

# BRITISH SHIPS SHELL ITALIANS

## City Welcomes 'The Westerner' Stars London Torn Under Mighty Night Attack

### Cheers Go Up When Planes Land From Hollywood

Fort Worth harked back to its rollicking frontier days Thursday to give a rousing reception to Hollywood luminaries and a throng of visitors from many parts of the Southwest here for the world premiere of "The Westerner," Samuel Goldwyn's epic picture of the Old West.

The colorful occasion got away to a brilliant start with the arrival Thursday morning at the Municipal Airport of three chartered planes of Hollywood's top-flight citizens. Cheers went up from the waiting crowd and cameramen went into action as nearly two-score familiar personalities of the West Coast film capital stepped from the ships to be greeted by the premiere reception committee.

**Cooper Speaks to Crowd.**  
Gary Cooper, star of the movie, dressed in a business suit which he swapped for western regalia soon after arrival here, told the thousands who jammed every conceivable space at the airport, "this reception makes you feel like you are right in the middle of God's country and I know that's where we are after looking at this crowd of real Americans."

Cooper was introduced by R. J. O'Donnell, vice-president and general manager of Interstate Theaters. O'Donnell was introduced by Amon Carter.

While waiting for the third plane Cooper mingled with the crowd, autographed everything from small slips of paper to hats and got astride several horses for pictures.

**Cast in Second Plane.**  
The first plane which brought several public men was followed by that in which Cooper, Walter Brennan, Lillian Bond, Doris Davenport, other members of the cast, made the trip a few minutes later. The third plane arrived at 9:50 a. m. Goldwyn, Brennan and the others were introduced and made short talks which were applauded vociferously by the crowd.

Members of the junior and senior Chamber of Commerce acted as reception committee, several of them riding around the landing field on horseback.

Arriving on the first plane were Warren Stokes, Bill Weaver, Ivan Spear, George Fisher and Gabe Yorke, writers and columnists.

**Goldwyns Arrive.**  
The second plane to put down at Municipal Airport had as passengers...

**THINK IT OVER**  
BY H. M. STANSIFER.  
ALL SOME people need to do is to think a thing is true and it becomes a fact to them.

### Legend's Wrong--Goldwyn Handling of English Is Meticulous as His Dress

Samuel Goldwyn, whose name on a picture stamps it as being above the usual Hollywood standard, stood in the background and smiled contentedly while movie actors took the bows Thursday at the municipal airport welcome for film celebrities arriving for "The Westerner" premiere.

Alighting from his plane, the man responsible for the picture stepped to the microphone to greet the crowd briefly with "I'm delighted to be here—overwhelmed," and then faded back to let others take the limelight.

Known as the greatest producer of art for art's sake in the movie industry—but also a canny judge of the boxoffice appeal of any film—Goldwyn described "The Westerner" as one of his best.

The producer, who has imprinted "the Goldwyn touch" on such outstanding successes as "Dodsworth," "Stella Dallas," and "Street Scene," finds difficulty in saying which one he believes is the finest he has made. It is, he is inclined to believe, always the last one.

Goldwyn was meticulously dressed in a gray, double-breasted flannel suit, his striped shirt held together at the collar with a red Western handkerchief. Another concession to the Western atmosphere of the premiere was a wide-brimmed, flat-crowned hat.

Contrary to Hollywood legend, his handling of the English language was as meticulous as his dress.

The producer expressed keen pleasure in being able to visit the State that furnished the locale and the story for his picture on the one-man law days in Texas. Reminded that the late Will Rogers was a frequent visitor to Fort Worth, he recalled that the comedians first picture was made under the Goldwyn banner in 1919. For years Will Rogers appeared exclusively in Goldwyn comedies.

Besides his attention to turning out highly finished movie products, Goldwyn has another great interest—the raising of funds for relief of the victims of Europe's war. He headed in the theatrical industry the Red Cross campaign which raised \$450,000 for war relief.

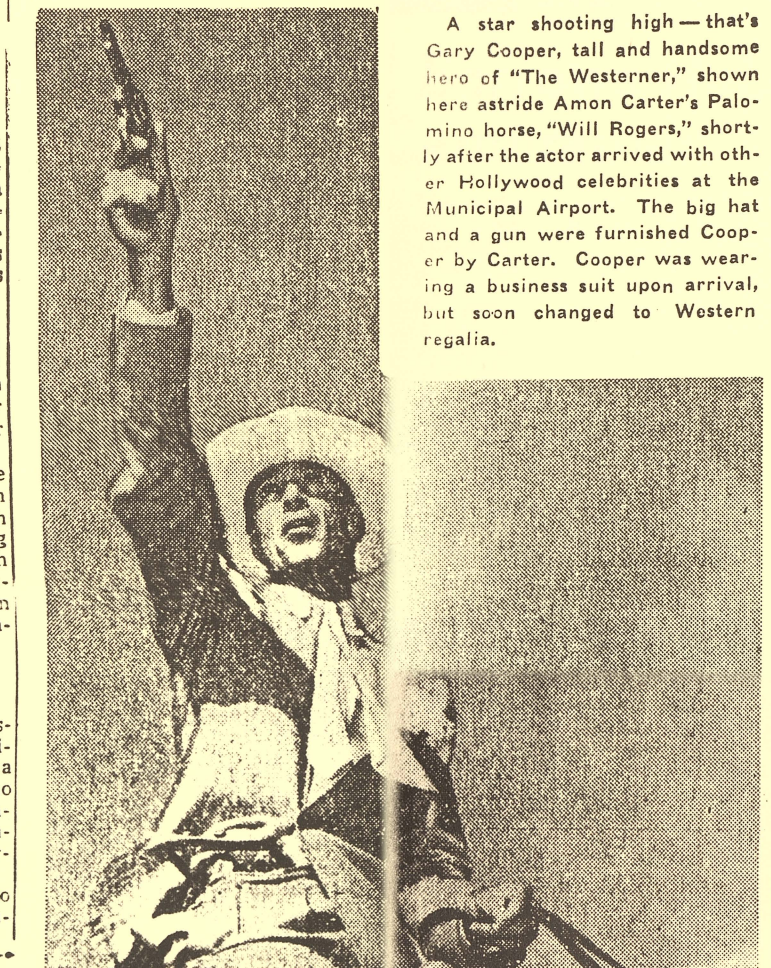
The funds, he said, are being used entirely in England. Relief efforts have been halted in German-occupied countries.

A passionate foe of Nazism, which has smothered his native Poland, Goldwyn believes Germany will be defeated.

"England will stand up and fight them to a standstill," he said confidently.

Goldwyn was introduced to the crowd as a pioneer of the motion picture industry, and as the producer of more outstanding pictures than any man in Hollywood.

### Shooting Star ...



A star shooting high—that's Gary Cooper, tall and handsome hero of "The Westerner," shown here astride Amon Carter's Palomino horse, "Will Rogers," shortly after the actor arrived with other Hollywood celebrities at the Municipal Airport. The big hat and a gun were furnished Cooper by Carter. Cooper was wearing a business suit upon arrival, but soon changed to Western regalia.

### Gary Forgot His Comb but Borrows Hat, Horse and Gun to Pose for Cameraman

Gary Cooper, looking more like a young man who forgot his comb than a Bengal lancer or Marco Polo, alighted from the No. 2 "Westerner" plane from Hollywood Thursday morning and gave several thousand fans his famous man-to-man grin.

He was chewing gum with enthusiasm and wearing clothes like an Esquire model. Gray flannel suit, brown snap brim hat, navy blue socks.

More handsome than he is in the movies, he towered 6 feet 3, a Pike's peak among the other Hollywood celebrities on the plane.

The star of "The Westerner," which will have its world premiere in Fort Worth Thursday night, swung himself down the gangplank like a schoolboy on a bannister and apologized as he agreed to pose for a picture with a young lady.

"I forgot my comb," he whispered. But he ran his hand through his hair, which is pepper-and-salt and rather longish, and smiled for the camera.

He didn't have much to say, but he explained why he kept rubbing his eyes. He jerked his head toward the plane.

### Confession Read to Jury in Trial of Slaying Case

Despite repeated objections by defense attorneys, the alleged confession made by Tommie Harris, negro, that he criminally attacked and fatally beat Mrs. Edna Earl Allen, young housewife, at her Grandview home Aug. 8, was admitted into the Criminal District Court trial of Harris Thursday and read to the jury.

The confession—describing in detail an assault with ice pick, fists, window weight and hammer—held the close attention of the jury and crowded courtroom as Assistant District Attorney Hellman read it aloud.

Several motions were made by Virgil Parker and Levi Pressley, court-appointed defense counsel, to exclude the confession on the basis that it was not made voluntarily by the young, husky Grandview negro who has repudiated the confession.

**Tells of Taking Confession.**  
Thursday's testimony opened with a continuation of the hearing on the admissibility of the confession. The jury was not in the courtroom. Witnesses in the hearing included Gean B. Turner, Johnson County district attorney, and Bill Potts, newspaper reporter.

When the jury returned, Turner again took the stand and told of taking the confession from Harris on the night of Aug. 8 after the negro was arrested for the crime that aroused Johnson County and for a time caused fears of mob violence. He said the statement was made in the presence of a stenographer and deputy sheriff and that he warned Harris that it would be used against him.

**Heated Objections.**  
The confession purportedly revealed that Harris left Fort Worth and went to Grandview with the intention of criminally assaulting Mrs. Allen, that he followed her into her home, struck her in the face with his fist and then "fought and dragged her" into the bedroom where the assault occurred. The statement said he hit her with a hammer, then with a window weight and finally stabbed her with an ice pick.

"I was trying to and intended to kill her . . ." the statement said.

**Jack Russell, Kidnaper, Is Given 199 Years**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 19 (AP)—Jack Russell, Oklahoma desperado, was sentenced in federal court Thursday to 199 years imprisonment for the kidnaping and murder of William Scott Hamilton, young Arkansas City, Kan., salesman.

Judge Charles E. Woodward sentenced Russell to 199 years on each of the three kidnaping counts of the indictment, the terms to run concurrently.

**WALTER BRENNAN, WHO PLAYS Judge Roy Bean in "The Westerner,"** was caught out of character here, sans whiskers and longing, not for Lily Langtry, but for a cup of coffee.

**London Torn Under Mighty Night Attack**  
The British fleet blazed into action in the Mediterranean Thursday, shelling Italian troops marching along the Libyan-Egyptian coast, while on the home front in London the empire capital's bomb-strafted millions surveyed the havoc from the fiercest night-long assault of the war.

RAF warplanes retaliated with a smashing attack on German "invasion ports," the London air ministry said, leaving the Nazi-occupied French coast in flames for miles.

**Air Bombing of Capital Is War's Worst**  
LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP)—Several casualties and some damage were caused Thursday morning when a German raider, beginning a day-long attack in the wake of a heavy night assault, dropped three or four bombs on an East London district.

The Italian commander's report was made as a high command communique disclosed that the British fleet and air force had bombed and shelled Italian positions along 350 miles of the Egyptian and Libyan coast, as well as in East Africa and the Dodecanese Islands, in the Eastern Mediterranean.

**Streets Are Blocked.**  
Londoners traveled to work on buses which crawled through damaged streets and along devious detours, and surveyed the battered facades of business buildings damaged in Wednesday night's dusk-to-dawn raid.

A portion of the press raised new demands for deep bombproof shelters to provide dry, warm and sanitary protection for the long winter months ahead, and suggested removal of the aged and infirm from the huge city and its widening areas of devastation.

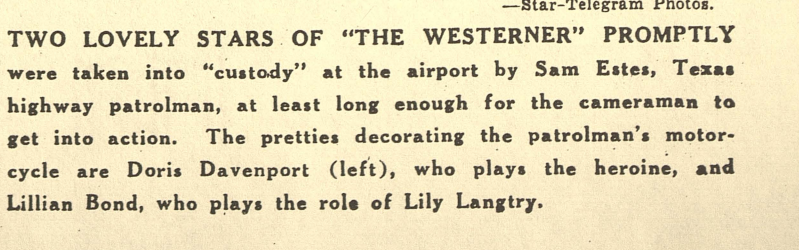
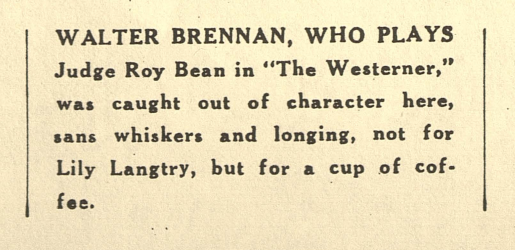
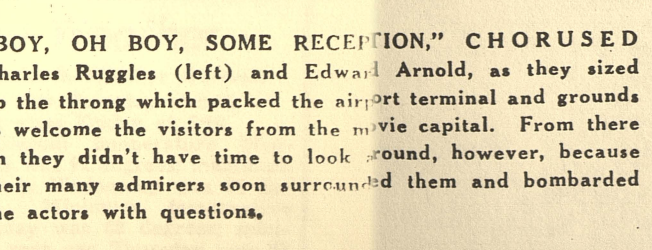
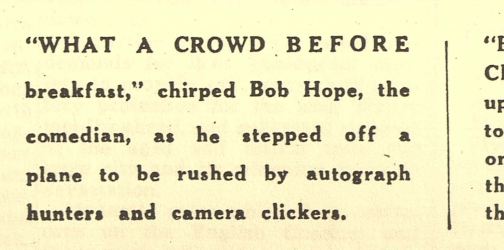
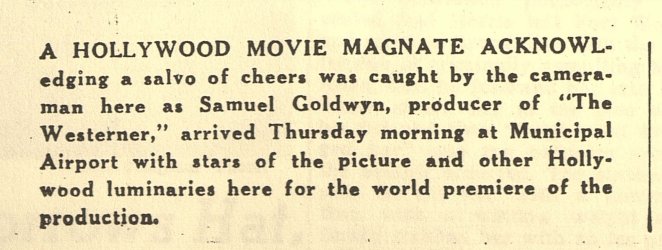
Moderate gales whipped up whitecaps on the English Channel and there were indications of rain before nightfall, bad omens for any invader attempting to cross from the French or Belgian coasts.

**Devastation Is Vast.**  
Tremendous loads of explosive were dumped by the Germans Wednesday night, principally in South London, but also in central London, and in practically every other part of England as well—Lancashire, Hertfordshire, Berkshire, Essex, Sussex, Kent, the Midlands, north-east and south-west.

New devastation and damage in central London included the Peter Robinson department store at Oxford Circus, the London County Hall, just across Westminster Bridge from the Houses of Parliament, the courtyard of the world-famous British

**Retreat Is Disorderly**  
ROME, Sept. 19 (AP)—Italy has thrown 14 Libyan divisions (about 170,000 men) in addition to Italian troops into the drive into Egypt and pushed back the British in a disorderly retreat, Marshal Rodolfo Graziani reported to Premier Mussolini Thursday.

The Italian commander's report was made as a high command communique disclosed that the British fleet and air force had bombed and shelled Italian positions along 350 miles of the Egyptian and Libyan coast, as well as in East Africa and the Dodecanese Islands, in the Eastern Mediterranean.



A HOLLYWOOD MOVIE MAGNATE ACKNOWLEDGING a salvo of cheers was caught by the cameraman here as Samuel Goldwyn, producer of "The Westerner," arrived Thursday morning at Municipal Airport with stars of the picture and other Hollywood luminaries here for the world premiere of the production.

"WHAT A CROWD BEFORE breakfast," chirped Bob Hope, the comedian, as he stepped off a plane to be rushed by autograph hunters and camera clickers.

"BOY, OH BOY, SOME RECEPTION," CHORUSED Charles Ruggles (left) and Edward Arnold, as they sized up the throng which packed the airport terminal and grounds to welcome the visitors from the movie capital. From there on they didn't have time to look around, however, because their many admirers soon surrounded them and bombarded the actors with questions.

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TWO LOVELY STARS OF "THE WESTERNER" PROMPTLY were taken into "custody" at the airport by Sam Estes, Texas highway patrolman, at least long enough for the cameraman to get into action. The pretties decorating the patrolman's motorcycle are Doris Davenport (left), who plays the heroine, and Lillian Bond, who plays the role of Lily Langtry.



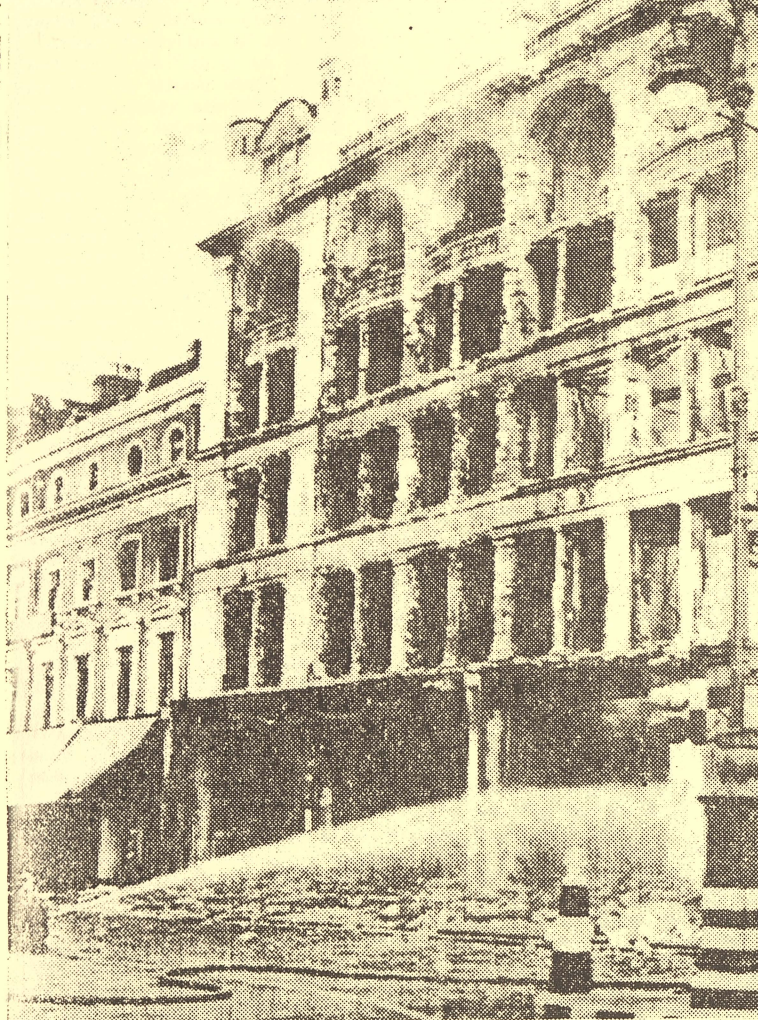
# Betty's Unhappy About It—Kicks a King Off Throne—Closed on Account of War—Smelling Orange Blossoms



BETTY RUTH ECKSTROM, 6, TEARFULLY LEAVES COURT in New York with her mother, singer Marion Talley. The child had lived with her father, Adolph Eckstrom, and, under court rule, returned to California with her mother for nine months.



GEN. ION ANTONESCU, CENTER, STRIDES FROM THE PALACE at Bucharest after conferring with members of the government. After his release from prison, Antonescu seized control of the government, forcing King Carol to abdicate.



FIREMEN PLAY WATER ON THE RUINS OF THE JOHN Lewis store in Oxford Street, London, after it was bombed during a German raid on Tuesday night. This was one of several famous stores hit by bombs.



BINNIE BARNES, BRITISH FILM ACTRESS, AND MITCHELL (Mike) Frankovitch, sports announcer and former UCLA football player, smile as they apply for a marriage license in Los Angeles. They said the wedding would take place in October.

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the gangplank when Cooper got off the plane.

"Hi, Red," said Gary Cooper, as if he'd known the kid all his life. "Hi, Mr. Cooper."

"Live around here?" Characteristic of his abrupt manner in screen roles, Cooper speaks mostly in direct, to-the-point monosyllables.

Thus he went ahead interviewing a youngster who sells chewing gum on the streets, while a dozen or more newspaper reporters tried to elbow up to him.

Later in a Fort Worth Club suite the movie star changed his city clothes for smooth-looking Western attire which he wears to perfection—and found his comb.

He had a minute to say something about his new picture, "Meet John Doe," which he finished Wednesday night before boarding the plane for Fort Worth.

Similar to Mr. Deeds.

"It's a similar type role to 'Mr. Deeds,'" he explained. "It's timely, but not political."

He said his wife, the former Sandra Shaw, stayed behind this trip because she is premiere-shy and his 3-year-old daughter, Maria, is learning to ride a pony.

He has sort of a feeling for Texas, because it was in this State he made his first big picture, "Wings."

Cooper seems natural, sincere and as curious as a small boy, even to reading name plates on reporters' badges.

He ought to like his work. In the decade or longer he has been boxoffice, he has made strong, silent love to practically every screen actress of any importance, from Clara Bow to Claudette Colbert.

He's been so successful at it that his long string of movie hits stands

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so that she would not be able to identify the man.

Harris' lips trembled as he paid close attention to the reading.

Parker heatedly objected to repeated questions made by Hellman concerning the ice pick used in the attack and was sustained by the court. Parker accused prosecutors of asking the questions to prejudice and inflame the minds of the jurors.

The State rested its case after introduction of the confession. Parker said he would file a motion Thursday afternoon for peremptory instruction of not guilty and that he also would move the court to strike all testimony concerning wounds suffered by the slain woman.

A hearing on admissibility of the confession was started Wednesday and included a statement by Harris that he was under coercion when he confessed to the fatal beating of Mrs. Allen.

30 Minutes Apart.

The ships, arriving about 30 minutes apart, each drew applause from the crowd.

Goldwyn and Hope were given a tremendous reception. Hope, more readily recognized, was rushed on every hand and returned to the plane's gangway at the urgent request of camera fans. There he did a series of poses, mostly comic, making every effort to please all.

"Right now I don't feel very funny," Hope cracked. "I'm here but my stomach's due in on the next section."

The ship bearing Goldwyn, Hope, Ruggles, Fidler and nine others of the Hollywood party stopped at Tucson, Ariz., while the others went straight through to Fort Worth. The second and third ships had been scheduled to arrive here at the same time.

Wants Mustache Cup.

Wills, whose hometown is S. W. Texas, also was popular with the crowd, and put in his request provided someone decides to let him something while here. He wants the mustache cup. He was sporting week's growth of rusty beard.

Goldwyn was wearing a "10-gallon" hat and waved it in greeting as he stepped from the ship.

"Hello, Amon," he shouted. Carter, who rode up on his Palomares to greet the movie stars, was headed by Ernest Allen, were in the crowd outside the landing area and who led it up as members of "The Westerner" party moved through a line of cameramen and autograph seekers to the Burrus Mills double sound truck for individual interviews.

Cheer for Goldwyn.

A big cheer went up when Goldwyn was introduced on the plane of the truck.

"I'm delighted to be here," said, took time to thank committee men for the reception, and bent off from any further speech, assisting that the brief time allowed for the presentations be used to the movie players up where one could see them.

Miss Munson, introduced to the crowd, asked the movie fans present to confuse her in real life by the character she played in "The Wind." "I'd much rather see you think of me as Lorelei in the Town plays on the radio," she said.

Hurry to Automobiles.

As the visitors left the speakeasy platform they were greeted by members of the reception committee, and the Typical Texas Girl contestants, then hurried to waiting automobiles for a fast trip to the Fort Worth Club and downtown hotels where press conferences had been arranged.

The Hollywood group were members of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Fort Worth Club after which they hurried away to their places in the downtown party.

Palace Theater Added.

As evidence of the wide and

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lar appeal of the premiere, the third theater was added Wednesday night by Interstate officials to the two already designated for the first showing of the picture, arrangements being made for the Palace to serve the overflow crowd.

Actual festivities of the premiere will begin at 7:30 p. m. in front of the Worth, where stars of the picture and other celebrities will take part in an informal program. The front of the theater has been transformed to depict the old "Grand Opera House" at Fort Davis, even to a board walk supplanting the concrete sidewalk.

Goldwyn, Cooper, Wyler and the others prominently connected with the picture will be presented formally on the stage of the Worth. The same group also will appear in person at the Hollydome and the Palace after the showing of the picture.

Stars Ride Horses.

Climax of the preliminary events was to be the downtown parade featuring mounted riders, with Cooper and other stars riding horseback, and a number of old time conveyances reminiscent of the West Texas era from which the background of "The Westerner" was taken. The parade was to start at 1 p. m. from Weatherford and Commerce Streets, then move west on Weatherford to Houston Street, south on Houston to Fifth Street, east on Fifth to Main Street, south to Burnett Park.

At 2 p. m. "The Westerner" stars and others of the visiting celebrities were to appear in a free show at Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, with underprivileged children and the elderly folk of the Tarrant County Home as special guests. They will be seated in a reserved section, but 5,000 other seats will be open to school children and the public in general. Typical Texas Girl contestants will be presented. Other attractions will be the Hardin-Simmons Band and the Junior Chamber of Commerce Chorus.

Ball to End Festivities.

The premiere festivities will be concluded with "The Westerner" Movie Star Ball in the Crystal Ballroom of Hotel Texas. Cooper, Brennan and Miss Davenport will be guests of honor at the dance, which is due to start about 10:30 p. m. It is a benefit affair, with proceeds going to The Star-Telegram Good-fellow Fund. Charlie Agnew's orchestra and Dick Dickerson's Hotel Texas Den Orchestra will alternate in playing for the dancers. The Five Flashes and singing acts featured in The Den floor show will provide an entertainment highlight during the latter part of the dance, which is scheduled to last until 2 a. m. Friday.

Tickets to the ball can be purchased at candy counters in all Interstate theaters, from the cashier at The Star-Telegram and at the Hotel Texas.

## Mighty German Air Raid on London Worst of War; No Letup in Attacks in Sight

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Homes, Stores, Hotels Hit.

The government said "small dwelling houses" in suburbs south of the Thames were the main objectives. In other areas, apartment houses, business buildings, stores and hotels were hit.

But the British were not idle. The air ministry announced that Royal Air Force fliers delivered terrific assault on German concentrations in "invasion ports" French and Belgian coasts, including a "big attack" on the big French port of Le Havre and raids on Elogne, Calais, Dunkerque and Lende.

"Invasion ports and shipping barges" were attacked, the ministry said, as well as "marshaling in Germany and enemy-occupied territory."

The attack appeared to have one of the biggest, if not the biggest, of the war on these German-held points. The British were said to have left the coast in flames for miles and, as for the invasion threat, correspondents sent word that English Channel still was too small for boats which Adolf would need to transport any of the new incendiary bomb by the Germans was said by observers to glow dully for two minutes and, upon explosion, send sparks and flaming hurstling through the air.

Britain also was using a weapon—a new secret one—against night raiders which has asserted had "succeeded in blowing down bombers in certain circumstances, for instance in deferential small sites." The weapon was held out as a gun, ray, or balloon simple and cheap to manufacture.

Many persons were feared to be still entombed under the debris of several buildings which collapsed when a raider crashed on them with a full load of bombs.

From nightfall Tuesday until Thursday's dawn, Londoners had been under alarm fully two-thirds of the time, and military attaches agreed that the protracted air bombardment exceeded any ever directed against a city, not excepting Madrid or Rotterdam.

## Home Guard Bill Reported

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP).—Legislation granting States broad authority to establish home defense units, or home guards, was reported favorably to the Senate Thursday by its Military Affairs Committee.

Chairman Sheppard said the bill had been recommended by the War Department and national defense officials and should win speedy congressional approval as part of the preparedness drive.

The legislation would revise a section of the 1916 National Defense Act which prohibited establishment of "state troops" other than the National Guard. Calling of many National Guard units into federal service for a year's training resulted in a demand for home defense units.

Under it, States could organize and maintain within their borders "military forces other than the National Guard" whenever part of the National Guard was in federal service "or during any emergency declared by Congress or the President."

The War Department could issue to the new units such arms, uniforms or other equipment as it had available for that purpose.

The new units could use National Guard armories and other guard facilities within the State but would not receive drill pay nor the supervision of United States Army instructors now provided for National Guard units.

World War and service veterans would be expected to organize and drill the new units with membership drawn largely from men above and below conscription age brackets of those granted deferment.

Mining is the principal industry in Mexico, but about 97 per cent of the properties are foreign owned.

Artemus Ward was the pen name of Charles Farrar Browne, American humorist, who was born in 1834.

## British Ask US Army Bombers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP).—Reports circulated anew Thursday that Great Britain had made inquiries about the possibility of obtaining some of the army's long range B-17 bombers.

The British were said to have asked if they could have some of the 59 bombers of that type now in service, particularly the older models, or if they could take over some of the army's current order of improved types of the plane. The improved ships are credited with a speed in excess of 300 miles an hour and a range of more than 3,000 miles.

Officials, noncommittal on the reports, said the Boeing Company of Seattle, manufacturers of the B-17 bomber, had been authorized "some time ago" to negotiate for foreign sale of a commercial version of the plane.

Senator Lee of Oklahoma, in a radio speech Wednesday night, urged President Roosevelt to make available to England such number of our flying fortresses, bombers, fighting planes and warships as in the opinion of the military and naval authorities of the United States should be transferred to England.

Japs 'Profoundly Regret' Bombing Canadian Ship

OTTAWA, Sept. 19 (AP).—An expression of "profound regret" has been received from the Japanese government for the bombing of the Canadian steamship "Empress of Asia," near Japan on Sept. 14. In a note addressed to the Dominion department of external affairs and made public Wednesday night.

It said the incident resulted "entirely from an error of sight target."

Ex-Governor's Brother Dies.

CHESTER, Pa., Sept. 19 (AP).—S. Everett Sproul, 78, president of the Penn Steel Castings Company and brother of the late William C. Sproul, former Governor of Pennsylvania, died at his home Wednesday.

## Admiral Is Sure U. S. Will Fight if Britain Loses

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—The United States inevitably will go to war against Hitlerism if Great Britain is defeated by Germany, in the opinion of Admiral William H. Standley, U. S. N. retired.

"I say inevitably," Admiral Standley Wednesday night told a mass meeting sponsored by the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies, "because it is inconceivable that a Germany victorious over England will halt its march toward world domination on the other side of the Atlantic."

Others to address the rally, attended by more than 10,000 persons, included Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist; Douglas Fairbanks Jr., motion picture actor, and Maury Maverick, mayor of San Antonio and former Congressman. All the speakers urged that the United States, in its own interest, speed all possible material aid to Great Britain.

"Retaliation" Continues.

The daily communique said that the "retaliatory" attacks on London "continued with increased intensity during the night" and that Nazi airmen in "rolling raids" struck at docks and other targets with heaviest caliber bombs.

Meanwhile, said the high command, "the mining of Southern English ports continues."

British plane losses Wednesday were set at 38 as against 13 German planes missing. (The British said the score was 48 to 12 in Britain's favor.)

The high command also told of RAF attacks in Northern France and Belgium "without causing noteworthy military damage."

"Space No Concern."

While to all outward appearances the press never was more cocksure of victory, the Lokaltieger, for example, commented, nevertheless, that the war was not confined to one geographic point, "but was pressed at all points where the empire is vulnerable."

"Space is no concern. Important only is total success—weather, time and speculations about the approaching winter don't count," the paper said.

But as Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop prepared to confer with Italian Foreign Minister Count Ciano and Benito Mussolini, spokesmen here insisted Italy and Germany would co-operate most closely in the accomplishment of "tangible deeds."

On all sides, these sources asserted, the Axis partners are completely united in how the widely advertised collapse of Britain is to be brought about.

The greatest length of Nepal, an independent kingdom in the Himalayas, is 500 miles; its greatest breadth about 150.

## Nazis Demand French Wheat

LONDON, Sept. 19 (AP).—C British sources declared that that besides 20,000,000 reichmarks (nominally \$8,000,000) which is required to pay each day maintenance of the German occupation, the Germans have demanded 30,000,000 bushels of wheat.

These quarters expressed that some of the grain already been delivered.

On a yearly basis the daily ment for support of the occupation troops would amount to more than 7,000,000,000 reichmarks, informants pointed out, compared with the World War decision 1921 when reparations to be defeated Germany were set at 2,000,000,000 marks a year, to after 11 years to 6,000,000,000.

These were scaled down under the Dawes plan of 1924 to an annual 1,000,000,000 marks, rising after four years to 2,500,000,000.

The British sources went on to say that the total World War reparations paid by Germany amounted to 17,000,000,000 marks, while the country borrowed 27,000,000,000 abroad.

Russ Colombo's Mother Grieved by Another Death

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 19 (AP).—Sorrowing over the body of her daughter, Mrs. Nicholas Colombo called in her grief Thursday for her son, Russ Colombo, once-famous singer of whose death six years ago she had not yet been informed.

The daughter, Anna, 40, died on Tuesday. The aged Mrs. Colombo, semi-invalid and partially blind, was so ill when Russ died that relatives told her merely he was on a world tour. They still write her, each week, a "letter from Russ." No effort was made, however, to keep her from the news of her daughter's death.

## Japs Report Chinese Take French Railroad

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (AP).—Domei, the Japanese news agency, reported in a broadcast from Tokio Thursday that the Chinese government had seized control of the section of the French-owned Yunnan Railway in Chinese territory.

This railway, which runs from the Indo-China port of Haiphong to Kunming, capital of China's Yunnan Province, hitherto has been under French management. French authorities have accepted in principle Japanese demands for the right to use the Indo-China section to move Japanese troops for a thrust into Southwestern China.

Last week the Chinese destroyed the railway's bridge at Laokai, at the frontier.

## Body Disinterred Twice in Death Probe

MCKINNEY, Sept. 19.—A further chemical examination of the body of William Edgar McGarragh, 39, former Collin County resident, who died in Van Zandt County March 13, is being made by J. H. Arnette, state chemist and toxicologist, as the result of a second autopsy, performed here Wednesday.

Arnette had requested the autopsy, which caused a second disinterment within two weeks of McGarragh's body, which had been buried in McLary Cemetery, four miles north of McKinney.

Sheriff C. D. Johnson of Van Zandt County, who attended Wednesday's autopsy, said a woman is being held in connection with McGarragh's death.