

## TELLS OF CALMNESS OF WARSAW MAYOR

Photographer, Returning, Says  
Even Hitler's Voice on Radio  
Left Leader Unperturbed

### ASSAILS NAZI BOMBINGS

A War Against Civilians, He  
Charges—Kirsten Flagstad  
Here on Bergensfjord

A vivid description of Mayor Stefan Starzynski as he sat in his office in Warsaw calmly listening to Hitler's voice on the radio while German bombs rained on the city was furnished yesterday by Julien Bryan, a free-lance photographer, who returned on the Norwegian-American liner Bergensfjord.

The ship docked at the foot of Fifty-eighth Street, Brooklyn, with 550 passengers, including 320 Americans, most of whom had been visiting Scandinavian countries.

Mr. Bryan went into Poland on Sept. 3 from Rumania "looking for trouble," he said. He found it almost the moment he crossed the border, for the train was under almost constant attack on the slow journey to Warsaw.

But of all the sights he saw throughout the siege of Poland, and some of them were such that he would not talk about them, he was chiefly impressed by the heroic Mayor of Warsaw and the amazing calmness and detachment with which he played his history-making hole. Mr. Bryan described him as a man of about 46 years, heavy set and extremely well tailored.

#### Like a Man in Laboratory

"His detached interest as he listened to Hitler's speech was that of a professor in a laboratory," said Mr. Bryan, who was himself sufficiently undisturbed to make a series of still and motion pictures of the Mayor listening in.

To Starzynski," he added, "Hitler appeared to be simply a case problem—not a human being. The Mayor showed no emotion, no rage whatever, as Hitler talked."

Mr. Bryan said that he brought back documentary evidence in the form of motion pictures to prove that German aviators were merciless in deliberately shooting down with machine guns women and children working in the potatoe fields.

"I have pictures of bombings of civilian houses and quarters which were miles from any military objective," he said. "Whole families were wiped out by bombs. I have pictures. There is a dramatic scene of a little girl finding the body of her sister who was machine-gunned while picking potatoes in the field. It wasn't war against soldiers. It was war against civilians."

Mr. Bryan left Warsaw on Sept. 21 when a truce was granted by the German commander for the evacuation of noncombatants and neutrals from the capital. With 1,200 other persons, he said, he crossed from the Polish lines to the German lines and was permitted to proceed by way of East Prussia and the Baltic States to Oslo. The German authorities did not confiscate any of his films, he said.

#### Spent Time in Dugout

During his visit to Warsaw he lived in a dugout in the American Embassy. He saw two direct hits on the embassy building proper during his stay. The photographer added that Mayor Starzynski himself did not take to shelter during the bombings because, as he explained, he would never get any work done if he concerned himself about air raids.

Another passenger on the ship was Kirsten Flagstad, the opera singer, who passed a three-month vacation in Oslo. She described it as uneventful. Mme. Flagstad plans to stay at the Hotel Dorset until tomorrow, when she will leave for San Francisco "to do some opera work." She will return to New York in December to sing at the Metropolitan.

Thirteen members of the noted

## SINGERS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD



The Trapp Family Choir on the Norwegian liner Bergensfjord

Trapp Family Choir were on the ship. Headed by Baron George von Trapp, the troupe includes the Baroness and ten children. An eleventh, John, is eight months old.

"We are so glad to be here," exclaimed the Baroness, who like her husband was born in Dalmatia. "Europe is a horrible place these days, even in the Scandinavian countries. Even there, there is not enough gasoline, not enough food, not enough anything. This is the only place to live. We hope we can become American citizens."

The family are now Italian citizens. They have just completed a concert tour of the Scandinavian countries and will begin a tour of this country beginning Oct. 21, when they will appear in Town Hall.

Captain Math Anjon, master of the Bergensfjord, said that the voyage was made without incident.

### CALLS ON U. S. TO STAY OUT

Servel President Tells Staff War Is 'None of Our Business'

Louis Ruthenberg, president of Servel, Inc., of Evansville, Ind., told 150 sales representatives of his company from all over the country at a luncheon at their annual convention in the Roosevelt Hotel yesterday, that this country "must stay out" of the war.

"I hope," he said, "that no one in the Servel organization will waste a minute of time or an ounce of energy worrying about the European war. It's none of our business. Once in recent years have we, as a nation, made the mistake of mixing into European entanglements. Very likely most of us will keep right on minding our own business. If we do, this country cannot be involved."

"Suppose that Germany, with Russian help, does lick France and England. So what? They'll all be prostrated and ruined economically and in manpower. We must sit tight and preserve our resources. We shall then be in an impregnable defensive position."

### Philippines Second in Gold

The Philippine Islands produce more gold than any other subdivision under the American flag except California, the Associated Press reports.