

## BITTER WEATHER STALLS RED DRIVES ON FINLAND

### Rain, Low Temperatures Forecast

Sleet, Snow Also Slated In This Area

Minimum Temperature Of 27 Degrees Forecast For Early This Morning

SLEET IS EXPERIENCED

Slightly Warmer Temperatures Are Expected To Arrive Here Tuesday

Another day of real winter weather was forecast for Wilmington and vicinity for today by the weatherman last night.

The city, he said, will have a little of everything but sunshine. Rain, sleet, snow, northerly winds and freezing temperatures are predicted in varying quantities for the day.

The minimum temperature early this morning will be 27 degrees and lower marks will be recorded in outlying sections, the observer said.

Messy Mixture

The city may be in the midst of a snowfall when Wilmingtonians awake this morning, he said, or the white blanket may wait until later in the day to fall. With the combination of sleet, rain and the other unpleasantness, Wilmingtonians are promised a messy mixture, the weatherman said.

If the snow blanket falls, it will be the second time this winter the city has been blanketed, the first fall occurring several days ago and amounting to slightly more than an inch.

The second visit of sleet to the city in recent weeks was recorded yesterday as tiny particles of ice mixed with rain fell for about two hours. The total precipitation amounted to about .11 inch.

Relief Expected

In spite of the expected bad weather, the observer said, slightly warmer temperatures are expected to arrive about Tuesday.

Fog and mists had already crept into the city's streets late last night and were expected to remain through today. Winds of moderate to fresh

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STATE GIVEN ICY COAT BY WEATHER

Low Temperatures, Snow, Sleet And Rain Are Widespread

RALEIGH, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Snow-freezing temperatures and sleet, sleet and rain gave most of North Carolina an icy coating today.

The weather forced two army transport planes, returning to Washington with a group of representatives and officials, to be grounded, one here and the other at Fort Bragg.

The two parties, composed mostly of members of the house military affairs committee, went on to Washington by train tonight.

The planes landed after the cold had caused their de-icers to cease operation.

The weather observer at the Raleigh airport said that the cold and precipitation probably extended over most of North Carolina, north into

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### WEATHER

FORECAST

North Carolina: Cloudy and continued cold Monday and Tuesday with snow and light freezing interior and sleet rain on the coast Monday.

(Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. yesterday.)

Temperature

1:30 a. m. 29; 7:30 a. m. 29; 1:30 p. m. 41; 7:30 p. m. 35; maximum 41; minimum 27; mean 34; normal 47.

Humidity

1:30 a. m. 50; 7:30 a. m. 52; 1:30 p. m. 34; 7:30 p. m. 44.

Precipitation

Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m., .61 inches; total since first of month, .48 inches.

Tides For Today

High	Low
8:06a	2:39a
8:29p	3:12p

Wilmington Inlet

High	Low
6:54a	0:22a
7:02p	1:02p

Sunrise 7:19a; sunset 5:35p; moonset 4:52p; moonrise 11:09p.

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Firemen run a hose to the top of the blazing tower of Point street grammar school, Providence, R. I., as 540 pupils and 20 teachers flee from flames which swept the 50-year-old structure. Three little girls, Principal George Thompson, and three firemen were injured.

### Residents Of St. Helena Celebrate Old Christmas

#### GREET SANTA CLAUS

#### Members Of Thrifty Farming Community Present Program At Hall

ST. HELENA, Jan. 7.—(AP)—"Christos Razdayetsha!"

That is the greeting which everybody passed to everyone else here tonight.

It means, in Russian, "Merry Christmas."

For tonight St. Helena celebrated Christmas. It is the Old Christmas, the Christmas of the Julian Calendar and of the Russian-Greek Orthodox Catholic church.

Welcome Santa Claus

The people of this thrifty farming colony gather in the St. Helena Community Hall and welcomed the arrival of Santa Claus.

The celebration opened with a two act play entitled, "The Secret of Happiness," in which the Christmas fairies, through their magic spells, brought peace and happiness to the home of Squire Hardheart and his wife and child.

It was a colorful little play in which even the family cat and dog participated.

After the playlet, the choir of the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, under the direction of Father John G. Boruch, sang a number of Christmas carols, aided in some of them by children of the colony who have studied Russian as an extra-curricular activity under the tutelage of Father Boruch.

Musical Program

The musical program began with a rendition of "O Come, All Ye Faithful." Other selections were "Nebli Zorka (The Star of Bethlehem); Bohpredvi-Tchniy (God Eternal); the latter two Russian carols; Vshrud Notchniy Tshishe (In the Still of the Night) a Polish carol; and Vozveschlimsha (Let Us Rejoice) another Russian carol; and Silent Night.

At the conclusion of the carols Santa Claus appeared on the stage with a present for every child in the colony.

Afterward there was dancing and general merry making.

The celebration today began with a special Christmas morning service at the church at 10:30 o'clock.

At the service the choir, which is small but excellently trained, sang A Capella, the traditional music of Old Russia.

Music last night was provided by the Burgaw High school band under the direction of Mr. Murphy, of Wilmington.

Decorations for the event were in charge of Pete Vdovich and Pete Mizerack.

Mrs. Horvath was in charge of costumes and Miss Sonja Boruch

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### NATIONAL GUARD NEEDS EQUIPMENT

#### Congress Is Asked To Provide More Planes, Guns, Supplies For Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—General Albert H. Blanding, chief of the national guard bureau, reported today that the citizen soldiers were seriously short of arms and equipment.

He also said in his annual report that the war department's objection to the measures which such a survey was being made.

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### MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT MAY STAGE FIGHT OVER FIRING OF HORE-BELISHA

By EDWIN STOUT

LONDON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The outcry against the abrupt dismissal of Leslie Hore-Belisha as war secretary swelled today and members of parliament talked of a secret session to fight it out.

The core of the criticism was a demand to know what "exalted influences" behind Prime Minister Chamberlain made him drop his bristly, army-reforming minister and the contention that so-called aristocratic forces held the whip hand.

The majority of London newspapers screamed protests. Laborite Emanuel Shinwell declared in a speech to his

### Fight Against Federal Fund Cuts Expected

#### First Threat Of Rebellion Shown By Farm Aid Payments Supporters

#### RUSSELL AIRS VIEWS

#### Harrison To Push Efforts For Special Committee To Study Budget

BY JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The first open threat on Capitol Hill of a rebellion against the appropriation cuts proposed in President Roosevelt's budget came today from senate supporters of farm benefit payments.

With the senate scheduled to act tomorrow on a proposal to create a special senate-house committee to make a broad study of the fiscal situation, Senator Russell (D-Ga.) served notice that, whether or not congress wrote its own budget, a determined fight would be made to continue agricultural appropriations near the level of \$1,800,000,000 approved for this fiscal year.

Cut In New Budget

The President cut this amount to approximately \$900,000,000 in the new budget which proposed total expenditures of about \$8,424,000,000, a reduction of \$675,000,000 from this year.

There is no justification for taking more than half of the total budget reduction out of farm funds," Russell told reporters. "As far as I am concerned, I am going to do all I can to see that that money is put back in the budget."

Russell, who is chairman of the agricultural appropriations subcommittee and a "farm bloc" leader, said he thought that a minimum of \$200,000,000 should be made available for farm "parity" payments. An appropriation of \$225,000,000 this year provided funds from which growers of corn, cotton, wheat, rice and tobacco were paid about 75 per cent of the difference between the current price of their crops and the pre-World War price level.

Because agricultural prices have been increasing, the President made no allowance in his budget for such payments.

Will Seek Committee

Senator Harrison (D-Miss), a supporter of the proposal for a special congressional budget study, said he would ask the senate tomorrow for immediate consideration of his resolution authorizing appointment of a special budget committee of 24 senate and house members.

With the Mississippi senator claiming that President Roosevelt was "in sympathy" with the move, it appeared likely that his resolution would be adopted by the senate, although some members expressed opposition.

Few thought, however, that house members, some of whom have spent nearly a month in preparing appropriations bills, would agree to delay action on these measures while such a survey was being made.

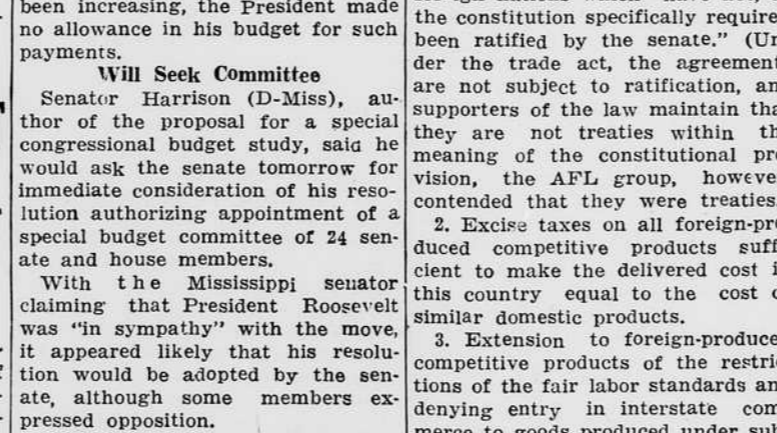
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### Will Sponsor New Warship

Named sponsor of the 35,000-ton battleship that bears the name of her state, Miss Isabelle Hoy, above, will journey to Brooklyn Navy Yard for launching in June. She is daughter of governor of North Carolina.



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### AFL FIGHTS TRADE PACTS EXTENSION

#### Labor Also Demands That All Existing Agreements Be Repealed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor today threw its powerful influence against extension of the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program in its present form, and demanded also that all existing agreements be repealed.

With the fight over the question of extending the trade law scheduled to start this week, the Wage Earners' Protective conference, tariff group of the AFL, sent letters to all senators and representatives asking:

1. Repeal of all treaties with foreign nations which "have not, as the constitution specifically requires, been ratified by the senate." (Under the trade act, the agreements are not subject to ratification, and supporters of the law maintain that they are not treaties within the meaning of the constitutional provision, the AFL group, however, contended that they were treaties.)
2. Excise taxes on all foreign-produced competitive products sufficient to make the delivered cost in this country equal to the cost of similar domestic products.
3. Extension to foreign-produced competitive products of the restrictions of the fair labor standards and denying entry in interstate commerce to goods produced under substandard conditions. The present standards are a minimum wage of 30 cents an hour and a maximum work week of 42 hours, unless overtime is paid.

The conference is headed by Matthew Wolf, president of the International Photo Engravers' union and a vice-president of the AFL.

The first step in the administration's fight to renew the trade act will come tomorrow when Chairman Doughton (D-NC) of the house ways and means committee will in-

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### Scandinavian Countries Will Not Serve As Base For War Against Russia

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Scandinavian newspapers today declared Sweden and Norway would reject "with arms" if necessary any attempt by a great power to use their territory as a springboard for an attack against another.

This assertion was made to refute German press declarations that the allies were using the pretext of aid to Finland as an excuse to gain a foothold for an attack on Germany.

Berlin newspapers also warned the two countries against providing transport facilities for allied war materials destined for Finland.

The Norwegian newspaper Aftenposten commented: "It is obvious that Sweden and Norway by no means intend to

### Russian Fleet Maneuvers Are Started In Red Sea

#### SHIPPING IS DISTURBED

#### Rumanian Liner Bessarabia Sent Back To Istanbul Because Of Games

CONSTANTA, Rumania, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Rumania's navy today ordered the Rumanian liner Bessarabia to put back to port in Istanbul "because of Russian fleet maneuvers" in the Black Sea.

The liner had been headed for Constanta, Rumania's principal port. All merchant shipping was ordered to remain in Constanta, though the extent of Russian maneuvers was not learned.

Unusual Maneuvers

Rumanian naval authorities said it was unusual for the Soviet fleet to maneuver in the area close to the passage from the Black Sea through the Turkish-controlled Dardanelles to the Mediterranean.

(The most recent report of Russian sea maneuvers was Dec. 18 when the navy newspaper Red Fleet said war games had been concluded in the Black Sea, shortly after Turkey and Russia failed to reach an agreement and Turkey signed a pact with Britain and France.)

Only yesterday King Carol gave an implied warning to Russia against possible Russian designs on Rumania by declaring that Rumanians "are ready to die together to defend their borders."

The king spoke at Chisinau, capital of Bessarabia, the province Rumanians have recently regained.

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### OVERENTHUSIASM OF NLRB STUDIED

#### Committee Will Seek To Show Young Men Hold Important Positions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The house committee investigating the labor relations board, it was learned today, will attempt to show at hearings starting tomorrow that inexperienced college graduates have been entrusted with important jobs in the board's review division.

Witnesses summoned for early appearance include four attorneys of this division—Aaron Lewittes, Lewis Gill, Mrs. Margaret Bennett Porter and Mrs. Julius Schlesinger.

A committee official said the group wanted to inquire into what he termed the "overenthusiasm" of younger employes of this section.

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### The European War Situation

(By The Associated Press)

HELSINKI, — 40 below zero weather stalls Russian offensive, Russians "digging in" on Karelian isthmus; Finns announce rout of Russian ski detachment at Salla, 300 Red soldiers killed.

PARIS.—French artillery silences German barrage on western front.

VENICE.—Hungarian foreign minister cuts short Italian vacation to report conversations with Italian foreign minister; fascists predict Hungary will await developments before making any move to reach territorial settlement with Rumania.

CONSTANTA.—Rumanian navy orders liner Bessarabia back to Istanbul to avoid Russian fleet maneuvers in Black sea.

London.—Britain seethes over dismissal of War Minister Hore-Belisha; parliament members talk of secret session.

COPENHAGEN.—Scandinavian press declares Sweden and Norway would fight any attempt to use their territory as springboard for war.

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### Finns Claim Russian Ski Unit Routed

#### More Than 300 Of Invaders Killed In Sharp Engagement At Salla

#### COLD STRIKES PLANS

#### Russians Reported Digging In Along The Strong Mannerheim Line

By LYNN HEINZERLING

HELSINKI, Jan. 7.—(AP)—The bitterest January weather in years, with temperatures ranging from 15 to 40 degrees below zero, stalled Russian offensives on all fronts today as the Finnish high command announced that a Soviet ski detachment had been routed at Salla and more than 300 of the invaders killed.

Military experts believed that the severe cold, coupled with Finland's dogged resistance, had compelled the Russian commanders to re-amp their entire plan for the winter campaign.

Digging In

On the Karelian isthmus, where the Red army has repeatedly failed to break through the Mannerheim line, the Russians were reported to be digging in and stringing barbed wire in front of their positions.

This was taken by some observers as an indication that the Russians intended to stand on their present line, but others believed that lack of success in the far north might compel them to attempt some sort of offensive on the isthmus or north of Lake Ladoga.

The weather has proved an unexpected ally to the Finns, who ordinarily look for the coldest temperatures in February and March. In Helsinki, in southern Finland, it was 15 below.

Ice, forming in the Gulf of Finland, has severely crippled the Red fleet.

The Soviet air force continues to operate despite the cold, but not on the earlier scale, when 350 planes were reported over Finland in one day.

Increased resistance of Finnish fighting planes and anti-aircraft batteries has added to the hazards in the Balkans.

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### CSAKY ENDS TALKS WITH COUNT CIANO

#### Hungary's Foreign Minister Decides To Cut Short His Visit To Italy

VENICE, Jan. 7.—(AP)—Hungary's foreign minister, Count Istvan Csaky, today decided to cut short his visit to Italy after discussing with Italian Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano joint policies in the Balkans.

Authoritative fascists indicated the foreign ministers, who had two talks yesterday and another today, had agreed to wait developments between the western powers and some sign of Russia's intentions in the Balkans before making any move.

Csaky, however, changed his previous plan of remaining in Italy a week more and decided to return tomorrow to Budapest to report to his government.

Ciano announced before leaving for Rome that the conversations were "carried out with complete identity of views on problems concerning defense of order and peace in Europe."

The Hungarian foreign minister was understood to have told Ciano that Hungary desired peaceful settlement of territorial disputes with her neighbors, particularly her

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### FRENCH ARTILLERY SILENCES GERMANS

#### French Also Carry Out Successful Patrol Operations On The Western Front

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(AP)—A heavy artillery duel northeast of Sarrebourg in which French batteries silenced a German barrage was reported today by military sources.

The duel, lasting an hour, during the night, was opened by the Germans, these reports said. The French replied with concentrated fire from their 75, 105 and 155 millimeter guns, and the enemy artillery ceased.

There was no infantry activity during the engagement, but the French reported successful patrol operations at several other points.

French scouting parties, according to these reports, reached en-

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