

NO RIGHT TO SINK RUM SHIP, SAYS CAPTAIN

Vessel Fired on Outside 12-Mile Zone, British Skipper Charges.

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NEW ORLEANS, La., March 25.—Captain John Thomas Randall, D. S. C., skipper of the rum-running British schooner *I'm Alone*, today challenged the right of the United States coast guard in sinking his vessel last week with its cargo of 2,400 cases of liquor and capturing the skipper and the seven surviving members of his crew.

At the official secret investigation into the episode, Captain Randall charged that the coast guard cutters had no right to molest him because he was outside the twelve-mile limit.

"I was at least fourteen and nearer fifteen miles off shore when this thing happened," Randall said. "I admit that my schooner carried a cargo of liquor, but we were not in American waters and should not have been touched."

The inquiry also developed that Edmund Talbot, United States district attorney, was preparing criminal proceedings against the captain and his crew and would charge them with violating the prohibition, customs and tariff laws.

Captain Randall denied emphatically his ship carried narcotics or aliens. He admitted he was engaged in the liquor smuggling trade.

Describes Chase

"The sinking of my ship was the most cowardly attack made upon a merchant ship since the submarine warfare," he declared.

Captain A. L. Gamble gave a detailed description of how the sinking took place after learning the details from the ship's officers. Gamble is commander of the gulf division of the coast guard.

The schooner, he said, was hailed by the cutter *Walcott* early Wednesday and refused to stop-tacking off for the Mexican coast with the *Walcott* in pursuit.

Ship in Thrilling Race

The two ships raced through the waters for a full day, the *I'm Alone* finally heaving to and permitting Frank Paul, commanding officer of the cutter, to come aboard unarmed. Paul's demand of an inspection of the boat was refused. He returned to his ship and the chase continued.

The Dexter, summoned by radio by the *Walcott*, entered the chase. She signalled the schooner to heave to and fired a blank shell, only to have the *I'm Alone* put on more sail in the heavy going at the time.

Then the three boats, the cutters and the schooner, plowing ahead under full sail and with her motors going full speed, tore through the waters toward Mexico. The *I'm Alone* gained and the Dexter, fearing to lose her early Friday ordered her to stop or suffer the same.

Fire Shell After Shell

The *I'm Alone* did not halt and the Dexter began fire. Shell after shell from the three-pounder on her decks was poured into the sailing vessel's side until she began a list to port.

The sailors aboard her leaped into the water, the Dexter and the *Walcott* men rescuing them.

The *I'm Alone* sank in a few minutes and the coast guardmen proceeded to New Orleans. The *Walcott* sighted the *I'm Alone*, but a few miles off the Louisiana coast when the chase started and the sinking took place many miles toward Mexico.

RADIO CLUB TO MEET

Public Invited to Hear Talk on Dynamic Speakers.

An open meeting will be held by the Indianapolis Radio Club tonight at the club rooms, 460 Century building.

R. J. Kryter, laboratory manager of the Prest-O-Lite Storage Battery Corporation, will speak at the meeting on dynamic speakers. Kryter spoke before the last amateur radio convention held in Indianapolis.

According to the president, Robert E. Annis, everyone is invited to attend.

TWO HOLDUPS STAGED

Railroad Man Is Robbed of \$35 and Watch.

On his way home from work early today, William Brannah, 908 Lexington avenue, a railroad fireman, was held up by two men who stopped him at Cedar street and English avenue and asked for a match. They took \$35 and a \$60 watch.

William H. Richert, 3039 North New Jersey street, told police two men with whom he took a taxicab ride Sunday took \$28 from his pocket. He gave police the name of one of the men.

FRAT HOLDS DANCE

200 Couples Attend Annual Lamda Chi Alpha Affair.

More than two hundred couples attended the annual state dinner dance of Lamda Chi Alpha fraternity Saturday night at the Marott. Members from chapters at Purdue, De Pauw, Wabash, Butler and Indiana universities were present. The dance was sponsored by the Indianapolis Alumni Association.

WHITE SHRINE MEETS

More than 300 persons attended the banquet of the White Shrine of Jerusalem No. 6 Saturday night at the Claypool. Following the banquet fifty-four candidates were given the degree work of the organization.

New officers will be installed April 13 at a ceremony to be held at 119 East Ohio street.

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Children Exhibit Hobbies at Fair

Queer quirks in the thought trends of childhood were demonstrated at the hobby fairs held Saturday in schools 43 and 60.

In the top right photo, Estelle Grossman, 6, of 3928 North Illinois street, has forsaken her hobby of embroidery for a siesta in a world of sailboat exhibits by her boy friends at school 43.

In the oval at the left is John Wallace, 10, of 3840 North Capitol avenue, shaving off a rough edge on the shingles of the log cabin which he built at school 43.

The oval at the right of the log cabin shows John Cooper, 10, of 3931 North Capitol avenue comparing the size of his head to that of the Samoan chief he modeled out of clay at school 43.

The lower photo shows Rachel Feibleman, 10, 3262 Rockwell street, of school 60, practicing cooking on the electric stove displayed by her chum, Doris Wheeler.

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