

# REDS RESUME DRIVE AGAINST MANNERHEIM LINE

## Allies, Turkey Boost Near East Forces

### Big Dominions Force Landed At Suez Base

### Belief That New War Front Will Be Opened In Caucasus Heightened

### ALKANS ARE ACTIVE

### Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Hungary Call Men For Spring Training

By EDWARD KENNEDY  
ISTANBUL, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Arrival of a large contingent of Australian and New Zealand troops at Suez today and increased military activity of four Balkan nations heightened the strong belief here that a new war front will be opened either in the Caucasus or the Balkans this spring.

### Pilots Training

In addition to the Anzacs who arrived today it was understood that Australian and New Zealand force pilots now training in England would join the Near East expedition to be moved to Palestine. This military activity in the Near East was matched by similar action in the Balkans. Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece and Hungary called men for "spring training," while Rumania, whose oil is coveted by Germany as well as by Britain and France, prepared to swell her army to 1,600,000 by March 1.

### POFFORD OFFERS PLAYGROUND LAND

### Offer Of Tract Adjoining Delgado School Made By Davis And Matthes

The Spofford Mills, Inc., through Holmes Davis and F. A. Matthes, has offered to give the school board property adjoining Delgado school as a playground. Dr. John T. Hogard, chairman of the board of education, said yesterday.

### COUNTY APPROVES BOND RESOLUTION

### Money For Schools, Home Expected To Be Available By April 1

A formal resolution calling for the issuance of \$86,000 in school building bonds and \$12,000 in county home bonds was adopted at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the county commissioners.

### Here's The Homeless



Salvation Army loaves like these aided the homeless in Albany, Ga., where 22 were killed by a tornado. These Salvation Army workers are shown laden with loaves of bread.—(Acme Telephoto).

### Dixie Cafe Kitchen And Portion Of Roof Burned

#### GREASE STARTS FIRE

#### Adjoining Buildings Are Threatened But Are Not Seriously Damaged

The kitchen and rear portion of the roof of the Dixie cafe, 117 Prince street were swept by a fire that started last night about 7:20 o'clock when a pan of grease overturned on a stove. Adjoining buildings were not seriously damaged.

#### Damage Concentrated

The damage was concentrated almost entirely in the kitchen. The stove, large amounts of china, glasses, foodstuffs and other property were destroyed.

#### Holes were burned in the roof in the kitchen and in the storage room to the rear.

#### When firemen arrived, tongues of flame were eating through the composition ceiling and through the roof and appeared to be threatening to start a major conflagration. It was

#### Named Forwarding Agent At S. A. L. Headquarters In Portsmouth, Va.

Augustus Bonaud, chief passenger agent in charge of the Wilmington station of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad company, has been promoted to forwarding agent at S. A. L. headquarters in Portsmouth, Va.

#### Mr. Bonaud said last night that he will leave for Portsmouth the latter part of this week.

#### He came here in 1920 from Savannah, Ga., where he first started in the employ of the Seaboard as an office boy. He has been an employee of the Seaboard for almost 40 years.

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### Germans And Russians Sign Trade Accord

### Reds' War With Finns May Be Handicap In Meeting Needs Of Reich

#### PACT'S AIDS CHANGED

#### Soviets Need Spare, Substitute Parts For Gun Manufacturing Machines

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia signed a new pact today to speed up their mutual trade—an agreement likely to find Russia's preoccupation with the Finnish war a handicap in meeting the Reich's stiff war needs.

As originally conceived by German and Russian leaders, the pact was to give Germany a great share of the vast raw materials of the Soviet Union and to let Russia import the manufactured products of highly-industrialized Germany.

#### Favored Germany

In early negotiations it was assumed here that the pact would be of greatest advantage to Germany.

But since the day when German Foreign Minister Von Ribbentrop visited Moscow last fall to sign the German-Russian friendship pact which changed the entire aspect of European politics, Russia has herself embarked on a war which means she must greatly step up her munitions industry and provide herself with precision instruments of all kinds.

As a result, the Reich may have greater difficulty in supplying the Soviet with her industrial needs, than will Russia in sending her raw materials to Germany.

When the pact was first envisaged it was thought that Russia would need machinery chiefly for the production of consumer goods.

Now Germany is fighting for her very existence and hardly can

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### ROOSEVELT PLANS VACATION CRUISE

#### Nation's Chief Will Leave This Week On Mid-Winter Vacation Trip

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will leave this week for a mid-winter vacation trip which is expected to develop into a cruise in southern waters.

The White House declined to comment on the trip. It was learned on good authority, however, that the President would disclose details at a press conference tomorrow.

Since he had made it an annual custom to take a fishing trip around February, it was assumed he would again use a navy cruiser and sail southward along the Atlantic coast or possibly enter the Gulf of Mexico.

One reason for the secrecy surrounding the trip, it appeared, was the fact that belligerent war vessels have been reported in the Caribbean from time to time. Mr. Roosevelt himself reported last fall that a submarine had been sighted off Miami, Fla., and another near Key West, Fla.

The New Deal, he added, totally fails to recognize this factor.

Bridges told an Oklahoma City audience that Lincoln would deplore "the economic power of the government over its citizens as a trend toward making the citizen a ward of the state in the guise of benevolent paternalism."

### 'Horse-And-Buggy' Radio



Ancient transportation meets modern communication in this makeshift radio station rigged in an old Russian stavecoach pictured above. Used as radio headquarters by Russians, coach was part of booty captured by Finns at Suomussalmi.

### Shepherd Loses Battle In Atlanta GG Tourney

#### OTHER FIGHTS SLATED

#### 'Red' Beard To Go Against A. D. Ragna, Champion Of Columbus Club

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 12.—J. P. Shepherd, of Raleigh, featherweight champ of Wilmington, will fight White, of Pensacola.

Vance "Red" Beard, Fayetteville lad who placed on the Wilmington team, will meet A. D. Ragna, 160-pound champion of the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer and Ledger team.

A crowd of approximately 7,000 fans had gathered in the Atlanta City Auditorium to watch the 203 simon-pures battle for honors tonight. The first matches got under way at 8 o'clock.

Throughout the first round, both Shepherd and McGrath were cautious and fought a careful right. Shepherd landed often with his left hook to the stomach, while McGrath depended on his right.

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### PUSH SUMMA AREA BATTLE, BOMB VIIPURI

### Gunnar Hockert, Star Finnish Runner, Loses Life Fighting Soviets

HELSINKI, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Gunnar Hockert, who set new world's records for the 3,000 meter and two-mile runs at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, was reported today to have been killed yesterday in fighting on the Karelian Isthmus.

Hockert set a new world's record of 8:14.8 in winning the 3,000-meter run at Berlin, racing home ahead of a field which included his fellow countryman, Taisto Maki, now in the United States on an exhibition tour to raise money for Finland. He broke the record of 8:18.4 set by Henry Nielsen, of Denmark, in 1934.

Hockert's mark for the two-mile was 8:57.4 seconds—almost a second better than the record set by Don Lash of the United States in June, 1936.

### USE ARTILLERY, TANKS

### Finns Claim Attacks Repulsed, Estimate 72 Russian Tanks Destroyed

By WADE WERNER  
HELSINKI, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Throwing several divisions into the fray after a brief week-end lull which followed 10 days of continuous bitter fighting, the Russian army smashed heavily tonight at the Summa sector of the Mannerheim line.

As the Russians returned to the assault with new fury, their heavy artillery began a long range bombardment of the battered seaport of Viipuri, 20 miles behind the battle front.

Artillery, tanks and aircraft supported the Russian infantry in the new Summa sector offensive, which the nightly Finnish communiqué said was launched yesterday and was continuing unabated tonight.

### Strike Center, Flank

While the main attack thundered against Summa, the Russians struck simultaneously at the center and the east flank of the Karelian Isthmus front.

Near the River Vooks, northeast of Summa, 150 tanks supported the Russian assaults, while at Taipale, near the shores of Lake Ladoga, a four-hour barrage preceded a heavy artillery attack.

The Finns said both attacks were repulsed and estimated that 72 Russian tanks had been destroyed in the day's fighting—the greatest one-day bag since the war began.

The Russians were also said to have been repulsed in attempts to outflank the Mannerheim line by advancing across the frozen surface of the Gulf of Finland and Lake Ladoga. Shore batteries scattered the attackers at both points, the Finns reported.

The Finns said the Russians had suffered "heavy losses" on the Isthmus front, but again refrained.

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### BRITAIN, TURKEY MAKE TRADE PACT

#### England To Exchange War Materials For Tobacco And Dried Fruit

LONDON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Britain today announced a new trade accord with friendly Turkey would go into effect Feb. 19 in an effort to boost commerce between the two nations.

Britain hopes to oust Germany from her position as the leading salesman to Turkey and Turkey's best customer as part of the Allies' economic warfare against the Reich.

Under the new pact, which is to run a year and subsequent one-year periods unless a signatory terminates it with at least three-months notice, Britain will send airplanes,

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### German Vessel Believed Sunk When Cruiser Nears

### Wakama Broadcasts SOS But Two Rescue Ships Find Nothing Afloat

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The German freighter Wakama, laden with oils and other products on a gambling chance of returning the British gantlet to Germany, was believed by shipping circles today to have been sunk or scuttled when she encountered a British warship.

The 3,771-ton vessel, which slipped out of Rio de Janeiro harbor last midnight, broadcast an SOS this afternoon, and shortly afterward two rescue ships which raced to the scene reported they found nothing afloat.

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### WEATHER

FORECAST  
North Carolina: Mostly cloudy, slight cooling in extreme west portion today; Wednesday cloudy and chilly cooler.

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

Temperature	High 43; 7:30 a. m. 41; 1:20 p. m. 40; 7:30 p. m. 49; maximum 61; minimum 40; mean 50; normal 48.
Humidity	1:30 a. m. 87; 7:30 a. m. 89; 1:20 p. m. 87; 7:30 p. m. 82.
Precipitation	Total for 24 hours ending 7:30 p. m. 0.00 inches; total since first of the month, 0.00 inches.
Tides For Today	High 8:15 a. m.; 8:15 p. m. Low 2:15 a. m.; 2:15 p. m.

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### REPUBLICAN SPEAKERS LAUD LINCOLN, ATTACK DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION

(By The Associated Press)  
Republican notables celebrated Lincoln day yesterday with speeches in many cities extolling the Civil War president and, usually, condemning the New Deal.

The New Deal, he added, totally fails to recognize this factor.

that "destroys the souls and the moral fibre of a people." The nation needs, he asserted, "to catch just a bit of the light which was in the mind of Lincoln."

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