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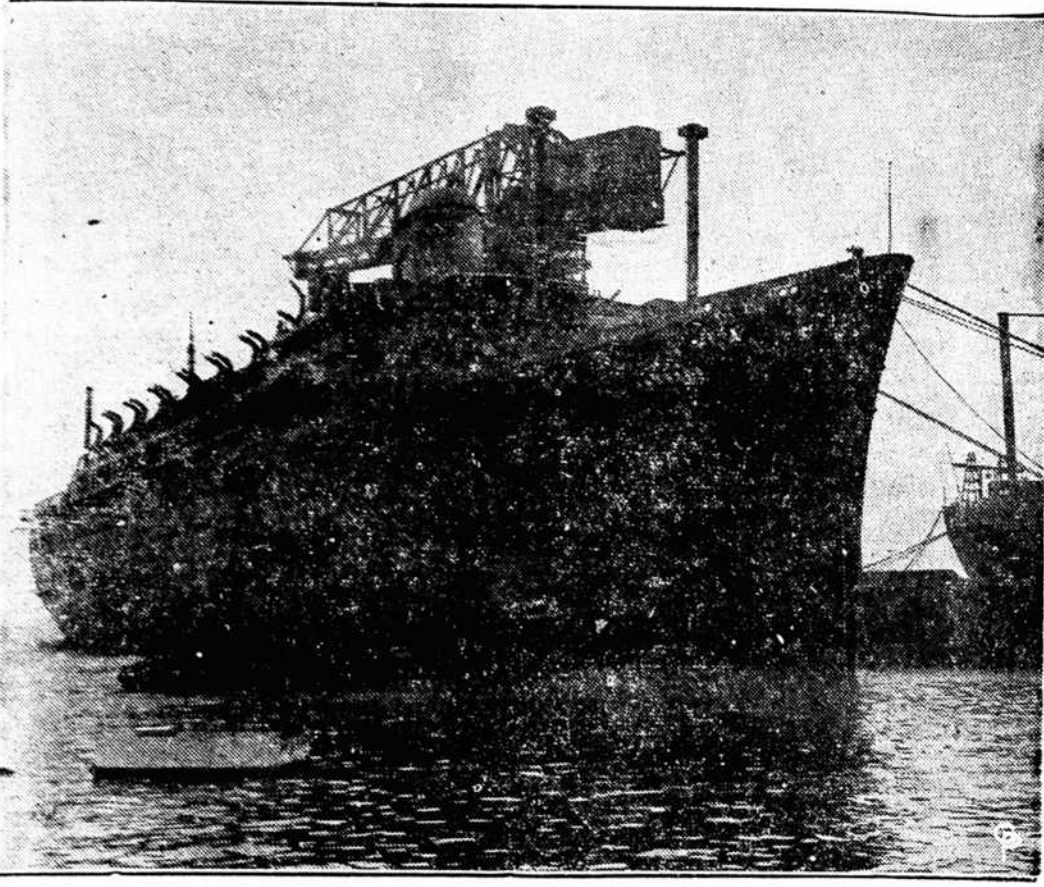
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STORMY SESSION OF CONGRESS TO BEGIN

America's Greatest Liner Nears Completion



Here is a bow view of the United States liner S. S. America as she appears three months after launching in Newport News, Va., where she is being outfitted. The forward funnel has been stepped and the after stack will follow. The 723-foot ship, newest and greatest American luxury liner, will accommodate 1,219 passengers and a crew of 639.

With New Building Record Set, Navy Sets New Stakes In 1940

Dies Group Asks Strict Alien Laws

Stern Prosecution of Every Known Violator of American Immigration, Naturalization, Deportation and Other Laws Urged.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Dies committee, concluding its second year of inquiry into un-American activities, will call on the government tomorrow for stricter enforcement of alien laws, but again will deter making specific legislative recommendations.

Well informed sources said today that the committee's second annual report, which must be filed with the House by midnight tomorrow, will contain these two general proposals:

1. An intensified campaign for prosecution of every known violator of the immigration, naturalization, deportation, passport and foreign agent registration laws.

2. Renewed publicity for un-American activities, which are beyond the scope of existing statutes.

These recommendations are, in substance, the high spots of the report, which six of the seven committee members came to Washington today to approve. It was learned that Dies would use the second recommendation as the basis for enlisting support for his resolution extending the inquiry for at least one more year.

However, two committeemen have said that they would insist that the committee, if continued, revise some of its procedure. They objected particularly to recent announcements, without formal hearings, of an investigator's finding that some consumers' organizations had communist affiliation.

Berlin Keeps Watch on Aid Given Finns

Berlin, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Germany, according to authoritative sources, is keeping a close watch on what kind of aid Britain gives Finland.

Germany desires to stay out of the Russian-Finnish conflict, these sources indicated today, and understands that the Soviet Union wishes to settle scores with Finland alone.

If British soldiers were to appear on Finnish soil, however, or if

No Ballot for Aged



Dr. Raymond Pearl

Professor of biology in Johns Hopkins Medical School, Dr. Raymond Pearl, addressing the American Statistical Association, of which he is president, in Philadelphia, urged that persons "in their second childhood" be denied the right to vote on grounds of being "too foolish." He cited Ham and Eggs and other old age pension plans as proof.

20 Warships Commissioned in 1939 And 120 More Are Under Way; Huge New Sums Sought by President For Bigger

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Navy broke its peace-time records in warship building during 1939, and is preparing to step up the rate of riveting.

Officials listed today 20 cruisers, destroyers and submarines that were completed and put in commission during the last year, compared with 16 in 1938 and 24 the year before.

With 120 major fighting ships, auxiliaries and small "mosquito fleet" motor torpedo boats and submarines chasers already under construction or ordered, the high command has asked decided increases in the building estimates prepared for Congress.

Well informed administration quarters have heard that the navy's budget, as approved by President Roosevelt, includes a supplemental fund of some \$160,000,000, largely to advance construction aside from increased sums to carry on work already in progress.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the House Naval Committee, has proposed authorization for 96 more warships, and others in Congress have suggested that 65,000-ton battleships be undertaken.

Without waiting action on such proposals, the Navy is going ahead with the two capital ships of 45,000-ton class at the last session.

The keel of the \$88,000,000 battleship Iowa is to be laid at the New York navy yard this month. The sister ship, New Jersey, is to be started in the spring at the Philadelphia yard.

The North Carolina, farthest advanced of a fleet of six 35,000-ton battleships, probably will slide down the ways at the New York yard in May. It is not expected to be in service, however, until the end of 1941.

Hull Denies Ambition To Presidency

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Secretary Hull disclaimed today personal ambitions for the presidency. At his press conference he said that he knew nothing of reports that President Roosevelt had chosen him as his successor. He added immediately that he had made all the comments that could be made on this subject six to twelve months ago, when, in writing to various persons, he stated that he had no personal purposes in any sense of a political nature.

Hull said that he also told those persons that he was not giving any persons permission to do or say anything contrary to that attitude. Some of the letters to which he referred, he recalled, have been published.

Immediately following the press conference, a State Department official was authorized to say to correspondents that Hull is out of politics and that he does not want political honors. The official added that when some persons have asked Hull for permission to advocate his candidacy for the presidency, he has specifically requested them not to do so.

This spokesman said this was in line with Hull's deep-rooted belief that there should be no politics in the conduct of the nation's foreign affairs.

Stocks Show Mild Gains

New York, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The stock market bowed to 1940 today with a slow, mild rally. Although the ticker tape frequently was at a standstill, gains of fractions to around a point were fairly well maintained near the fourth hour.

Minister at Large



H. E. Tatsu Kawai

Until two months ago spokesman for the Japanese foreign office, H. E. Tatsu Kawai is traveling now as minister at large. He is pictured in San Francisco preceding visits to New York and Washington. Later he will fly to South America then proceed to Europe.

AFL Loser In Court's Decision

Labor Board Scores New Victory in Supreme Court Ruling On Its Powers in Collective Bargaining.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Supreme Court upheld broad powers claimed by the National Labor Relations Board today by ruling that a Federal court of appeals does not have the right to pass on the board's certification of a CIO union as the exclusive collective bargaining agency for all Pacific coast longshoremen.

This opinion, a defeat for the American Federation of Labor, sustained a decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that it could not review the board's action in lumping all west coast longshoremen into one voting unit.

The federation had contended that the longshoremen of each individual employer should be permitted to determine their collective bargaining representative.

In two other decisions, the court also upheld the contention of the Labor Relations Board that it had the power to direct elections to determine collective bargaining representation without interference by the Federal circuit court.

One of the decisions sustained a board order placing the name of only one labor organization (a CIO affiliate) on a ballot for a run-off election to determine collective bargaining representation for employees of the Consumers Power Company, of Jackson, Mich.

The other sustained a board order directing the complete disestablishment of an independent union of employees of the Falk Corporation, of Milwaukee.

All three decisions were unanimous

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| American Telephone | 171 1/4 |
| American Tobacco B | 87 3/8 |
| Anacosta | 20 1/2 |
| Atlantic Coast Line | 21 1/4 |
| Atlantic Refining | 20 7/8 |
| Bendix Aviation | 32 |
| Bethlehem Steel | 81 7/8 |
| Chrysler | 90 |
| Columbia Gas & Elec Co | 6 3/4 |
| Commercial Solvents | 14 3/4 |
| Consolidated Oil Co | 7 5/8 |
| Curtiss Wright | 10 3/4 |
| DuPont | 187 7/8 |
| Electric Power Light | 7 1/2 |
| General Electric | 40 7/8 |
| General Motors | 55 |
| Liggett & Myers B | 107 1/4 |
| Montgomery Ward & Co | 55 1/2 |
| Reynolds Tobacco B | 40 |
| Southern Railway | 241 1/2 |
| Standard Oil Co N J | 44 1/2 |
| U S Steel | 66 3/4 |

Efforts For Harmony To Be Futile

President Advises With Leaders Over Legislative Program; Peace in Campaign Year Unlikely; Lynch in Up Monday.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Statements by individual lawmakers gave the "trouble ahead" signal today to leaders seeking to avoid major controversies during the election year congressional session.

President Roosevelt, who will address the Senate and the House shortly after they convene tomorrow noon, called Democratic chiefs to the White House for a series of conferences on legislative business. Among those invited was Vice-President Garner, who had not seen his "chief" since announcing his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. There were reports that Garner would be willing to cooperate with the administration in trying to keep controversial issues off the congressional calendar.

The President and his associates have been represented as desiring a brief session that could wind up before the summer political conventions.

Against this plan, however, is balanced the desire of many legislators to obtain action on pet measures, and the projected vigorous battles over the reciprocal trade program and fiscal legislation.

Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, a member of the finance committee, raised another important controversy with a statement that he would re-offer his proposal to require the government to match state grants to the needy aged on the basis of \$2 and \$1, up to a maximum aggregate of \$15 a month.

The first important issue will come up next Monday when the House considers a bill to impose Federal penalties for the crime of lynching. Although the House is expected to approve the legislation after two or three days debate, the situation in the Senate is different. Connally, who led a successful filibuster against a similar measure two years ago, told reporters "there will be no anti-lynching legislation."

Leaders presumably will seek to keep the measure from reaching the Senate floor. A few Republicans made it clear that they would wage a vigorous fight against the administration's projected record defense appropriations, but Democratic leaders predicted these would be approved.

British Navy Shuts Harbor Of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The British navy closed the crown colony harbor of Hong Kong today as a necessary defense precaution. The order was the result of an alarm from an offshore patrol. The cause of the alarm was being investigated.

Ships of all nationalities were prohibited from entering or leaving, pending further British Admiralty orders.

Heavy Rains Add Horror For Turks

Ankara, Turkey, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Torrential rains caused new havoc in earthquake-stricken Turkey today, swelling flooded waters which were believed already to have caused at least 1,200 deaths.

Whole villages of the Brusa region in west Turkey were reported swept up by the torrents and carried into the sea of Marmara.

Some new quakes were felt in the northeastern region which suffered devastation last week, but because of shattered communication lines, it was impossible to determine whether there had been new damage.

Officials estimated that last week's earthquakes resulted in 45,000 dead, 100,000 injured, and 500,000 homeless. At least 25,000 were said to have been made homeless by floods.

16,000 Soviet Troops Almost Surrounded By Finn Skiers

U.S. Objects To Seizure Of Its Mail

Formal Protests Sent To Britain on Censoring of Pouches From This Country to Neutrals And to Germany as Well.

Washington, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The United States formally protested to the British government today against its seizure of mail from the United States destined to Germany.

The government, a note to Britain said, "cannot admit the right of British authorities to interfere with American mails on American or other neutral ships on the high seas, nor admit the right of the British government to censor mails on ships which have involuntarily entered British ports."

The State Department cited four specific cases of British authorities "seizing around 1,750 sacks of mail and parcels sent from American or neutral ships. The United States note, addressed to the British foreign office by the American Embassy in London, stated that with regard to mail from Britain, "this government readily admits the right of the British government to censor private communications in or destined to the United Kingdom, or private mails which normally pass through the United Kingdom for transmission to their final destination."

But, with regard to other mails, "the Hague convention was cited as recognizing that 'postal correspondence of neutrals or belligerents is available on the high seas.' The State Department contended that the same rule obtains regarding such correspondence on ships which have been required by British authorities to put into a British port."

The note then concluded: "The United States government regards as particularly objectionable the practice of taking mails from vessels which ply directly between American and neutral ports, and which, through some form of duress, are induced to call at designated British control bases. This is believed to

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WASHINGTON BONDS TO BE ISSUED SOON

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Federal Government Commission today authorized the Washington public utility district of Beaufort county today to issue \$10,000 in refunding bonds.

New Year Holiday Deaths Total 365

(By The Associated Press.) The New Year holiday reaped a toll of one death by violence for every day in old 1939 — a total of 365.

Reports from the 48 states today showed 188 of these were on the highways. Seventeen persons died by fire, 40 suicide, 28 homicide, and 92 from various other causes.

Approximately 160 met violent deaths last New Year's.

Totals by States this year, included: North Carolina, ten.

Finns Claim New, Larger Successes

Helsinki, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The capture of a Russian army base and the smashing of an all-day tank-supported red army attack at two points on the eastern front were reported today by the Finnish army communique.

The Russian base at Aittaioki "passed from hand to hand during the day," before the Finns finally took it, the communique said, adding that three machine guns, a field kitchen and 499 overcoats fell into their hands.

Near Lake Lavajarvi, the Russians were said to have attacked the whole day with tanks supporting the infantry, only to be repulsed with the loss of a tank destroyed.

Gains northeast of Lake Ladoga and in the Suomussalmi region, scene of the Russian triumph over the Russian 163rd division, also were reported.

The Finns reported seven red army planes were shot down during raids yesterday in the southwestern part of Turku.

Cotton Gains Few Points

New York, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened eight to 17 points higher. Midday prices were eight to 21 higher, March 11.17, May 10.82.

Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA Fair, with hard freeze to coast tonight; slightly colder in the mountains Wednesday; fair and continued cold.

Rear Already Cut Off As Another Major Battle Impends; Large Sections of Turku, Chief Finnish Port, Razed By Bombs.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Finnish ski patrols in the central Salla sector were reported today to be threatening a division of 16,000 Soviet Russian troops with encirclement, attacking its flanks after cutting off communications in the rear.

It was believed a major engagement was shaping up similar to the virtual destruction of the 163rd division of 15,000 Soviet troops in an engagement near Suomussalmi, as reported Sunday by the Finnish high command.

On the Arctic front, reports reaching here said the Finns had advanced to within 25 miles of Petsamo, strategic port city.

HISTORIC FINNISH PORT RUINED BY RED BOMBERS Helsinki, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Large sections of Turku, historic port of southwestern Finland, lay in smoking ruins today, leveled by yesterday's Soviet Russian aerial attack.

Turku Castle, dating from the thirteenth century, and housing one of Finland's finest museums, still was in flames. Many objects of art were removed during the raid of more than 20 planes.

The waterfront district was reported devastated. A government spokesman said the damage was "very great," but that only two persons were reported killed and four injured.

With Soviet land forces reported stalled on the Mannerheim line, on the Karelian isthmus, red bombing raids were seen as reprisals for the reversals. More than fifty cities and towns have been raided in the month long war. Some of the cities, the Finns asserted, have no military significance.

Turku, a city of 20,000, is the terminus for shipments of war materials from Scandinavian neighbors. Despite the bombings, the railway lines were reported undamaged.

A blizzard swept over southern Finland today, making enemy air raids over this section unlikely.

Raleigh, Jan. 2.—(AP)—R. Mayne Albright, director, announced today the following personnel changes in the State Employment Service:

Joseph H. Cude, Henderson office manager, to Lumber as office manager; Isaac L. Parker, Lumberton manager, to Hendersonville as office manager, and George Bourdelat was made acting manager of the Henderson office pending appointment of a successor to Cude.