

Red Army Pushes Into Finland

Soviets Are Driving From Three Sides

Premier Daladier of France Denounces Russian Invasion as "Abominable Outrage"; Warns Neutrals of Menace to Them.

Moscow, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Soviet Russia today reported advances of red army columns pushing into Finland from three sides.

A communique of the Leningrad military area headquarters said the advancing Russian forces had seized Finnish supplies and downed two Finnish war planes.

In the north, it said, Soviet troops reached a point 28 miles south of Petsamo, Finland's outlet to the Arctic ocean, advancing over Finnish mine fields and piercing entanglements erected by defense forces.

Along the center of the Finnish eastern frontier, it said, "Soviet troops broke the resistance of Finnish white guards," and pushed the Russian vanguards to 46 miles within Finnish territory.

On the Karelian isthmus, the communique reported Russian advances on two lines. It said red army forces had progressed from five to seven miles after breaking

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Turk Press Renews Fight On Von Papan

Istanbul, Turkey, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Frank von Papan, German ambassador, who has been bitterly criticized by the Turkish press, arrived here unexpectedly today from Ankara, causing much speculation as to the significance of his movements.

It was reported that the ambassador would hold a closed meeting tomorrow of the German colony here. Meanwhile, the entire press of the country redoubled its attacks on

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U. S. To Hold The Soviets Responsible

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Hull said today the American government would hold the Russian government responsible for any damages or injuries to Americans or Americans' interests as a result of Russia's announced blockade of Finland.

Soviet Russia has informed this government, among others, by a general circular of the imposition of a blockade around Finland.

Hull recalled at his State Department

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Destroyer Is Damaged, Four Vessels Sunk

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced tonight that the destroyer Jersey was damaged by a torpedo fired from a German submarine yesterday. Two officers and eight men were missing and believed killed, and 12 men were injured. The Jersey is now in her harbor. It was stated.

The Admiralty also announced tonight the name of a destroyer sunk by a mine November 13, which had been withheld with announcement of the vessel's loss. She was the 1,360-ton Blanche.

43 OF LINER'S CREW ARE MISSING AFTER SINKING

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Forty-three members of the crew of the Royal Mail cargo liner Navasota, (Continued on Page Four)

Sweden's Warning to Russia



As a warning to belligerent powers that Sweden will not be caught napping, the Scandinavian country sent these heavy bombers aloft on patrol duty over the snow-blanketed territory north of the Gulf of Bothnia recently. Sweden's well-equipped army is reported concentrated in this area in face of Soviet threats.

Neutral Ships Flee Baltic Sea Ahead Of Soviet Blockade

Danish Opinion, However, Doubts If Russia Can Effectively Bottle Up Finland; Finnish-Swedish Mines Already Laid.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Neutral ships in the Baltic lastly began leaving waters adjacent to Finland today as a result of Soviet Russia's announcement of a blockade of Finland. They will have until tomorrow to leave the blockaded zone.

After that, Russia will declare the waters "dangerous for shipping."

The new Russian weapon, supplementing attacks on Finnish soil by land, air and sea, was disclosed last night when the Danish Ministry of Commerce announced it had been notified by Moscow of the blockade.

The Scandinavian governments have not adopted an official position regarding the blockade. Official circles here, however, pointed out that the Soviet government was within its rights under international law in declaring it.

But whether it would be effective was another question.

Both Finland and Sweden have mined approaches to the Gulf of Bothnia, the east shore of which is Finnish, and doubt was expressed here that any Soviet warship would be able to enter it.

In such an event, observers said, traffic could continue across the gulf between Sweden and Finland unless the red air forces could enforce the blockade in these waters with effective bombings.

Blockade Violation Of Law, U. S. Tells Britain

America Reserves All Rights to Recover on Damages, Note to London Says; Claim Disputed in Statement Made in London.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The United States, formally reserving all rights to recover on damages which it may suffer as a result of Britain's blockade of German exports, today called the blockade a breach of the principles of international law.

In a formal note to Great Britain, made public by the State Department, the American government said it was "under the necessity of requesting that measures adopted by the British government shall not cause interference with the legitimate trade of its nationals, and of reserving, meanwhile, all its rights and the rights of its nationals whenever and to the extent that they may be infringed."

Britain put into effect Monday a virtual blockade against German exports coming out through neutral countries and destined for overseas consumers. These reasons were listed in the note.

1. In many cases orders for goods of German origin have been placed by Americans for which they already have made payment, in whole or in part, or have otherwise obligated themselves.

2. In other cases, goods purchased from Germany, or which might be purchased, cannot readily, if at all, be duplicated in other markets, and are needed by American purchasers for carrying on their legitimate trade, industry and professions.

LONDON HOLDS BLOCKADE HAS SOUND BASIS IN LAW

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Authoritative British sources today declared that the United States note protesting that the British blockade of German exports was illegal would be carefully studied, but that the blockade had a sound basis in international law.

New Jobs To Aid Monopoly Drive Urged

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Thurmond Arnold, assistant attorney general, proposed today that a nationwide staff of 150 Federal economists and lawyers be set up to enforce the anti-trust laws vigorously and thus prevent the European war from throwing this country's economy out of gear.

The chief of the government's anti-trust forces submitted his proposal to the National Economic Committee, which has been directed by President Roosevelt to study possible results of the war upon this country and to make suggestions.

Arnold, a member of the committee, said testimony by experts from government and industry showed

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Submarine Sunk By British Plane

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—A British plane sank a German submarine with bombs this morning. The announcement said one bomb struck the submarine amidships a yard to the starboard of the conning tower.

The submarine began to sink. Then a second bomb fell directly above her as she floundered partly submerged.

"For some time after the submarine disappeared, oil and bubbles were seen rising to the surface," the announcement said.

Soviet Envoy Shunned By Washington

Washington, Dec. 8.—Constantine Oumansky, the Soviet's diplomatic representative in the United States, is about as popular in Washington as a pet rattlesnake would be.

The capital doesn't dislike him for himself alone. Personally he stood fairly well in official and social circles until recently. He tried to be friendly. There was a certain amount of sympathy for him individually, as the local spokesmen for a government that he knew we disapproved of—an inclination to let him know we realized he

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French Soldiers Advance to Near Siegfried Line

Paris, Dec. 8.—(AP)—French patrols advanced almost to German defense lines, military quarters reported today, in night excursions following German retreat.

Lion of patrol activity on the western front. Numerous patrols were sent out, these quarters said, some of which penetrated deep points near the Siegfried fortifications system. The French returned in the course of the night without reports of serious fighting.

Military quarters also stated that German reconnaissance planes flying at a great height, failed in an attempt to reach the Paris region during the night. Other German aircraft were said to have flown over eastern France.

Wilmington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Customs officials took cognizance today of rumors that either a "whale or a submarine" had been sighted in waters near Hempstead, close to where the "mystery" yacht Lakala was halted and brought here Tuesday by the coast guard.

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Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight.

FDR Attacks Ohio Plans For Relief

President Says That State Has Failed to Meet Its Obligations; Critical Situation in Cleveland Discussed By Executive.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(AP)—"Ohio's relief is in very good shape," Governor John W. Bricker declared today in reply to President Roosevelt's press conference assertion that the State had failed to carry out its relief obligations.

His prepared statement follows, in part: "Ohio's relief situation is in very good shape. The real cause of the trouble, whatever trouble there is, is due to the WPA in Cuyahoga county during an election year raising its roll's 74,000 persons, and then suddenly slash them back to 30,000 persons after the election was over."

"The Federal authorities are (Continued on Page Two)

Maverick Is Acquitted In Vote Charges

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Mayor Maury Maverick, friend of President Roosevelt and former congressman, won acquittal today of charges he conspired to pay the poll taxes of other persons at the last city election.

Maverick, who started a political (Continued on Page Four)

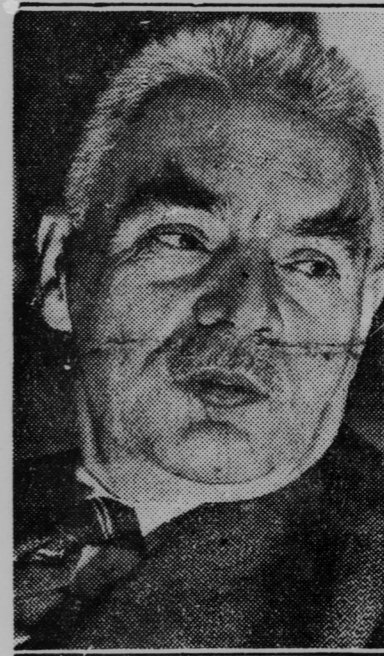
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Calls Peace Parley



Norwegian Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht invited the Foreign Ministers of Sweden and Denmark, Richard Sandler and Peter Munch respectively, to Oslo for a conference on means of bringing peace between Soviet Russia and Finland. (Central Press)

Kennedy And Roosevelt In War Parley

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and Joseph P. Kennedy, ambassador to Great Britain, discussed today the possibility of putting idle American ships on trade routes abandoned by European belligerents.

The President said at his press conference that Kennedy would continue exploring the possibility of the Maritime Commission, of which he formerly was chairman. Mr. Roosevelt said that some progress was being made in finding equipment for ships which were tied up

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Finn-Soviet Artillery In Heavy Duel

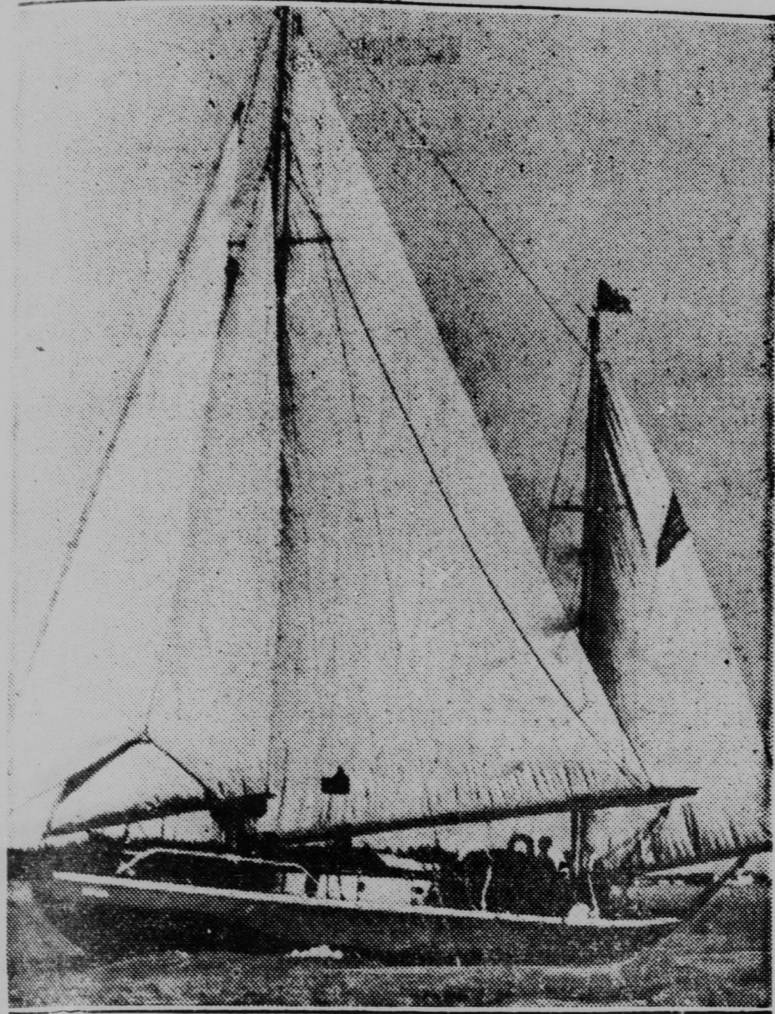
Vituri, Finland, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Finnish and Soviet Russian artillery duelled today near the village of Summa, only 20 miles from this southeastern Finnish outpost, and 40 miles inside Finland.

The engagement opened the first real artillery exchange between the two forces on land since the Soviet Russian invasion started a week ago yesterday.

The military and civilian population in Vituri was calm despite bitter war experience only a week ago, when 30 Russian airplanes bombed the town. Thirty civilians were reported killed and more than 80 in-

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Yacht Seized by Coast Guard



The yacht Lakala (above) was taken into custody near Wilmington, N. C., by the United States Coast Guard patrol for investigation by the Department of Justice. Captain Edward Kerling, of New York, is listed as skipper. The seizure is believed connected with the hunt for transmitters of mysterious radio messages at sea.

Murphy Out For State's Secretary

Old Party War Horse From Rowan, Seeking First Statewide Office, Has Been in Legislature Dozen Terms or More.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, veteran of 14 legislative terms, formally announced today that he would seek the Democratic nomination for secretary of state in the 1940 primaries.

Murphy said he had been receiving many letters urging him to run for the job.

Thad Eure, the incumbent, had made it plain that he intends to seek re-election, but has not formally announced.

Murphy, widely known to his friends as "Pete", was born at Salisbury in October, 1872. He attended the University of North Carolina, where he won his law degree in 1894. Since 1903 he has been a member of the board of trustees of the university.

Back in 1897, Murphy came to the legislature for his first term. He was speaker of the House for a special session in 1914, and for the regular session of 1917. He served in 1899 as reading clerk of the Senate, sandwiching in between terms in the House. He was representative in the 1939 legislature.

Murphy is also active in fraternal circles and in the alumni organization.

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Cotton Crop Is Less Than First Figure

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The Agriculture Department said today this year's cotton crop was 11,792,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight. Production was forecast a month ago at 11,845,000 bales. Production was 11,934,000 bales last year; 18,945,022 in 1937, and the average for the ten years 1928-37 was 13,800,000 bales.

Yield of lint cotton was reported at 23.9 pounds to the acre, compared with 23.3 pounds last year, and 19.3 pounds the 1928-37 average.

The Census Bureau reported 11,529 bales of cotton of this year's growth had been ginned to December 1, compared with 11,230,522 bales a year ago, and 16,175,505 bales two years ago.

The estimated acre yield in pounds and the total production of cotton by States this year, included: North Carolina, 291 and 455,000.

Kennedy Home



Joseph Kennedy, U. S. ambassador to warring England, is met by newsmen as he arrives at Port Washington, N. Y., by clipper plane from his post. Immediately leaving for Washington, Ambassador Kennedy brought home matters "too confidential for cables."

Ickes Fights Candidacy Of Paul McNutt

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Secretary of the Interior Ickes, who wants President Roosevelt to run for a third term, threw cold water today on the presidential candidacy of Paul V. McNutt, the former Indiana governor, who is Federal security administrator. He told reporters that liberal and progressive elements in both the Democratic and Republican parties would not support McNutt, even if he were selected by Mr. Roosevelt to be his successor.

The interior chief, one of the most ardent of the New Dealers, said McNutt's record in office included organized labor's opposition, dating from the time that McNutt called out the National Guard during a strike in the Terre Haute area.

The secretary's remarks shared attention with Republican criticism of President Roosevelt for failing to break off relations with Soviet Russia, and for not disclosing his third term views.

After a semi-annual meeting of the

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