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# Allies To Send Aid To Finland

## Wheeler Says West To Go Republican Without A Liberal

### Farm Belt Decidedly Against Reciprocal Trade Program, Montana Senator Says After Trip; Silent on Garner's Candidacy.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, returned from a western speaking trip today with the opinion that the Republican party would vote for a liberal unless the President nominated a liberal Democrat. Wheeler, who has indicated that he would support the party nomination of Roosevelt does not run for re-election in 1940, a Republican year. He said for a reactionary Democratic administration their natural tendency is to vote with the Republican party, and he can see no reason to change that. A conservative Democrat is nominated.

### Ex-NLRB Boss



James P. Miller  
Deposed regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, James P. Miller is pictured before the House committee investigating the agency. He testified that he was fired because he insisted on impartial administration of the law. (Central Press)

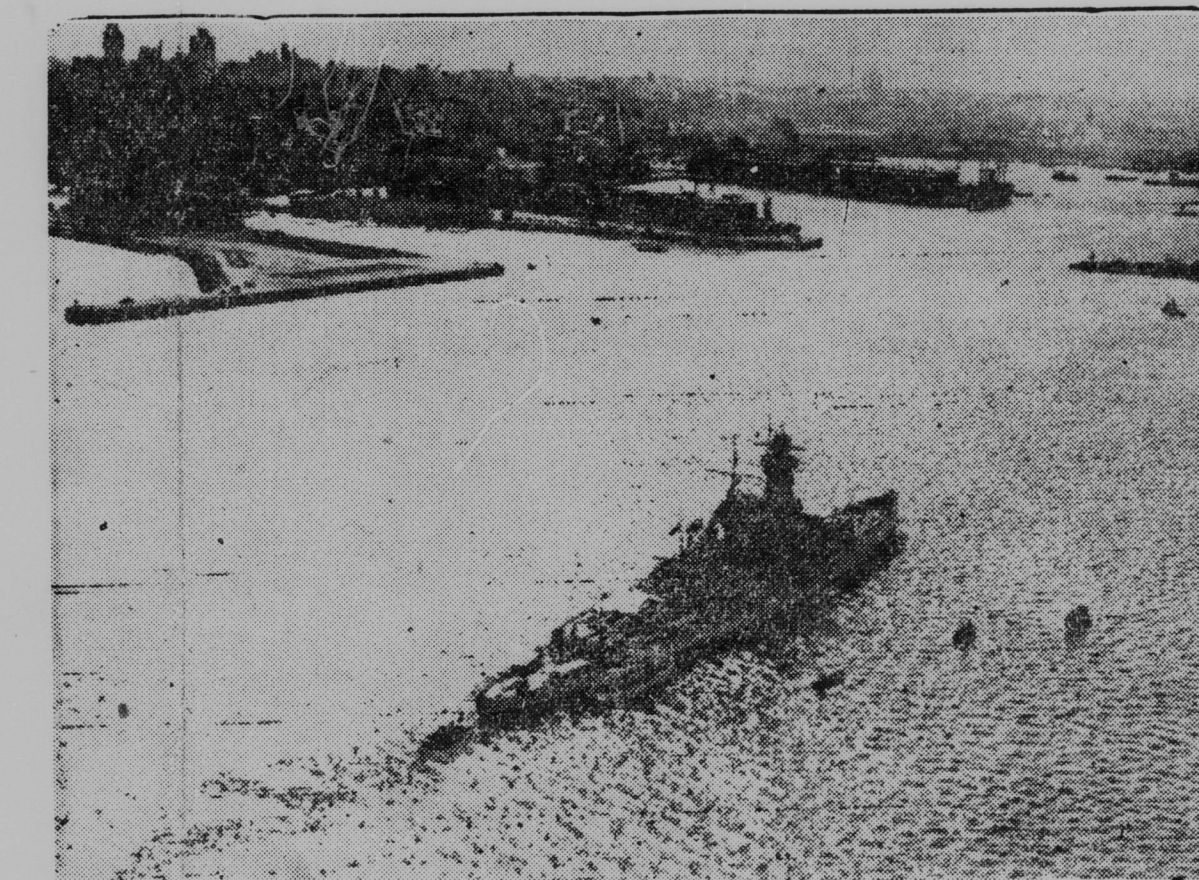
## U. S. Sells 44 Planes To Finland

### Need of Them by Navy Not Imperative Now; Credit For Purchase Advanced by Government; Huge Supplies Being Bought Here.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Officials disclosed today that 44 high speed fighting planes being manufactured for the navy will be sold to Finland.

Finland was able to obtain American-made planes only by official intervention, it seems, since the principal American manufacturers are swamped with American military orders and foreign contracts. It was said, however, that no plane actually delivered to either the army or the navy would be transferred to Finland or any other foreign country.

## Graf Spee Turns to Sea in Face of Battle



Her nose pointed toward the sea, the crippled Graf Spee is pictured lying at anchor in the harbor of Montevideo, Uruguay, set for a dash through a formidable assemblage of Allied warships. Shortly after this picture was made, however, her own captain took her out to sea on orders from Adolf Hitler, and sank her himself. Welders worked frantically to repair the 10,000-ton German pocket battleship, in which gaping holes were torn by British cruisers during a battle off the South American coast. Photo flashed by radio from Buenos Aires to New York.

## Two Soviet Bombers Destroyed By Finns; Finns Retreat South

### Graf Spee's Fate Result British Trap

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Naval sources intimated today that the Admiral Graf Spee's encounter with three British warships in the South Atlantic was no accident, but really a trap that had British-sold fuel oil as the bait. These sources said a German freighter attempted to buy oil from a British concern at an undisclosed Brazilian port ten days before the engagement last Wednesday. At first it was refused, but later was supplied on instructions from headquarters.

### Little Army Loses Battle in Arctic Area, And Russians Claim Capture of Pitkarjavi, Which Finns Do Not Confirm.

Helsinki, Dec. 19.—(AP)—At least two Soviet bombers and possibly more were downed today during an air raid in which eleven bombs were dropped on a Helsinki suburb without damage.

## Oil Freighter Of Germany on Coast

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Coast guard headquarters reported today an oil freighter believed to be German was entering the harbor at Port Everglades, apparently with a British cruiser in pursuit.

## One Trawler Sunk, Four Are Attacked

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Captain David Southernland, of the 185-ton British fishing trawler Active, today reported his ship was sunk by an "aerial torpedo" fired by one of several German war planes raiding shipping off the British coast. Four other small ships were attacked.

## Erskine Smith To Be Serious Contender

In the Sir Walter Hotel, Daily Dispatch Bureau, By HENRY AVERILL.  
Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Announcement of State Senator Erskine Smith being North Carolina's Democratic gubernatorial candidate fielded up to a size where the candidates can have a wide game, or can sing "Sweet Adeline" as a quartet if they so desire.

## Air Battle Was Biggest In History

### Germans Say British Losses in Helgoland Attack Now 36 Instead of 32 Planes; Own Losses Minimized; Denial in London.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The great battle between British and German war planes over Germany bay (Helgoland light) yesterday was the biggest air fight in history, the German official news agency, D. N. B., said today.

## Death Takes Wife Of English Poet, Rudyard Kipling

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Mrs. Rudyard Kipling, wife of the author and poet, died at her home today in Sussex.

## NLRB Chief Admits Wrong Of Conduct

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A regional director of the National Labor Relations Board conceded today that his own conduct at a trial examiner's hearing showed a lack of proper separation of the board's judicial and prosecuting functions in the Cincinnati Milling Machine Company case.

## Eight Franchises For Bus Routes In East Are on File

Raleigh, Dec. 19.—(AP)—R. O. Self, chief clerk of the Utilities Commission, announced today that eight applications of bus lines for franchises have been set for hearing on January 22.

## RUSSIANS ADVANCE EAST FROM ARCTIC WAR SECTOR

Copenhagen, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A motorized Soviet Russian army rolled south along Finland's Arctic highway, it was reported today on the heels of retreating Finnish forces.

## U. S. ATTORNEY FOR WEST HEART VICTIM

Asheville, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Marcus Erwin, United States district attorney for the Western North Carolina district, was found dead in his room in a hotel here today. He was 66. Few details were available. Erwin was expressed that Erwin's death was due to a heart attack or other natural causes.

## Large "Pressure Groups" Undeclared On Governor

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In the Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL.  
Raleigh, Dec. 19.—An interesting feature of the coming gubernatorial campaign is going to be watching about the various "pressure groups" about the matter of choosing a governor.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.  
Showers tonight, Wednesday generally fair and colder.

### 4 SHOPPING DAYS TILL Christmas

## Ernie Haas, Boxer, Admits Slaying German Consul

New York, Dec. 19.—(AP)—John J. Ryan, assistant chief of police inspectors, announced today that Ernie Haas, 28, a boxer, had been arrested in Toronto, Canada, for the killing of Dr. Walter Engelberg, secretary of the German consulate here.

## All Possible Assistance To Be Given

### Chamberlain And Daladier Attend Allied Supreme War Council Meeting in Paris; French in Daring Raid on Western Front.

Paris, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Allied Supreme War Council was reported today to have decided to give all moral and material aid possible to Finland without weakening their own war with Germany.

## Tonnage Lost During War Near Million

(By The Associated Press.)  
The sinking of four more ships today sent the known total of tonnage losses of all nations hurtling toward the million mark as Germany unleashed a series of plane attacks on small fishing trawlers.

## Uruguay To Hold German Supply Ship

Montevideo, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Uruguayan government today took a step toward internment of the supply ship Tacoma, which carried oil supplies intended for the ill-fated battleship Admiral Graf Spee before a battle with three British cruisers sent her to her doom.

## MOTOR LINE GIVEN RIGHT TO PURCHASE

Charlotte, Dec. 19.—(AP)—An Interstate Commerce Commission order received today at the motor carrier bureau office here authorized M. A. Athias & Company, of Washington, N. C., motor truck line operator, to buy the operating rights of Whitley Transfer Company, of Zebulon. The purchase price was not stated.

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