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Third Fleet Bombarding Force Makes Bold Attack

American Assault Continuing

By LEIF ERICKSON

GUAM, Wednesday, July 18 (AP)—The Third Fleet bombardment force including the battleship Iowa Tuesday night shelled the important war industry city of Hitachi only 80 miles north of Tokyo.

The Third Fleet's shelling of Hitachi was the first of a series of attacks on the city.

The shelling started about 11 p. m. Tuesday night. The Third Fleet's bombardment force included the battleship Iowa, the heavy cruiser USS Alabama, and the light cruiser USS St. Louis. The force also included the transport USS General Sherman, the oiler USS General Blanding, and the minesweeper USS General C. D. Johnson.

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350 Make Escape

Lake Cruise Ship Destroyed By Fire

SARINIA, Out—(AP)—Flames licking swiftly along

decks of the cruise ship Hamonic forced scores of her 350 passengers and crew to leap or slide topside to safety, and destroyed the 360-foot vessel at a loading dock today.

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Report Probed

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Gamelin Speaks

Pétain Blamed For French Army's Plight

Marchal Henri Pétain not only sought at the Riom trials to blame others for acts which he had approved, but was himself largely responsible for France's shortlived war preparations.

Marchal Henri Pétain, former commander of the French armies, in this second of a series of the articles.

By GEN. MAURICE-GUSTAVE GAMELIN
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PARIS—(AP)—Since Marshal Pétain's return, the question frequently is asked of me: "Did Pétain interfere with your administration while you were supreme commander?"

My answer at once is simple and complex. It is a simple because, if it is a question of direct interference, I can only answer me. Quite the contrary, he considered me as a subordinate.

He was the last of three commanders in chief of the French Army: Joffre and Foch, unfortunately for us, having passed away. Those who, like myself, understood the situation in its entirety, knew that public opinion was under an illusion about him. He belonged to the procession of our glories.

I never thought he would be called to appear in the domain of action. His authority was very great in the army and throughout the country; there was every reason to use it for the cause I had to defend. I therefore kept him fully informed about my intentions and actions, and he always expressed agreement. The strangest paradox, if it were not explicable by political reasons, is that he brought me before the court of Riom, condemned in advance by the very opinions he had approved and even advised. But my answer also is complex—as complex as Marshal Pétain's character. It weighed heavily on the destiny of France ever since 1940.

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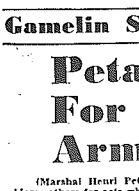
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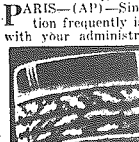
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WEATHER

Cloud, Moderate to locally heavy showers and thunderstorms tonight and Tuesday. Not much change in temperature.

Temperature at 3:30 Today 77°
High & Low Last 24 Hours 77°-61°
Sunset Tomorrow 8:05
Sunrise Today 5:55