

Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Tuesday, October 22, 1940.

# BRITAIN TO FIGHT

## New Pacific Bases Peta

### SECRETARY ASSETS TO WIDEN RATING SCOPE

Washington, Oct. 22—(AP)—Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today the United States would obtain additional naval bases in the Pacific and asserted that "events he is making" would determine the scope of the program.

**East Base Is Hawaii**

Knox did not detail what negotiations the navy might be making for the additional bases, but he said the navy has plans for "we have Pacific bases—the most invulnerable of them in Pearl harbor in the Hawaiian islands; but we need more and we will have them."

He was discussing "progress of our rearmament" in an address prepared for the annual New York Herald-Tribune forum, press statement with the declaration that "the acquisition of eight new ships (by leases from Great Britain in return for 50 destroyers) is tremendously to our naval strength in the Atlantic—the equipment of many ships—and these, in addition to those already held, make our defense well-nigh impregnable."

**We Have Best Navy**

Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox said today "on short notice, the fleet is at its station and dominates the lanes." Then he added: "I am confident, however, may not be enough. We waited far too long."

### Crash Kills Member of Battery E

Private Donald G. Henry of Battery E, 120th Field Artillery, 32nd Division, which left here last Saturday for Camp Beauregard, La., was killed today in a traffic accident near Covington, Tenn.

The Tribune was informed of the tragedy in a telephone call from Lieut. Moore of the adjutant general's office at Madison. No details of the accident were available, Lieut. Moore said.

Private Henry was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry, Route 3, Wisconsin Rapids. He had joined Battery E only a short time before its departure for a year's training in the south. He was about 25 years of age.

When the battery left here, Private Henry was riding his own motorcycle, having been assigned to serve as a dispatch rider with the troop convoy, and it is supposed that the accident which cost him his life occurred while he was on the motorcycle.

The body was removed to Ripley, Tenn., pending word from the parents.

### HILLMAN DENIES LABOR SHORTAGE

New York, Oct. 22—(AP)—Sid-

### RAF BOMBS FIRE HUGE SHIPYARDS AT HAMBURG

London, Oct. 22—(AP)—Four German raiders were shot down early tonight, observers said, in a fierce air battle over the southeast coast of England.

London, Oct. 22—(AP)—British planes dropped tons of high explosives and at least 1,000 incendiary bombs last night on Hamburg shipbuilding yards where German warships were under construction, the air ministry said today.

The British bombers had the handicaps of a heavy ground haze, "great searchlight activity and intense anti-aircraft fire," the ministry said, so, instead of attacking en masse, they split up and approached singly from different directions and varying heights to evade the ground defenses.

**Chain of Fires Started**

Numberous fires were started in the shipyard and the surrounding docks, the ministry continued.

"A chain of fires became engulfed in one great flaming mass," it added.

The intensive night raids followed wide daylight attacks on German shipping along the French coast. In one of these attacks bombs were dropped on a convoy off Dunkerque. So heavy was the explosions, the ministry said, that some of the

### Official Report of P

A Rome-Berlin axis Britain, was widely expected to be a Vichy government of Britain has long since however, especially at Much of France's crippled in naval action Alexandria harbor and Moreover, neutral these factors:

1. Economically, it has repeatedly been crippled.
2. As traditional a nation, it is loath to take up arms against many for four years.

prisoners fight their way out.

Berlin, Oct. 22—(AP)—The possibility that France will re-enter the war on the side of the axis powers was seen here today amid speculations that Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop is on his way, or is about to embark upon, a journey to the west, presumably to Vichy. Secrecy surrounded Von Ribbentrop's movements.

**German Press Agrees**

There have been rumors for weeks of a pending armistice with France. If it comes tonight, the German press is restrained from saying any