

Thousands of Turks Covered In Ruins Besides Known Dead



Turk Quake Area. Circle locates the Turkish cities of Sivas, Yozgat, Amassia, Takat, Samsun and Ordu, which were reported left in ruins by a catastrophic earthquake which rocked the area, leaving thousands dead.

Raging Blizzard, Looters And Perils of Disease Add to Earthquake Horror; Known Casualties 30,000, Mostly Dead.

Ankara, Turkey, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Mounting death tolls in earthquake-stricken Anatolia today led officials to express belief the total dead might reach 50,000, as starvation, cold and disease created new perils for survivors of the Wednesday catastrophe.

Relief trains rushed food and medical supplies to the shattered quake zone, but wrecked communication facilities and a raging blizzard made it seem certain additional thousands would die of injuries and exposure before help could reach them.

A raging blizzard, looters and the peril of disease increased a tale of horror today in earthquake-stricken Anatolia. Officials said casualties totaled 30,000, "mostly dead", ranking the catastrophe with the greatest of modern times.

S. C. Governor On Trail Of Hooded Band

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Governor Burnett R. Maybank said today that he was demanding "as governor" the arrest of every man who participated in activities of a hooded band in Anderson Wednesday night, in which a man reported he was taken from his home and whipped.

"I want to publicly condemn such activity," Governor Maybank said. "Such things are un-Christian and un-American. If there are lawless people in Anderson, or anywhere else in the State, they can be arrested by regular law enforcement officers."

Truck Load Limit Same For State

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—North Carolina was one of many states which made no change in its truck load limits during 1939, according to a national survey made by the National Highway Users Conference.

So far as through traffic from North to South is concerned, Kentucky is still found to be the "bottleneck" blocking truck transportation, as the Blue Grass state's legal load limit is 18,000 pounds as compared with North Carolina's 40,000, and the much heavier loads permitted in practically all of the northern states.

New Revenue Expected By Washington

Government Looks to 1940 Both For Political Victory And For More Income to Reduce Federal Deficit.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Administration is looking to the new year for better business in the hope that it may bring not only political success but more revenue to cut down the Federal deficit.

Good Business Year. Government economists, though they specify reservations a mile long, believe that 1940 will be generally a pretty good business year—as good as 1929, but better than any year since then.

Right now, factories are shown by available statistics to be turning out about as much goods as they did at the height of 1929, so that most of the economists' doubts arise not from the production outlook but from the phases of consumption. Current goods are not being bought as fast as they are being produced.

Virginia Electric To Cut Rates Soon \$30,000 to \$40,000

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said today he expected to announce reductions in electric rates of the Virginia Electric & Power Company in the next day or so, which would mean an annual saving of \$30,000 to \$40,000 yearly to North Carolina customers.

Coach Wolf Will Remain At Carolina

Chapel Hill, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Word was received here yesterday that Head Coach Ray Wolf would remain at the University of North Carolina. Wolf was recently offered a coaching post at Rice Institute.

Finland's Fighting Ghosts Speed to Attack



Camouflaged in the snow, Finnish ski troops streak down a pass north of Lake Ladoga, where thousands of invading Red troops were trapped by the swift moving, hard striking Finns. Fully packed knapsacks under their white coveralls give them the appearance of hunchbacks. Their daring raids have helped keep Finland in the fight despite overwhelming odds.

1940 Tobacco Allotment Made By AAA On Control Mandate

Poe And Maxwell Likely To Announce on Monday

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today 1940 State acreage allotments for flue-cured tobacco, totaling about 750,000 acres under a crop control program approved by growers at a referendum held October 5.

Under the control program, marketing quotas will be invoked to keep surpluses off the market. Each grower's quota will be the production on his acreage allotment.

Roosevelt, Jr. And Wife In Auto Crash

Winchester, Va., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and his wife were injured in an automobile accident early today near Paris, about 23 miles east of Winchester.

Details of the accident, which was reported to have occurred between 5 and 6 a. m., were not immediately available. The roads in this vicinity have been sheathed in ice for several days.

Dr. Allen R. Dafoe To Drop Duties As Dionnes' Guardian

Miami Beach, Fla., Dec. 29.—(AP)—Arthur Slagt, attorney to Dr. Allen Roy Dafoe, confirmed today reports that the famous doctor will retire from his guardianship of the Dionne quintuplets. Slagt said Dr. Dafoe would continue as personal physician to the children.

Daniel Bell Gets Job In Treasury

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that he would name Daniel W. Bell, former acting budget director, to the vacant post of under secretary of the treasury.

Pair Saved From Death To Testify

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Two Negroes sentenced to die this morning for two capital crimes saw their supposed death hours pass uneventfully as prison officials and police prepared to question them further about the strangulation of Prison Guard J. S. Chesser, 56, early yesterday.

William Young, 22, was convicted in Hoke county of murder and first degree burglary and prison officials said he confessed he garroted Chesser during an escape attempt.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Cloudy, rain near coast tonight and probably Saturday morning, and snow flurries in the interior this afternoon and tonight; continued rather cold.

Soviet Air Attacks On Finns Renewed As If In Reprisal



The Worm Turns. Josef Stalin, wrathful at defeat of his troops, is reported to have ordered 300,000 of his best soldiers to advance on the Salla front (B) and cut Finland in half, following rout of Red army there. In Petsamo sector (A), Finns halted Soviet drive and regained lost territory. Reds tried offensive at Kussamo (C), while Finns continued drive past Lieksa into Russia in attempt to cut the Murmansk railway.

Finns Apparently Have Won New Foothold on Russian Soil For Drive on Vital Murmansk Railway; Ski Forces Active.

Helsinki, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The killing of 600 Russians in a battle at Kella was reported by the Finnish command today as the red army launched new attacks along the Leningrad-Viipuri railway, and in the eastern part of the Karelian isthmus.

The Finnish communique reported that the Russians left 300 dead on another battlefield in the Siskya lake sector, where two red army battalions were "dispersed".

The destruction of five Russian tanks and capture of two others and smashing of several Russian attacks also were reported.

Helsinki, Dec. 29.—(AP)—With Finns unbothered after a month of attack by Soviet Russia, the red air force smashed again today at southwestern Finland. Almost as if in reprisal for a victory claimed by Finland on the eastern front—perhaps actually the winning of a new foothold on Russian soil for a third thrust toward the Murmansk railway—Russian bombing planes attacked three railway junctions.

Also under attack was Finland's southwestern coastal base, Hanko. The coastal towns of Kotka and Porvoo were bombed during the night. An army communique, announcing that red forces had been rolled back in one sector of the 1,000-mile eastern frontier, at least indicated strong flank support for one of two defensive invasions by ski troops toward Russia's far north supply artery, the Murmansk railway.

Soviet Peace Plan Spurned By the Finns

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Peace proposals to the Finnish people were reported by London listeners to have been broadcast today by a Russian station over the wave length of the Finnish Lahti station, which temporarily went out of action during an air raid.

The announcer said Russians wanted to end the hostilities as much as the Finns, and that if a truce were reached the Karelian area would be returned to Finland, all Finnish workers would be given holidays with pay and large estates would be liquidated.

In the negotiations which preceded the war, Moscow offered to cede Karelian territory in return for Finnish concessions.

French action in assembling war materials in Syria and the presence of General Maxime Weygand, head of the French Near East forces, in Syria, is being watched closely by Germany. Close attention is also being given to the possibility that the Allies may use Syria to aid Turkey in event the European war spreads to the Near East.

Big British Battleship Is Attacked

German Torpedo Blast Kills Three Men Aboard Craft of Old Queen Elizabeth Type Ship.

London, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Admiralty announced today that a German submarine had attacked a British battleship, the Queen Elizabeth class, had been torpedoed by a German submarine "west of Scotland."

After receipt of the German announcement, the Admiralty issued a short communique: "A torpedo attack has been made on a British battleship by a U-boat. Some damage was caused and three men were killed."

Officials declined to make further comment, and gave no indication what battleship was involved or when or where she was attacked, or that the Queen Elizabeth class includes five ships, the oldest in the British navy, all laid down before the World War, and completed in the early years of that conflict.

Allied Buying Board Talks To President

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—President Roosevelt conferred today with officials of the Anglo-French purchasing board in this country on the progress of their acquisition of American supplies.

Arthur B. Purvis, president of the agency, revealing the general nature of the discussion, intimated important developments might stem from it by saying that the board's New York office possibly would make some announcement later.

McMullan Holds Imperial Buying Cannot Be Taxed

Raleigh, Dec. 29.—(AP)—Attorney General Harry McMullan indicated today that he would rule that cities and counties cannot levy ad valorem taxes on tobacco purchased by the Imperial Tobacco Company under a contract with the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation and stored in warehouses pending export.

W. P. Stadley, city clerk of Oxford, requested the ruling in November.

Rail Wreck Blamed On Tampering

Washington, Dec. 29.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce Commission reported today that "malicious tampering with the tracks" caused the derailment of the Southern Pacific streamline train City of San Francisco near Harney, Nevada, August 12. Nine passengers and fifteen dining car employees were killed in the crash.

In addition, 99 passengers and 14 employees were injured. The commission said that the evidence showed the train was not moving in excess of the maximum authorized speed of 60 miles an hour when it was derailed.

The train was riding smoothly

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