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SCUTTLED BY ORDER OF HITLER.

The war at sea comes to the Atlantic Coast of America. The U.S. Cruiser TUSCALOOSA and a sister ship are on patrol. A radio message comes from the giant German Luxury Liner COLUMBUS that she has met a British Cruiser... and the TUSCALOOSA is speeding to witness the inglorious end... of one of Germany's proudest ships.

But The Gazette now shows you more than is seen even by the Tuscaloosa's Captain. We take you aboard the doomed German liner. We are four hundred miles off the German Coast. The crew is calm they know what to do. Her Captain has his orders direct from Hitler each member of the crew is at his station.... as the lifeboats go over the side. While they are lowered others are spreading benzene throughout the ship. When almost all are safely in the lifeboats.... shoving off from the vessel.... a suicide squad of ten and her Captain start the fire and open the sea valves.... and Germany's thirty two thousand ton liner COLUMBUS begins to burn.

The TUSCALOOSA is still speeding to the rescue of the COLUMBUS's crew... while the British cruiser stands by without having fired a single shot. The German sailors get a last look at the proud liner before she bursts into flames.

This latest funeral pyre of German hopes takes our mind back to the scuttling of the Graf Spee. There too even in the heat of battle we could honour her Captain and Crew. Many of them shared with our own men the glory of death in action.

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It was not their fault that they were not given their chance to fight on to the end The order to scuttle the Graf Spee came from Hitler himself. The once proud battleship goes flaming to her watery grave.

And here is the end of the COLUMBUS. We wonder why Hitler is throwing away his biggest and best ships. If he had the slightest hopes of winning the war.... he would surely have them interned..... to be claimed when the war is over. These scuttlings can mean only one thing that in his own mind Hitler has already lost the war. His hopes are fading.....

in Pillars of smoke and fire at sea.