

## BRITAIN LOSES DESTROYER AS IT STRIKES MINE

Two Other Ships Go Down In Sea War; 33 Are Listed as Dead.

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the bows of a British cargo boat," he said. "Great fountains of water were blown around her. All members of the crew escaped in the ship's boats. The vessel drifted for an hour and a half before she sank." Mr. Poccetti told of acts of heroism while he was rescuing men from the destroyer.

### Sailors Sing in Water

"Many sailors were singing in the water," he said. "I will never forget their courage. I saw one sailor push a piece of wreckage into the hands of a boy and then swim away."

"Others clutched fragments of wreckage which their comrades thrust into their hands."

Survivors of the Norwegian vessel, which they identified as a tanker, said that their ship was torpedoed without warning and broke in two amidships. Their radio was destroyed, making it impossible to send distress signals.

The crew took to two boats. Seventeen members of the crew were in the captain's boat, which was being towed by a boat carrying the mate and 22 other men.

"When night fell the weather was stormy and the two boats became separated," a survivor said. "We searched for hours after daylight for the captain's boat, but there was no trace of it."

### Known Deaths Now 1468

Sinking of the destroyer brought to six the known number of British naval vessels lost thus far in the present war. Known deaths totalled 1468.

The aircraft carrier *Courageous* was torpedoed by a German submarine with a loss of 573 officers and men. The destroyer *Kittiwake* went down with five men lost and the battleship *Royal Oak* was torpedoed in the Scapa Flow naval base with a loss of 810. The submarine *Oxley* was lost by German action with a loss of 53 men.

The armed trawler *Northern Rover*, taken over by the Royal Navy, is listed as missing and believed lost with 27 men aboard.

In addition to those lost aboard ships, 16 men were killed when German planes raided the British Naval base at Rosyth on the Firth of Forth and their bombs struck the cruisers *Edinburgh* and *Southampton* and the destroyer *Mohawk*.

### May Seize Neutral Ships

Meanwhile there were indications that Great Britain might soon start seizing neutral ships from operators who persist in carrying contraband destined for Germany.

The British have that right under international law but have not invoked it so far on the theory that during the first few weeks of war, ship owners often did not know the contraband list. But it was said that henceforth there will be increasing grounds to suspect contraband ships, and that their ships as well as their cargoes will be in danger.

### Claim Nazi Plane Damaged

Following two German air raids yesterday on the Shetland Islands, in which bombs tore craters in the ground and broke house windows but caused no serious damage, three British patrol planes were reported to have intercepted a German flying boat off the East Coast.

The British gunners said they shot off part of the German plane's port wing just before it disappeared in clouds.

It was generally admitted that the results of the British blockade so far had fallen short of their objective. Many loopholes remain through which the Germans continue to get supplies.

The important loopholes are Italy, Holland, Scandinavia and Belgium.

## IN INDIANAPOLIS

### Here Is the Traffic Record

County City  
1938 ..... 100 66  
1939 ..... 86 64

Nov. 13

Injured ..... 8 Arrests ..... 39  
Dead ..... 0 Accidents ..... 22

### MONDAY TRAFFIC COURT

Cases	Convic.	Fines	
Violations	Tried	Paid	
Speeding	10	10	\$74
Reckless driving	4	3	13
Falling to stop at			
through street	7	6	13
Disobeying traffic			
signal	7	7	19
Drunken driving	0	0	0
All others	49	34	97
Totals	77	60	216

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

(These lists are from official records in the County Court House. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.)

Arthur Lee Bryson, 25, of 1916 Ludlow; Wauhita Kidwell, 23, of 811 N. Illinois. Harold William Wason, 29, of Plaza Hotel; Zee Marie Boddie, of Plaza Hotel, 2150 Grand Drive; Alberta Thompson, 48, of 1925 Highland. William Joe Joyner, 25, of 811 Cleveland; Gussie Robinson, 27, of 811 Cleveland.

### MEETINGS TODAY

Rotary Club, luncheon, Claypool Hotel, noon.

Central States Petroleum Council, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p.m.

Alpha Omicron Alpha, luncheon, Hotel Washington, 12:30 p.m.

Delta Sigma Kappa, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p.m.

Gym Club, luncheon, Spink-Arms Hotel, noon.

Mercurer Club, luncheon, Hotel Lincoln, noon.

Universal Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Young Men's Columbus, luncheon, K of C, clubhouse, noon.

Lutheran Service Club, luncheon, Canary Cottage, noon.

Food Credit Group, luncheon, Men's Grille, the William H. Block Co., noon.

Men's Club, luncheon, Y. M. C. A., noon.

### MEETINGS TOMORROW

National Municipal League, national convention, Hotel Severin, all day.

Indiana Farm Bureau, annual convention, Indianapolis, all day.

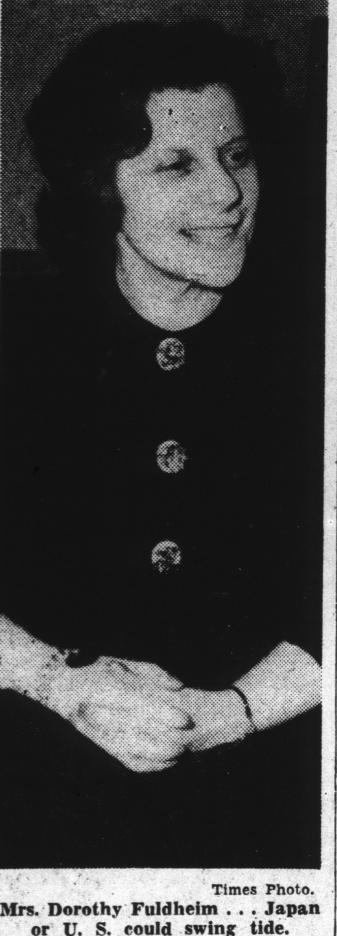
Indians Retail Grocers and Meat Dealers, meeting, Hotel Washington, 8 p.m.

Mercurer Club, luncheon, Columbia Club, noon.

Lions Club, luncheon, Hotel Washington, noon.

Young Men's Discussion Club, dinner, Y. M. C. A., 6 p.m.

7 to 3 on Nazis



## HITLER IS COOL TO PEACE OFFER OF TWO RULERS

Mysterious Gunfire Heard in Berlin; Nazis Hint Raids On Armed Merchantmen.

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immediate explanation was forthcoming.

The Nazi High Command, making claims of success on the Western Front, said that French forces had occupied an important hill southwest of Piranians but were driven off by a strong German artillery and infantry attack which took possession of the disputed ground and resulted in capture of many French prisoners after sharp fighting in which Allied airplanes participated.

### Threaten Armed Ships

On the seas, the Nazis continued to sink British ships and threatened drastic retaliation against armed Allied merchantmen.

Renewal of activities on the sea on a bigger scale aroused interest again in the possibility that Herr Hitler's long-awaited big offensive against England would come by air and sea rather than by a land offensive on the Western Front or through Belgium or Holland.

The German press warned that armed Allied merchantmen could not be considered as carrying guns merely for defense against U-boats and would be treated as "enemy warships" and pirate vessels in the future.

### Fly Over British Coast

German airplanes have thoroughly surveyed the English coast and the Scottish naval base areas and after many combless flights—the Nazi attack on the Shetland Islands yesterday may have been a comparatively harmless warm-up for renewal of big-sabre raids.

The British and French reported that they were prepared to meet any German attacks by sea or air and in view of failure of all peace maneuvers so far, it was believed probable there would be spectacular tests of strength in the air before winter sets in.

The diplomatic front also was comparatively quiet, with greatest interest centering in Soviet Russia's next move.

### Helsingfors Tense

Two capitals that waited that move with greatest concern were Helsingfors and Bucharest. The Finns were in the direct path of the Nazi attack on the Balkans as soon as the Finnish dispute was out of the way or indefinitely postponed. King Carol, one-time royal playboy who returned to the throne as a stern and so far skillful ruler, summoned his Parliament for Nov. 25 to hear declaration expected to be of importance in the Balkan struggle to form a strong neutral bloc.

### Rumania Vulnerable

Rumania is most vulnerable to dismemberment, by Russia, Hungary and Bulgaria claiming big sections of her territory, and it was believed that King Carol would seek to speed efforts toward forming a bloc capable of resisting the rising tide of warfare in Europe.

Such a bloc might best be set up at present by working under the leadership of Italian Premier Benito Mussolini and Rumania recently has indicated a favorable attitude toward such a development, as Turkey and the Allied powers approved.

Dispatches from Rome said that efforts toward that end were being speeded up and that Sig. Mussolini and His Holiness Pope Plus XII were working toward creating a wall against war in the Balkans, either by parallel efforts or in actual collaboration.

### Belgium Tense

Belgium and Holland combined probably could not put more than 100,000 effectives into the field, at least not immediately. At present, the available fighting force is about 200,000 for Holland and 600,000 for Belgium. It would take time to which reserves into shape.

In the air, the Belgians have only about 400 planes and the Dutch not more than 300. Few of them are bombers and some are obsolete.

## Packing Gift for Byrd Explorer



Mrs. Howard Passel . . . sweets for her boy.

Times Photo.

The farewell is to be in the nature of a reunion. The scientist's brother, Howard B., associated with a New York advertising agency, is expected to join the family at the eastern seaport.

The box of delicacies, including the traditional fruit cake, sweets and preserves, will be taken to her son, Charles F. Passel, a geologist and glaciologist, who will be a member of Admiral Byrd's expedition to the South Pole.

The two-foot square box bore the legend, "Do Not Open Until Christmas."

The explorer's mother and father, the latter a civil engineer with the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, left today for Philadelphia to bid to their son farewell.

Probably two Christmas seasons will go by before they see him again, for the Byrd expedition is not expected to return to the United States until the spring or summer of 1941.

## Food-Stamp Relief Plan Sought in Marion County

Use Is Urged to Force Prices Down in Center Twp.

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Thousands Now Shopping With Federal Orange And Blue Stickers.

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will be increased by the food-stamp plan.

He urged that an agreement be reached whereby the trustee would accept supervision over his expenditures by an appropriating body such as the County Council.

In the event the food-stamp plan is not inaugurated here, he proposed that food orders be issued directly to the relief clients, and not to the stores, in order that the relief clients could buy wherever they desired.

Certain changes in the routine of handling relief orders, Mr. Book said, would permit reductions in the trustee's clerical staff more than compensating for an increase in the investigating staff. Use of mechanical equipment for order writing was suggested.

For the food-stamp plan to be adopted here, co-operation of the trustee, merchants, banks, County officials, the Accounts Board, and others, would be necessary, Mr. Book said.

### Has Little Choice

Under the plan, one of the worst features of the present Center Township relief system—political and personal favoritism—would be largely eliminated. Relief clients also would get the benefit of the lowest food prices available, Mr. Book said.

At present, relief orders are written at the trustee's office. The orders then are picked up by the grocers designated by the trustee and the relief client calls at the grocery to get his food. He has virtually no choice of the store he patronizes.

If the food-stamp plan were adopted, the trustee, instead of writing orders and sending them to the grocery, would issue to the relief clients books containing orange and blue stamps which give 25 cents worth of food for each member of the family.

Foods purchasable today on the surplus list are butter, eggs, pork, lard, cornmeal, dried prunes, raisins, fresh pears, fresh apples, onions (except green onions), dry bread, orange stamps may be used to purchase any kind of food at a grocery store, and such other essentials as soap, starch, matches, etc., but no wines, liquors, beer or other alcoholic beverages or tobacco.

For each dollar of orange stamps purchased, there is given free 50 cents in blue stamps with which only surplus commodities, so designated by the FSCC, may be bought.

### Food List Changes

Where relief is on a grocery-order basis—and this is usual for local relief—the orange-stamp plan does not apply. Instead, blue stamps are given free at the rate of 50 cents a week for each member of the family.

Meanwhile, Chicago officials were assuring the public that Capone would not be permitted to return to Chicago.

### Plan to Bar Capone

If authentic, the letters both disclosed within a few days of O'Hare's slaying and Capone's scheduled release next Sunday from Federal custody—presaged a new era for Chicago, gangland assassinations, usual occurrences during the prohibition era, had been all but forgotten since he went to prison.

The list is revised from time to time. When a product reaches 75 percent of the parity price as computed by the agriculture department, it is taken from the surplus list. Also, changes occur for seasonal reasons. Citrus fruits are on the list in season.

The system may be illustrated by typical case encountered at one of the stamp-issuing stations. The man was on WPA. He had just received his semi-monthly pay check. There were five in his family. For \$10 he bought a \$10 book of orange stamps, which contained in addition \$5 worth of blue stamps.

He presented his old book, from which all the stamps had been used. This is required. If he had lost it he would have had to produce an affidavit to this effect. He had an identification card with a number, his name, size of his family, and the certifying agency. This card was checked against a card in the files, and the new book was issued.

In some cities where the plan has been tried the relief client receives 50 cents worth of blue stamps for each member of his family.

This system would eliminate the present method of distributing surplus commodities at warehouses.

The present system forces the relief client to accept surplus foods he doesn't like, and sometimes doesn't use. An advantage of the food-stamp plan, Mr. Book explained, is that using the blue stamps the relief client could choose what he wanted from the surplus commodities list.

The plan definitely would result in indigents obtaining lower prices for regular foods, Mr. Book said, because whenever a grocer's prices were too high, the store would be boycotted by relief clients.

## LETTERS FOUND ON COAST CLUES IN O'HARE DEATH

One Gives Hint of Killers; Second Puts Finger on Al Capone.

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Juana race track and had been O'Hare's bodyguard until recently.

The letter indicated the writer knew the identity of assassins who shot and killed O'Hare last Wednesday as he drove toward Chicago from Sportsman's Park race track, of which he was president. Stoddard was held as a material witness.