

AUSSIES SINK AXIS RAIDER IN PACIFIC

Own Cruiser Sydney Believed to Have Gone Down; Admiralty Says Enemy Ship Powerfully Armed; Australian Sloop Sunk With 141.

LONDON, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—The Australian cruiser Sydney, scourge of the Italian Navy and hero of a score of engagements, has succumbed, it was believed today, to wounds suffered in sinking a crack German raider, destroyer of 10 Allied ships.

The raider was the Steiermark, 9400 tons. It was known until recently as the Kormoran. It was sunk in the South Pacific. There were no survivors off the Sydney, but some off the Steiermark were rescued.

The Ministry of Information said the enemy merchant raider was heavily armed and was sunk by gunfire.

It was presumed the Sydney too was sunk because "no subsequent information has been received from her."

At the same time Australian Premier John Curtin announced in Melbourne that H. M. A. S. Parramatta, modern war sloop of the Australian Navy, had been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean with a loss of 141 of its complement.

The sloop, completed only last year, joined the British Mediterranean fleet only yesterday.

The action occurred some time before Nov. 26. The Ministry said the next of kin of those aboard Sydney had been informed on that date.

Sydney was of 6330 tons, built in 1934, had 550 officers and men. It was armed with eight six-inch guns, eight four-inch anti-aircraft guns and lesser armament.

The Sydney's first sight of this was on June 28, 1940, when she sank the Italian destroyer, Espero. Then she went through a dawn to dusk attack by Italian planes but reached Alexandria un-

scratched. She had used all of her anti-aircraft shells but fooled the Italian planes into keeping a distance by firing harmless smoke shells.

The Sydney's biggest success was in an engagement with two Italian cruisers on July 19, 1940. She sank Bartolomeo Colleoni and damaged the other.

The Admiralty said the Steiermark "like other raiders she indulged from time to time in various disguises and she had flown the flag of any nationality her captain deemed to suit his purpose."

The Steiermark was built in Hamburg in 1938 for the Hamburg-Amerika Line. She was designed with a view to her employment as an armed merchant raider in wartime.

"Powerful Raider"

The Admiralty said that before leaving Germany at the end of 1940 the Steiermark was armed in such a way as to make her "powerful raider." It was known that she carried at least six 5.9-inch guns. Two aircraft and underwater torpedo tubes. In addition to torpedo tubes fitted to her deck. The vessel had a speed of 18 knots and carried 400 officers and men. She was a formidable vessel, the Admiralty said.

The Steiermark started her operations in the area of the Cape Verde Islands, sinking the Greek ship Antioch and two British steamers, British Union and Africa Star, the Admiralty said.

She then operated in company with another merchant raider and together they sank the British steamer Eurymachus before the end of January.

The Admiralty said Steiermark then went south to meet the tanker Nordmark in order to refuel and transfer prisoners. She transferred her operations to the South Atlantic where she sank the steamers Acritia and Craftsmen between the last week of March and the second week in April.

"In the next 2 1/2 months she attempted only one attack, from which her intended victim escaped," the Admiralty said.

The Admiralty said Steiermark later sank the steamers Velerit and Mareeba between Ceylon and Sumatra after transferring its operations to the Indian Ocean.

"After these sinkings the raider made no attempts against shipping for three months," the Admiralty said. "She did not dare to go on the main trade routes for she realized she had given away her position."

Sank Greek Ships

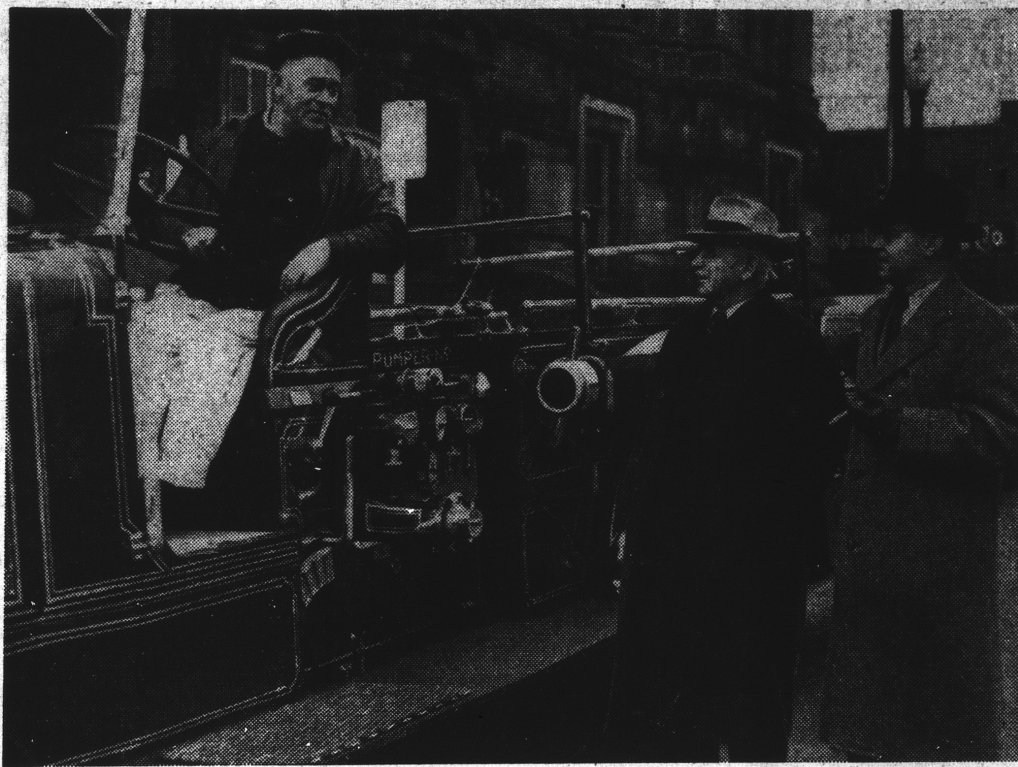
Then, the Admiralty said, she sank the Greek ships Stamatis and G. Emmanouil Sept. 26.

"Again her position was given away and she spent two months trying to evade the naval patrols which finally secured her destruction," the Admiralty said. "It is a remarkable tribute to the hunting power of our heavily employed fleet."

On eight occasions the Italians claimed to have sunk her.

During her career, the Sydney bombarded the Italian base at Rhodes in the Dodecanese Islands.

Firemen Build Truck and Save \$4000



This sleek, fast new Fire Department pumper was built by the Fire Department itself especially to guard Indianapolis industries. This type of pumper sells for \$9000, but the department built this one for \$5000. It was put together in the department's Sanders St. shops under the direction of Chief Frank Braun, master mechanic in the repair shops, seated in the driver's seat. Adjoining the machine are Fire Chief Harry Fulmer (left) and R. D. McDaniel, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Fire Protection and Prevention Committee. The pumper's capacity is 750 gallons a minute and it will be stationed at Engine House 17 at Prospect St. and Madison Ave.

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION OPENS

Sessions to Continue Four Days; Gov. Bricker to Speak Friday Night.

The 67th annual convocation and reunion of the Scottish Rite opened today at the Cathedral on N. Meridian St. The four-day meeting will include conferral of degrees, business meetings and dinners. Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio will address the closing session.

W. Henry Roberts was to preside at the conferring of the 4th degree at 1:30 o'clock.

The 7th degree, with Fae W. Patrick presiding and the 13th degree, with William R. Dextheimer, were to be conferred this afternoon.

Murray H. Morris will communicate the 5th, 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th and 12th degrees at 7:15 tonight and afterwards the 14th degree will be conferred under the leadership of Clarence R. Martin.

The class will assemble tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock and the 15th and 16th degrees will be conferred in the afternoon. Eugene D. Wilcox and William W. Suckow will preside.

A business meeting will be held by the class at 5 o'clock and an hour later there will be a dinner for the group. The 17th and 18th degrees will be conferred tomorrow night. R. Norman Baxter will preside over the first at 7:30 and A. Marshall Springer will lead the second at 8:30 o'clock.

The first division of the class, which received the 4th to 18th degrees during October and November, will join the class Thursday.

Following class assembly, the 22d degree will be conferred by Deane M. Stephenson presiding, will be conferred.

The 21st and 29th degrees will be given during the afternoon with A. Frederick Thomas and Oswald A. Tislow presiding, respectively.

The dinner and meeting of the class will be held at 6 and 7 and the 20th degree will be conferred at 7:30 by a class from Madison County. Glenn F. Miller will preside.

Governor Bricker's address will feature the program Friday at 7:45 p. m. The South Bend Choir, directed by Julius B. Christman, will sing prior to the Governor's talk and the convocation will close with the musical version of the 22d degree conferred by the South Bend Consistory with William A. Bertsch commander in chief.

The 27th and 32d degrees will be conferred Friday afternoon with Hiram E. Stonecipher and James H. Lowry presiding.

11,000 Threaten to Strike; House Near Labor Bill Vote

By UNITED PRESS
Labor negotiations involving the Bell Aircraft Corp. and the Aluminum Company of America remained deadlocked today as the major hazards in the defense program.

Representatives of the United Automobile Workers (C. I. O.) and the Bell Aircraft sought a settlement in an effort to avert a strike scheduled for tomorrow. Bell employees, 11,000 men at its Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y., plants and holds defense contracts worth \$150,000,000.

Federal Conciliator Thomas M. Pinn reported after a conference that no basis for an agreement had been established. Leo Lamotte, assistant C. I. O. aviation director, said a walkout appeared almost inevitable.

Representatives of the Aluminum Company of America and the C. I. O. aluminum workers union adjourned a conference last night without reaching an agreement on union demands for elimination of wage differentials between the North and South. The conference set no date for resumption of the negotiations, but a company spokesman said they probably would meet again this week.

The House voted today to open hearings on the wage dispute between 800 employees and 225,000 over-the-road truck drivers operating in 12 Midwestern states.

The Central States Employers' Negotiation Committee of Chicago, representing the owners, and the A. F. of L. Teamsters Union, spokesmen for the drivers, have agreed to accept any decision of the board.

The union is seeking a wage scale of 5 cents a mile while the trucks are in operation and \$1 an hour for waiting time for drivers in Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas. The present rate is 3 cents a mile and 80 cents an hour for waiting time.

Meanwhile Congressional sentiment appeared to favor a clear-cut definition of Government-labor relations before involvement in the Asiatic and European wars become more critical.

Leaders in both the House and Senate weighed the plans of organized labor spokesmen on the issue of restrictive legislation against the record of past labor disputes and the risk of guessing wrong on future policy.

The House votes tomorrow on which course it prefers the Government to follow—voluntary negotiation with labor or statutory regulation of labor's activities during the emergency.

If labor legislation is rejected it will be a sign for the President to find a formula for settlement of defense disputes to which labor and industry can agree. If it approves one of the three plans before it, the House will indicate that it believes voluntary processes are insufficient.

Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D. Ga.) whose vote has been with labor all most every time the issue has come up during the New Deal, believes that it is time for a final showdown. He recalled A. F. of L. President William Green's recent warning that labor would revolt against restrictive legislation and said he did not believe Mr. Green spoke the sentiments of the bulk of organized labor.

Sen. Sam Rayburn hopes that the House will pass and send to the Senate a labor bill before the end of the week. He declined to say which of the three programs before the House he prefers but the Ramspeck bill apparently has solid Administration backing.

Senate consideration of a labor program has been delayed until next week by the death of Senator Alva B. Adams (D. Colo.).

HELP TO SMALL FIRMS FAVORED

La Guardia Asks Legislation To Allow Allocation of Vital Materials.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia of New York recommended today that Congress enact legislation to permit allocation of strategic materials to small firms, which now face curtailment or shut down because of shortages of raw goods.

Testifying before the Senate Naval Affairs Committee on small business problems created by the defense program, Mr. La Guardia said he did not mean that every little article which has used aluminum, for example, should be manufactured as before, but that "normal life" should be maintained in the civilian population.

He reiterated his belief that the war could be ended in a year if the United States speeds its production and sees that the goods are delivered.

Doubts Hitler Could Last

"I don't think Mr. Hitler can go into the next winter—if we speed up production," he said.

Mr. La Guardia saw practical difficulties in the way of a bill by Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D. Wyo.) now pending before the Committee, which would create an agency to help small business could present its case and get allocations of necessary raw materials.

"There would be thousands of cases and the calendar would be jammed," he said. "Small business would get only theoretical relief."

Instead he suggested that "a formal bill be enacted under which, after a survey, allocations would be made on some percentage basis."

Mayor Edward J. Kelly of Chicago and Chairman Harry S. Truman (D. Mo.) of the Senate Defense Production Committee, also were scheduled to testify.

Backs Free Enterprise

Mr. La Guardia, testifying as president of the United States Conference of Mayors, contended that it is important to maintain the free enterprise represented by small business, "otherwise we will find all our industry channeled into just a small number of firms and I don't think we are ready for that in this country."

He said allocations should be made after defense needs are cared for—first to provide for normal functions of state and local government; then for civilian industry. All the while, he said, there should be a study of post-war problems.

He said Donald Nelson, head of the Supply Priorities and Allocations Board, needed power from Congress to maintain business at a fairly normal rate as well as to supply defense needs.

MRS. MALOTT DIES; BURIAL THURSDAY

Mrs. Macy William Malott died at her home, 4268 Washington Blvd. today after a brief illness.

Born in Paducah, Ky., Mrs. Malott lived in Indianapolis most of her life. She was married to Macy William Malott here in 1890. Her husband, who was affiliated with the banking business here, died in 1934. He was the son of the late Volney T. Malott, former president of the Indiana National Bank.

Mr. Malott was a member of the Indianapolis Propylaeum, the Fort-nightly Literary Club and the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. William Cooper Kern, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Caroline Malott, Indianapolis; two grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Shea, Mrs. Mary Cotter Martin of Indianapolis and a brother, John Jerome Cotter, of New York.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Thursday at the St. Joan of Arc Church. Burial will be in Crown Hill Cemetery.

18 KILLED IN AIR CRASH

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Japanese Naval News Agency dispatches from Canton said today that 18 persons, including Japanese Army men, were believed killed when an air liner of the China Aviation Co. crashed near Tamsui, east of Canton, last night. Searching parties were in the plane and possible survivors.

Senators will hold a hearing on the House bill before the end of the week. He declined to say which of the three programs before the House he prefers but the Ramspeck bill apparently has solid Administration backing.

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PASTORS WILL HOLD RETREAT AT BUTLER

The annual Pastors' Retreat, sponsored by the Indianapolis Federation of Churches, will be held Saturday at Butler University.

The theme will be the significance of Christian philosophy and world affairs in regard to education, business and government. Karl J. Ammerman, principal of Broad Ripple High School, will have charge of arrangements.

Afternoon discussion speakers will be Howard Caughn, Federal District Attorney; Alvin T. Coots and John Thornburgh. The group will tour the new Butler College of Religion Building as guests of President D. S. Robinson. A dinner will be held at 5:45 in the university cafeteria.

A panel discussion of "World Affairs Today" will follow the tour. J. D. Colman, vice principal of Crispus Attucks High School; Lloyd Clayborne, Indianapolis attorney; and Virgil Stinebaugh, assistant superintendent of Indianapolis Public Schools, will take part.

CHURCH FEDERATION SECRETARY TO TALK

Dr. Howard J. Baumgartel, secretary of Federated Churches of Indianapolis, will speak tonight at the Memorial Baptist Church. The program is one of a series this week in celebration of the churches 50th anniversary.

The theme of the meeting at 7:45 o'clock is "Church and the Community." Delegates from the West Michigan Street Methodist, West Side Church of the Nazarene, Eighth Christian and Speedway Methodist Churches will attend.

206 Clothed

Funds to Be Raised in Mile-of-Dimes Helps 53.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES
Clothe-A-Child campaign clothed 53 more children yesterday in anticipation of funds to be derived from the famous Mile-of-Dimes.

This 53 brings the number of children clothed since the 12th annual campaign opened Friday to a total of 206. Each case was listed as "urgent" by the Social Service Department of the Public Schools and by the various social service agencies.

Meanwhile, contributions totaling \$44 were added to the Clothe-A-Child fund today, bringing the total received to \$1661.65. Today's contributions were:

Indiana Audit Bureau employees.....\$22.00
G. R. Hereth.....12.00
C. J. Leonard.....10.00

In the Services—

38TH DIVISION BAND LARGEST

Seven Indianapolis Men Are In Unit; 4 Hoosiers Finish Course.

Times Special

CAMP SHELBY, Miss., Dec. 2.—The 38th Division band is the largest in the Army and has been making a name for itself at the division's football games and at every other public appearance.

There are seven Indianapolis men in the band. They are Pvs. first class James J. Becktel, 946 N. Hawthorne Lane, 150th Infantry band, saxophonist; Eugene Kent, 2231 S. Meridian St., 139th Field Artillery band, clarinetist; Kephart Linson, 4002 Bowman Ave., 138th Field Artillery, saxophonist; Gall E. Keifer, 1048 Belle View Pl., 151st Infantry, drums, and James Harlin, 37 W. Ohio St., trumpeter.

Pvt. Alfred J. Werner, 1822 W. Morris St., 138th Field Artillery, clarinet, and Edward L. Newby, 5613 Guilford Ave., 139th Field Artillery, drums and French horn.

Another in R. C. A. F.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN Air Force can thank Indianapolis for another recruit since the enlistment last week of Fred Eastwood Jr., whose home is at 3426 W. Michigan St.

A graduate of the George Washington High School in 1939, Mr. Eastwood worked for his father, a contractor, and at the Allison Division of the General Motors Corp. before signing up with the Canadian Air Force.

He is now stationed at Ft. Mahoning, Ontario.

SLATE FALL KILLS MINER

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 2 (U. P.).—Miller Johnson, 50, of Velpen, Ind., was killed today in a slate fall at the Kings Mine. The body was returned to Velpen for burial.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Elva Hill; a son, Harold, and a brother, Ray, all of Indianapolis. Services will be held at 1 p. m. tomorrow in the G. H. Hermann Funeral Home with burial at Batesville.

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CULVER TO TRAIN INDIANA POLICE

Applications for 50 New Posts to Be Accepted After Jan. 1.

Beginning next spring, applicants for positions on the State Police force will receive all their training at the Culver Military Academy, St. Don P. Silver announced today.

Previously, the State Police trainees had attended a six weeks' school at Indiana University. This year the trainees were given a supplementary course at the military academy and it proved so successful that it was decided to combine the courses given at the two institutions and give them all at Culver, Mr. Silver said.

Fifty men, all Republicans, are to be added to the State Police force next summer, in accordance with a law passed by the legislature.

Applications for these positions will be accepted between Jan. 1 and March 1. One hundred applicants will be selected from those applying and sent to the school at Culver which will be held from May 1 to July 1.

The 50 men to be added to the force will be chosen from the 100 attending the school.

Initial requirements for applicants includes a height of not less than five feet and nine inches, weight corresponding to a weight scale printed on the face of the application, age between 21 and 35 years, a high school graduation diploma and residence in the State for one year.

Men between the ages of 21 and 27 inclusive must be classified in 3-A in Selective Service to be prepared to give evidence that they will probably be so classified, Mr. Silver said.

The two months' study course to be given at Culver comprises such topics as traffic law, criminal law, police tactics, psychology, records keeping, State Police regulations, equipment, state management, boxing, infantry drill, wrestling, swimming and marksmanship.

The Culver Educational Foundation is donating its instructional staff for the school and is providing the necessary quarters, materials and facilities.

This fall 127 State troopers divided into four groups have undergone three weeks of physical training at the academy and 100 more are to be trained there in the early spring.

IRENE KIRSCHBAUM, LONG ILL, DIES AT 54

Mrs. Irene Mary Kirschbaum, an Indianapolis resident for 27 years, died yesterday in her home, 825 Virginia Ave., after a long illness. She was 54.

Mrs. Kirschbaum had been employed as a fur finisher at the Indiana Fur Co. until her retirement three years ago. She was born in Batesville.

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PARTY PLANNED BY DEMOCRATS

Festival of Washington Club Is Arranged For Dec. 12.

A special pre-holiday festival and meeting for members of the Washington Township Democratic Club will be held Dec. 12 in the clubrooms, 4141 College Ave.

City, County and State party leaders will speak and there will be dancing and entertainment. The party will begin at 8 p. m.

Committees Named

David M. Lewis, club president, has appointed the following committees:

Herbert Backer, general chairman; house committee, Wilbur Myers, chairman, Victor Hurtz, John Whit, Maurice Reilly, Michael Lutz, Guy Barber and James P. Scott; refreshments, Robert Benedict, chairman, Mrs. Kathryn Coleman, Joseph Howard, Thomas F. Quinn, Mrs. Modessa Parr, Mrs. John Rice, Frank McCarthy and Walter Myers Jr.; publicity, John J. Cooper, chairman, Walter Truman, Arthur Sullivan, Fred Steiger and George Hopper.

Other Members

Reception, Mrs. Myrtle Hinesley, chairman, Mrs. Roberta Nicholson, Mrs. Ada Orider, George Rice and Mrs. Kirk McKinney; decorations, Miss Mary Killilea, chairman, Miss Lenore Lorentz, Mrs. Frank E. McKinney and John Murphy; entertainment, Ralph Scanlon, chairman, Mrs. Helen Whit, Jack Lansley, Jack Berger and Lynville Miles; invitations, Miss Mary Leiper, chairman, Mrs. Helen Cleary, Jacob Klefer, Mrs. Omer Nichols and Miss Clara Lease.

Other officers of the club are Grover Farr, club president; Mr. Klefer, treasurer; Miss Leiper, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Cleary, recording secretary.

IN INDIANAPOLIS—VITAL STATISTICS

Here is the Traffic Record

County City Total
1940 54 81 135
1941 62 123

—Dec. 1—
Accidents 27 Arrests 194
Injured 19 Dead 10