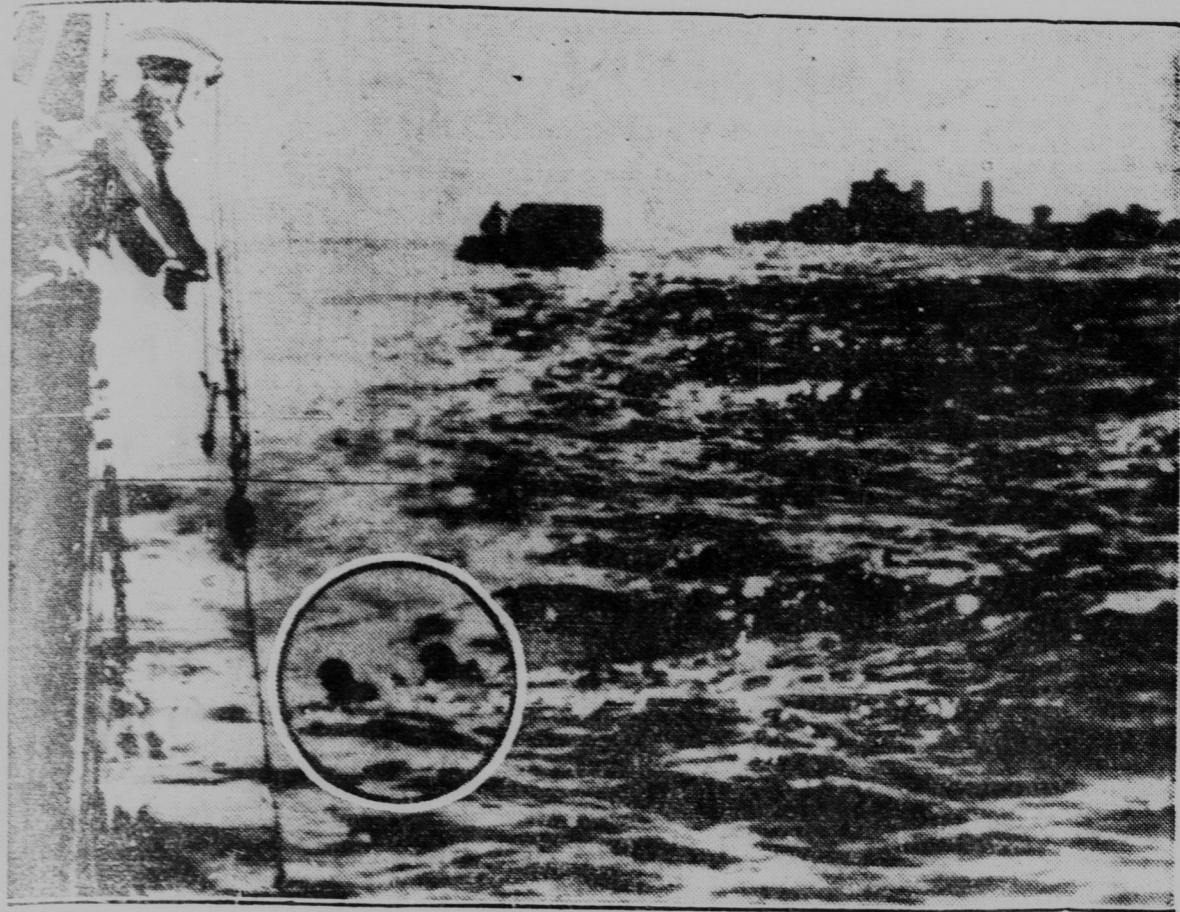


## British Warships Sink a Nazi U-Boat



Central Press Radiophoto

One of the most dramatic of the current war, this photograph shows the sinking of a German submarine by British destroyers. The U-boat, bracketed by the warships, was forced to the surface by a depth charge. After her crew members escaped, the sub was shelled and sent to the bottom. Note the Nazi sailor to the left of the conning tower and two others (in circle) swimming to the destroyer in left foreground. Photo flashed by radio from London to New York.

## Son-In-Law Of FDR Highly Critical Of Labor Board Acts

### Navy's New Cincus



Admiral James O. Richardson

Succeeding Admiral Claude C. Bloch as commander in chief of the U. S. fleet is Admiral James O. Richardson, promoted from the post of commander of the battle force. He was born in Paris, Tex., in 1878.

(Central Press)

### Didn't Blame Employers For Complaining, John Boettiger Said, House Inquiry Board Is Told.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A memorandum was placed in the record of the House Labor Committee today, which quoted John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, as saying he "didn't blame employers for complaining" against NLRB's administration of the Wagner act.

The memorandum was from Elwyn J. Eagen, labor board regional director at Seattle, to Nathan Witt, board secretary, and reported on a conversation Eagen said he had with Boettiger. The conversation allegedly concerned a case in which William Randolph Hearst's Seattle newspaper and the American Newspaper Guild were involved. Boettiger is publisher of the Hearst newspaper in Seattle.

"Boettiger stated," Eagen wrote, "that he was very sympathetic with the act, but that when it was administered by a board which made the kind of decision it made in this case, he didn't blame employers for complaining."

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### Noted Actor Dies



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, SR.

### Fairbanks, Sr. Of The Movies, Dies At Home

Hollywood, Cal., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He was 56.

The dashing Don Juan, for 15 years the ranking male star of pictures, succumbed after a day's illness at his beach home in nearby Santa Monica. At his bedside were his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, and his brother, Robert. His son, Douglas, Jr., was called a few minutes before Fairbanks died, at 1 a. m., but had not reached the house.

Fairbanks' career in films started in 1914, when he joined the old Tri-angel Company, after achieving success on the stage in the east.

His early successes were chiefly notable for his athletic accomplishments and a flare for romantic comedy. Among them were "The

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## SOVIETS TO IGNORE LEAGUE AS ARMY SPEEDS ITS MARCH INTO INTERIOR OF FINLAND

### Major Fight In North Is Likely Soon

Soviet Strategists Turn to That Sector After Meeting Stubborn Resistance on Isthmus; Germans Repelled by French.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The correspondent of the Stockholm At- densblad today reported Russian troops in Finland were advancing rapidly near Suomussalmi, where a Soviet force is driving westward at Finland's narrowest point.

A major engagement is expected in the region shortly, he said.

### TWO SEPARATE CAMPAIGNS PUSHED BY THE RUSSIANS

Helsinki, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The red invaders of Finland, operating from deeply-won footholds 40 miles within the border, pressed today two separate campaigns, either one of which, if completed, might bring Finland to her knees.

The newer of these parallel offensives took shape along the icy shores of Lake Ladoga and in the late-fetted country to the north where numerically superior Soviet Russian forces were bent on rounding the

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### CONGRESSMAN MAPES, OF MICHIGAN, PASSES

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Word was received here today of the death in New Orleans this morning of Representative Carl Mapes, Republican, Michigan. Mapes, who had represented the fifth Michigan district continuously since 1912, had been on a tour of the South with a party of congressmen when he was stricken in a New Orleans hotel.

### Broughton Announces Candidacy

J. M. Broughton, Raleigh attorney, late this afternoon announced his candidacy for governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary.

The information was contained in a personal letter from Mr. Broughton. His statement was also enclosed, in which he said that in entering the campaign "I do so upon my own initiative and responsibility and not as the candidate of any group, bloc or political faction." He added that "if nominated and elected, I will be under no obligation except to serve the people of North Carolina to the best of my ability."

He also stated that "taxes in North Carolina are as high, in my opinion, as the people can stand," and that trends from now on "should be toward reduction and not increase." Of the very general hope that if the sales tax, he said "there is may ultimately be eliminated from our tax system." He proposed by economies and by normal increases under present tax levies to pay larger salaries to teachers.

## Col. Leonard Ayres Very Cheerful On Next Year

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Colonel Leonard P. Ayres is cheerful about 1940 business prospects. Industrial production will be indexed about 110, against about 105 this year, he said today, and national income will attain some \$71,000,000, against 1939's \$69,000,000,000.

The Cleveland economist, who calculates he has battled 850 in the 17 years he has made such annual predictions, said "the war and the coming political campaign make confident forecasting impossible."

Nevertheless, he predicted: Building contracts probably larger than those of any previous recovery year, and the largest since 1930.

### Superior Air Force Over Germany Now Claimed By Britain

Air Minister Warns Nation, However, of Fresh And Worse German Air Raids "Soon Or In Spring"; Defenses Called Sound.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Sir Kingsley Wood told the House of Commons today Britain could claim "definite superiority in our aircraft" over Germany.

The air minister said British fighter squadrons had taken a heavy toll of German planes who "tried to cross our air defenses." He dropped a hint of a new peak in Nazi raids against Britain, saying the nation must be prepared to face, perhaps soon, or perhaps in the spring, "another more strenuous and difficult chapter in the air war."

However, the air minister added: "We can be confident our defense system is sound."

He declared British Hurricane and Spitfire planes had shown a "decisive margin of advantage" over Germany's Dorniers, Junkers and Heinkels.

"Even more encouraging is the knowledge of superiority they have shown over German fighters," he added.

### CHARLES R. WALGREN, DRUG MAGNATE, DIES

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Charles R. Walgren, who rose from a \$18 a week clerk to become founder of a drug store empire, died last night. He was 66 years old and had been ill several months. He borrowed money to buy his first store in Chicago in 1902. It took him four years to pay the debt. From the single establishment grew a chain of nearly 500 stores in 39 states with an annual business of \$50,000,000.

### N. C. Air Line Is Feasible, CAA Is Told

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Development of short distance inter-city air service was described as feasible from an operation and economic standpoint today by C. Bedell Monro, president of the Pennsylvania Central Air Lines.

Monro appeared before a Civil Aeronautics Authority examiner holding hearings on Penn Central's application to operate from Norfolk, Va., to Knoxville, Tenn., with stops at seven North Carolina cities, whose average distance apart is only 61 miles. The company's route also would extend from Knoxville to Cincinnati, Ohio, with a stop at Lexington, Ky.

Monro said his company had made an exhaustive study of possibilities of short hop operations over the Norfolk-Knoxville route, and had decided there would be sufficient business to justify the venture.

North Carolina stops would be at Elizabeth City, Rocky Mount, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Hickory and Asheville.

### Promoted by Finns



Vaino Tanner

Former Finnish finance minister, Vaino Tanner, who once worked as a miner in the United States, now has the ticklish job of handling Finland's international relations as newly appointed foreign minister.

(Central Press)

### Deadline Is Passed With No Reply Yet

Consideration Will Be Given If It Comes Later, But Russia May Break Relations With England, France if Ouster Carries.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Soviet sources in Geneva today said it was "highly probable" Russia would reject the League of Nations' 24-hour ultimatum calling on her to accept mediation of the Russian-Finnish war. Consequently, League leaders pressed the committee considering Finland's appeal for aid to draft a report condemning Russia as an aggressor, and sought practical means for ejecting Russia from the League.

### RUSSIA MAY BREAK OFF RELATIONS WITH ALLIES

Geneva, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 24-hour deadline for a reply to the League of Nations offer to mediate the Russian-Finnish war passed today without a reply from the Soviet Union. The deadline was 6 p. m. (noon EST), but officials said consideration still would be given a reply if it were received later.

Nevertheless, at 6 p. m., the 13-nation League committee considering Finland's appeal for aid began drafting a report to the League Assembly, which would condemn Russia as an aggressor.

Indications pointed to adoption of such a resolution by a large majority.

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### SWEDISH STEAMER HITS MINE, SINKS

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 3,792-ton Swedish steamer Torne struck a mine and sank today in the Oresund, 25 miles south of Copenhagen. The crew's fate was not immediately known.

## British Sub Refused To Sink Bremen

German Merchant Flagship Sighted on Way Home From Murmansk; Admiralty Names No Date or Place of Incident Reported.

### REACHES HOME

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The great liner Bremen steamed safely into German waters tonight, once escaping the British navy's blockade on its homeward voyage from Murmansk, her Russian Arctic refuge.

German authorities said she had arrived with an unidentified "safe zone" under command of Captain A. Ahrens, the skipper who took her out of New York August 30 and sailed her into Murmansk.

Authorities asserted that German scouting planes were hovering over the Bremen as she neared German waters, and that these planes compelled a British submarine, which was encountered, to submerge.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today that a British submarine sighted the German liner Bremen within torpedo range, but refrained from attacking her without warning. This, the announcement said, was in conformity with "the rules of sea warfare."

The Admiralty said that the Bremen

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### Liquor Sales Set November Record For 27 Counties

Raleigh, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Cutlar Moore, chairman of the State ABC board, reported today that \$788,110.35 worth of liquor was sold by ABC stores in North Carolina's 27 wet counties last month, setting a record for November.

Moore said Durham county again led the wet counties, with total receipts of \$122,144.50 from its liquor sales. Wake county reported \$98,592.75 in sales, Pitt, \$90,144.90; Wilson county, \$49,454.45.

## Britain And France Link Currencies

Pound And Franc Bound Together For Duration of War For Great Advantages Expected to Accrue From Move.

Paris, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Conclusion of a British-French monetary accord, linking the franc and the pound until six months after signature of a peace treaty ending the war with Germany, was announced today by Finance Minister Paul Reynaud.

He disclosed the pact was signed December 4, when Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, visited Paris, he said it was designed to avoid any modification of the present existing parity between the currencies of Britain and France for the duration of hostilities.

The monetary accord, Reynaud asserted, contains means for both countries to have "all facilities for obtaining exchange of the other country, and for using it freely."

One of the most significant items in the accord provided that drains on the war reserves of both countries "in gold and in dollars" will be shared equally.

The two finance ministers also agreed that many common war expenditures will be shared.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Increasing cloudiness, followed by light rain, beginning in mountains late tonight or Wednesday, and in east and central portions Wednesday; warmer tonight and in east portion Wednesday.

## Cotton Hits Best Peaks For Months

Prices \$10 Bale Better Than When War Began; Liverpool Highest in Ten Years; War Demand And War Losses Responsible.

New York, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Cotton today reached the highest price in several years in domestic and foreign markets.

The New York Cotton Exchange contracts at one time reached one dollar a bale, but have been closing, making the price, since mid-1937. Since the war, the price has risen to two cents a pound, or

the demand, shipping difficulties, and the loss of some cotton cargoes by mines and other factors.

Foreign buyers indicated

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