

BRITAIN DENIES DRAGON IS SUNK

LONDON, Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—The British Ministry of Information flatly denied today a German declaration that the British light cruiser Dragon had been sunk, saying "it can be stated authoritatively that His Majesty's Ship Dragon has not been attacked."

The statement was issued, the ministry said, "in order to prevent unnecessary anxiety to the next of kin" of the cruiser's crew. Authoritative sources refused to comment on the later German communique asserting a cruiser of the Dragon class had been sunk. (The Dragon, whose main batteries are 6-inch guns, was launched December 29, 1917. She normally carries 450 men.)

Realty Board Luncheon
S. Harold Shefelman, attorney, will speak on "The Future of Private Property" at the Seattle Real Estate Board's luncheon tomorrow at the Olympic Hotel, Tom Coppage, president, announced today.

SEWARD SEEKS FEDERAL FUNDS

SEWARD, Alaska, Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—Appeals for federal grants and loans to rebuild were made today as first steps to clear away debris left by Monday morning's disastrous fire, which wiped out half the business district were being taken.

Army patrols guarded the business area, which was not destroyed as bulldozers scraped wreckage in a chill north wind and permanent residents began laying plans for a new business district in this southern terminus of the Alaska Railroad.

The Alaska governor's office was notified by Mayor W. R. Benson that the fire is in dire need; appeals for federal grants and loans for rebuilding were being made, and Red Cross workers set to the task of aiding the homeless, as sleeping accommodations in lodge halls and homes were filled to capacity.

Official estimates of damage run from \$250,000 to \$750,000. The standard clock at the National Bureau of Standards, Department of Commerce, does not vary as much as one-fiftieth of a second a day.

Judge Warns Playful Driver, Fines Him \$35

Paul W. Rockas, 21-year-old mechanic, was fined \$35 yesterday in Police Judge William F. Devlin's court on a negligent-driving charge and warned that "an automobile is not a plaything."

Rockas, who was arrested in Fourth Avenue South October 23, testified he was "playfully trying to keep a friend in another automobile from passing" when he swerved back and forth in and out of his traffic lane.

Caution Necessary, Says Devlin
"An automobile is not a plaything," Judge Devlin said. "When you are driving, you are dealing with a dangerous instrument which requires cautious handling. It is fortunate no one was injured in this case."

Raymond Tripp, 30, a fisherman, forfeited \$200 bail and his driver's license was revoked 90 days on reckless hit-run charges. Tripp was arrested October 26. Alvin Miller, 41, a steamfitter, was fined \$75 on one reckless-driving charge. A second count was reduced to negligent driving and he was fined \$35 additional. His driver's license was suspended 90 days. Miller was arrested October 26, charged on two counts of reckless driving within a few minutes of each other.

Other Drivers Fined
Other Police Court fines and forfeitures yesterday:

Emerald E. Kemp, 31, carpenter, fined \$100 for reckless driving, license suspended six months; Kenneth Wick, 21, plumber, fined \$75 for reckless driving and failing to identify himself after a collision, license suspended 60 days; Roscoe Evans, 49, salesman, \$75 for reckless driving, license suspended 30 days.

Dalton C. Millward, 48, salesman, \$50; Glen V. Taylor, 30, laborer, \$25; Bruce I. Stewart, 21, mechanic, \$25; and Raymond N. Seagrave, 20, laborer, \$50, all for reckless driving. Seagrave was fined \$5 more for driving without a license. The licenses of all were suspended for thirty days.

Jess W. Jordan, 22, cook, \$20; William H. Le Duke, 28, a cab driver, \$10, and Harvey M. Zoot, 23, laborer, \$10, all for negligent driving.

Robert Irwin, 22, mechanic, \$25 for failing to yield right of way to a pedestrian.

Francis L. Reive, 26, a cook, forfeited \$75, and Max Marutani, 22, a laborer, forfeited \$15, both on speeding charges.

MAN TOLD OF WIFE'S SUICIDE

Edgar Rodgers, utility-company lineman and estranged husband of Mrs. Frances Rodgers, who ended her life by leaping from her second-floor room in the New Richmond Hotel yesterday afternoon, identified the body at the coroner's office today.

Coroner Otto H. Mittelstadt telegraphed to Patty Whalen, of Portland, Or., daughter of Mrs. Rodgers, a former marriage, notifying her of the death, and asking her to notify another daughter in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Rodgers left a note blaming ill health and domestic troubles. Rodgers said he had not lived with his wife for several months.

General White Is Buried With Military Honors

PORTLAND, Or., Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—Maj. Gen. George A. White, commander of the 41st Division, was buried with military honors today.

An artillery caisson carried the casket through downtown streets. It was escorted by 2,500 soldiers from the 41st Division, who paused at an intersection and presented arms while the general's body slowly passed by.

Master Sgt. Fred W. Schlingman, senior noncommissioned officer of the division, carried the general's two-star flag as the funeral cortege proceeded from Trinity Episcopal Church to Riverview Cemetery for burial in the family plot.

Oregon American Legion posts will drape department and post colors with the official badge of mourning for 30 days in honor of the general. General White, who died Sunday, was one of the founders of the Legion.

Britain Probes Nazi Prisoners' Theft of Plane

LONDON, Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—The War Office and Air Ministry began separate investigations today into the circumstances which permitted two escaped German pilots to enter an airfield unchallenged and fly 250 miles in a stolen training plane before a fuel shortage forced them to land.

The German pilots—who presumably had fled an internment camp—were forced down near a Royal Air Force drome close to the east coast. It was revealed that the first alarm of the stolen plane was received while the airmen were posing as Dutchmen, and dining at the R. A. F. post. The commandant of the airfield ordered them to remove their overcoats, under which they wore German uniforms.

'FLY-KILLING' JOB AT ARMS PLANT

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—The Senate investigating committee today was told that the hiring of relatives in construction of a government ordnance plant in Tennessee went so far as to provide a job of "killing flies" for the father of the chief timekeeper.

The testimony came from the timekeeper, Leo E. Helzel, who was hired by the Army Quartermaster Corps during the building of the Wolf Creek ordnance plant.

Previously, the committee heard another witness state that the government paid \$1,448 and \$1,395 for automobiles used at Wolf Creek, although the cars were priced locally at \$1,055. The witness was Theodore D. Thomas, Quartermaster Corps field auditor at the project.

Helzel opened his testimony by describing conditions in his office when he took over from his predecessor, Joseph McCarran.

"No instructions had been issued by my predecessor prior to my advent except to keep warm," he declared. "When I arrived, I found them (the employees) huddled around a stove and being a young man they asked me 'I had a job, too. I said 'No, I am your boss.' So they hopped to in Army fashion and we soon had some organization."

Helzel said that McCarran's wife was working as a \$35-a-week stenographer under "her maiden or an assumed name." He added that the construction quartermaster, Maj. Paul M. Brewer, had a sister-in-law working on the job also, but that regulations later forced her dismissal.

The witness said that Oscar E. Miller, personnel director on the project, had a brother, a sister-in-law, and an uncle on the payroll. "I have no definite information but I have been given to understand that another brother and his father were also working there," he added.

Helzel sat back and studied the committee for a moment, and he added:

"My hands are not entirely clean either. My father was working on the job at 65 cents an hour."

MUNY CREWS IN KENOSHA STRIKE

KENOSHA, Wis., Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—Protesting the summary dismissal of six fellow workers and demanding removal of City Manager Le Roy Wolfe, municipal employees of Kenosha went on strike today, halting operations of all save the water, sewage treatment, police and fire departments.

Pickets were at all entrances of the City Hall, but permitted operation of the waterworks and sewage plants by skeleton crews.

Policemen and firemen were not involved in the strike inasmuch as they are not members of Local 71 of the American Federation of Labor County, State & Municipal Employees' International Union, which voted the walkout last night, 143 to 7.

The walkout presented a picture of labor striking against a labor administration. Wolfe, a former high school teacher and a union man, was installed last June by a bloc of the seven-man City Council. The group gained control in the election of last spring.

The union demanded removal of Wolfe, recognition of Local 71 as the city employees' collective bargaining agency, establishment of seniority rights for municipal employees, reinstatement of discharged employees, pay for time lost during

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"I see you stayed with Fred and Julia Smith when you were in Seattle."

the strike and establishment of civil service.

Wolfe said the employees were discharged in the interest of economy. The union says it has 195 members embracing about 95 per cent of the municipality's personnel, exclusive of the Fire and Police Departments.

JAPANESE ALIEN PROBE ASKED

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Nov. 26.—(UP)—The Senate foreign-relations committee today authorized a subcommittee to begin study of a resolution calling for an investigation of Axis activities, particularly Japanese, to organize groups of aliens in this country sympathetic to their cause.

Senator Guy M. Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, was named chairman of the subcommittee. Gillette is author of the resolution which, although it would apply to activities of all Axis powers, is directed specifically at Japanese groups operating in the United States.

Other members of the subcommittee are Claude Pepper, Democrat, Florida; Joseph F. Guffey, Democrat, Pennsylvania; Robert M. La Follette, Progressive, Wisconsin; and Wallace H. White, Jr., Republican, Maine. They were named by Senator Tom Connally, Democrat, Texas, chairman of the full committee.

Union to Honor Soldiers

Hundreds of service men and hostesses have accepted invitations to attend the annual dance of Local 6 of the Building Service Employees' Union December 6 in the Civic Auditorium, officers of the union said today.

Norton to Speak on Defense

City Councilman William L. Norton will speak on "Public Safety During Defense" at a meeting of the Greenwood General Welfare Club at 8 o'clock tomorrow night in Riggs Hall, 834 Phinney Ave. W. F. Peets, president, will preside.

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