

New Tremors Heighten Horror Of Great Turkish Earthquake

Turkish City Hit by Quake



Here is a street scene in the Turkish city of Ordu, on the Black Sea, with children lining up at a relief station after the last earthquake there.

Late Estimate Put Dead at 40,000 in One Province; Air-planes Drop Food And Clothing to Sufferers in Sub-Zero Weather.

Ankara, Turkey, Dec. 30.—(AP)—New violent earth tremors in the vicinity of Tokat, in northern Anatolia, brought fears today of an additional disaster as officials reported direct from Erzurum province that deaths there would total at least 40,000.

Runs War on Finns



Gen. G. M. Stern

Hero of Russia's 1938 Far Eastern "vest pocket war" with Japan, Gen. G. M. Stern has been placed in charge of the Soviet forces slated in their attempted conquest of Finland.

First Major Battle Imminent In Russian-Finnish Conflict As Reds Mass Fresh Soldiers

Churchmen Confer With FDR



Rabbi Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, is assisted down the White House steps by Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

Experienced Troops Sent Up To Front

Relieving Youngsters Finns Have Beaten Back Since War Started; Finns Claim 10,000 Russians Are Surrounded.

Helsinki, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The war's first major battle was imminent today, many military experts believed, as veteran red troops replaced callow conscripts under cover of a continuous artillery bombardment of Finland's Karelian isthmus defenses.

With Soviet Russian cannon raking the woods in front of the Mannerheim line, Finnish officers said experienced soldiers were relieving in some sections the youngsters whom the Finns have beaten back since the war started November 30.

1940 French War Budget \$5 Billions

Paris, Dec. 30.—(AP)—France winds up the year 1939 with plans to spend almost \$5,500,000,000, all to be raised by loans to wage war in 1940.

The French today reported sinking a German submarine with a British bombing plane helping a French warship, and reported successful forays into German territory on the western front east of the Moselle.

Premier Daladier, in presenting the 1940 budget to the Senate yesterday, asserted that the French-British economic union was "open to all," and added:

"A New Europe will have to receive a larger organization than that which has existed so far, increasing exchanges and perhaps envisaging federate bonds among the various states."

A clause in the military expense bill published in today's Official Gazette, after completion of parliamentary approval, authorized eight ministers to contract expenditures for war purposes during 1940 totaling

Hitler Predicts Victory For Reich Arms In 1940

Forty Are Killed In Italian Wreck

Naples, Italy, Dec. 30.—(AP)—At least 40 persons were killed and 150 injured today when an express train crashed into the rear of a troop train at the Torre Annunziata station.

The fast passenger train plunged into the rear of the train carrying soldiers, which was standing on a siding at the station. The passenger train had the right of way, investigators said, and was to have passed, but a switch apparently failed to function.

Snow General In East Half Of Country

(By The Associated Press.) Snow was general today and last night over the Middle Atlantic and New England States, but normal temperatures prevailed, and there was little disruption of traffic, even in Boston, where the heaviest fall—four and a half inches—was measured.

Another light snow and falling temperatures were predicted over much of the area. The overnight and early morning fall was of varying depth. Binghamton, N. Y., saw only a slight trace; Albany, N. Y., had half an inch, while the Buffalo Weather Bureau registered two inches, with a light snow still falling and more expected Sunday.

Three deaths attributed to the snow were reported. At Baltimore, Md., a boy was killed in a sledding accident; at Perth Amboy, N. J., an 83-year-old woman died of a heart attack while shoveling snow, and Philadelphia reported a man killed by a skidding truck.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Generally fair tonight; Sunday partly cloudy, possibly light snow or rain in extreme north portion; continued cold, followed by cold Sunday night.

WEEKLY WEATHER South Atlantic States: Fair at beginning, then somewhat warmer, possibly some rain about Tuesday or Wednesday, with colder over northern section; another rainy period in latter part of week, with colder at close.

Battles In Congress Seem Sure

Returning Congressman Talk of Government Spending, Trade Agreements And Lifting Government Debt Limit.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Congressmen, streaming back to the capital for the politically important 1940 session, talked chiefly today about brewing battles over governmental spending and renewal of the administration's reciprocal trade agreements program.

Despite President Roosevelt's known desire for a short, harmonious session, many of the legislators concede it would be tempestuous and prolonged, not only by the trade agreements and spending issues, but by such other subjects as proposed changes in the Wagner labor act, and whether to increase the public debt limit.

Speaker Bankhead has announced that Mr. Roosevelt would deliver his annual message to Congress next Wednesday. He will address a joint session of the Senate and House probably about 2 p. m. (EST). The address will be broadcast.

The President's budget message, containing his recommendations for governmental spending in the fiscal year starting next July 1, will be sent to Congress Thursday, Bankhead said.

Henry London Dies At 60 At Raleigh

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Henry M. London, since 1919 legislative reference librarian, prominent Episcopal lay leader, and holder of office in many religious and civic organizations, died today of a complication of heart diseases. He was 60. He had been ill for several weeks.

Funeral services will be held here tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Church of the Good Shepherd. He will be buried at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in Pittsboro, where he was born April 11, 1879.

London had been secretary of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina since 1921.

Harry Bridges Is Freed of Charges Of His Communism

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A report by Dean James Landis, of the Harvard Law School, today cleared Bridges, the west coast CIO leader, of charges of communist membership or affiliation.

Landis, acting as a special examiner for the Labor Department, advised Secretary Perkins in a review of an eleven-week hearing that while the maritime union chieftain was "energetically radical," and had "welcomed communist support of his labor activities, he was not a member of nor affiliated with the communist party."

If the secretary accepts the report, Labor Department attorneys said, it will mean cancellation of a warrant issued against Bridges in March, 1938, for his deportation to his native Australia on the ground that he was a communist.

State Taxes Up 14 Prct. In December

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—(AP)—North Carolina tax receipts this December totaled \$6,756,131.82, or 13.94 percent above receipts for the month last year. Revenue Commissioner A. J. Maxwell reported today.

For the last six months of this year, returns were \$33,125,160.35, or 7.69 percent above the same period in 1938.

Major increases were made in the revenue division, which collected \$1,862,621.63 this month, or 36.03 percent above December, 1938.

Sales tax collections this month increased over December, 1938, from \$945,014.18 to \$1,132,595.23, and the gasoline tax from \$2,079,172.05 to \$2,160,138.87.

session were President Frank P. Graham of the University of North Carolina and Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer. They, along with others present prepared details of a program which they believe will prove a supreme blessing to the South and result in its economic salvation if successfully carried through.

The desire is for a "Decade of Progress" growing out of a balanced program, in which ten main points are emphasized.

Republican Leaders Are Asked To Jackson Feast

Train Wreck In Texas Injuries 21

Orange, Texas, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Five coaches of a Southern Pacific passenger train piled up in a drainage ditch on the outskirts of Orange today, injuring 21 persons. The injured, first reports said, included two white persons and 19 Negroes. Most of them were riding in the first day coach of the fast New Orleans-San Antonio Flyer.

U. S. Blamed By Russia For League Action

By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Dec. 30.—Washington to smile at Moscow's account that the United States was mainly responsible for Russia's expulsion from the League of Nations, because of the Soviets' attack on Finland.

The talin government has not made this assertion officially but the Communist press has made it, and the Russian press is so completely governmentally controlled that it is, in effect, official.

The State Department doesn't care, of course. Indeed, its spokesmanship doesn't deny that the United States' attitude toward the Moscovites' expulsion from the league is very sympathetic. However, that these States had anything actively to do with it is referred to as a perfectly ridiculous idea.

As every one knows, we don't belong to the league. We've no vote in its decisions.

The Moscow press naturally is as well aware of this as the rest of the world. Its story, though, is that Washington, as the biggest of the Pan-American republics, controlled the ballots of the smaller fry, thus guaranteeing the league's anti-Russian unanimity.

Roosevelt Himself Investigates Bid to Congressional Minority Chiefs; Promises Non-Partisan Speech On January 8.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(AP)—With the approval of President Roosevelt, the Jackson Day dinner committee has broken precedent to invite Republican congressional leaders to be honor guests at that traditional Democratic political love feast here January 8.

Added to this innovation, the invitations to the Republicans declared that President Roosevelt's speech at the dinner would be "non-partisan in character."

These disclosures today came soon after Chairman James A. Farley called the Democratic National Committee to meet here February 5 to fix a time and place for the party's presidential nominating convention.

The invitations, sent out by former Attorney General Cummings, chairman of the District of Columbia Jackson Day committee, immediately provoked speculation as to whether the President would devote his address to a call for national unity in solving internal and foreign problems.

Those known to have been issued free tickets to the dinner, which will cost Democrats \$100 a plate, were Senators McNary, of Oregon, and

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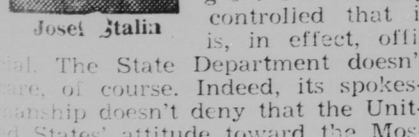
Hoey To Boost Campaign For Balanced Prosperity

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the War Hotel

Raleigh, Dec. 30.—Come January 1 and Governor Clyde R. Hoey is planning to issue an appeal to North Carolina's citizenry to unite with the rest of the South in a campaign "For Balanced Prosperity, 1940-50".

Some of the other executives will make their proclamations today, among them Governor Ed Rivers of Georgia, but Governor Hoey has decided that the first of the New Year is a more appropriate time for his.

Action grows out of the Southern Governors' Conference which met in session in Atlanta on December 14. Representing Governor Hoey at the



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Stalinists Badly Stung. It hadn't been surmised in Wash-

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