

U. S. DESTROYER SUNK

Daniels Quits As America's Mexico Envoy

Roosevelt Accepts Resignation of Tar Heel and Praises His Record

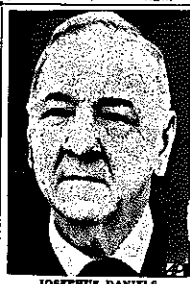
WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt has accepted the resignation of Joseph Daniels, of Raleigh, N. C., ambassador to Mexico.

The Chief Executive, in announcing this to a press conference today, said that of all the people who had been at foreign posts in Latin America in the last eight and one-half years, he thought Daniels had done more to encourage and live up to the good neighbor policy than any.

The President said there had been a great improvement in American-Mexican relations, which he declared were now on a basis of understanding and friendship, since 1933.

The Chief Executive had nothing to say about a successor.

He had suggested that Daniels return to Mexico City to say farewell to associates and officials. The ambassador, who was Navy Secretary in the World War and had the President as his assistant, had submitted his resignation because of the poor health of his wife.



JOSEPH DANIELS

Army Seizes Air Plant On Orders Of President

Soldiers Ring Bendix Factory

BENDIX, N. J.—(AP)—The Army seized the plant of Air Associates, Inc., today and won cheers from both factions in a bitter labor fight with an announcement that it would take a men without regard for the past.

President Roosevelt last night an executive order directing that the Army take over and operate the plant, saying the dispute threatened to halt production of vital defense materiel.

Secretary of War Stimson set the troops in motion.

More than 2,000 soldiers with steel helmets, naked bayonets and machine guns formed a human ring around the factory and explored throughout nearby fields or led warily in the vicinity. Few had night helmets.

Despite the show of force only the machine guns were loaded. Orders had orders that a bullet was to be in any rifle or pistol.

BAYONETS FIXED

At the nearby Hasbrouck Railroad Station, G.I.O. strikers formed a line of defense. Bayonets and bayonets were fixed on the other. A line of troops with fixed bayonets on their rifles and machine gun eyes both groups.

Into this tense scene two Colonel Roy M. Jones, Executive Secretary of the Air Corps Procurement Division, who took charge of the plant.

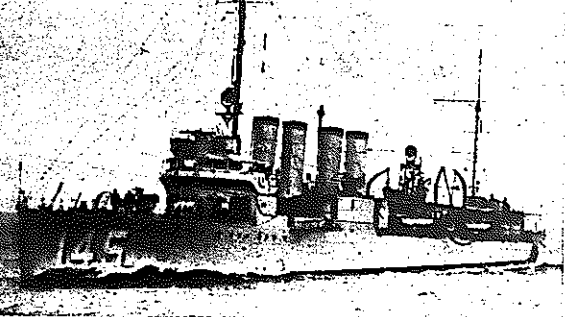
"This plant is an important plant to national defense," he told the crowd. "We propose to operate the plant and we will need workers to do so. We are going to set up an employment agency just as soon as we can get the necessary machinery. I am asking you in the name of the President of the United States to good citizens to accept me."

He then expressed hope there would be jobs for all and said they would be retained regardless of past difficulties. The union broke and cheers resounded.

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USS Reuben James Gets Fatal Blow From Torpedo



DESTROYER TORPEDOED—A United States Navy destroyer was torpedoed off Iceland last night. Pictured above is one of our destroyers of the general type of the Reuben James, victim of the torpedo.

Ship Carried Crew Of 120

Navy Department Announces Loss of Ship Off Iceland

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Navy announced today the loss of its first warship in the European war, the U. S. destroyer Reuben James, victim of a torpedoing last night west of Iceland.

First reports brought no word of possible loss of life. The ship ordinarily carried six officers and 114 men.

Unlike the destroyer Kearny, which survived a torpedo blow amidship Oct. 17, but lost eleven men, with ten others being wounded, the older Reuben James went to the bottom. The Navy said she was convoying in the North Atlantic.

The Reuben James was the third American warship fired at, the second to be hit and the first to be sunk in the increasing tempo of action at sea in the last two months. President Roosevelt on Sept. 11 ordered the Navy to "shoot on sight" any Axis warcraft encountered.

Whether the Reuben James or any accompanying ships were able to wreak any damage was undetermined. The Navy said it was not available to disclose any submarine sinkings by the fleet, following the British policy of disturbing Axis morale by such secrecy.

Moscow Lines Reported Held

Reds Say Attack Has Dropped Away Mostly to Small Local Forces

MOSCOW—(AP)—The Tass agency declared today that the German onslaught against the defenses of Moscow had divided into attacks by small detachments except on the northwest flank, where the Nazis continued a strong offensive with infantry and tanks.

Even there, the news agency reported in a broadcast, heavy Red Army fire and repeated counter attacks checked the German advance.

Along Moscow's western and southwestern fronts General Gregory K. Zhukov's forces were not only to have held their defense positions but in some salients to have improved them.

"THE BAYONET RAIDS

Bethed the German lines another Russian guerrilla leader, known as "The Raven" was believed to be the chief of swift-striking raiders whose steadily increasing operations were described by Tass as striking terror to scattered German garrisons and wrecking their supply stations and lines of communication.

"The Raven" and his band, Tass reported, were believed to be man-guerrillas town near Kirovograd, wiped out a German force and destroyed fourteen German planes as they struck, with captured German guns and munitions to help them in their attack.

A broadcast of the Soviet Information Bureau's mid-day war bulletin said the Red Air Force was supporting the Red Army's stand northwest of the capital and destroyed fourteen German planes on an improvised airbase in the Kalinin area in this direction.

TASS COMMENTED

The communiques listed the Volokolamsk, Moshaisk, Maloyaroslavsk and Tula areas as the scenes of the German attack.

"Tula, long an important munitions manufacturing town 100 miles south of the capital, has been the scene of the heaviest fighting in this area in Soviet communiques.

A midnight communique said the Russian Air Force had destroyed by armed workers who rallied from their factories to the battle line.

Says America To Reply of Protect Seamen Foreign Policy, Speaks

Gillette, Foe of Administration

WASHINGTON—The sinking of the U. S. destroyer Reuben James brought Congressional expressions today that the incident would lead the nation closer to an all-out war with Germany and would hasten Senate action on legislation reviving the Neutrality Act.

One opponent of Administration foreign policy, Senator Gillette, Democrat from Idaho, today declared "America will protect her seamen, no matter what mission they are on."

Remembering that the Navy had announced the Reuben James was on convoy duty west of Iceland when a torpedo sent it to the bottom, Gillette added that "it does not matter how unjust may have been the vessel's duty, the fact remains that the sailors were obeying their government's orders and they were justified in feeling that America should give them its very protection."

Other comment:

Senator Capper, Republican from Kansas, today brought us closer to a fighting war, I believe, however, that any question of the United States should be resolved should be put up to Congress.

Senator Thomas, Democrat, Oklahoma, "If our government is going to get into trouble, that is all right, but it is not to be from the throat of a German submarine."

Senator Whittaker, Republican, Maine: "This is simply another demonstration that Hitler is not to attack and sink."

Senator Adams, Democrat, Colorado: "This indicates that the Nazis are not going to let all of the shooting be on one side. Once again we are in a war."

Two Heroes Of Crack-Up

Nine Bail Out of Disabled Bomber

By J. A. DALY
Charlotte Staff Writer

The Charlotte Army Air Base added two names to its roster of heroes and nine to the "Waterfall Club" membership today when an official board investigated the crash and destruction by fire of a massive B-18A Air Corps bomber from which the crew and six passengers safely bailed out of a crash 1,500 feet above Great Falls, S. C., last night.

The men whose heroic conduct in line of duty was discussed informally today at the Air Corps post are Lieutenant William G. Thornhill of Winston-Salem, youthful pilot, and Master Sergeant J. O. Schryck.

CLOSE CALL

Their massive plane was a crumpled heap of fire-crash wreckage today, but at the base quarters a feeling of thankfulness prevailed that the three officers and six enlisted men were alive after nearly taking to their paratroopers. Official information was that the crew and passengers were safe, but it was learned that it suddenly became unrecognizable on its return from Columbus, Ga.

Major Jerome D. Glidden, base supply officer, was a patient in an Army evacuation hospital in the town.

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Say Reds In Retreat

Pursuit in Crimea Reported by Germans

BERLIN—(AP)—The German High Command declared today the Russians were in full retreat in the Crimea, pursued by German and Rumanian forces, and that the Red Army units in the Donets basin had been pushed back by the allied Axis armies.

"Outside Leningrad, where German troops were believed to have acknowledged that Nazi armies were encountering tenacious Russian resistance, the bulletin also said Adolf Hitler's headquarters said several Russian attempts to break through the German lines had been frustrated.

Specific mention of the progress of the drive on Moscow was limited again, the communique saying only of other Eastern Front land battles that operations are continuing.

SOON LENINGRAD BLOWN

Heavy army batteries were said to have moved calling blows on the military objectives in Leningrad.

"A German broadcast from London said important targets were being hit in Moscow. The report said that operations are continuing.

Married Russian withdrawal being causing German ground units to fight on the Crimean peninsula, was described by the Red Army press on Page 10.

Neutrality Vote Motion Blocked

WASHINGTON—(AP)—A proposal by Senator O'Daniel, Democrat, Texas, that the Senate vote once on reviving the Neutrality Act's shipping restrictions was blocked today after Senator Brewster, Republican, Connecticut, said he would not agree to the unanimous consent procedure O'Daniel's plan required.

O'Daniel had announced he would seek to amend the act which would be blocked by a single objection, immediately after Senator Brewster, Republican, Connecticut, had introduced a speech in opposition to the pending legislation.

No Change In U. S. Policy Seen By F. R.

WASHINGTON—(AP)—President Roosevelt today said he saw no possibility of severing diplomatic relations with Germany, and thought there had been no change in American policy as a result of the loss of the American destroyer Reuben James, and other recent attacks on other American vessels.

The Reuben James was torpedoed and sunk last night west of Iceland. Mr. Roosevelt had no details to add to those already announced by the Navy.

DOING DUTY

It was in response to a press conference question that Mr. Roosevelt said he did not think there would be any change in policy by reason of attacks on American ships. The Reuben James, he said, was simply carrying on a duty assigned to her. The Navy said she was on convoy operations in the North Atlantic when torpedoed.

Replying to another question, Mr. Roosevelt said he had not thought of the possibility of cutting off diplomatic ties with Germany which for several years have been strained severely.

Reporters pressed the Chief Executive for information whether American warships had sunk any German submarines, but Mr. Roosevelt said he would not tell any more.

He made it clear that the reason for withholding information on sinkings, if there have been any, was for their relatives.

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National & International Affairs

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert S. Allen

Inner Circles Hear that Senator Wheeler May Abandon the Isolationist Group

WASHINGTON—Inner America First circles are churning over reports that Senator Bob Wheeler plus: crumple are thinking of climbing off the wobbling isolationist wagon.

The other two are Republican Senators C. Wayland "Curly" Hodge of Illinois, and Raymond E. Wherry of Indiana.

Probably, the three are still

And Wheeler didn't vote at all. All the other red-hot isolationists lined up against the measure.

According to word reaching Wheeler's office, the isolationist movement is continuing to grow. Wheeler is disturbed over the type of elements joining to the front in the isolationist movement. He is particularly disturbed by the fact that many of the new recruits are being shocked by the fact that they are being misled by the First Rullies during his Merry-Go-Round. On Page 2

Two Negro Girls Burn to Death

LUMBERTON—Two Negro girls, Rose Clark, 14, and Clara Lee Clark, 12, died in a fire that swept their four-room tenement house in the Back Swamp community early Wednesday. It was disclosed here today.

The girls, whose names were reported residing in Brooklyn, N. Y., at the time, died in the flames that consumed the home after a fire started by two other women and another child who were staying in the tenement, by which they were killed. The two children are believed to be the daughters of a local Negro funeral home.

Newsman Spent 2 Weeks Aboard Reuben James Before Sinking

By CHARLES R. SWELMAN JR., Providence Bulletin Staff Reporter

PROVIDENCE, R. I.—I missed for two weeks aboard the United States destroyer Reuben James, sunk last night on convoy duty west of Iceland, was one of the men who spent two weeks aboard the ship with supplies for our defense forces in Iceland.

The Reuben James was in a patrol mission after graduation from the Naval Academy on June 7, 1939, and was assigned to the 12th Fleet, commanded by Captain Stewart, and made fast beside her. Across the bow inches separating the bridge wings of the two destroyers, Lieutenant Commander Stewart, Reuben James, stretched his hand to the shipper of the second ship, the USS O'Brien, which was on the same mission as "The Reuben James" was on.

A few hours before the appointed minute General Otto Von Sturmer, commander of German forces in France, announced release of two French prisoners of war in payment for information given to the occupying authorities by their relatives.

red from the allied aided up 1939. The bill which he wants is included in red, white and blue a souvenir of his service on the United States Olympic wrestling team.

Captain Stewart invited me aboard the ward room of the Reuben James, but I did not get into the ward room as the ship was on the same mission as "The Reuben James" was on.

I remained aboard for two weeks before the ship was sunk.

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Weather

Cloudy with showers; occasional drizzle; light breeze; temperature 50 to 60.

Friday, Nov. 1, 1941
Partly cloudy; light breeze; temperature 50 to 60.

Saturday, Nov. 2, 1941
Partly cloudy; light breeze; temperature 50 to 60.

Sunday, Nov. 3, 1941
Partly cloudy; light breeze; temperature 50 to 60.