

RUSSIA MASSING ARMY FOR CRUSHING BLOW

In NLRB Row



Nathan Witt

House of Representatives committee investigating the National Labor Relations Board made public a memorandum from William M. ...

Wagner Act Attacked By AFL Leader

Tells House Committee 80,000 Miners Denied Rights And Forced by Labor Board And CIO to Join CIO to Keep Jobs.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—An A. F. of L. union leader asserted today that 80,000 coal miners have been denied their rights under the Wagner labor act, and have been forced against their will to join the CIO.

John Ozanic, president of the Progressive Miners of the American Federation of Labor, told the House committee investigating the act and the National Labor Relations Board: "Approximately 80,000 mine workers in various coal fields have been denied their moral and legal rights, under the provisions of the national labor relations act, to belong to an organization of their own choosing, and these mine workers were, against their desires, being compelled by their employers and by officials of the CIO United Mine Workers of America to join and pay dues to the United Mine Workers of America as a condition of their continued employment."

Edward M. Toland, committee counsel, opened the third day's hearing by reviewing congressional action on the Wagner act in an effort to show that Congress intended the board would not have authority to choose the same bargaining unit for separated plants of a single company.

Envoy Davies Bellows For Third Term

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Joseph E. Davies, ambassador to Belgium, affirmed his support of President Roosevelt for a third term after the White House call today, and declared he believed "America is in a better state than it has been in for a generation, and probably not since its institution." The ambassador said that it was a matter of personal desires for a third term that should be considered, but a question of "who is the best man to keep America out of a depression, when the whole world is suffering, when the whole world is begging that he knew for certain the President did not want a third term. 'I know he doesn't want it,' Davies said, 'but I don't think this is a time to consider the personal wishes of any man.' Davies reported to the President today that the general European situation, and that this situation was changing so rapidly from day to day that it was almost impossible to get a definite impression of it. 'There are always surprises,' he said, 'and the chances are that there

Over 700 Russians Are Missing After Ship Sinks In Blizzard

Broughton Will Carry On Most Vigorous Campaign

Announcement Rings With Sincerity And Determination; Has No Panaceas, And Denies Alliances With Former or Future Candidates.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—The governor's primary of 1940 is now a contest. Formal announcement of James Melville Broughton, of Raleigh, into the race made two declared and unashamed aspirants, Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton was first in the lists.

There was no element of surprise whatever in the Broughton broadside, except its exact timing. Hereabouts it had rather been expected that he would wait until after Santa had made his Christmas rounds, with an announcement on, say New Year's day, or perhaps even the day after Christmas. But as early as yesterday morning it began to be whispered around that he was about to come out in the open.

The Raleigh lawyer took an entirely different course from the only other previously announced candidate, Horton merely said flatly he will run and promised to issue a statement of principles later in the game. Broughton, on the other hand, accompanied his with a six and a half page mimeographed "statement," in which he covered a broad field of issues with somewhat more particularity than is generally observable in announcement statements.

At the outset he declared he has no panaceas to offer, and near the end he repudiated any suggestion that he has made entangling alliances with factions of the party. There have been rumors that Ralph W. McDonald will support Broughton this time on the promise (implied at least) that the favor will be returned in 1944. It is at these rumors that Broughton directed his fire and to which he filed a definite, emphatic denial.

In between he talked of many things, finances, taxes, labor, industry, farm diversification, social services, crime conditions and education among others.

Here are some of the most pungent passages from his statement: "Finances: 'The budget is balanced. I will oppose any measure of appropriation that will cause a deficit or in any wise impair the credit of the State.' Taxes: 'Taxes in North Carolina are as high as the people can stand. The effort should be toward reduction and not increase.' Sales Tax: '... has been a source of much controversy. Even if it should for the present be deemed a necessity, there is the very general hope that it may ultimately be eliminated from our tax system. Exemption should be continued, and if possible, extended to all food for home consumption.' Education: 'I believe that normal increase in revenues, together with certain economies that can be effected, will enable the next General Assembly to increase teachers' salaries as well as to set up a just and adequate teacher-retirement system.' Highway: 'Every dollar of highway funds is needed for highway and road maintenance and construction. Our revenue situation is such that no diversion of highway funds will be likely made during the current biennium. This is gratifying and such policy should be continued in the future.' Conservation: 'Receipts from fishing and hunting licenses should be wholly used for propagation of fish and game. (of Conservation and Development) should not be restricted.' Agriculture: 'Effective aid to the farmer in his marketing problem can be tremendously increased if the marketing bill pending before Congress is passed. ... North Carolina farmers must of necessity plan for further diversification.' Crime and Law Enforcement: 'We do not enjoy an enviable reputation in respect to crime statistics. These conditions must be improved. Fundamentally we must seek to remove those conditions which tend to breed and foster crime.' Labor: 'Neither labor nor capital is proposing in this State any radical program. We will attempt by legislation, negotiation and arbitration to settle all labor differences in the North Carolina spirit of cooperation

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Seeks Governorship



J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON

Foreigners May Acquire Idle Ships

Bailey Says United States May Sell Many Of Its Old Vessels to Warring Nations; Would Be Good Riddance.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Chairman Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, of the Senate Commerce Committee, disclosed today that foreign purchases of a portion of the American merchant marine may help solve the problem created by the laying up of American ships under the neutrality act.

Bailey said he could see no objection to the sale to shipping interests in Canada and other nations of the older vessels, which have been made idle by the ban on American ships entering war zones in European waters. He explained he was informed that a number of such offers had been received by ship owners.

"Because of the sinkings that have been taking place in sea warfare, there is going to be an increasing demand for tonnage," Bailey said. "I think we have a good chance, because of this demand, to get rid of some of the old ships, which the government soon would have had to take in any way under the terms of the merchant marine act."

Bailey said he thought that possibly 50 of the 88 American flag ships affected by the neutrality act were in this latter classification. In addition to sales, Bailey said, it might be possible to transfer the registry of non-subsidized ships to other nations where such transfers would not be inimical to the interests of the United States.

Britain Seeks To Bottle Up Mine Layers

London, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The British air force tried out a new method of scotching the German mine menace today. The air ministry announced "aerial security patrols" had been maintained throughout the night over mine laying and aircraft bases in Helgoland bight.

Helgoland, an island in the North Sea, and its bight, or bay, are an important link in Germany's naval defenses. Aviation sources said the British planes acted as "watchdogs" to prevent German mine laying planes from taking off, the idea being to nip mine laying at the source.

Women And Children Included Among Those Believed Drowned Or Frozen To Death Off Japanese Coast Tuesday.

Wakkanai, Japan, Dec. 13.—(AP)—More than 700 Russians, including women and children, were missing today and believed drowned or frozen to death in the wreck of the Russian steamer Indigirka on the treacherous coast of Hokkaido, a Japanese island.

A Japanese ship arrived here with 295 survivors from the crowded Russian fishing service vessel, which went aground in a blizzard yesterday on the east coast of Hokkaido.

Survivors, most of whom were suffering from exposure, said the ship carried 1,100 persons, including fishermen, their wives and children, and a crew of 39. Survivors said the Indigirka sent out one SOS before huge waves smashed her radio room. The storm held possible rescue ships in port throughout yesterday. The survivors said they did not know the fate of their missing comrades.

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Eighty-seven persons were known to have died and between 200 and 500 were believed to be missing today in the sinking of the Russian steamer Indigirka off the island of Hokkaido. The Japanese foreign office announced that a Japanese steamer had rescued 390 of the Russian vessel's passengers and crew. Reports as to the number still missing conflicted, however. The foreign office said the cause of the sinking was not known.

Hokkaido is the northernmost of the main islands of Japan. The Indigirka, 2,690 tons, went down yesterday. High seas hampered rescue operations.

(Russian coastal steamers frequently carry passenger lists out of normal proportion to their size. Lloyd's shipping register shows the Indigirka originally was an American ship, built in Wisconsin.)

Jobs And Pay Gain In N. C.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Forrest H. Shuford, commissioner of labor, reported today that 974 concerns were employing 150,499 workers on November 15, an increase of 1.2 percent over the 148,682 they employed in October.

Shuford said the workers were receiving a total of \$2,454,399 a week in wages, 1.7 percent more than they drew in October, and that the weekly pay checks averaged \$16.31, as compared with \$16.24 in October.

Japan Seeks Trade Treaty With Russia

Tokyo, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Yakichiro Suma, Japanese foreign office spokesman, confirmed today that Japan would open negotiations with Soviet Russia January 10 looking toward a trade treaty, but said hopes still were held for a new treaty with the United States. The present pact has been denounced by the United States, effective January 26.

Suma admitted that the Russian market "presently" was insufficient to replace that of America, but said "if she cannot buy from one country, Japan should turn to another." He contended that non-existence of a trade treaty with the United States would be harmful to both Japan and the United States, "materially and theoretically."

9 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

Panama's Guardian



Here is one of the 16-inch guns that form part of the defense system of the Panama Canal, with part of its crew of more than 30 men. The United States has installed a large number of these guns at strategic points on the isthmus, but their location is a closely guarded secret.

Expulsion Of Russia May Be Imminent

Committee Report to League Implies That Course; Argentine Warns She Will Re-sign Unless Soviets Are Ousted.

Geneva, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A 13-nation committee of the League of Nations adopted today a resolution condemning Russia as an aggressor, and containing an implied demand that Russia be ousted from the League for invading Finland.

The resolution, which was then submitted to the League Assembly, which may act on it tonight, incorporated a report drawn up by a sub-committee "inviting" League members "to give Finland all possible aid."

Geneva, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A League sub-committee today unanimously adopted a report in which a demand for Russia's expulsion from the League of Nations was implied, but not specifically stated.

The report, adopted by the sub-committee after hours of wrangling, named Russia an aggressor for her invasion of Finland, and "invited" all League members to give Finland all possible aid.

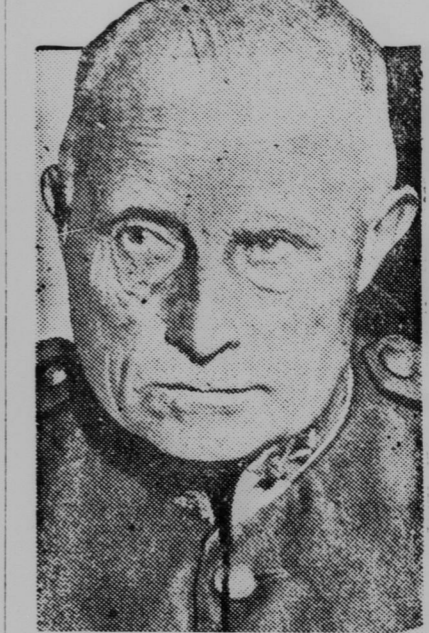
In addition, it suggested that non-member nations, such as the United States, might be asked to join in helping Finland if the League of Nations Council desires. The report now goes to a special 13-nation committee, considering the Russian-Finnish conflict before being submitted to the League Assembly, and to the Council.

Argentina led the way to a showdown on the expulsion of Russia, with the threat that she would resign if the Soviet Union remained a member. Rodolfe Freyre, Argentine minister, said today that he would resign if the Soviet Union remained a member. Rodolfe Freyre, Argentine minister, said today that he would resign if the Soviet Union remained a member.

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Force Of 1,500,000 Forming On Border For Knockout Drive

Swedish War Chief



Lieut-Gen. Olof Gerhard Thoernell

Named commander-in-chief of Sweden's defense is Lieut-Gen. Olof Gerhard Thoernell. His promotion indicates the seriousness with which Sweden regards the threat of Russian invasion, for the post is created, by law, only in event of war or immediate threat of war.

Peele Urges East-West Air Service

Says Norfolk - Knoxville Route Across North Carolina Would Realize Century-Old Dream of North Carolinians.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Establishment of an east-west air line service across North Carolina would bring to actuality a "century-old dream" of rapid transportation in those directions, Herbert Peele, editor of the Elizabeth City Advance, declared at a Civil Aeronautics Authority hearing today. He supported an application by Pennsylvania Central Air Lines for permission to establish a route from Norfolk, Va., to Knoxville, Tenn., including several stops in North Carolina.

Peele said North Carolina had been waiting for speedy east-west transportation facilities ever since the railway system was developed on a north-south line basis through the State, instead of east-west, as originally planned.

Another sentimental reason for establishing the air service, he said, was that the Wright brothers made their first flight near Elizabeth City nearly 36 years ago.

MISSING SHIP OFF WILMINGTON HUNTED

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—(AP)—The coast guard cutter Sebago and planes from the Charleston, S. C., coast guard station today were making a search at sea for the two-masted schooner Centurion, which lost her propeller Monday afternoon about 220 miles off Cape Fear, N. C.

Russian Envoy To Rome Returns Home Suddenly

Rome, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Diplomatic circles said tonight they had learned that the new Russian ambassador to Italy, Nicola Goreichin, left Rome suddenly yesterday for Moscow without presenting his credentials. The Russian ambassador had been in Rome only fifteen days. Soviet Embassy attaches disclosed all knowledge of a reason for the sudden recall or when he might return.

Since the start of the Russian-Finnish war there have been a series of demonstrations by fascists, mainly students, against Russia, and in favor of Finland. Despite the demonstrations, there have been no official indications that relations between Russia and Italy were strained, that the ambassador had been snubbed, or that Italy was directly aiding the Finns.

Irked by Finland's Resistance, Soviets Summon Army Nearly Equal to Entire Finnish Male Population; 1,000 Planes Ready.

Helsinki, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The Finnish Telegraph Agency circulated a report today that Soviet Russia—irked by Finland's resistance—is massing 1,500,000 first line soldiers for a crushing blow. This array of manpower—nearly equal to the male population of Finland, and perhaps double the number of men now engaged on both sides of the war—would be supported by 1,000 planes, the agency said.

The major thrust, according to the agency, is expected in the Karelian isthmus, where Finns, entrenched in the line of fortifications called the Mannerheim line, have fought off red invaders since the war started 14 days ago.

Word of the imminent broadening of the red campaign followed closely upon a Finnish communique yesterday reporting that Finnish troops and planes had smashed a large scale offensive on the Karelian isthmus, and eastern fronts.

"The enemy launched a powerful attack today along several sectors of the Karelian isthmus," the communique said. "Hard fighting took place all day, almost a constant series of attacks were repulsed. The enemy suffered tremendous losses. We destroyed many tanks and left hundreds of the fallen enemy lying before our positions."

Bremen Now Safe In German Harbor; New York Also In

New York, Dec. 13.—(AP)—The North German Lloyd line offices here said today the liner Bremen, which successfully ran the British blockade from Murmansk, Russia, had docked safely in Bremerhaven. The line said the Bremen docked today at noon, German time, and that another liner, the New York, whose position was not definitely known in this country, had reached Hamburg safely.

The New York also had been at Murmansk.

British Deny Cruiser Sunk Off Uruguay

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.—(AP)—British authorities said after exhaustive investigation today that a report that the British cruiser Achilles had been sunk by the German pocket battleship Admiral Scheer was "just another rumor, as far as we are able to learn."

They added that their check-up of all sources mentioned in connection with the report, had failed to produce any sort of confirmation. They hinted that reports of the ship's loss originated in enemy quarters, and said similar reports had been "allowed to circulate" previously.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 13.—(AP)—British naval officials said today they were investigating reports that the 7,030-ton British cruiser Achilles had been sunk in a battle with Germany's 10,000-ton pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, but had been unable to obtain any direct information. The report, which circulated here without confirmation, said the battle occurred off Uruguay's east coast. The Achilles sailed from Montevideo December 9 after re-fueling. She had recently come to the Atlantic coast from a patrol assignment in the Pacific.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Light rain on north coast; slightly cold in north and extreme west portions tonight; Thursday fair, somewhat colder.

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