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# Toys Strewn Among Train Wreckage

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### Christmas Fun Undimmed CHEER FOR TROOPS

It takes a lot more than a war on a black-out to stop Sheffield people from making merry at Christmas.

INDICATIONS are that everything is going to be "as you were", even though in many homes there will be lads in uniform saying good-bye soon after the holiday is over.

If only for their sakes the city will have the most of its opportunities of being their Christmas cheer.

Sheffielders have been working hard lately. They have earned their rest, but the big work has closed down till Wednesday, and many of them are given their employees holiday duty as well.

**LAST-MINUTE RUSH**  
There is to-day the usual last-minute shopping rush. Shopping hours are limited to-night, and some pieces of business will be open until quite late.

The streets are crowded, and trams and buses are packed to capacity.

The popular song, "You Can't Black Out the Moon," is proving especially popular since the moon is lighting the streets so effectively just now.

Who has had undoubtedly had its effect. And the hopes for parties, theatre and music, which are stated to be well up to the average.

Had total black-out conditions applied in full, it is generally felt that this would not have been so.

**CHRISTMAS-AT-HOME**  
There will not be the same exodus from the city this Christmas that there usually is, although trains have carried "loads of smiles" home.

Everything points to it being a Christmas-at-home.

And when the trains have carried the bulk of the goods-home and brought the bulk of the commuters-home, the shops about to-night and three long holiday days are stretching ahead. Sheffield will settle down in earnest to the enjoyment of a Christmas at home.

### A "Restaurant Divorce"

"Restaurant divorce" has been confirmed in Shanghai.

For a long while a Russian couple had wished to separate, but continually failed. The decisive step of going to court was taken only after they had a fashionable restaurant where a Shanghai lawyer walked in.

The pair decided to act, and asked the lawyer to officiate.

The three nibbled their meal, then surrounded by the chatter of dishes with orchestra playing in the background. The waiter who drew up the necessary documents. They were signed by the doctor, and in due course the divorce certificate was presented before a Shanghai District Court, which granted a divorce.

### SENATOR OPPOSES NEUTRALITY ZONE

The first Congressional opposition to the American Government's 300-mile neutrality zone project has been voiced by Senator Norris, who said that such a zone would have a substantial basis in international law.

Senator Norris indicated his belief that the project might even lead to the reviving of some American republics.

He said arbitrarily that no battles should take place, and no guns be fired within 300 miles of our shores, is assuming a jurisdiction which we do not possess, and have no right to," he declared.

It is indicated that a joint declaration of the American republics will be issued late to-day.

### Hitler's War: 12th Day

**BLACK-OUT AND LIGHTING-UP TIMES:**  
4.17 p.m.—7.53 a.m.

### CRUSHED TO DEATH BY COAL

A verdict of "Accidental death" was returned at the Goldthorpe inquest to-day on Albert Edward Burtone (50), of 37, High Street, Goldthorpe, who was killed when a piece of coal fell over him while working at Barnborough Colliery, Thursday.

It was stated by Bretton's workman, George Uley, of Cemetery Road, Wath, and Alfred Massey, of Frederick Street, Goldthorpe, that Burtone was apparently safe until a bump caused the coal to "lurch forward."

Bretton was pinned to the ground by one large piece of coal, and was dead when released.

## TRAIN CRASH Stationmasters Under Arrest

**FIFTY people were killed and 30 injured last night in yet another train smash in Germany, making the eighth disaster in the last six weeks, with a total death-roll of 275.**

The German official News Agency states that a passenger train from Marksdorf was on its way to Kluftern, near Karlsruhe, when it collided with a goods train.

Stationmasters in Marksdorf and Kluftern have been arrested.

## Torchlight Rescues

**THE** latest accident occurred at the stations of Marksdorf and Kluftern on the line which runs between the Zepplin base of Friedrichshafen and the town of Rudolfzell on Lake Constance.

A goods train and a rail coach were involved.

Immediately the news of the crash was received, ambulances were sent from Friedrichshafen and Rudolfzell.

The death-roll in the train crash at Genthin Station, about 60 miles from Berlin, yesterday, has now mounted to 132, the official German News Agency announced.

Our special correspondent in Amsterdam, Leonard Mosley, says most of the victims were German soldiers, the train principally damaged in the collision being a troop train on its way to the Siegfried Line. Reports say it is believed that another 30 men are dead in the wreckage.

The frequency and seriousness of these accidents has set people talking about sabotage, but the fact that they have all been caused by crashes between goods and passenger trains makes this explanation rather unlikely, though there were a number of munition trains very near where yesterday's accident occurred, and it is reported, says Reuter, that several streets have already been mined. Germans who had planned to go away for Christmas have been greatly alarmed by the news of the accident.

## 27 Rescued by Lifeboat

**TWENTY-SEVEN** men, comprising the crew of the Glasgow steamer, Longships (1,562 tons), have been landed at West coast port after the vessel had struck the rocks in a fog.

The men, who had had nothing to eat for many hours, were picked up by a lifeboat.

The commander, Captain D. MacLellan, of Glasgow, told a reporter: "When we struck the rocks there was a patchy fog over the sea. No ships were about at the time."

"The Longships broke her back. The crew put off in a ship's boat and stood by."

"I remained on board my ship until a lifeboat came to the cockpit took us all up. We had no passengers on board."

## Hindu Riot Precautions

Armed guards are to-day patrolling Gorkapur, Calcutta, to prevent Hindu and Moslem, in which 27 persons were injured.

The assembly of more than five persons has been prohibited.

The riot was a sequel to a Hindu religious procession.

## Bodies of Six Entombed Miners Recovered at Warsaw

After being buried under hundreds of tons of fallen roof, the six bodies of the men entombed at Warsaw Main Colliery, Nottinghamshire, were reached to-day and brought to the surface.

**THE** disaster occurred on Wednesday, since when gangs of men had been working continuously trying to reach them, but it was not until 8 a.m. that the first body was reached.

In less than two hours all the bodies had been brought to the pit top and taken to the Council's mortuary.

**VICTIMS ALL MARRIED**  
The victims, all married men, were—Fred Fowler (40), of Catherine Street, Mansfield Woodhouse, deputy; Albert Leatherland (60), of Langwith Road, Shirebrook, stallman; John Thomas Middlewood (48), of Langwith Road, Shirebrook, rigger; Thomas Cooper (61), of Welbeck Terrace, Shirebrook, rigger; Gilbert Daykin (53), of Sycamore Street, Church Warsop, stallman; and Thomas Eaton (39), of Hobhouse Road, Mansfield, stallman.

**WILLING HELPERS**  
It has been a very trying and strenuous experience for everyone concerned, and not less for the willing helpers who, toiled through long hours to reach their unfortunate fellow workmen.

There was no shortage of helpers, in fact men took it almost as a privilege to be allowed to do their bit in the rescue effort. This arduous duty was long and continuous.

Almost as fast as the debris was cleared away other falls occurred and the rescue work was attended not only by strenuous labour but was fraught with considerable danger.

Mr. R. Ringham, the general manager of the Stavely Colliery and Company, had been in the pit almost continuously since the accident occurred.

Mr. H. G. Goss, the agent and manager of the pit, has also had a very strenuous and anxious time.

Mr. John Hunter, managing director

## SHINING THROUGH THE BLACK-OUT!



## R.A.F. EXPLOITS IN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST AERIAL BATTLE

**The epic air battle over Wilhelmshaven on Monday—the biggest ever fought—has now been vividly constructed from reports of individual members of each British crew.**

As our formations approached their objective the skies filled with crack German fighter squadrons which attacked the British bombers from all directions.

Agonies and again enemy fighters, daring to come into close range, were shot down. Finally, our air gunners saw the last remaining fighters—disappeared beneath their own noses.

Wellingtons attacked warships and hit two cruisers.

Accordingly, in the hope of preventing a repetition of such attacks, they ordered up a number of crack squadrons from elsewhere—probably from the Western Front—to reinforce the detaches on their north-west coast.

These units have been lately armed with the Messerschmitt 110, a very fast twin-engined fighter of the latest type.

## Ursula Shook When Cruiser Sank

**NOW** that the British submarine Ursula has returned to harbour, it is possible to give a full account of the sinking by this submarine of a German cruiser of the Kolo class.

Ursula reached her appointed patrol area after negotiating the minefields known among the officers and men of the British submarine service as "Hitler's cabbage patch."

On December 14th Ursula was South of Heligoland and was on the eve of a number of German patrol vessels was in sight.

Through her periscope she sighted a cruiser of the Kolo class at a range of about four miles.

The German cruiser was screened by six destroyers, but the Ursula at once opened the attack.

It was not easy, owing to the proximity of German patrol craft and in order to reach a firing position Ursula had to dive beneath the screening destroyers.

Their propellers were clearly heard overhead.

## PERFECT ATTACK

The captain of the Ursula snatched a quick look at the German cruiser through his periscope and gave the order to fire.

It was the final stage of a perfect attack pressed in to close range, and carried out on the enemy cruiser despite its protective screen of six destroyers.

Those in the submarine waited, counting seconds, to see if they had scored a hit.

Ursula was shaken by a tremendous explosion. Her first torpedo had found its mark.

A few seconds later there was another great explosion, proving that a second torpedo had also scored.

This explosion appeared to have another superimposed upon it, as if one of the magazines of the enemy cruiser had exploded.

The submarine was badly shaken by the explosion, and the second broke most of her electric light bulbs.

Propellers of the enemy cruiser could be clearly heard in the submarine when the fired her torpedo.

With the first explosion there ceased abruptly, and after the second explosion extraordinary noises of rending metal and of a ship breaking up were heard.

## CRUISER SUNK RAPIDLY

Ursula expected to be attacked immediately with depth charges from the destroyers, four of which at once turned towards the submarine.

The sound of propellers passing overhead could be heard almost continuously, and very soon explosions were heard, but Ursula skilfully avoided the attack, and after a time came to periscope depth to look around.

She saw two destroyers standing by the position in which the enemy cruiser had been, and these appeared to be searching for survivors. There was no sign of the cruiser which had obviously sunk and sunk very rapidly.

Satisfied with her work, Ursula left an area which, from the many explosions heard, was still very unsteady in order of the fact that the submarine had eluded the initial counter-attack of the German destroyers.

## LATE NEWS

**TURKISH RAID ON GERMAN CLUB**  
Turkish police made a lightning raid of exclusive Nazi club in Istanbul to-day and seized club's books and documents.—Reuter.

**NAZI FORTIFICATION WORK HELD UP**  
Reported to-day that work on German frontier fortifications near Basle has been interrupted. Interruption is believed to be due to a landslide which killed eight men.—Reuter.

**ENTOMBED MINERS DIED QUICKLY**  
Evidence that death was due in each case to asphyxia and injuries aggravated as assumed.—Reuter.

**adjoined**  
men who lost their lives in Warsaw pit disaster.

Dr. H. Wilson said men would be unconscious almost immediately, and death would follow in few minutes. (See Page one).

## GERMANY'S CALL TO HER MERCHANT SHIPS

Reported German Navy has ordered all Nazi merchant ships immobilised in neutral ports to try to return to the Reich at any cost.

Crews have orders to sink their vessels if they encounter Allied warships.—P.A. War Special.

## FOKKER DEAD

Anthony Fokker, aeroplane designer, died to-day, states New York Reuter message.

## RESULTS

Sheffield Club 5, Grindfield 2  
RUGBY UNION  
Sheffield 1 goal, 1 penalty goal, 4 tries) 20pts. The Army (1 goal, 1 try) 8pts.

## BANKERS' HOCKEY

M.O. and Bankers 3, Sheffield 1.