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### Center of Balkan Move



Count Galeazzo Ciano (left), Mussolini's son-in-law and Italian foreign minister, and Count Stephan Csaky, Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, meeting in Venice, are reported putting their heads together on ways and means to resist German economic aggression against Hungary. Hitler seeks Hungary's rich agricultural, coal and iron supplies. Italy seeks to keep the Balkans free of Nazi domination.

## Big Amount War Supplies Is Captured

### 43 Tanks, Arms And Materials Taken; Second Time Finnish Army Has Annihilated Soviet Division In Two Weeks.

Hel-sinki, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Finnish forces wiped out the 44th Russian division, killing thousands and taking more than 1,000 prisoners near Suomussalmi, a special army communique reported today. It was in the northern part of this region at the narrow "waist line" of central Finland that the Finns a week ago reported the virtual destruction of the invaders' 163rd division. In the new victory, the communique said, large quantities of arms and materials, including 43 tanks, were captured. Heavy fighting has been reported in the Suomussalmi sector for days, but today's communique was the first mention made of Russia's 44th division. (Neutral military experts have estimated there are from 15,900 to 17,000 men in a Russian division.)

## Jackson Dinners To Sound Keynote

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Although President Roosevelt's address at the \$100 a plate Jackson Day dinner here tonight is expected to be non-partisan, Democratic gatherings in other cities may bear political oratory keynoting the party's 1940 campaign.

The general Washington opinion is that the President will limit his theme to the end for national unity in facing foreign crises. Leaving to administration lieutenants, such as Robert H. Jackson, attorney general-designate, any political message from the New Deal.

Jackson will speak at Cleveland, Secretary Wallace at Des Moines and Earl V. McNutt, Federal security administrator, at Raleigh, N. C.

## Debt Limit May Balk Efforts For Further Defense Funds With Approval of Congress

### In British Cabinet Shakeup



Principals figures in the surprise reorganization of the British cabinet were these four men. Top left, Oliver Stanley, shifted from presidency of Board of Trade to Secretary of War, succeeding Leslie Hore-Belisha (lower right). Top right, Sir John Reith, director of British Broadcasting Corporation and head of Imperial Airways, who succeeds Lord Macmillan (lower left) as Minister of information.

## Many Items In Measure Eliminated

### If Recommendations Made Are Approved, Debt Limit Will Virtually Be Reached at \$45 Billions; Congress Slow to Act.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Congressional wariness of raising the national debt limit appeared today to lessen the chances of additional defense measures which are being drafted by the War and Navy Departments in the hope of administration backing.

Both branches were reported in administration quarters to have been counting on prompt approval of the \$2,248,000,000 military appropriation which Mr. Roosevelt submitted last week to clear the way for requests for supplemental funds later in the session. The army's \$1,907,356,596 share fell far short of meeting the general staff's estimate of the cost of "critical items" for the so-called initial protective force.

As \$850,000,000 estimate originally requested for additional guns, ammunition and supplies for a force of upwards of 1,000,000 men, was slashed, The War Department said that only approximately \$33,000,000 was included in both regular and emergency budgets specifically for the purpose.

If Congress adopts the President's budget, and votes \$460,000,000 for special defense taxes, the Federal deficit will approach the \$45,000,000,000 mark, the maximum set by law. There has been no general disposition in Congress so far to move to increase that limit.

Navy Asks \$1,300,000,000. The navy's highest ranking officer asked Congress today to approve a \$1,300,000,000 increase in the fleet because the international situation, "in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions, presents a threat of world conflagration." Admiral Harold Stark, chief of naval operations, was a witness before the House Naval Committee. He testified that "if the United States does not take immediate action toward increasing the strength of its fleet, the end of the present war will find us in a relatively weak naval position."

Secretary Edison, in a brief preliminary statement, declared he believed the proposed 25 percent increase in the fleet's size was needed "in view of the grave international situation." Stark's testimony indicated the expansion program had been revised since first announced to provide for some larger ships than contemplated. Stark made the disclosure prior to testimony on the proposed expansion program before the House Naval Committee. He said the program now called for 77 combatant ships and 30 auxiliaries.

Chairman Vinson, Democrat, Georgia, of the naval committee, originally announced the proposed 25 percent increase in the fleet tonnage would provide 55 warships and 31 auxiliaries.

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## Lynching Bill And New Budget Talked In Congress Debate

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The House plunged into its first legislative controversy of the new session today by voting to start debate tomorrow on a pending anti-lynching bill. By a standing vote, announced by Speaker Bankhead as 170 to 67, the House ratified a petition signed earlier by 218 members to force to legislation to the floor for debate.

Representative Cox, Democrat, Georgia, denounced the legislation as representing "senseless and ignorant hostility" toward the South. Opening the discussion, Representative Martin Kennedy, Democrat, New York, expressed a wish the House debate could be characterized by "same feeling of good will" that Democrats expected at the party's Jackson Day dinners tonight.

Washington, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Plunging quickly into the new session's business, Congress talked today two argument-provoking issues, the proposal of Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, for a special budget-making committee and the per-qua bill to make lynching a Federal crime.

Harrison asked the Senate to approve at once his resolution to select 12 senators and 12 House members to examine President Roosevelt's revenue and spending recommendations and then make some suggestions of their own. He claimed White House sympathy for his plan, but it has met opposition from various other quarters, and there were indications that it might be allowed to gather dust in a House pigeonhole until the 1941 post-election Congress meets.

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## 3 Children Are Killed In Collision

### All From Florida And Wreck Occurs Near Smithfield on Highway Coated With Ice And Sleet; Thrown Into Truck's Path.

Smithfield, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Three Florida children were killed today in a three-way automobile collision and a truck on highway 301, two miles from here, when ice and sleet caused cars to hit, throwing one into the path of a truck. Sergeant V. R. Mallard, of the highway patrol, and Sheriff K. L. Rose, of Johnston county, investigated the accident and blamed it on the icy Neuse river bridge in their official report.

They identified the dead as Katherine Bowers, 16, of Pensacola, Fla.; Beverly Guthrie, 7, and Patrick Guthrie, 3, sons of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Guthrie, of Pensacola. Mrs. Guthrie was driving one automobile.

The officers said they were told that Mrs. Guthrie's car hit the back of an automobile driven by W. A. Powell, of Smithfield. This drove Mrs. Guthrie's car into the path of a truck driven by W. O. Shuman. Investigation showed Shuman's truck was well on its proper side of the bridge. Mrs. Guthrie was examined at the Johnston county hospital, but was found not to have been injured.

## Jap Envoy Admits Power Of Military

### By CHARLES P. STEWART Central Press Columnist

Washington, Jan. 8.—It's notable that Kensuke Hornouchi, Japan's ambassador in Washington, has informed the State Department that the Tokyo government can't conclude an effective treaty with the United States until it's endorsed by Nippon's military class. Everybody who knows anything about Japan is aware that this always has been the case. However, no responsible Japanese spokesman ever has admitted it before.

The Jap civil administration undoubtedly means as well as any other country's. It intends its word to be good internationally. The qualification is that its pledge invariably is subject to the militarists' veto. "Veto" isn't quite the right word, either. The militarists don't do any formal vetoing. If their nation's diplomats make a compact that the militarists don't like, the latter simply pay no attention to it.

A deal with the Tokyo foreign office is different from a deal with, say, Herr Hitler. It's generally recognized that Adolf's word isn't good for much, if he gives it, and wants to keep it, he can do so. If he breaks it, he does it intentionally. If the Jap civil government's word is broken, it's because the civil government can't help it.

In the past, though, Tokyo hasn't

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### Weather FOR NORTH CAROLINA. Partly cloudy and slightly colder tonight; Tuesday cloudy and continued cold.

## Prices Mixed For Cotton

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened three points higher to one lower. Mid-morning prices showed losses of two to six points, March (old) 11.06, December 9.94. Around midday, prices held five points lower to two higher, January (old) 11.17, March 11.10, October 10.92.

## Parliament Will Debate Daladier's Conduct of War

Paris, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Parliament was summoned today to meet tomorrow in its first session of the war to debate Premier Daladier's conduct of the conflict. Daladier called the cabinet for a session tomorrow morning preceding the opening of Parliament in the afternoon.

## To Continue Case Of Wake Negroes In Killing Affair

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Solicitor W. Y. Bickett said today he would ask Wednesday for a continuance of the trial of two Negroes charged with killing Henry Monk, of Goldsboro, here October 29, but that he might have to go ahead with the trial if the defendants asked it. Sylvester Evans and Fred Jenkins, alias Fred Jeffereys, are in jail pending the trial, and a third defendant, Garland (Buster) Ferrell, is being sought.

## Italy Will Aid Hungary If Invaded

Budapest, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A high authority today reported the foreign ministers of Hungary and Italy had agreed on a defensive military alliance, assuring Hungary of Italian support against an invasion by Germany or Russia.

The agreement was said to have been reached by the two foreign ministers, Count Istvan Csaky, of Hungary, and Count Galeazzo Ciano of Italy, in Venice, where they have been conferring over the week-end. This authority said Csaky was expected to arrive in Budapest tomorrow to submit the text of such an agreement to the Hungarian crown council. If the council approves, he then will return to Rome for formal signature of the pact.

(In Rome the authoritative fascist writer, Virginio Gayda, denied that any formal agreements had been reached in the Venice talks, but high fascists said Italy would support Hungarian territorial ambitions in return for aid in checking Russia in the Balkans.)

## Winter's Worst Weather Brings Snow Over East

### Light to Heavy Snows Have Fallen Since Saturday in 28 States; Two Feet Deep in Missouri; Seven Below in Maine.

(By The Associated Press.) Part of the United States lay under a cover of snow today as the worst weather of the season swept the Atlantic coast. Light to heavy snows have fallen since Saturday in at least 23 states, with still snowing in New England, where temperatures ranged from seven below zero at Bangor, Me., to around 16 above at New Haven, Conn. The greatest amount of snow reported this morning was 24 inches at Clifton, Mo. Three to fifteen inches of snow fell in Maryland, a foot for the winter. Snow and rain and sub-freezing temperatures made highways hazardous in North Carolina.

## Al Capone Leaves His Hospital Bed

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Scarface Al Capone left his hospital bed today and moved into a house here, still facing a long siege of medical treatment for the lingering brain malady he contracted in prison. His physician, Dr. Joseph Moore, announced the ex-gang chief's departure, and said it was "too early" to tell whether Capone would benefit from his hospitalization.

## Auto License Revocations Jump In 1939

Raleigh, Jan. 8.—Guilford, Mecklenburg, Forsyth and Wake counties showed more than 200 driver license revocations last year as the State's total jumped more than ten percent in the last six months of 1939 to bring the North Carolina total for the twelve months to 5,536. Through June 30 there were 2,638 revocations, while in the last six months the total increased to 2,898. So nearly all these were due to conviction of drunken driving that it can almost be regarded as the sole cause when drawing any deductions from the figures. The four counties mentioned in paragraph one accounted for one-fifth of all revocations in the State. Guilford had 494, Mecklenburg 262, Forsyth 253 and Wake 205. No other county showed as many as 200, while ten others passed the hundred mark.

The first fifteen counties, in the number of revocations, accounted for almost half the total charged against Tar Heel drivers. There were 331 revocations of license against out-of-state drivers and seven were reported as "unknown", leaving 5,198 for the 100 counties. The "first fifteen" accounted for 2,463 in all. Without going into whether or not it means anything, it may be noted that in the fifteen leaders there were eleven legally dry and four legally wet counties. The four with ABC stores were Wake 205, New Hanover 116, Johnston 107, and Moore 101, the quartet thus showing 509 revocations. Highway safety officials ascribed at least a part of the increase in revocations during the last six months to better law enforcement rather than to more frequent violations of the law; but preferred to wait more complete data before commenting at length. The year's revocations by county

## Stocks Show Improvement

New York, Jan. 8.—(AP)—General investment came into the market today after a somewhat quiet start. A few specialties showed strength, and most leaders closed on firm foundations to round a point. The approach was the slow side, but with the ticker tape frequently jingling near the fourth hour. The financial district seemed fair-tempered for business and politics. Continuances of quiet investment were noted, but overshadowed somewhat by a considerable expansion in "gilt edge" issues bounded up at London. Securities were steady at London and lower at Paris. Specialized advances were scattered over the bond division. Commodities were quiet.

American Radiator	10 1/4
American Telephone	172 5/8
American Tobacco B	23 5/8
General	29 1/8
General Coast Line	23
General Electric	21 5/8
General Motors	29 7/8
Goodyear	28 5/8
Johnson & Johnson	89
Phillips 66	7 1/8
International Solvents	14 3/4
International Oil Co	7 3/4
Phillips 66	19 1/4
Phillips 66	183
Phillips 66	8 1/8
Phillips 66	46 3/4
Phillips 66	54 7/8
Phillips 66	107 3/4
Phillips 66	54 1/4
Phillips 66	40 5/8
Phillips 66	19 3/8
Phillips 66	15 3/4
Phillips 66	65 7/8

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