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**STAR COMES HOME**—Meet the happy couple: Virginia (Paxton) Dale, Charlotte girl who is movin' 'em down in the movies, came back home last night with her new husband, Courland Shepard. Today they were planning to wed March 2 in Gallipoli, N. M. (News staff photo by Tom Franklin.)

**Miss Dale To Give Wedding Encore**  
Movie Star Comes Home To Repeat Marriage "For Mamma"

By TOM FEFERMAN  
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Virginia (Paxton) Dale, Charlotte's blonde bombshell-singer-singer-dancer, was back in the old home town today with a handsome new husband to whom she will be married again because "I want Mamma to see the ceremony."

The first ceremony, the one that really tied the knot, was held in Gallipoli, New Mexico, on March 2 while the young couple were driving to Charlotte.

Lucky man is 28-year-old Courland Shepard, a native of St. Louis, Mo., who quickly won the approval of the movie actress' mother, Mrs. Viola Helms Paxton.

EX-PUGILIST

Shepard, a former prize fighter who started a ring career on the West Coast in 1926, said that he and Miss Dale met about four years ago.

"Gimme," he said today, "didn't want to fight any more. I still like fighting, and if she'd let me I think I'd go back."

The blonde bridegroom, a mild-mannered, still looks as if he could stand up with the best of them. Miss Dale said that she and Shepard would re-marry, probably here, that "Mamma can see the ceremony."

"I'd like to have the whole family around," she said, "and see MISS DALE on Page 2

**Subs Grow Ever Bolder**  
Two More Ships Sunk In American Waters

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Ever bolder and swifter in their attacks, Axis submarines have sunk two ships in American waters in as many days.

In the latest and most brazen approach to the East coast since the United States entered the war, an enemy submarine with one well-aimed torpedo split in half the 6,766-ton Gulf Outfitter Gulf-Stream early yesterday less than four miles off Narragansett, N. J.

Some time earlier, between 7 and 7:30 P. M. (EWT) Sunday, either the same raider or another with an aim almost as good blew asunder the 5,135-ton Brazilian cargo-passenger vessel Carra about 120 miles off Ambrose Light, beacon for New York harbor.

The two sinkings, Nos. 28 and 29 on the officially announced list of ships sent to the bottom off the U. S. East Coast, apparently resulted in heavy loss of life, with total of 75 still missing.

Sixteen of the 35-man crew of the Gulf-Stream were picked up by Coast Guard boats and landed at Narragansett.

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**One Act War Drama**

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—(AP)—Scene: A bus. Locale: A City whose chief industry is producing warplanes. Cast: Woman defense worker; middle-aged man; bus driver; passengers.

"I never made so much money in my life," cried the woman. "I hope this war goes on forever."

Started from his reverie, the man arose slowly, walked to the speaker, slapped her.

"That's for my son who died at Pearl Harbor," he said.

Before she recovered from surprise, he slapped her other cheek.

"That's for my son on the Philippines," he said.

He roused his seat. Passengers silently stared at the woman's dramatic checks.

"Your stop, madam," said the driver. "It wasn't, but the woman left, without a word."

**Lend-Lease Report Made**

Operations Analyzed By The President

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—President Roosevelt informed Congress today in a message analyzing the first year's operations of the Lend-Lease program that the offensive against the United Nations "must and will drive into the heart of the Axis" would take "the entire strength that we possess."

"The war can only be won by contact with the enemies, and by attack upon them," he asserted in a letter transmitting the Lend-Lease report. "That takes time for the United Nations need more and still more equipment and transportation. Success will come slowly, at the price of defeat and losses."

**POOL RESOURCES**

Mr. Roosevelt said Lend-Lease was a prime mechanism through which the United Nations were pooling their entire resources.

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**Say American Cruiser Sunk**

TOKYO.—(From Japanese Broadcasts)—Imperial Headquarters declared today that a Japanese cruiser operating in the Indian Ocean west of Australia had sunk the United States cruiser *Meade*.

The sinking was said to have occurred March 2.

The 7,600-ton *Meade* had been on a mission to deliver supplies to the United States cruiser *Meade* during the battle of Java without any cooperation from other ships.

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**Brazil Moves Nearer Entrance Into War**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.—(AP)—President Getulio Vargas issued a decree today giving himself the authority to declare a state of war or a state of emergency throughout the country in case of foreign menace, imminence of internal disturbance or existence of a plan of conspiracy.

Promptly answering the torpedoing of the fourth Brazilian ship by the United States, the decree cleared the way for immediate action by the United States and seizure of Axis property. Orders for seizure of Axis property were expedited within 48 hours.

The decree, issued as Brazil was experiencing increasing shipping losses as a result of Axis submarine activity off the United States Atlantic coast, declared that "from the time the use of the armed forces for the defense of the state becomes necessary, the President will declare a state of war in all national territory or in part of it."

Any endangering of the count-

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**"FREEDOM" FOR INDIA AFTER WAR ENDED**

**Pledge of Dominion Status Is Repeated**

Cripps Will Go To India

LONDON.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill repeated today Britain's promise of dominion status for imperilled India after the war and announced that his ranking aide, Sir Stafford Cripps, would go to India as an emissary to seek assurance that a precise plan already drafted by London would gain general Indian acceptance.

The promise of Indian self-government within the British Commonwealth of nations after the war, first made in August, 1940, so far has failed to mollify Indian nationalists.

**DETAILED PLAN**

But Churchill, in a long-awaited statement to the House of Commons, disclosed that the Government, in order to "clothe these general declarations with precision and to convince all classes and creeds in India of our sincere resolve," had now a step forward and agreed to a detailed plan.

He did not, however, disclose the exact nature of the constitution by which his Government hopes to win the loyalty of India's 350,000,000 people for the defense of the rich sub-continent now threatened by the Japanese advance in Burma and to the Indian Ocean.

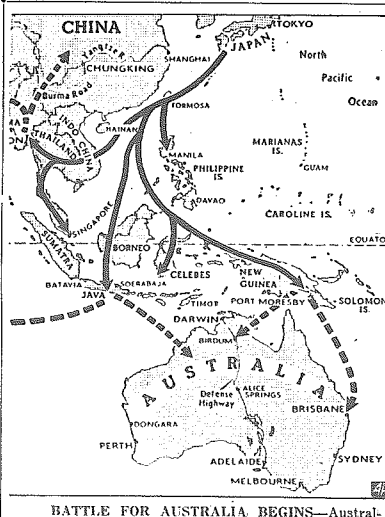
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**BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA BEGINS**—Australians are slugging it out with a Japanese armada massed off New Guinea in what is believed the prelude to an all-out attempt by the Japs to invade the "down under" continent.

**Says Aussies Still Fighting In Java**

Troops Under Orders Not To Obey Commands From Prisoners

MELBOURNE, Australia.—(AP)—Hubertus J. Van Mook, Lieutenant Governor General of the Dutch East Indies, declared today that about 3,000 Australian troops probably still were fighting in the mountain country east and west of Bandung, Japanese-occupied military capital of Java.

"The BBC in a broadcast heard from New York by CBS, reported that Van Mook 'told newspaper men in Melbourne the Dutch Fleet still was at sea'."

Van Mook said Australian, British and United States troops in Java, which numbered about 5,000 in all, were grouped together at first for convenience but that the forces carrying on the fight in the unoccupied portions of the island now are functioning independently, under orders not to obey any commands coming from authorities who have fallen into Japanese hands.

"As far as I know fighting is going on in the place in Java west and east of Bandung, and in eastern Java," he said. "Similar fighting is going on in almost all the other islands. Most of Sumatra still is unoccupied, even the central part."

TOKYO.—(From Japanese Broadcasts)—Imperial Headquarters said today that the Japanese had captured 50,000 troops, including 2,000 air and 10,000 sea, in the invasion of The Netherlands East Indies, as well as vast stores of weapons and supplies.

Of the prisoners it said, 60,000 were regular troops captured on Java and 10,000 on other islands of the archipelago. The remaining 15,000, it said, were volunteer fighters.

**Airmen Strike In Effort To Crush Threat**

Japs Still Gathering Strength Above Mainland, However

CANBERRA, Australia.—(AP)—Beating violent attacks yesterday on Japanese ships were being marshaled above the mainland, the Royal Australian Air Force reported tonight that seven enemy ships were known to have been sunk or damaged and two others probably damaged in the waters of New Guinea.

Of this number two ships definitely were sunk, four were set afire and one was beached, said an official announcement listing results of a series of smashing assaults yesterday on Japanese ship concentrations in the harbor of Salamaua, on New Guinea's east coast.

But even as the air arm continued its running counter offensive action a large new Japanese convoy was reported heading for Port Moresby on the southern New Guinea coast, in an area some 200 miles from Cape York on the mainland.

"The Australian Associated Press observed that the government had no denial to offer of those reports."

Port Moresby likewise was under new enemy aerial assault, before bombers participating in this thrust, although there was no immediate announcement of damage there.

**HEAVY ATTACK**

The RAF's action was described in its communiqué as "one of the heaviest aerial attacks so far launched in the New Guinea area."

It said "direct hits were scored upon a warship which was either a cruiser or a large destroyer" and added:

"When the aircraft left the target area one ship was burned out and three others were on fire. Two of them were sinking and one was being beached."

The Sydney Sun reported that at least one of the ships—an 8,000-ton transport—was sunk. Other reports said six direct hits with heavy bombs were scored on another of the vessels.

The Sun reported that RAAF pilots dived to 400 feet for the machine-gunning, bombing and strafing from which all planes were said to have returned safely.

Waves of RAAF planes made the attacks, principally at Salamaua, which appears to have been the main assembly point for the forces which Australia expects the Japanese to throw at her with their latest possible reinforcements.

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**Japs Hold Great Delta**

Large Burmese Area In Enemy Hands

By DANIEL DELUCHE  
MANDALAY, Burma.—(AP)—The withdrawal of British troops from the Southern Burma trap left the Japanese in possession today of the great Irrawaddy delta which extends 100 miles into the Andaman Sea and reaches to the Bay of Bengal.

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**CHANGING HOURLY**

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**Nazi Battleship Tirpitz Attacked**

LONDON.—(AP)—The 35,800-ton battleship *Tirpitz* was attacked by fleet air arm torpedo planes on Monday off the coast of Norway, it was announced today.

The Tirpitz, thus reported in action for the first time, is a sister ship to the *Bismarck*, sunk in the North Atlantic last May by British warships and planes.

The Tirpitz last was seen reeling under the cover of a heavy smoke screen toward the Norwegian coast, an Admiralty communiqué said.

**All Quiet On Bataan**

Situation Apparently Stabilized Now

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The War Department reported today that the situation in Bataan, where General Douglas MacArthur's forces numerically superior Japanese forces, apparently has been stabilized temporarily, with neither air nor ground activity in the last 24 hours.

The text of the brief communiqué, issued based on reports received here up to 9:30 A. M. Eastern War Time:

"The situation in Bataan remains unchanged. There was no air or ground activity during the past 24 hours."

"The positions occupied by both sides apparently have become temporarily stabilized."

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

**Navy Trio Adrift In South Sea See "Cornfield," Reach Safety**

PEARL HARBOR, T. H.—(AP)—They were forced to alight in the ocean Jan. 16.

Today they are recovering in Pearl Harbor. Harold Dixon, 42, of La Mesa, Calif., aviation chief machinist mate and pilot; Gene Aldrich, 34, of Silveston, Mo., radioman; and Anthony J. Pastula, 24, of Youngstown, Ohio, aviation ordnanceman.

Let Dixon describe the day before they sighted land:

"All our clothes were gone. We had fished rapidly in physical and mental condition. I'd already lost three sets of skin from sunburn and I was cooked like a Thanksgiving turkey. Our tempers were short. I would get so mad I couldn't see what I would say something and the boys would sit and ap-

**SOME SLEEP**

"Things looked pretty good but we agreed this was no time to sleep. We tried to sleep in huddles that night, but part of the time we had to hold out the boat with our hands because the clothes were so wet they were so heavy they washed away. We didn't sleep at all, only dozed. Try sleeping on a mattress under a screen with the sun on it."

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**WEATHER**

Slightly warmer tonight.

Today's Temp.: H. 64; L. 44. Sunset Today. Sunrise Tomorrow.

Additional U. S. Weather data will be found on page 10.

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