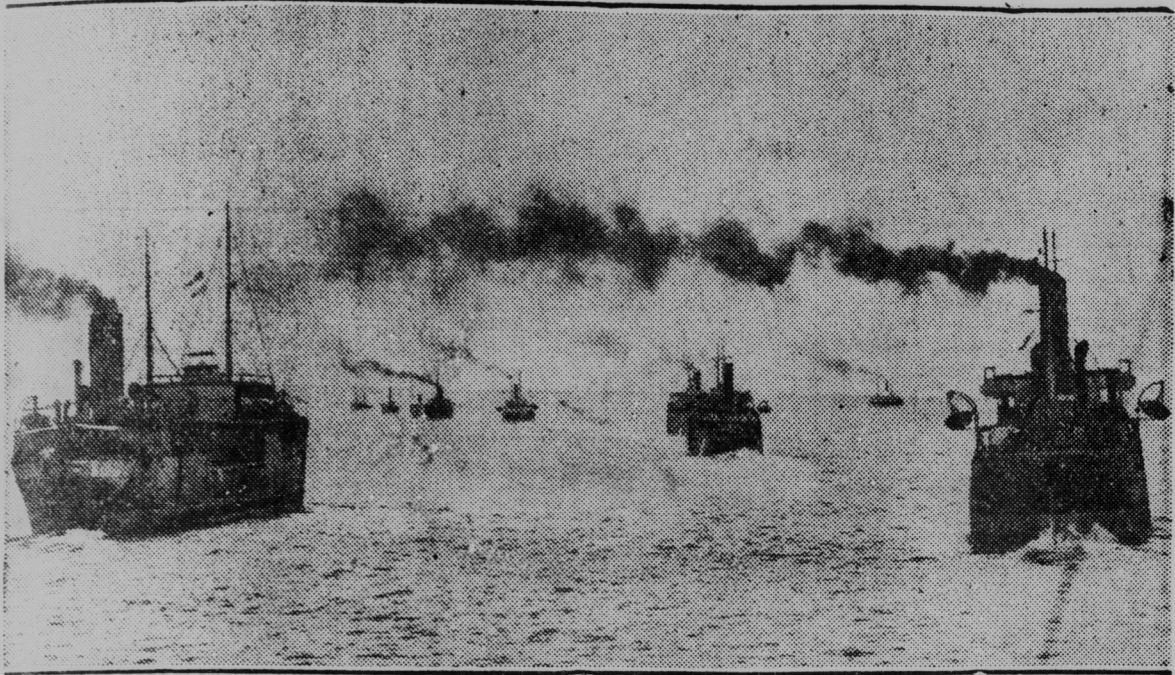


## FINLAND TO REFUSE DEMANDS OF SOVIETS

### Britain Orders Reprisal Seizure Of German Exports

British Merchantmen Convoyed to Safety



Passed by the British censors, this picture shows British merchantmen convoyed by warships off the British coast. On each ship lookouts scan the waters for signs of subs and mines. Germany has avoided possible loss of submarines by sowing the paths of convoys with mines wherever possible. (Central Press)

## U.S. Has Large Trade Balance

### Exports Of \$332 Million For October

Imports Are \$215 Millions For Widest Trade Balance Since January, 1938; Tobacco Shipments Away Down, Cotton Up Some.

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Exports of American merchandise exceeded imports in October by the largest margin in nearly two years, the Commerce Department reported today.

Exports totaled \$332,079,000 and imports \$215,281,000. The \$116,798,000 difference was said by the department to be the widest spread for any month since January, 1938.

A few war effects were shown by the October figures, especially in the decline of tobacco shipments to make the usual seasonal gains. Tobacco shipments totaled \$6,190,000, compared with \$29,429,000 in October a year ago. England is one country which has been cutting down tobacco purchases.

Cotton exports, which had lagged in a serious manner, increased, however, to \$47,254,000 in October, which was more than double the figure for the same month last year.

### Republicans To Discuss 1940 Platform

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Republican party managers likely will get their first peek at a possible nucleus of their 1940 platform when the national committee's executive group meets here December 2.

Party leaders said today that Dr. Owen Frank, former president of the University of Wisconsin, and head of a large private committee which has been mapping a program for the coming national election, would be invited to attend.

Should Dr. Frank round up all the reports of his sub-committee in time, it was said, the latest draft of his program will come in for considerable debate. It may furnish at least the basis for many ideas to be developed for next year's platform.

## Budget Director Smith Confers With President

### Week-End Traffic Toll for State 3

Charlotte, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Week-end traffic accidents took at least three lives in North Carolina.

James Hatley, four, was killed by an automobile in a street near his home a mile north of Greensboro.

Clyde Self, 21, was fatally injured and his companion, Bill Moss, was seriously hurt when a car hit them on the Cherryville-Bessemer City highway.

Mrs. Annie Wilson, 26, was killed and two other persons were injured, not seriously, when their automobile overturned on a road near Juna-luska.

## Many Angles In 1941 Race For Speaker

Daily Dispatch Bureau, Raleigh, Nov. 27.—With three already-declared candidates in the field, the race for speakership of the 1941 House seems quite likely to develop into a general free-for-all, catch-as-catch-can affair which will have more angles than the much mud-died gubernatorial contest.

There will be this important difference, however, the speaker is usually elected on personality rather than on issues or group support, while the governorship in North Carolina has for many, many years gone to the man the powers-that-be decide to back. This might also be true of the speakership, but for the fact that there is seldom a clear-cut race between a pro and an anti-administrationist, the anti never having enough members to make such a contest possible.

The three confessed candidates for gavel wielding are George Uzzell, of Rowan; Joe Carruthers, of Guilford,

## Philadelphia Man Kills Two Women And Then Himself

Philadelphia, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Stanley Krygier, 30, shot and killed two women, seriously wounded his wife and her father, and then shot and killed himself early today, Detective Peter McCormick, of the homicide squad, reported.

McCormick identified the dead as Mrs. Josephine Niekoski, 45, and her daughter, 17, and the injured as Felix Niekoski, 57, and Mrs. Regina Krygier, 22.

## Cutting Expenses Big Job, He Says at Warm Springs, Where He Flies For Meeting With Roosevelt; Three Big Items At Issue.

Warm Springs, Ga., Nov. 27.—(AP) Budget Director Harold D. Smith upon his arrival here today for a conference with President Roosevelt, asserted again that efforts were being made to whittle down extensively the government's expenditures for non-military activities. But, he added, "it is a whale of a job."

Smith carried a brief case containing the budgets for the Treasury and Justice Departments and the Panama Canal. He said a presidential decision was necessary on a week's delay in the work of the House Appropriations sub-committee, which handles the Treasury supply bill.

An army bomber brought the budget director from Washington, and he said he expected to fly back to the capital late today after his talk with the president.

## One Filipino Says Islands Need America

By CHARLES P. STEWART  
Central Press Columnist

Washington, Nov. 27.—For variety, a kaleidoscope has nothing on an interview with Dr. Vincencio Villamin, a Filipino, Dr. Villamin is campaigning here to prevent the United States from granting to the Philippines any greater measure of independence than they enjoy already.

He's a world-politician, an economist, a lawyer, a writer, an all-around savant and he's traveled in more countries than any other globe-trotter I ever encountered.

All the subjects that he's familiar with and all the places he's visited (from astronomy to retail merchandising, from Manila westwardly around the earth to San Francisco, from Canada to Patagonia) he discusses miscellaneously.

He doesn't deal with them separately. He mixes 'em up, regardless of consequences.

Of course, his favorite theme is the Yankee-Filipino relationship.

"Americans," he says, "are the

## Blockade Of Germany To Be Tighter

Further Ship Losses Reported as Drastic Counter Measures Are Ordered in London; Two German Freighters Reported Captured.

London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Four seamen and an elderly woman passenger identified as an American, were killed in the sinking of the 8,859-ton Holland-America freighter Staarn-dam by a mine in the Thames estuary, it was announced today.

A Renter's (British news agency) report from Amsterdam said the woman passenger was a "Mrs. Steffen". Previous reports said the crew of about 40 and an elderly woman passenger were rescued.

London, Nov. 27.—(AP)—An order in council for the seizure of exports was signed today by King George VI as an avowed reprisal for German mine-laying warfare.

The order for the complete blockade of Germany will be published in the London Gazette tomorrow and probably will become effective in a few days.

The action came as new shipping losses were reported by the Admiralty. The Holland-America 8, the Thames estuary. The crew about

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## Eight Prisoners Granted Paroles By the Governor

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Governor Hoke announced today he had paroled eight prisoners, including Gray Woodard, who entered prison in February, 1937, from Wilson county, to serve 18 to 20 years for second degree murder.

Among others paroled were Henry Wade, given 24 months in Greene county in January for abandonment and non-support; Marvin Oxendine, sent up in April from Robeson county to serve 12 months for larceny, and Dock Harper, sentenced in Greene in May to 12 months for driving drunk, and assault on a female.

## Americans In Protest On Britain

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Representatives of the board of trade of German-American commerce, urged the State Department today to protest Great Britain's decision to seize German exports.

Dr. A. J. Reiner, board president, and Paul Pickrell, board attorney, both of New York, made their request to Green Hackworth, the State Department's legal advisor.

The men argued that seizure of German exports would violate international law. They said also that this country was in need of certain German products, such as dyes, precision tools, toys and optical instruments.



Weather  
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Fair and continued cold tonight; Tuesday fair, with slowly rising temperature.

## Europe's War In the Sky



Europe's war has shifted to the sky as latest dispatches tell of fierce activities over the Western Front. Allies claim a number of Nazi planes have been shot down during the air fights in which, they say, large numbers of planes have been engaged. From the north come reports of deadly parachute mines being dropped into the North Sea and Thames.

(Central Press)

## Vessel in Pacific Sends SOS Appeal

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Quaker Line steamer Peter Kerr, broadcast a general call early today asking ships to "please stand by us."

Globe wireless said the ship messaged she had a "hold full of water". Her position was given as about 600 miles east of Hakodate, Japan. The weather was clear but the sea was rough, the message said. The ship sailed from Los Angeles November 4 for Vladivostok.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Globe Wireless reported today the freighter Michigan was moving through rough seas off the Japanese coast toward the Quaker Line steamer Peter Kerr, which broadcast a general call for ships to "please stand by us."

The Globe report quoted a message from the American President liner President Coolidge as follows:

"Peter Kerr No. 1 hold full water but no immediate danger as long as bulkhead holds out. Michigan is bound toward Kerr."

## Abductor Of Sheriff Is Still Hunted

Pittsboro, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A man Sheriff George H. Andrews said was believed to be Bob O'Connor, escaped Florida convict, was hunted in this section today. The man was surprised at a still which officers raided near here last Thursday. He escaped after forcing the sheriff to drive him 12 miles up the road.

The sheriff and his deputies, while surrounding the still, came upon the man believed to be O'Connor. The Negroes fled and the deputies put out after them. The sheriff began searching the white man and a scuffle ensued, during which the sheriff lost his gun.

The sheriff reported that O'Connor, at gunpoints, forced him back into his car and made him drive down the highway. Then O'Connor jumped out of the car and ran.

## Bids Called For Upon 16 Road and Bridge Projects

Raleigh, Nov. 27.—(AP)—The Highway and Public Works Commission today called for bids to be submitted December 7 for construction of 16 highway and bridge projects.

Among them were Halifax county, grading, structures and surfacing on 2.76 miles of Route 561 between Route 321 and Spring Hill.

Pitt, widening 8.70 miles of Route 11, between Ayden and intersection with Route 274.

## Germany Is Backing Up Soviet Act

Berlin, Nov. 27.—(AP)—German sympathizers with Russia's demands upon Finland, according to the informational service Dienst Aus Deutschland, which often reflects foreign office views.

"This opinion prevails here," said the service, "that a first class power of the rank of the Soviet Union has the undeniable right to secure for itself access to the sea and by an amicable agreement with its neighbors to safeguard vital defense interests."

Previously, authorized quarters had stated that Germany officially was disinterested in the dispute between Russia and Finland except to "read with extraordinary interest" that "Russia regards England and France as responsible for Finland's unyielding stand."

## Kuhn Lawyer Renews Claim Of Politics

New York, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Fritz Kuhn's counsel today reiterated his charge that politics was behind the prosecution of the German-American bund leader on larceny and forgery charges.

Coming up at Kuhn's trial, Peter Sabbatino declared the case was not a routine matter as the district attorney's office contended, but "one in which the motivating force was politics."

Before argument started, Judge J. G. Wallace announced that he would allow the jury to take the case on five counts of the original ten-count indictment, and after he had dismissed 32 motions for mistrial based on various grounds.

Arguing against the district attorney's statement that the case was routine, Sabbatino pointed out to the jury that Assistant District

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## 13 Red Army Men Killed Near Border

Form Resolutions Passed Enmasse by Soviet Soldiers Demanding Triple Blow By Government; Finns Accused of Being Tools of Enemy.

Helsinki, Finland, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Finland will refuse Soviet Russia's demands that Finnish troops be withdrawn from the common border north of Leningrad, it appeared today from comment in government circles, which suggested that Russian forces themselves fall back.

The cabinet discussed the demand this morning, and Foreign Minister Eljas Erikko began immediately to draft an answer which may be presented today after cabinet approval.

Despite the pressure, implicit in the note delivered yesterday to Finland's Moscow legation, a Finnish government spokesman chose to call it a "friendly proposal," not an ultimatum. He pointed out that the note carried no time limit. It called for withdrawal "without delay."

## FORM RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY SOVIET TROOP GROUPS

Moscow, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Soviet Russian troops, in mass meetings following a "border incident" yesterday, in which Finnish artillery allegedly killed or wounded 13 red army soldiers, today urged the government to "adopt strictest measures." The meetings were held as Moscow awaited an answer to an ultimatum-like note in which Russia demanded that Finland withdraw her border garrisons to prevent a repetition.

The press campaign against Finland was strikingly similar to that which preceded the invasion of Poland, and no mention was made in the newspapers or over the radio of the denial issued in Helsinki that Finns had fired on the Russians.

The press was filled with stock resolutions rushed through mass meetings of workers on night shifts urging, among other things in denunciation of Finland, that the Soviet Union "reply with a triple blow."

Finnish leaders were accused of "fulfilling orders of their imperialistic masters," presumably Great Britain and France.

Troops in the Moscow district adopted resolutions declaring "there is a limit to patience" and requesting the government to "bride provocators of war."

## First Lady Is Willing To Testify

Washington, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today she was willing to be a Dies committee witness if she had any information which might be helpful. She made these remarks at a press conference about the same time Major Hampden Wilson, an investigator for the House committee on un-Americanism, was testifying that the American Student Union was an instrument used for spreading communism among students.

The first lady, who has addressed the American Youth Conference, and said repeatedly that she did not be-

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## Negro Workers Jeered By Chrysler Plant Pickets

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Approximately 200 Negro foundry workers entered the Chrysler main Dodge plant today unmolested as several thousand United Automobile Workers Union (CIO) pickets jeered but offered no violence.

"Let the strike-breakers go in," a union spokesman cried through loud speakers. "Don't stop them. There aren't enough to operate the plant and what the corporation wants is for you to stop them and start a fight."

A force of 1,000 police, warned that an attempt would be made to enter the strike-bound plant, stood by to prevent a possible repetition of Friday's violence, but they were not needed. The picket line began to form at the plant gates long before dawn. Police estimates placed the number of pickets on hand when the group of workers began to enter at upwards of 3,500.