

# Soviet-Finnish Parley Collapses

## High Court Drops Plea On Sales Tax

**Paul Leonard's Case From North Carolina Will Not Be Reviewed, Which Means Upholding of Levy by Legislature.**

Washington, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Supreme Court refused today to review a decision upholding the validity of the North Carolina emergency revenue act of 1927. J. Paul Leonard, proprietor of the Community Variety Store, at Winston-Salem, appealed from the North Carolina Supreme Court. He sought suit in the Forsyth county court to recover \$3.13, the amount of a three percent sales tax he paid under protest. Imposition of the tax was sustained. Leonard contended the tax law was unconstitutional.

## Stock Trends Not Definite

New York, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A few stock markets, rails and specialties were recorded mild favor in today's stock market, but numerous issues were neglected. The list exhibited indefinite trends at the start, firmed up a trifle later, then again turned south around midday. Dealings were exceptionally slow and prices mixed near the close.

Foreign securities markets were not steady. A sharp upturn in the London pound sterling in terms of the dollar aided sentiment. Bonds and commodities were a shade mixed.

American Radiator	10
American Telephone	168 3-4
American Tobacco B	81 1-8
Anacosta	31 5-8
Atlantic Coast Line	24 1-2
Atlantic Refining	23 3-8
Bendix Aviation	31 1-4
Bethlehem Steel	84
Chrysler	87
Columbia Gas and Elec Co.	12 7-8
Commercial Solvents	12 1-8
Consolidated Oil Co.	7 7-8
Curtis Wright	11 1-2
DuPont	177
Electric Power Light	7 3-4
General Electric	38 5-8
General Motors	55 1-4
Ingersoll & Myers B	99 1-2
Montgomery Ward & Co.	54
Reynolds Tobacco B	37 1-2
Southern Railway	18 3-8
Standard Oil Co N J	48
U S Steel	69 1-2

## Kuhn Alone Held Funds Of The Bund

**American "Fuehrer" Only One Permitted To Withdraw Money, According to Testimony at Embezzlement Trial of Leader.**

New York, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Testimony that Fritz Kuhn, stocky leader of the German-American Bund, was the only official permitted to withdraw funds from a certain bank account of the bund was offered today at his trial on charges of misusing \$5,641 of bund money. Portions of the bund constitution showing the virtually unlimited authority vested in its "fuehrer" also were read into the record. The bank account was opened by the bund in the Yorktown branch of the Manufacturers Trust Company in May, 1937, when the organization's national headquarters was moved from Detroit to New York. Though Sebastian Distiller, chief clerk of the bank's branch, Assistant District Attorney Herman McMurtry got into evidence a copy of a bund resolution filed with the bank in opening the account as an unincorporated organization. The constitution provided, however, that the bund president and the national treasurer were jointly responsible for disbursement of all funds.

## Electric Lights Christmas Is Aim

Charlotte, Nov. 13.—(AP)—A campaign will be launched here tomorrow at a meeting of groups interested in rural electrification to provide electric lights by Christmas for thousands of North Carolina and South Carolina farmers now without them. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Extension Service of N. C. State College. County agents, home demonstration agents, engineers and other workers of the Extension Service will attend, as well as officers and superintendents of the electric cooperatives in the two states and representatives of the Rural Electrification Authority. Following the Charlotte meeting, a similar session will be held Thursday at Goldsboro.

## Peace Hopes Vanish With Allied Reply

**Demands For Ending Conflict Directly Opposed to Hitler Statements; King George And President Lebrun Voice Answer.**

London, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Authoritative British quarters asserted today that King George's reply to the Netherlands-Belgian peace move meant Britain would "insist on full reparations of wrongs done by Germany to her small neighbors." It was also reported that British-Russian trade negotiations have reached the point of exchange of lists of commodities to be sold under any agreement reached. Britain showed no sign of hope that a peace-making Germany would step through the door technically left ajar by the king's response. A caustic speech by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, just a few hours after the king replied, showed how slender the present chances for peace were considered. The press again recited Britain's broadly stated aims and called attention to a more specific proviso in French President Albert Lebrun's answer to Queen Wilhelmina and King Leopold that Germany should repair the "injustices which force has imposed on Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland." (Adolf Hitler has said repeatedly that Germany would make no peace which called for restoration of Poland as an independent state.) Answers to the proposal of King Leopold and Queen Wilhelmina just one week ago that they would help the embattled powers find a way to peace were made yesterday by King George and President Lebrun.

## Baby Born with Two Heads



Mrs. Emory Herron, farmer's wife of Bristol, Tenn., holds her infant baby, Jesse, who was born with two heads. The extra head, fastened at the base of the normal skull and filled with fluid, was removed by the attending physician, leaving only a small wound. One of Mrs. Herron's three other children is shown.

## Garner Men Open Drive For Texan

**Vice President Is Candidate Regardless of Whether Roosevelt Runs, Backers Say; Republicans Consider Short, Vigorous Campaign.**

Washington, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Open campaigning by Garner-for-President boosters, and Republican discussion of a short intensive drive for the presidency set the 1940 political ball rolling today, ending the truce which prevailed during the neutrality debate. A prediction that the Republican National Committee would give serious consideration to limiting its major campaign to eight or nine weeks came from Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority floor leader. Under such a plan, the presidential nominee and party orators would not begin their speech-making until September. Senator Vandenberg, Republican, Michigan, a potential candidate for the presidential nomination, has expressed the belief that a rapid-fire campaign through September and October would be better than one started in July, which might lag in late summer. The plan also would permit the Republicans to hold their national convention later than the customary June session, if they desire. There has been some talk of delaying the convention until the Democrats choose their nominees.

An assertion that Vice-President Garner would be a Democratic presidential candidate, no matter whether President Roosevelt might seek a third term, was made by E. B. Germany, director of the Garner forces. Garner is in the race to win, said Germany, adding "we have no interest in political trades". He disclosed the organizations to support the vice-president's candidacy were being formed in every state.

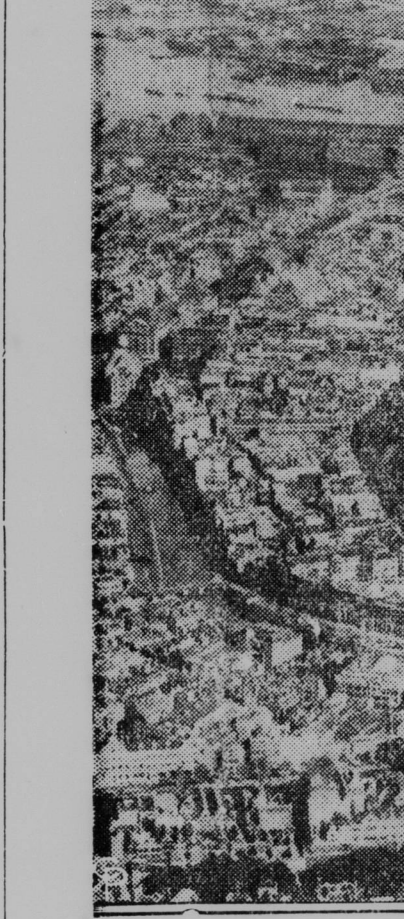
## GERMAN AIRPLANES ARE DRIVEN AWAY

London, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that German aircraft made two attacks on the Shetland Islands today, but "were driven off by anti-aircraft gunfire." "The bombs dropped did no damage," the communique said. Reports from the Shetlands, however, said some bombs falling on land shattered farm house windows. The islands are north of Scotland.

## SHOTGUN WOUNDS IN HUNTING FATAL

Fayetteville, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Leonas Strickland, 20, of Newton Grove, died today in a local hospital of shotgun wounds sustained Saturday in a hunting accident.

## Nazis Demand a Free Port Here



German demands upon the Netherlands is reported to have been two seaports, including a free port at Amsterdam (above), and air bases. Details of the price the Netherlands was asked to pay for neutrality came as that country was frantically speeding defense measures.

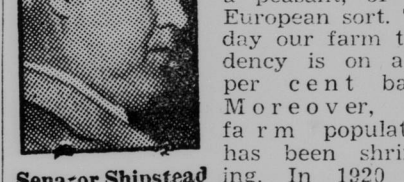
## Netherlands Premier Declares There Is No Ground For Fear

**Berlin Not Surprised By British-French Refusals**

Berlin, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Authorized sources said today the British and French replies to the Belgian and Netherlands offer to mediate in the European war were in line with recent public utterances in London and Paris, and had caused no surprise here. Inspired press comment, in both Britain and France during the past two days, forecast clearly, these sources said, what the reply would be, namely, a further indication of the will to war. D.N.B., German official news agency, said political circles "declare these notes differ neither in spirit nor content from the tone previously used by the British government in the hope of provoking the German people."

## Foreclosures Reduce Farm Folk Rapidly

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist  
Washington, Nov. 13.—Why has tenant farming increased so rapidly in the United States in recent years? Three or four decades ago, when one spoke of an American farmer, he meant the owner of a farm—not a renter or share-cropper; in effect, a peasant, of the European sort. Today our farm tendency is on a 42 per cent basis. Moreover, our farm population has been shrinking. In 1929 we had 30 per cent of Americans on the land. Now it's only 25 per cent. The others have been driven into the cities, to compete with urban labor—of which we have a decided surplus, as per our unemployment statistics.



Senator Henrik Shipstead offers an explanation. I had occasion to quote the Minnesota solon the other day on the subject of our competition with other agricultural countries. However, this theme is different. I scooped the two stories in at the same time. And again I quote the Minnesotan because he's about the best farm authority in Congress. Maybe it's queer that a dentist should be so, but he is. "We have had," says the senator, "six years in which to test out the

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**Weather**  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair tonight and Tuesday;  
slightly colder tonight.

## Air Raid Sirens Oust Paris Folk

Paris, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Shrilling air raid sirens sent the civilian Paris population to cover early today for the seventh time since the war started, and military sources announced later that German reconnaissance planes had flown over the area. The announcement said the planes had been driven off by anti-aircraft fire, but did not specify the number involved. The sirens sounded the warnings at 4:20 a. m. and ended the alarm period at 5:20 a. m. It was the second early morning alarm of the week-end, one having put the city on the alert for 70 minutes before dawn Saturday.

## Wage-Hour Authority Challenged

Washington, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Representatives of southern garment manufacturers challenged today the authority of a wage-hour administrator to conduct a public hearing on minimum wages recommended for 650,000 workers in the apparel industry. They contended that the wage-hour law requires an administrator to conduct such hearings, and that, because of the resignation of Elmer F. Andrews as administrator, today's hearing was not valid. Thomas Holland, of the public contracts division, who is trial examiner at the hearing, took the protest under consideration, and said he would rule on it later. Meanwhile, George McNulty, chief counsel for the wage-hour administrator, remarked that Harold Jacobs was acting administrator, and

## Liquor Sales 5 Percent Off In The State

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Liquor sales in the 27 counties having ABC stores amounted to \$684,413.15 in October, a five percent drop under \$726,071.40 reported in October, 1938. Chairman Cutlar Moore, of the State ABC board, announced the figures today. In September, sales were \$610,629.25. "I don't know what accounts for this decrease, but I am glad to see it," commented Moore. "Actually our business is to regulate, not promote, the sale of liquor, and the steadily mounting sales in the ABC stores this year have been a source of concern to the State board." Durham county led in October sales, with \$103,358.75, and Wake was next, with \$94,891.40. Sales in other counties for October included: Edgecombe, \$34,704.65; Franklin, \$12,216.20; Greene, \$4,392.85; Halifax, \$35,714.05; Martin, \$13,743.35; Nash, \$23,979.80; Vance, \$23,193.30; Warren, \$10,213.25; Washington, \$1,598.15; Wilson, \$14,199.10; Pitt, \$49,383.40; Johnston, \$31,175.35; Lenoir, \$27,272.15.

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## Tells Dutch "Many Rumors Causing Alarm" Baseless; Says Belligerents Jittery and Fearful; Holland Moves Misunderstood.

The Hague, The Netherlands, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Premier Dirk Jan de Gerr told The Netherlands today "there is not a single ground for uneasiness" in the nation or empire, despite "many rumors causing alarm" in the past few days. Making his first radio speech since he became prime minister last summer, De Gerr said the fear of imminent danger for The Netherlands was caused by reports "circulated abroad, and by certain measures of our Government."

The belligerent nations, he said, have the darkest expectations about the intentions of their enemies and think of their own safety. Thus, he said, they prepare for the worst, suppose that the worst already is at hand, and "in good faith easily believe that the violation of our neutrality is likely."

"Therefore, I advise you to gird yourself against this 'panic' he said, "and remember that neutrality also requires a certain state of mind." He said that Holland's own defense measures had been misinterpreted, and "it would be a fatal error on our part to conclude from these measures that threats to our frontiers had been increased."

## Liner Safe Here After Eluding Sub

Boston, Mass., Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Furness-Withly liner Nova Scotia was safe in port today after she and 15 other vessels evaded a submarine which crew members reported, ran through a British naval convoy and cut one of the accompanying merchantmen in two with a torpedo in mid-Atlantic. Members of the Nova Scotia's crew said they believed naval vessels rescued most of those aboard the sunken craft. Directly after the hit was scored, the crew members said, destroyers dropped depth bombs, but they

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## Finns Leave Moscow For Their Home

**No Sign of Further Progress by Negotiations, Finnish Premier Says; Moscow Seeks to Divide Finns On Her Demands.**

Helsinki, Finland, Nov. 13.—(AP)—The Finnish foreign office announced today that its delegation in Moscow would leave for home tonight, suspending the lengthy negotiations by which Russia has been seeking concessions from Finland. Previously, Foreign Minister Elias Erkkola had said that only "last minute modifications of Soviet demands for territorial concessions could prevent recall of the Finns from Moscow."

The negotiations were initiated October 7 after Russia had won concessions from Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, strengthening her military position in the west and north. "There are no indications that further progress through negotiations is possible," Erkkola said. "There is a last-minute chance, but we have come so far it is difficult." Meanwhile, in Moscow, Russia waged a campaign of "press pressure" upon Finland after disclosure of widespread Russian naval demands upon the Finns. Soviet newspapers printed a long official news agency dispatch from Helsinki, painting a gloomy picture of conditions there, and predicting that the Finnish government would "reject Russian offers."

The dispatch alleged that there had been frequent conflict between the men of the regular Finnish army and reservists because the reservists favored agreement with Moscow.

## ROOSEVELT VISITS ASHEVILLE NOV. 28

Washington, Nov. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has decided to stop in Asheville, N. C., on November 28 to see Marvin H. McIntyre, a White House secretary, who has been ill nearly a year. The White House said Mr. Roosevelt would leave Warm Springs, Ga., where he will spend a week over the Thanksgiving holiday, on the morning of that day, spend an hour or so with McIntyre, and return to Washington early November 29.

## Cotton Shows Irregularity

New York, Nov. 13.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened two points higher to two lower. Irregularity became more pronounced later, and prices around the end of the first hour ruled four points higher to four lower. Around midday, near months held gains of four points, while deferred deliveries were largely neglected.

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