



TRAWLER ATTACKED IN THE IRISH SEA

Hail of Bullets Fired from 60 Yards SKIPPER WOUNDED IN THIGH

AN attack on the high seas by a party of armed Irish fishermen on the crew of the Fleetwood trawler Loch Esk was reported yesterday when the trawler reached Campbelltown.

The trawler arrived in Campbelltown with its skipper, James Richard Wayman (52), Harris Street, Fleetwood, shot in the left thigh.

The incident occurred in the Irish Sea about four to five miles from the Donegal coast.

FIRST TIME IN IRISH GROUNDS

The trawler was fishing for cod before returning to Fleetwood after a nine-day trip. It was the crew's first trip in the Irish fishing grounds.

About midnight on Saturday, according to the trawler's crew, three motor fishing-boats appeared from the Irish coast off the island of Inishtrahull.

They carried about twenty Irishmen in each boat, and they manoeuvred within about sixty yards of the port side of the trawler.

They did not give any signal or make any call. Skipper Wayman was alone in the wheelhouse and his nets were out.

Without warning there was a burst of fire. The skipper put himself out of the wheelhouse and the boats which were firing bullets pierced the metal hull of the trawler.

One bullet went through the trawler's door and passed through the skipper's left thigh. Another bullet pierced the metal hull of the starboard deck.

Skipper Wayman told a reporter: "On Saturday about midday we steamed to the fishing grounds off Inishtrahull and began fishing about 11 p.m. Shortly afterwards the three Irish fishing boats arrived on the scene.

"They gave us no indications of their intentions. Immediately there was a burst of fire.

"SHIP PEPPERED"

"How many rifles there were on the three boats I could not say owing to the darkness, but they peppered the ship, concentrating fire on the wheelhouse.

There were about twenty men in each boat, and they were determined to get the trawler. Irish I could hear the bullets scattering against the metal hull of the wheelhouse and on the nets, and soon it became too hot for comfort.

"They were definitely out to kill me. It was their last burst that when the skipper was hit, the boats took over the wheel and the skipper was bandaged and wounded.

Skipper Wayman refused to quit his post, despite the possible danger of further bullets and his nets were requested that his ship be taken to the open seas and drag nets.

At nearly six miles they pulled their nets in the darkness, and soon the three trawlers gave up the chase and returned to the Irish coast.

CREW OF 12

The trawler, with its nets and gear on deck, put in at Campbelltown where Dr Alexander Cameron, a Campbelltown doctor, bandaged the skipper's wound, and the matter was reported to the police.

The trawler carries a crew of twelve, including the skipper. All the crew are in addition to Skipper Wayman—Donald Clark, bosun; James Snape, chief engineer; George Stables, Harry Peel, Norman Day, Harry Peck, Alfred Westgate, Harry Peck, Walter Blackburn, second engineer; Walter Egan, cook, and two firemen.

The trawler left Campbelltown for Fleetwood late last night. Skipper Wayman said: "Not too good." It is believed that the boats were manned by local fishermen who were fishing for cod.

FLASHES FROM FAR AND NEAR

MR TOM WILLIAMS, Minister for Agriculture, arrived in London yesterday from Milan at the invitation of the Italian Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Giuseppe De Michelis.

"We had discussions, but no official ones."

After twelve hours, rescue workers reached seven trapped men at 500 feet below ground level in a mine near Donaghadee. All were brought to the surface without incident.

Miss Richards Morrow-Tait, Chesnut Road, Cambridge, the daughter of a divorcee, was brought by her husband.

A Spitfire of No. 611 (Liverpool Squadron, R.A.F.), its pilot, plunged to the ground at Fleetwood yesterday, narrowly missing a house. The pilot, Pilot P. C. Lowthian, was killed.

Anton Dolin, British ballet dancer, stated that Alicia Markova, who has taken ill, is being operated on either to-day or early to-morrow.

Slim Confers With Service Chiefs

FIELD-MARSHAL Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who arrived in Singapore on Saturday, spent yesterday at a series of conferences with his Service chiefs.

The Field-Marshal, who is due to leave for Australia to-day, is expected to hold extensive discussions with military chiefs in Singapore and elsewhere in Malaya on his way back to Britain next month.

Simple Service High Above St Valery ... We Remember Them with Pride



"We recall their passing with sorrow. We also remember them with pride." This tribute to the dead of the 51st Highland Division was paid by the Rev. A. Drummond Duff at the service of dedication held beside the Division's Memorial at St Valery yesterday.

Petrol and Purchase Tax Motions

Challenges to Government This Week

By Our Political Correspondent

THE Government will meet two vital challenges in the House of Commons this week.

The House reassembles to-morrow after the Whitsun recess, and the challenges will come during the Committee stage of the Finance Bill on the increased petrol tax and the purchase tax on commercial vehicles.

Defeat on either of these, which were major provisions of the Budget, would involve the Government's downfall.

On Wednesday the Opposition will move the abolition of the extra petrol duty, and on Thursday the abolition of the purchase tax on commercial vehicles.

Either to-morrow or Wednesday the Prime Minister will make a statement explaining the Government's attitude to the Schuman plan. It is expected that at the same time a Government White Paper will be issued on the subject.

T.T. Winner Hurt in Road Crash

RIDING home on Saturday on the motor-cycle on which he won the 1000 c.c. Clubman event in the Isle of Man on Wednesday, Alexander Mortimer Phillip (26), Monkie, near Dundee, was hurt.

Phillip was in collision with a heavy goods lorry. He and his wife Ann (21), who was riding pillion, were thrown heavily and received lacerations to the head. They were detained in the Ormskirk County Hospital with suspected fractured legs.

Revolver Goes Off: Boy Killed

GORDON MACGREGOR, aged 15, of 38 Stobhill Road, Springburn, Glasgow, was accidentally killed by a bullet from a service revolver at a chum's house in Bishopbriggs on Saturday evening.

It is believed that Gordon and his friend had been examining the revolver on the back when it went off and a bullet entered Gordon's chest killing him instantaneously.

Strachey: 'Why I Went on Jungle Patrol'

'Part of My Duties as War Minister'

MR JOHN STRACHEY, Secretary for War, who landed at London Airport yesterday after his sixteen days' fact-finding tour of Malaya and Hong-Kong, spoke about his jungle patrol, on which questions are to be asked in the House of Commons.

"I think that it would have been a failing on my part to have gone all that distance and not get a glimpse of the conditions in which the troops are operating," he said.

"I was under the command of a British officer in the Gurkha unit and I was prepared to accept his orders.

"I carried a rifle. Whenever the Gurkhas came to something, an order was given. I obeyed.

"It seemed an obvious part of my duties as War Minister to go on the patrol.

Mr Strachey said that there had been 151 killed in the British Army in the two years of Malayan fighting and he had read that there were six more since he left Malaya.

"It is 157 too many," he said.

Will be Suppressed

"It is impossible to prophesy how long it will be before the rising is suppressed, but, of course, it is suppressed and all the military measures to that end will be taken," said Mr Strachey.

There was a most workable compromise, but he could not give details for security reasons.

Mr James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary, who had also visited Singapore, arrived at the airport four hours after Mr Strachey had landed.

Late Shop Hours Plan to Aid Efficiency

ONE contribution to American efficiency is that shops stay open till nine and ten o'clock at night.



Major-General R. K. Arbuthnot, commander, 51st Highland Division, places his wreath at the base of the memorial.

THROUGH SORROW TO FRIENDSHIP

Scottish Flowers on St Valery Memorials

From GEORGE E. LEY SMITH

St VALERY-EN-CAUX, Sunday. COUNTLESS unexpected gestures during the ceremonies attached to the unveiling of the 51st (Highland) Division and 2nd French Cavalry Division memorials on the cliffs at St Valery-en-Caux have stressed the place of this devastated little town in the minds of Scots people and the regard of Normans for Northern Scots.

Thousands of French people from Dieppe, Le Havre, Rouen, and as far away as Paris attended the unveiling of the Scottish memorial by Major-General D. N. Wimberley and the French monument by General Poydenot yesterday afternoon, and the inauguration of the military cemetery gateway by the Marchioness of Huntly earlier in the day.

The handing over of £7500 by Mr William Veitch—a gift from the people of the North-east of Scotland—evoked a moving demonstration at the dinner given by the parent towns to-night.

Then General Gastey was touched by the action of the Scottish towns in laying wreaths on the French memorial. He accompanied the party up the cliffs for their little ceremony.

Now that the ceremonies are over, the two monuments are surrounded by flowers brought from the North of Scotland and from the South and East of France.

The French cavalrymen laid a wreath in memory of the Highland comrades-in-arms and the Scots paid the French soldiers a similar tribute.

Changing Symbol

The keynote of all the speeches was that St Valery had become a revered name in Scotland or, as Major-General Arbuthnot put it: "A symbol first of sorrow, then of courage, then of hope and, finally, friendship."

Both Major-General Wimberley and the Rev. A. Drummond Duff, in his address of dedication, stressed that the 51st memorial commemorated all the fallen of the division—"that string of crosses that spreads across France and across the African desert and Sicily."

The former commander of the division committed the memorial to the safe keeping of the people of St Valery, knowing "it will be revered as though it were your own."

[Full story and pictures—Pages 2 and 3.]

SMUTS: 'I FEEL BETTER'

Field-Marshal Smuts told his doctors yesterday: "I'm feeling much better."

An official bulletin issued yesterday said: "There is a slight improvement but his condition must still be regarded as serious."

'Quake in Argentina'

An earthquake shook the town of Mendoza, Argentina, early yesterday. Although the shock was violent there are not believed to have been any casualties.

Woman's Air Death

The pilot and a young woman passenger were killed when a small sports plane crashed yesterday near Tours, south of Paris.

Boat Swept Over River Dam: Four Die

Survivors' Night of Horror in Maelstrom

TWO men and two women were swept to their deaths during a night of horror before rescuers reached a luxury cabin cruiser spinning helplessly in a boiling maelstrom at the bottom of a dam on the Allegheny River, near Pittsburgh, U.S.A.

Four survivors—all men—were taken off the battered craft at dawn yesterday, after they had watched their companions carried away in the swirling waters.

They were saved when a group of boatmen watched by a crowd of 2000 drove a 100-foot stern-wheel river tug against the face of the dam, pulled them off the cruiser and passed them over to a speedboat.

One of the drowned was a lockman who, with a companion, tried an earlier rescue in an 18-foot skiff. The two were themselves trapped on the cruiser and later one was washed overboard.

The cabin cruiser was caught in the boiling eddies where the Allegheny River drops eleven feet over a dam at a lock.

It was soon out of control, unable to escape from the grip of the maelstrom. The current drove the cruiser again and again into the face of the dam, splintering her sleek mahogany timbers.

Each time the battered boat staggered back with tons of water cascading on it, the desperate people clinging to the deck. A rescue bid with a towline from a "blimp"—a small airship—failed.

FRANCE MAY END CURRENCY CONTROL

FRANCE is expecting to be able to abolish foreign exchange control before the end of the autumn and stabilise the franc in terms of gold or of the dollar.

This was confirmed during the week-end in usually well-informed financial quarters.

Abolition of foreign exchange control would mean that tourists from any country could freely exchange their national currency within the limits allowed them by their own Governments.

The value of the pound sterling would presumably remain at its present rate of 980 francs, and British tourists in France would remain limited to the expenditure of £50 a year, unless Sir Stafford Cripps changed his policy.

FINE AND WARM

N.-E. Scotland—Light to moderate south-easterly winds; fair or fine and rather warm.

Orkney and Shetland—Light southerly winds; mainly fair and rather warm.

Further Outlook.—Continuing fine and warm in many places for a time, though thundery rain or showers may spread north-eastwards during the next two or three days.

Lighting-up Time

Begins, 11.3 p.m. Ends, 3.12 a.m.

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