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RAILERS ITALIANTELET, WRECKS 2 FASCIST BATTLESHPS

Third Fascist Battleship Is Reported "Seriously Damaged"

COLD WAVE TO British Win TIGHTEN GRIP; Fight of War 15 BELOW SEEN

All-Time Low Mark for Mid-November Set at Des Moines

DES MOINES, (P)-The weather bureau predicted that the record-breaking cold wave would tight-en its grip on lowa Wednesday night, with 15 below temperatures a possibility for the northwestern

part of the state: The somber forecast followed a minimum reading of three degrees above zero in Des Moines early Tuesday to crack the all time low record for mid-November temperatures. The previous low for Nov. 12 was 6 above, set in 1919.

The bureau also advised ship-

low. It was 6 above in Des Moines at 9 a. m. Wednesday

Only glimmer of hope for reonly guinner of nope for re-lief from winter's first severe-prevue was the bureau's expec-tation that the weather would not be "quite so cold" in the west portion of the state Thursday afternoon.

The Iowa highway patrol re-ported roads mostly normal Wednesday, except for some slip-periness in the Storm Lake, At-

lantic and Council Bluffs areas and within cities and towns.

The patrol gave the following early morning temperature aver-

ages:
Northwest — Vicinity of Sioux City, 5 below; vicinity of Storm Lake, zero. Northeast-Three above.

Northeast—Three above.
Central—Zero.
Southwest—Atlantic, 1 above;
Omaha, 3 above.
Southeast—Ten above.
Skies were clear over the entire state Wednesday. A trace of precipitation was reported at Charles City. The state's high Tuesday was 24 at Davenport;

Hull Says Dies Must Decide on Hearings of Germany's Agents

WASHINGTON, (U.D.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull has advised Chairman Martin Dies of the sion rather than the German Not house committee investigating uncomplete in activities and the British details seem

CHAMBERLAIN CREMATED CHAMBERLAIN CREMATED LONDON, (P)—The body of Neville Chamberlain, former prine minister who died Saturday, was cremated Wednesday at Golders Green mortuary in North London. There was no ceremony.

The Weather FORECAST

IOWA: Fair Wednesday night and Thursday; not quite so cold west portion Thursday after-

MINNESOTA: Generally fair Wednesday night and Thursday, except occasional light snow northeast Wednesday night; not quite so cold extreme southwest Thursday afternoon.

IN MASON CITY

Globe-Gazette weather statistics

Wednesday: Maximum Tuesday Minimum in Night 2 below At 8 a. m. Wednesday

Biggest Sea

By J. W. T. MASON United Press War Expert

Cripping of at least one-third of Italy's first line battle fleft with damage to other fascist war vessels at Taranto by British bombers must rank as the most important naval success of Europe's war. The British victory is a direct result of Italy's invasion of Greece, which allows Great Britain for the first time the use of oftensive bases within easy suiking range of Italian ports.

The serious reduction of italian sea power, coupled with the added strategic value of the new British naval stations at Crete now gives Great Britain overwhelming predominance in the Mediterranean. Far reaching results are certain to accrue to Britain's advantage, in addition to added security for British transports passing through the Mediterranean.

goods against possible 10 below readings in northeast lows and 5 below temperatures in the southern half of the state.

Reports Wednesday averaged about 30 degrees below normal, the weatherman said.

Sioux City reported a minimum of 6 degrees below zero over night Red Oak had a 5 below minimum and Mount Ayr 1 below, It was 6 above in Des Moines

Mediterranean.

Detachments from the Mediterranean fleet can now be made. If the London admiralty desires for running down armored German raiders in the Atlantic. Too greater protection can be given supply ships approaching British coastal waters, and it is possible the blockade of the French and Spanish Atlantic coast may be low. It was 6 above in Des Moines

lirst major success of airplanes over heavily armored haval ves-

The British success, however, must be attributed primarily to the apparent lack of efficiently operated Italian lighting planes. The Tarauto engagement shows the vital necessity of protecting naval bases with defense planes capable of driving off attacking squadrons or keeping them so high in the air that the targets become confused.

Simultaneously with announce-ment of the British success in the Mediterranean comes the official British report of the attack in mid-Atlantic by the arméd British merchantman Jervis Bay against an armored German raider, allow-ing 29 British ships out of a total an armored German raider, allowing 29 British ships out of a total convoy of 38 to escape. The courage of the Jervis Bay, not profected by armor but engaging a German warship at close range and fighting until she sank in flames shows the morate of British scamen is fully the equal of British aviators.

The safe arrival in British ports of 80 per cent of the convoy disproves the German claim of last week that the entire convoy had been destroyed. There is every reason to accept the British ver-American activities that he must decide for himself whether to hold public hearings on the activities of German consular agents in this country, the state department discussed Wednesday, centions:

> Virginio Gayda, Italy's unof-ficial spokesman, writing Wed-nesday states that "the decisive war against England's empire is essentially naval." This assermust have been written before Signor Gayda had heard of the Toranto engagement and the way the Jervis Bay saved the British convoy.

It is unfortunate for Germany that the two incidents at sea, so favorable to Great Britain, together with Signor Gayda's confession, come at the moment when Commissar Molotov is in Berlin, He cannot fail to weigh, the new

Thuse men were killed at the facts against whatever axis assuments are given him concerns ing the future outcome of the war.

The Russians have shown realized in an and strict impersonality, in indiging the various developments of the war. It is not to be supposed they will neglect to take various note of the said dent strengthening of British Mediters and power and the difficulty of reconciling German claims of Kenvil, N. J., plant of the Heist rippling Britain by convey sinks.

FEAR SABOTAGE **IS ENDANGERING** DEFENSE OF U.S.

10 Acts of Sabotage in Recent Blasts

Charged by Dies By UNITED PRESS

The federal bureau of investi-gation, strengthered to meet the threat of sabotage against the national defense program, inter-vened Wednesday in the investigations of mysterious explosions accidents and fires in public and private cuterprises that have caused estimated damage of \$1,-000,000 in the last week.

The acts of sabotage in con-The acts of sabotage in contraction with recent explosions in plants working on national defense orders were charged by Representative Martin Dies, chairman of the congressional committee investigating subversive activities. He did not disclose where the sabotage occurred, but said be would ask congress to appropriate \$5,000,000 to continue his committee's investigations in an effort to stop this menace to national defense. fense.

Representative J. Paruell Thomas (D-N. J.), a member of the committee, said that three explosions in Pennsylvania and Sels. It shows that warships at New Jessey yesterday "can hard-nichor are vulnerable to large bombs aimed effectively, it the coincidence" and warned that attacking planes are allowed to other districts might be espected reach their targets.

The British success, however, gets bard-boiled."

"We need a shake-up in our government so that there will be no more coddling of subversive groups or activities," he said. "The federal government should co-operate with the employers so that they can get tough about whom they hire and fire."

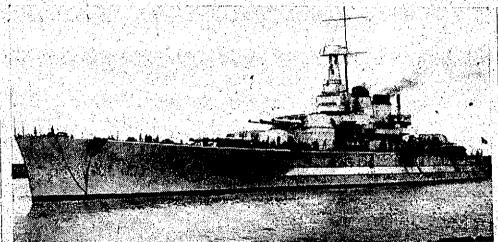
The three powder plant explosions occurred within an hour of each other Tuesday. An explosion destroyed a \$10,000-barrel oil storage tank in Canton, Ohio, Tuesday night. Cause of a \$500,000 fire at the municipal auditorium-national guard armory in Atlanta was unexplained. a machinery at the Todd Se, are floating in the sound." This affle dry dock, in Seattle, where two vessels are being converted that the Bremen had been sunk into transports for the navy. In south San Francisco, a giant crane collapsed in crane coransed in the sub-building yards of the Western Pipe and Steel company, where occan-going freighters are being built for the United States maritime commission. The toppling crane killed two men and

injured two others.

killed in a blast at the United Railway Signat corporation in Woodbridge, N. J. A state inspector said "this definitely was sabuted." An FBI agent was sent there as an "observer" although the plant was not working on government contracts.

Three men were killed at the Allentown, Pa., plant of the Allentown, Pa., plant of the Trojan Powder company, working on contracts totaling \$200.000 for the army and navy. The FBI recently made a plant survey of the Trojan company to determine its projective facilities. Agents were sent to Allentown although local plant officials said first renorts indicated cials said first reports indicated there was no cyldence of sabotage.

Three men were killed at the Burton powder, works of the American Cyanamid corporation



Pictured above is the 35,000 ton Littorio, Italian battleship which may have been a victim of the fevolung R. A. F. bombing attack at Taranto, The attack was admitted by Rome.

Report Bremen

SAN FRANCISCO, (U.R)-The German liner Bremen, queen of the reich's merchant marine, which dushed to freedom from New York at the outbreak of the war, is on the bottom of the Kattegat, four miles off the coast of northern Denmark, according to reports re-ceived here Wednesday.

The collurs of the Danish-Nerwegan newspace Higg re-

The editors of the Danish-Norwegian newspaper Bien reported receipt of a telegram stating the Bremen apparently was sunk by a British torgedo.

A letter to a member of the Scandinavian colony written by relatives in Denmark, added details. The letter said excursion trips to the ship are available to the public for the equivalent of 25 cents, and that hundreds ride out to see the superstructure piercing. were Canada's Wednesday—scarred, exhausted survivors of the armed merchant cruiser. Jervis Bay, which saved at least 29 ships of a trips to the ship are available to the public for the equivalent of 25 cents, and that hundreds ride out to see the superstructure piercing up from the sea.

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had been abandoned in the Ore-sund between Denmark and Swe-den, at the lower end of the Katte-gat, because "hundreds of bodies

Identify Frozen Body of Transient in Iowa

CARROLL, WEI-The frozen body of a fransient identified by Coroner A. F. Smith as that of James Conway, about 55, of St. Injured two others.

Fourteen persons were killed Joseph, Mo., was found in a stalled and at least 26 were injured in truck near here Tuesday. The the powder plant explosions.

Six women and two men were truck during the storm and fell billed in a blast at the United assecu. asicep.

Gabby Hartnett



CHICAGO, (U.S .- Owner Phil K. Wrigley of the Chicago Cubs announced Wednesday that the contract of Manager Lee "Gab-by" Hartnett will not be renewed when it expires Dec. 31.

64 Heroes of British Fight Reach Canada Hitler in

Seamen Took Part in Battle Against Nazi Raider in Atlantic

BULLETIN

LONDON. (U.P).-The admiralty said Wednesday that six more merchant ships from a convoy of 38 vessels attacked by a German raider in mid-At-lantic had arrived in port and that only three were still miss-

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AN EASTERN CANADIAN PORT—Sixty-five seamen, most of them wounded were Canada's heroes Wednesday—scarred, exhausted survivors of the armed

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 treighter and

pocket hattleship, the Admiral Scheer or the Luctzow.

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Survivors of the fight—of which the world had its first inkling last week when distress calls erackled out over the Atlantic—told how the Jervis Bay headed without hesitation into the "hopeless fight, laid it smoke seizem under which the convoy scattered, and plowed through a storm of shells straight for the raider until she was sink

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Eart. E. S. R. Fegen remained in command with one arm almost shot away, even though the fore part of the bridge was heard beautiful and the core 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.

of the convey, which of the convey callant action on the port side at 4:50 o'clock, and one of the Jervis Bay officer survivors.

It said that despite "greatly inferior armament" the Jervis Bay officer survivors.

She was a long way off. I don't know which of us saw the other first. She opened fire first, and was burning furiously, and and was burning furiously, and and we closed, too, leaving the

Twenty-four ships in the convey 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

ready in port were the liner Ran- lorger it."

Molotov, **Parley**

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. BERLIN-Soviet Premier-For-eign Commissar Vyacheslaff Mo-

The nature of these negotia-tions was not disclosed. The discussions previously had

ies present.

of present.
Molotov spent the morning in conferences with Goering and Deputy Nazi Party Leader Rudolf

Hess.
Wednesday night, the Russian statesman and his staff will be hosts to the nazi leaders at a banquiet, returning the honors acrorded to them Tuesday night by the nazis at a state dinner. Official circles were silent on

the subjects discussed. But inthe number of missing crew mem- formed sources said it was be- the admiranty said me mades bers of the 18-year-old, 14.164-ton lieved the conferences were aimed climaxing fruitless months in Australian liner converted into a st-developing a long-range pro- which the British Mediterranean the describing the factor of the survivors the dinner given Molotov Tuesday thought possibly she was a 10,00n pocket battleship, the Admirat Scheen or the Luctzow.

The avenue leading from the Bellevue palace; where Molotov is staying to the chancellery was guarded closely by police as the Russian statesman was escorted to his second day of conferences with nazi officials. An unusual sight to Berliners ivas the number of plainsclothes-

we picked up the (German) ship de Cavour class, was under on the port side at 4:50 o'clock, water "from her stern up, in-

and we closed, too, leaving the convoy. We got between the enemy ship and the convoy and dropped smoke floats to screen the merchant ships from the raider."

added, "it is possible that some Captain Olander of the rescue of the ships still missing may be freighter said the fight that followed was "glorious," and added in halting English: "I'll never cady in part were the lines Ray."

Balance of Power in Mediterranean Changes as Result

Victory Will Release Powerful Units of British Armada to Join in Hunt for "Phantom" Nazi Surface Raider

Britain's royal navy "has struck a crippling blow at the Italian fleet," the London admiralty reported Wednesday, seriously damaging two fascist battleships and probably a third as well as two cruisers "snuggling 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 striking their target, the inform-

raider — possibly the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer or the Luetzow— tain's command of the Mediterwhich attacked a convoy in mid-Atlantic Nov. 11.

Still another British payar vie
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fory at the expense of Italy was other triumph on land, in the fierce reported by the London admiralty later, in the day. The admiralty said British warships sank an Italian supply ship, set two others and white troops had cantured, lost and then recaptured the strategic fort town of Gallandes to an Italian destroyer in an ball, on the Anglo-Revulian.

The discussions previously had been described broadly as aimed blasted an Italian destroyer in an developing a long-range program of soviet-Nazi collaboration.

German Foreign Minister Jouchim von Ribbentron and Reichsmarsal Herman Goering were among the German dignitaries present.

West Robert and Ribbentron of the seas, the British government also amounced the extension of Africa, including Syria, French West Africa, Liberta Poetn-West Africa Liberia Portu-guese Guiana Madagascar and

Rerunion Island. London naval circles said the twice underwent air-raid alarms attack on Taranto was made by from axis warplanes, which roared planes carrying aerial torpedoes, which are launched by dive bombing. Ordinary bombs, it was said, would have been ineffective. There must have been lungsaid, would have been ineffective against the heavily-armored Italian battleships.

Taranto, described as Italy's up a nightleng series of attacks.

main sea base, iles at the "in-sten" of the Italian boot. The admiralty, said the attack.

fleet has sought to engage the

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anto, the Italian high command reported Wednesday.

In Rome, Virgino Gayda, fascist editor who frequently acts as Premier. Mussolin's "mouthpiece." said Germany and Italy had deliberably left only one-half of the forces for a concentrated new atfascist may's six capital slaps tack on British shipping in the still effective.

With besieged Britain holding to the Meditor.

cluding the after turret."

Another battleship of the 35,-000-ton Littoric class was badly down by the bows" with her forecastle under water and a heavy list to stanhourd."

Planes carrying agrial torpedues made the attack, it was reported in bayal circles. It is impossible, these sources

said, that bombs could have done chough damage to a heavily armored battleship of the Littorio class to force her

forecastle under water.
Acrual torpedues must be

CAIRO. (UP)—A Royal Air Force communique Wed-nesday said that British bombers again raided the big Italian port of Durazzo in Albania on Tuesday and started.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the strategic fort town of Galla-bat, on the Anglo-Egyptian-Sudan frontier, in a four-day clash in which the Italians "suf-fered heavily."

Reports reaching London from the 17 day old Greek-Italian wan front said the Italians were still retreating from Koritza. 10 inites inside Albania, abandoning equip-ment as they fled.

While these reports were capied

in which a heavy German bomb wrecked a crowded Loudon movie theater, killing many and burying others under the debris. A subway station; an air-raid shelter and two other movie dicaters were also hit.

Rome Admits RAF
Raids on Bases

ROME, (P)—British planes attacked three big Italian navai

bases at Brindish, Bart and Taranto, the Italian high command

In Rome, Virgino Gayda, fascist children who frequently acts as Richards.

men.

A curious crowd was gathered in front of the chancellery.

Royal navy planes, flying from out at home and in the Mediterundisclosed bases, carried out the amen and the Italian army assoult on the night of Nov. 11-12, the admiralty said.

A British admiralty communication the United States the night of the attack as the convey was steaming from Canada to England.

Bomb hits caused such haved whose distress can be believed Germany was seeking. Russian support, or at least approval, for axis ambitions in the England.

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Turkey watched anxiously believed up the (German) ship of the 23,622 ton Conference of the main topics in the Berlin roundtable.

In the Greek-Italian war, the

In the Greek-Italian war the Greek high command reported an increasing number of prisoners streaming back to Greek camps from the Epirus front, on the Italian right wing, and Italian forces were said to have been driven back into Albania all along the front except for one shallow sale

It reported also that a full commy of Albanian troops had sur-rendered to the Greeks.

BRANDEIS IS 84

WASHINGTON, (P) -- Louis D launched by dive-hombing if they Brandiss: retried justice of the are to have a reasonable chance of supreme court, was 84 Wednesday