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BLIZZARD BRINGS 12 INCHES OF SNOW HERE

British Destroyer Sinks; All Hands Aboard Are Lost

Exmouth Is Fifth Destroyer And 23rd British Naval Vessel Acknowledged Sunk Since War With Germany Began; Nearly 200 Men Lost.

Jan. 24.—(AP)—Sinking of the British destroyer Exmouth was reported by the admiralty today.

The fifth destroyer and 23rd British naval vessel acknowledged since the present war with Germany began Sept. 23.

News of the Exmouth's sinking came as the main British fleet was expected early today to leave for the Mediterranean.

The woman stayed up all last night waiting for her husband's return.

She received the admiralty's message that he was believed dead.

Exmouth was the first in which the crew was reported saved.

She was the same class as the destroyer which sank Sunday with a loss of 81 lives.

The sinking pushed Britain's acknowledged naval losses past 82.

Russian Attacks Are Repulsed

Suffer Heavy Losses In Fierce Fighting Around Lake Ladoga; Finland Braces Herself in Expectation of Air Raids.

Helsinki, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fierce Russian attacks northeast of Lake Ladoga, scene of bitter Finnish-Russian fighting for weeks, were reported today to have been repulsed by Finland with heavy losses to the invaders.

Meanwhile the Finns are bracing themselves in the expectation of hundreds of air raids in the coming week.

While civilians looked to the skies, military forces indicated that with moderation of sub-zero weather Soviet Russia had opened a big push against Finland's main southeast defenses.

The heaviest death toll of any single bomb dropped on Finland in the eight weeks old war was taken at Nurmes, rail center in central Finland. Nineteen persons were said to have been killed as they huddled in an air raid shelter. Many more were injured.

The Finns said rescue work was delayed as Soviet aviators followed up the bombing with machine gun fire.

Among the victims, Finns said, were seven nurses and 1 doctor from a nearby hospital. Four hospitals were reported damaged in yesterday's raids.

Finns say 102 cities and towns have been bombed in the war—some of them as many as 35 times.

Finns Score Additional Victories

Helsinki, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Soviet tanks smashed Finnish defenses northeast of Lake Ladoga by sheer weight of numbers again have been repulsed, a Finnish communiqué reported today.

The new Russian drive was said to have been ordered by Soviet leaders in an effort to save two Soviet divisions trapped near Aittovaara in danger of starvation.

The reports said the famished Russians, caught while attempting to cross the Mannerheim line, were eating horse meat.

Soviet tanks were destroyed on other sectors of the war.

Finnish dispatches said, and many advance across the ice of Lake Ladoga was beaten back, as were attacks on the Karelian isthmus.

Clinton Youth Dies of Injuries

Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 24.—(AP)—A Clinton youth, 23, died at a hospital here today of injuries received Monday night when his automobile skidded on a curve on a highway near Warsaw.

David Hines, also of Clinton, received serious head injuries and concussion was reported at the hospital here as unchanged.

Hines was the son of the late Dr. J. C. Carr of Clinton, killed about a year ago in an automobile accident.

Third Term Election "Difficult"

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Whelan Democrat, Monday afternoon here today that it would be "extremely difficult" for the Democratic party to re-elect Roosevelt if he won the third term.

Whelan mentioned as a possible opponent, made this statement in expressing surprise at the nomination of John L. Lewis.

Whelan said that Roosevelt's nomination would result in "ignominious defeat" for the Democrats.

Whelan, Independent, said that those favoring a third term were "entirely wrong" in his opinion.

My sources of information at the present time indicate that a man in sight to take Roosevelt's place in either party is not in sight.

Whelan attacked a claim by the Democratic party and

They Pay Taxes on Salaries Totaling \$1,202,492



Highest salaried woman in the United States, as revealed by the Treasury Department's 1938 income tax list, is Hollywood's Claudette Colbert. She paid \$164,000 tax on a \$301,994 salary. Highest paid actor is Warner Baxter, paying \$130,000 tax on a \$279,807 salary. Fabulous salaries also went to other actresses pictured. Left to right (top), Loretta Young, \$181,615; Miss Colbert; Baxter; and Marlene Dietrich, \$130,000. Lower, Merle Oberon, \$139,285, and Alice Faye, \$109,791. (Central Press)

Senate Banking Committee Approves Increase In Export-Import Bank Capital

J. L. Lewis Denounces Roosevelt

Says That If President Should Be Renominated "His Candidacy Would Result In Ignominious Defeat"; Charges Break Of Faith With Labor.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 24.—(AP)—John L. Lewis declared today that should the Democratic national convention be "coerced or dragged" into renominating President Roosevelt, "his candidacy would result in ignominious defeat."

The statement was made unexpectedly before the United Mine Workers of America convention. He asserted it would be "unwise at this time" to make any presidential endorsement, but suggested that the executive board be authorized to take action later.

The United Mine Workers president said that the capitalization of the Export-Import bank to permit a non-military loan to Finland.

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U. S. Trade Policies Are Denounced

Washington, Jan. 24.—(AP)—George N. Peek, former chief of the Agriculture Adjustment Administration, contended today that the New Deal's foreign trade policies were making the United States "the Santa Claus for the rest of the world."

The ruddy-faced retired manufacturer who said he left the administration because of "profound differences of view" appeared before a House committee considered Secre-

Schools Forced To Close For Remainder Of Week Due To Many Absences

Worst Storm Of Winter In Carolinas

At High Point, 18 Inches of Snow Is Recorded; Fall Varies Widely Over States; Schools Closed; Travel Impeded by Storm.

(By The Associated Press.)

The Carolinas brought out their snow shovels today and started digging themselves out of a blanket of snow and sleet left by the winter's worst storm.

The depth of the storm varied widely over the two states. At High Point, 18 inches of snow was recorded—the heaviest in ten years.

Other snow depths included—Greensboro, 9 to 14.9 inches; Charlotte, 7 inches; Asheville, 5 to 6.9 inches; Raleigh, 9 to 14.9 inches; Goldsboro, 2 inches; Wilmington 9 inches.

Schools were closed in some areas because of dangerous, slippery roads. Travel was impeded but rapidly returning to normalcy.

Death and injury rode on the teeth of the near blizzard. One man was killed near Boone and another injured in the blinding storm of yesterday. A highway accident near Reidsville injured 13 school children.

City And County Boards Order Suspension Remainder Of Week On Account Of Heavy Absences.

Twelve inches of snow, swept in on the wings of the worst blizzard in many years, blanketed this city and section today, forcing city and county schools, the tobacco market and other activities into suspension and slowing down business generally.

Traffic was crippled and almost paralyzed, with comparatively few motor vehicles venturing on the streets and highways, and with many of those that did go slipping into gutters and ditches and forced to call for wreckers to get them started again on their way.

One Foot of Snow.

H. L. Allen, official Weather Bureau observer, reported a reading of twelve inches of snow, one of the three or four heaviest falls in a quarter of a century. The minimum temperature during the night was 21 degrees, following a high in the afternoon of 32, the freezing point. At 6 o'clock this morning, the mercury had risen to 24 degrees, and aided by the warm rays of a bright sun, kept moving up during much of the forenoon and early afternoon.

While the general snowfall was listed at an even one foot, it was several feet deep in places where it had been blown into drifts by the high winds of the night.

Schools Are Closed.

So far as was known virtually no students reported for work at any

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Hocutt Lauds Catawba For Safety Record; Has Good Word For Truck Owners

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Director Ronald Hocutt of the Highway Safety Division today handed out a couple of nice verbal bouquets, in spite of the weather and the now certain fact that North Carolina's death toll on the highways in 1939 will exceed the grim 1938 harvest.

He lauded (1) Catawba county for cooperative effort which changed a bloody record for November and preceding months into a perfect slate for December, and (2) the North Carolina Truck Owners Association for its "consistent efforts" for safety, especially its co-

Three Escape Carteret Jail

Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Three men being held without bond on charges arising from the death of Charles Adams, Morehead City fisherman, escaped from the Carteret county jail during the night by sawing the bars off the windows.

Sheriff C. G. Holland said they were Harvey Waddell and Charles Fillmore, arrested December 30 in connection with Adams' death.

A wide search over eastern North Carolina was started.

Holland said W. P. Smith's store had been robbed and that he suspected the fugitives of the robbery.

Weather
FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Partly cloudy and slightly colder tonight; Thursday fair and continued cold.

Lee Gravely Will Emphasize His State Pension Plan In Making Gubernatorial Race

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Lee Gravely's belief that it is possible to "reduce the sales tax to two per cent" immediately came in for most of the comment made on his announcement for governor, but the Rocky Mount man himself attaches great importance to his plan advocating a pension plan for all employees of the state.

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Turkish-German Pact Reported

London, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Reuters British news agency reported today that Turkey shortly would sign a trade agreement with Germany. It quoted the minister of commerce in Istanbul. (Turkey has pacts of mutual assistance and economic agreements with Britain and France.)

False S. O. S. Attributed To Radio

Boston, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The possibility that a dramatized radio program based on a ship disaster might have led to the false report of an S. O. S. which sent coast guard vessels scurrying around last night off Cape Cod was considered today by authorities.

Several residents of Martha's Vineyard, where retired army Captain Byron Brown, 48, reported hearing an S. O. S. from a ship supposedly sinking off the Cape said they had listened to a "ship tragedy" at the same time.

The retired officer was arrested on drunk charges by state police. In district court today he was convicted and his case was continued for one week.

The coast guard, when apprised of Brown's arrest shortly after 5 a. m. (eastern standard time) immediately called off half a dozen vessels searching for signs of the reportedly distressed ship. They had been patrolling the seas more than eight hours.

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Highway No. 1 Closed In Virginia

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Highway and Public Works Commission reported today that Highway No. 1 in Virginia was closed due to snow and ice and would probably not be ready for travel until tomorrow or later.

The commission said many miles of North Carolina highway, even where snow had been removed by machinery, were covered with ice and that driving was extremely dangerous on such stretches.

Warning was given that many stretches might have ice coating tonight and tomorrow because of seepage onto the roads of melting snow from the shoulders.

Very little snow but some ice was reported on roads on the eastern and southeastern parts of the State. In other sectors the snowfall ranged from four to 24 inches.

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