat market was buoyant on Saturday with futures up ⅞c to 2c, October finishing at 71c.