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Fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday. Moderate west wind. (Details on Page 8)

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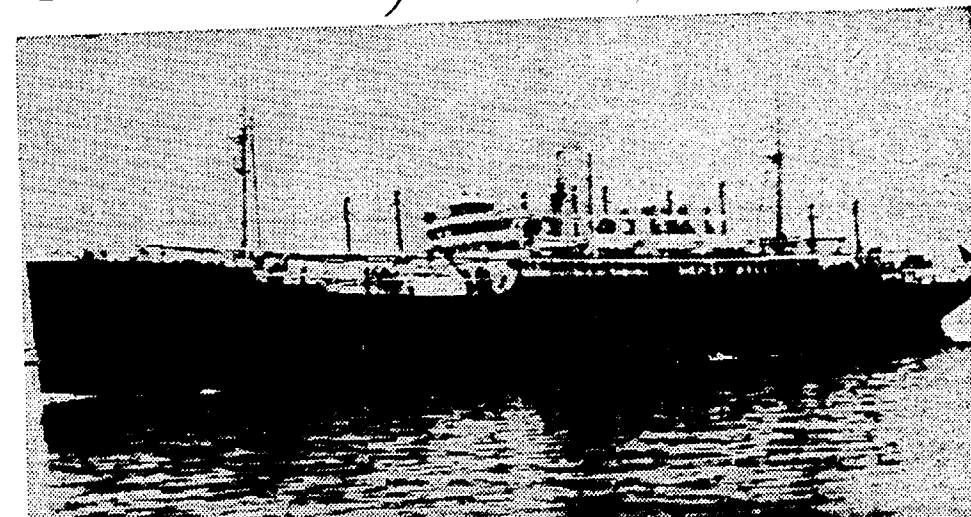
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Crippling Blows Struck Italian Navy In British Raids on Taranto, Valona



The British armed merchant cruiser Jervis Bay, which engaged a German battleship, and although outclassed and finally sunk, allowed the rest of its convoy to scatter and escape. (NEA Telephoto)

Survivors Tell of Ship's Sacrifice to Save Convoy

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT—(AP)—Sixty-five seamen, most of them wounded, were Canada's heroes today—scarred, exhausted survivors of the armed merchant ship Jervis Bay which saved at least 29 ships of a convoy of 38 before sinking, guns still roaring, in a mid-Atlantic battle with a powerful German raider.

2 Battleships, 3 Cruisers Reported Badly Damaged; Auxiliary Ships, Supply Boats Sunk; British Widen Blockade

(By The Associated Press) BRITAIN'S royal navy "has struck two crippling blows at the Italian fleet," the London admiralty reported today, seriously damaging two Fascist battleships and probably a third as well as two cruisers "smuggling behind their shore defenses" at the Taranto naval base.

In addition, two auxiliary warships there were reported "lying with their sterns under water."

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a cheering house of commons that "the result of the action decisively affects the balance of power in the Mediterranean."

London naval experts said the victory would release powerful units of the British Mediterranean armada to join in a world-wide hunt for a "phantom" German surface raider—possibly the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer or the Lutzwitz—which attacked a convoy in mid-Atlantic Nov. 11.

Report 9 Ships Missing Nine ships from the convoy are reported missing. Still another British naval victory at the expense of Italy was reported by the London admiralty today. British warships sank an Italian supply ship, set two others afloat, damaged another, and blasted an Italian destroyer in an attack Monday night off Valona, Albania.

35,000 Dead, Injured In Nazi Aerial Siege LONDON—(AP)—Britain has already counted more than 35,000 dead and wounded since the beginning of the aerial siege. The ministry of home security announced that total casualties thus far were 14,700 killed and 21,050 wounded. It said 6,334 civilians were killed in Nazi air raids on Britain in October and 8,965 were injured or detained in hospitals. About three-fourths of the month's casualties were in the metropolitan area of London alone—4,639 killed and 6,723 requiring hospital treatment.

The ministry gave the following breakdown of October casualties: Killed—Men, 2,791; women, 2,900; children under 16, 643. Injured—Men, 4,228; women, 3,760; children, 717.

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(St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was erected in the early 18th century on (Continued on page 8, col. 4)

County Board Votes \$390,000 Fund For New Super-Highway

Rt. 30 Plan to Cut Distance to Milwaukee The dream of a new and super highway between Madison and Milwaukee became virtually a reality Tuesday as the Dane county board cleared away the last and biggest obstacle when it voted approval of the sale of \$390,000 in bonds to cover the county's share of the initial cost of the project. The vote was 46 to 28.

Good Afternoon Everybody Big One Indicted? Progressives, Attention! Larson a Prophet (By William T. Evjue) A PROMINENT member of the legislature has been indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Milwaukee. The indictment is reported to be an investigation of the use of funds in Wisconsin campaigns by private utilities. The Dineen scandal gave the people of Wisconsin an insight into the practices of the big utility interests in their dealings with public officials. As in other states, the most corrupting influence in Wisconsin politics today is the public utility influence.

There is a chuckle in the fact that the call letters of the radio station in the Chicago area whose tower was blown down in the big blow of Monday were WIND.

Some stern facts for Wisconsin Progressives to contemplate: In the United States congress, Wisconsin Progressives are represented by one U. S. senator and three members of the house of representatives. In the state house of representatives, there is not a single Progressive in the roster of state officers for the ensuing two years. In the next legislature the showing will be the worst, from a Progressive point of view, in decades. There are 34 members of the state senate—23 Republicans, 3 Democrats, and 6 Progressives. In the 1939 session the completion of the state senate was 15 Republicans, 6 Democrats and 11 Progressives. The 1941 assembly will comprise 100 members and will be made up of 62 Republicans, 15 Democrats and 23 Progressives. The completion of the 1939 legislature was 53 Republicans, 15 Democrats, and 32 Progressives. All this in the liberal state. Don't the results of the election point eloquently to the fact that the first job which should be undertaken in Wisconsin is to bring about a unification of liberal and Progressive forces?

Despite the punishment which it has taken in the last two years at the hands of a Republican governor and his fake program of economy, we presume that it is safe to say that an overwhelming part of the Madison business community was for Willie New Deal. The whole philosophy of the New Deal is represented in the principle that the economic life of the country cannot be normal and healthy unless the masses with which to buy the things produced by the factory, mill and farm. As the industrial payroll and farm income went up the purchasing power of the masses increased. And with this increase came an increase in the sales of retail stores in Madison. Here are the figures on retail sales in Madison as reported by a survey of buying power made by the Sales Management magazine: 1932, \$27,277,000; 1933, \$23,720,000; 1934, \$26,287,000; 1935, \$44,562,000; 1936, \$41,562,000; 1937, \$43,159,000. Why should Madison businessmen be such bitter Roosevelt haters?

Why should the little business man continue to trail along with the Republican party—a party which exists to bring benefits and emoluments to the monopolistic industrialists and financiers who control it. There is something strange about the psychology associated with the term "business man." Put a man in a two by four corner grocery store, call him a "business man," and immediately he thinks that he must be loyal to his class and follow the Rockefeller, Mellon, Du Ponts and the Fords. But the little fellow continues to play the sucker game for the big play. When government is dominated by the Republicans it continually looks out for the

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He's Gone Gov. Heil was not in his office yesterday. Since Jan. 1, Gov. Heil has appeared at the executive office exactly 58 out of 262 working days

Hunting Mishap Figures



McFarlane Schiefelbein Olaf Severson William Scheer Harold Steffenson According to estimates made by D. J. Minehan, district engineer for the state highway commission, the cost of construction of the 17 miles of new road, which lie in Dane county, will be approximately \$1,000,000. Of this sum, Dane county will pay the \$390,000 realized from the sale of the bonds plus \$275,000 from the 1942 gas tax funds or a total of \$665,000. The remaining \$335,000 and any overages will be paid by the state and federal governments. Minehan declared. Bitter opposition to approval of the bond sale was expressed on the board floor by supervisors who claimed that construction of the new highway would make "ghost towns" of the villages which are now on the present highways 30 and 19.

Tells Suffering of Local Youths Trapped on River

Olaf Severson Describes Efforts to Rescue Duck Hunters How two Madison youths suffered through 20 hours in an open boat on the Mississippi river near Ferryville during the bitter wind and sub-freezing temperatures of Monday's storm was told here today by their duck-hunting companion, Olaf Severson, 213 Cory st. Severson himself being stranded with his companions because he ran out of shotgun shells early Monday afternoon and returned to Ferryville with his guide, Lyle Hutson, to purchase shells. When Severson and Hutson were found to return to the island, they found the storm had become so severe that they could not launch the boat.

Severson's hunting companions, John Bailey, 525 Dunning st., and William Scheer, 2209 Oakridge ave., were left on the island with only a small boat and with a mile of shore, Bailey and Hutson and Scheer are students at East high school here.

The death of one duck hunter, Kenneth J. McFarlane, 34 Janesville pheasant farm operator, has been definitely established. McFarlane was found frozen to death Tuesday on shore about a mile north of Ferryville on the Mississippi river. McFarlane, who was married about a year ago, was well-known in state conservation circles. He appeared at several hearings of the state conservation commission conducted here by the 1939 assembly.

Among the last to be accounted for were Hadden Davis, Vincent Mann, both of McFarlane, and James Hackett, town of Blooming Grove. It was reported that Davis had found McFarlane's body. Davis also took two Madison youths, John Bailey, 525 Dunning st., and William Scheer, 2209 Oakridge ave., East high school pupils, to St. Mary's hospital at La Plais, to receive treatment. The two youths were stranded on a reef in the Mississippi during the severe storm of last night.

Say Maid 'Hung Up' 3 Times On Call From FDR CHICAGO—(AP)—Out in suburban Glencoe they're telling about the house maid who hung up, not once, but three times on telephone calls from Pres. Roosevelt. Following the death recently of Gov. Henry Horner, a group of his friends, including Sen. W. Lucas (D., Ill.) gathered at the Glencoe home of a Horner relative where the senator placed a call to Washington to inform the president of the governor's death. While the group was at dinner the maid answered the phone, heard the operator say, "Pres. Roosevelt calling." "Listen, I can't be bothered with 'jokes' now," snapped the maid, slamming the receiver. In fact, she hung up three times before the call got through.

'Labor Peace' Discussed By FDR, Green

AFL President Eager to Resume Talks; Declares Lewis Power Wanes WASHINGTON—(AP)—William Green, discussed prospects of "labor peace" with Pres. Roosevelt today and said afterward he had assured the chief executive that a committee for the American Federation of Labor would be "glad" to meet with one from the CIO to resume peace negotiations.

Green, AFL president, said he thought there had been "some improvement" in prospects that organized labor would close ranks since negotiating committees broke off discussions months ago.

He attributed this improvement to a stronger sentiment among the rank and file of union members, and to what he said was a belief that John L. Lewis, the CIO chief, does not exercise "quite the same influence among the rank and file that he did when negotiations were carried on before."

Local Guild Asks Lewis to Resign The Madison Newspaper Guild, at a meeting Tuesday night at the Lorraine hotel, adopted a resolution demanding that John L. Lewis, president of the CIO, keep the promise he made to resign if Pres. Roosevelt were re-elected. The American Newspaper Guild is an affiliate of the CIO.

The resolution asserted that in opposing Roosevelt's re-election, Lewis "aligned himself with Weir, Girdler and other labor foes who sought to defeat labor's best friend and the nation's greatest humanitarian." The resignation of Lewis, the resolution concluded, would be "for the best interests of the CIO and of labor in general."

Heil to Open New Offices In Milwaukee MILWAUKEE—(AP)—A new office was being prepared on the sixth floor of the East Wisconsin building, 110 East Wisconsin ave., for Gov. Heil. Building officials said that it would be opened Saturday.

Urge County Refuse to Join Food Stamp Plan Suggest Townships and Villages Organize and Use System The county, now being made by the Federal Surplus Commodity Corp., is completed. Harb told the board that the plan would not work on a county-wide basis because of the fact that there now exist two different levels of relief in the county.

Mercury Drops To Six Above; Cold Continues Continued cold! That's Madison's weather prediction today from Eric R. Miller, U. S. meteorologist, who today forecast little relief from the near-zero temperature before the weekend as the mercury dropped to a new record low for this date. The temperature was 6 degrees above zero at 5, 6 and 7 a. m. today, thereby dropping below the previous all-time record for Nov. 13, above zero on this date, but not since then has Madison had such cold. There's no relief in sight today. Clear skies and reduced wind velocity were reported today, but Miller declared that he did not believe the temperature would rise above 32 degrees before the weekend. Persons planning to attend the Wisconsin-Indiana football game here Saturday (Continued on page 8, col. 8)

They were brought into port late yesterday by a Swedish freighter, one of the convoy, whose captain, Sven Olander, went back after dark the night of Nov. 5 because "they did so well for us that I did not like to leave."

The identity of the freighter and the number of missing crew members of the 18-year-old, 14,164-ton Australian liner converted into a light-armed convoy guardship were kept a military secret. Also, the identity of the raider was unknown, but some of the survivors thought possibly she was a 10,000-ton pocket battleship, the Admiral Scheer or the Lutzwitz.

Survivors of the fight—of which the world had its first inkling last week when distress calls crackled out over the Atlantic—told how the Jervis Bay heeded without hesitation into the "hopeless" fight, laid a smoke screen under which the convoy scattered, and plowed through a storm of shells straight for the raider until she was sunk by the latter's power.

Capt. E. S. P. Fegen remained in command "with one arm almost shot away," even though the fore part of the bridge was blown from under him. He went down with the blazing ship. A British admiralty communique credited the saving of three-fourths of the convoy, which the Germans reported completely destroyed, largely to the "very gallant action" of the Jervis Bay.

It said that despite "greatly inferior armament" the Jervis Bay "continued to engage the enemy after she had been severely hit and was burning furiously" and exploded after a two-hour fight.

Twenty-four ships in the convoy were reported to have reached ports, five others were reported safe and, the admiralty added, "it is possible that some of the ships still missing may be safe."

Among the vessels reported already in port were the liner Rangitiki and the freighter Cornish City, whose distress calls were heard in the United States on the night of the attack as the convoy was steaming from Canada to England.

Rushed Into Battle "She was a long way off. I don't know which of us saw the other first. She opened fire first, though. "She closed to get into range, and we closed, too, leaving the convoy. We got between the enemy ship and the convoy and dropped smoke floats (Continued on page 8, col. 8)

Gabby Hartnett Fired as Manager of Chicago Cubs



CHICAGO—(AP)—Philip K. Wrigley, president of the Chicago Cubs, said today that Gabby Hartnett's contract as manager of the team would not be renewed when it expires Dec. 31.

"We are announcing this decision now," said Wrigley, "as soon as we know it ourselves, both out of fairness to Hartnett and because we believe the fans expect and are entitled to know what's what about their ball club."

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