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More British Aid For Finland

Nazis Acknowledge Naval Losses

Claim Allied Losses Are Greater

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Germany publicly admitted today the loss of 236,997 tons of shipping since the beginning of the war but declared that the enemies and neutrals had lost [illegible] tons.

Germany's losses were given as 42 ships and enemy and neutral loss as [illegible] ships sank up to the end of January.

In addition, 354 enemy and neutral [illegible] were taken to German ports to be disposed of in private court proceedings.

Germany's losses were put at 13,[illegible] tons of shipping confiscated at the outbreak of the war in enemy ports, 82,295 tons seized and 141,525 tons scuttled to avoid seizure.

The high command and other official sources, in reporting that Allied and neutral shipping losses were approaching 1,500,000 tons, declared that Germany's counter blockade effectively was tightening up on Great Britain.

There was no comment, however, on the fact that the British and French navies had largely swept German shipping from the high seas while British ships were striving to maintain commerce and that consequently there were many more targets for German submarines and airplanes.

German figures are higher than those of other sources. An Associated Press survey showed 928,104 tons of Allied and neutral merchant shipping were sent to the bottom in the first five months of the war. Germany's known merchant losses in the same period totaled 159,122 tons).

British Reply To German Claims

London, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Britain replied today to the German claim that the Germans had sunk 409 Allied and neutral merchantmen since the war began with an Admiralty tabulation putting at 274 the total of such ships lost.

A British spokesman said "these are the correct figures, the other (German) figures are false".

The tabulation gave the total Allied and neutral tonnage lost as 925,944 broken down thus:

British 143 ships, 505,998 tons; Allied (French and Polish), 14 ships, 76,689 tons; Neutrals 117 ships, 342,357 tons.

Lewis Charged With Blocking Peace Movement

Moscow, Feb. 8.— (AP) —The American Federation of Labor today directly charged John L. Lewis, CIO chieftain, with blocking peace between the organizations and urged President Roosevelt to make sure that each of the two labor factions had agreed to do "so that responsibility for failure to resume peace negotiations shall be placed where it properly belongs".

William Green, Federation president, charged Lewis with failure to continue peace negotiations and declared that the AFL had always been willing to work toward harmonious settlement.

Committee Approves Trade Pacts

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The House ways and means committee today approved a bill renewing authority for the administration to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements.

Chairman Doughton said the vote to report the bill favorably to the House was 15 to 10, with one member voting "present".

The committee's action makes the measure one of the session's most controversial proposals — ready for House consideration, but when it will be taken up will depend on the wishes of the leadership.

Authority under which the President through the State Department negotiates trade treaties expires June 12. The pending measure would extend it for three years from that date.

Pelley Expresses Hate Of Jews

Silver Shirts Leader Tells Dies Committee He Feels Toward Jews "Exactly As The Nazi Party" Toward Race In German.

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—William Dudley Pelley, chieftain of the Silver Shirts Legion, proclaimed from the witness chair of the Dies committee today that he feels toward the Jews in the United States "exactly as the Nazi party" does toward members of that race in Germany.

He qualified this declaration, however, by saying that he would not "countenance all the methods Mr. Hitler may have put in force".

In the course of his testimony the witness, who already had professed his "admiration for the Dies committee" despite the immediate protest of some of its members, said that if the committee continued its investigation of un-American activities his Legion members would "hold up".

Pelley said that the Legion with members in 22 states was organized on a "military concept," used military titles and orders and had uniforms "but there was no drilling and no guns".

Representative Starnes quoted from a Pelley publication which said that after the World War Armistice "we suddenly found" that 4,000,000 Jews had "infiltrated" in the United States.

Starnes inquired whether Pelley thought most of the 4,000,000 were sympathetic to communism.

"Unfortunately, that's been my experience," Pelley said.

He said the Silver Shirts was organized to combat "subversive forces" such as those which the Dies committee has looked into.

"We were looking at a condition where there might be an overthrow of the constitutional government of the United States," he declared.

Russia Will Continue War

Moscow, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The Soviet Union is determined to continue its offensive against Finland until the Finnish forces holding the Mannerheim line are annihilated, according to Admiral Tributz, commander of the Soviet navy in the Baltic sea.

The admiral's pledge of continued war was made yesterday in connection with the bestoyal of decorations on 255 naval officers and men for "exemplary fulfillment of tasks on the front against the White Finns."

The communist newspaper Pravda at the same time accused Britain and France of "striving to turn the war tides against the Soviet Union".

"But plans for utilizing Finland as a base for military intervention against the Soviet Union shall be crushed by Red army blows", the newspaper declared.

Canadians Landed In Britain

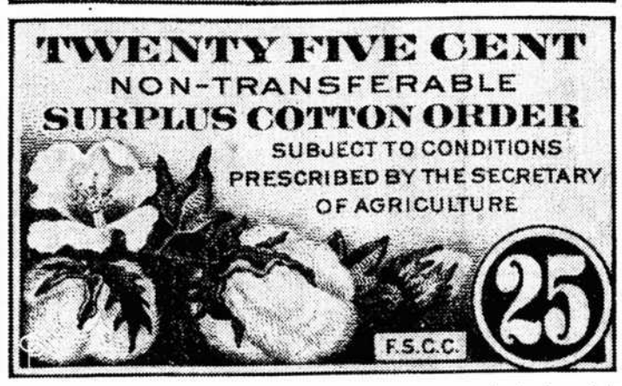
Somewhere in Britain Feb. 8.—(AP)—Under the wing of Britain's navy the Third Contingent of Canadian active service forces have been landed in England.

Like the two previous contingents, the new wave of Canadian fighting men arrived unheralded. Under cover of darkness gray troop ships moved silently up a British river and when the sun rose were lying at anchor.

Attracted by the sight, thousands crowded docks and promenades overlooking the harbor. They were unaware from what part of the empire the troops had come, however, until the first boat brought ashore its load of Canadians.

No announcement of the size of the force or the units it comprises was made.

Stamps for Cotton Purchases



Here are facsimiles of the special government stamps to be issued to enable relief families in cities where food stamps are now distributed to purchase cotton goods and aid in reducing the nation's surplus. Relief families will be entitled to purchase $1 worth of cotton stamps (green, top) and receive free an additional $1 worth (brown, bottom). Purchases may be made every three months.

Finns Capture Red Parachute Patrols

Projects Approved

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Approval of 15 WPA projects calling for the expenditure of $947,836 and the employment of 2,177 workers was announced today by C. C. McGinnis, State administrator.

Projects improved included:

Robeson county, construct cafeteria at Lumberton high school $5,677 and 35 workers; and build schools at Hopewell Indian school, Island Grove, Lumber Bridge, Long Branch and Gaddys negro school, $27,683, 35 workers; Green county community sanitation $27,483 and 22 workers; Wilson sewer system, $17,280 and 53 workers.

Activity Increases On Western Front

Paris, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Steadily increasing French patrol activity on the western front was reported in military dispatches today.

The French command was said to have taken advantage of improving weather conditions to spread out a network of scouts, particularly on the northern flank.

Today's French communique reported increased activity. Military advices said three patrols filtered "deep" within the German lines and returned with "important" information.

Four Soviet Warplanes Downed; Finns Claim Successes on Karelian Isthmus And In North; Many Russians Dead.

Helsinki, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The capture of "several" patrols of Russian soldiers who parachuted to earth behind the Finnish lines was reported today by a Finnish communique which said four more Soviet warplanes had been downed in aerial fighting.

The Russian patrols were disguised in Finnish army uniforms for operation behind Finnish lines.

The communique described fresh Finnish successes against the invaders on the Karelian isthmus northeast of Lake Ladoga and further north along the Russian frontier.

The Finnish command also reported a weakening of Russian attacks in the Summa sector on the Karelian isthmus, scene of a week-long Soviet offensive, and declared that two assaults had been thrown back with the destruction of four enemy tanks.

The communique declared that several Red army divisions supported by "abundant artillery" took part in the assaults of Tuesday and Wednesday and estimated enemy losses at "some thousands" in Tuesday's fighting.

A Russian attempt to cross the frontier was repulsed in the Fuomussalmi sector in which "the enemy's losses were 250 killed" and large quantities of military equipment captured.

Only Three Of The Six Gubernatorial Candidates Are Ranked In The West

Daily Dispatch Bureau,
In the Sir Walter Hotel.
By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—Only three of the six candidates for Governor of North Carolina are considered seriously in the "West". They are Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton, Commissioner of Revenue A. J. Maxwell and Raleigh lawyer James Melville Broughton.

A flat statement to which Lee Gravely of Rocky Mount, Paul Grady of Kenly and Thomas E. Cooper of Wilmington may take exception; but it is the word unanimously brought into Raleigh by men from the Sunset Section who ought to knew whereof they speak. The view of these native westerners has just been confirmed by one of the State's keenest political observers who has headquarters here in Raleigh but who has just made a swing through all the counties west of Asheville.

The Messrs. Gravely, Grady and Cooper, therefore, would seem to have quite a bit of work ahead of them—as there is plenty of territory included in the "West" even when it is confined (as it is in this story) to the area from Buncombe, inclusive, to the Tennessee and Georgia lines.

This isn't a propaganda piece designed to boost the chances or hopes

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Garner May Contest In Illinois

Supporters of Vice-President's Candidacy Say He May Enter Presidential Primary Against Roosevelt; To Decide Soon.

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A contest between the forces of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Garner for the backing of Illinois democrats became a possibility when friends of Garner disclosed that he might enter the state's presidential primary on April 9.

Mr. Roosevelt's name already has been put into the race for Illinois convention delegates by leaders of the state democrat organization. The chief executive has given no indication of approval or disapproval.

Garner supporters said that a decision would be reached in a few days, although they described the situation as "very much up in the air". The vice-president's managers have been following the general policy of seeking delegates from states without "favorite son" candidates for the presidency.

On the Republican side the campaign manager of Thomas E. Dewey expressed regret that Senator Taft, Republican, Ohio, had decided against filing in Illinois. Dewey is the only Republican entered in the state so far and his backers have challenged all other aspirants to follow suit.

Eastern N. C. Rivers Flood

Raleigh, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Three eastern North Carolina rivers went into light floods today due to rains and warm weather which melted snow and ice left by storms two weeks ago.

The Cape Fear at Fayetteville had reached a depth of 31 feet this morning with its upper reaches in flood and a level of more than 55 feet, the flood stage, was forecast.

The weather bureau said the Roanoke at Weldon was 29 feet deep this morning and would exceed flood stage of 31 feet by "quite a little".

The Neuse at Smithfield had reached the 13-foot stage, one foot within its banks.

Britain Finances Munitions Plant In United States

Wilmington, Del., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Leland Lyon, president of the Atlas Powder Co., disclosed today that the British government had advanced money to his company for construction in the United States of a munitions plant whose total output would be consigned to the British and French governments.

Lyon said that the plant would be completed in "about six months".

He refused to amplify this statement other than to say that operation of the plant would mean employment of several hundred addition workmen.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR IS GRAVELY ILL

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The condition of Lord Tweedsmuir, governor general of Canada, is causing "grave anxiety", said a bulletin issued today from government house.

Lord Tweedmuir, 64, suffered a concussion of the brain Tuesday morning when he fell in his dressing room.

TWO MEN CONFESS PROPERTY DAMAGE

South Bend, Ind., Feb. 8.—(AP)—Authorities investigating nine bombings of Indiana and Michigan Electric Co. power lines, which the company said did $100,000 damage, claimed confessions from two of four men.

Three of them are in jail here. The fourth is held by Michigan state police.

Sees U. S. in War

Sir Frederick Whyte

Lecturing at Oxford University, England, Sir Frederick Whyte declared America still wants isolationism and that "the change desired by President Roosevelt may be slow in coming, but that U. S. sympathy for the Allies may one day put America into the "crusade." Sir Frederick is director of the American division of Britain's ministry of information.

(Central Press)

Hull States Relations With Russia

Says Continuance of Diplomatic Relations Not "Wholly Contingent" Upon Fulfillment of Litvinoff Pledges.

Washington, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Hull wrote the Senate foreign relations committee today that the State Department did not consider the continuance of diplomatic relations with Russia to be "wholly contingent" upon fulfillment by the Soviet government of pledges made in the Litvinoff agreements which proceeded official recognition in 1933.

The information was given in reply to a committee request for Hull's comment on a resolution by Senator Vandenburg, Republican, Michigan, asking the department to say whether the Litvinoff agreements had been kept. Contending that Russia has violated her pledges Vandenburg has urged that diplomatic relations be broken off.

The secretary of state said that his department on several occasions "has had grounds to believe that the Soviet government was not fully living up to the obligations undertaken at the time of establishment" of relations.

He pointed out that the department had made formal protest on such occasions.

"Whenever this government has cause to believe that another government has failed to live up to the agreements it is accustomed to make use of the very channels which exist for diplomatic relations in order to bring this relation to the attention of the government," he said.

Vandenburg said he interpreted

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Russian Envoy Ordered Home

Berne, Feb. 8.—(AP)—Switzerland today ordered Soviet Russia's League of Nations expert Vladimir Sokoline, to leave the country within two weeks.

The order was issued by both the Swiss federal and Geneva cantonal governments rejecting Moscow's explantation for wanting to keep Sokoline in Switzerland. Sokoline was dismissed as an undersecretary of the League of Nations after Soviet Russia's expulsion.

League experts busily coordinating League members' aid to Finland made no secret of their displeasure at having a trained Soviet observer at hand.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Increasing cloudiness followed by local rains Friday possibly beginning in the mountains tonight. Warmer tonight. Colder Friday night.

Chamberlain Lauds Finn Successes

British Prime Minister Tells Commons That "Help Given From This Country Has Been of Real Value to Finland".

London, Feb. 8.— (AP) —Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today that further British aid for Finland was on the way and that "the help given from this country has been of real value to Finland".

The success attending Finnish arms, Chamberlain said "has evoked the admiration of the world".

This statement drew loud cheers from the legislators.

The prime minister voiced satisfaction over results of the recent Balkan entente conference in Budapest.

Of the Russian-Finnish conflict, Chamberlain said:

"The Finnish people continue their heroic struggle against an enemy who uses his huge air fleet in an effort to shake morale by shattering with high explosives hospitals full of wounded men and by machine gunning civilians".

Of the allied conflict with Germany the prime minister said winter weather had halted war operations in recent weeks and even interfered with normal activities so that there were few events worthy of mention.

Of the air war between Britain and Germany, Chamberlain said:

"It would appear that instructions have been given to enemy pilots to do their utmost to avoid contact with our defenses."

Chamberlain condemned the "killing of fishermen, merchant seamen and of lightship crews" declaring such acts were "not war but murder and that such acts of gangsterism can have little if any practical effect on the outcome of the war."

Chinese Plan Japan Raids

Tokyo, Feb. 8.—(AP)—A Japanese navy spokesman declared today that "definite grounds" exist for widespread reports that Chinese are planning air raids on Japan.

The spokesman declined to furnish details on the grounds of military secrecy. It was learned that military authorities believed such a threat possible but that the possibility was "not enough to cause official nervousness".

(Similar reports in Shanghai were described by various foreign military men as "propaganda aimed at taking the minds of Japanese off domestic troubles".

(These reports said China does not possess a single aircraft capable of reaching Japan with a load of bombs.)

Balkans Get Ready For Spring Crisis

Budapest, Feb. 8.—(AP)—The little neutrals of southeastern Europe, fearful of a springtime crisis imperiling their peace, will have their conscrip armies on a war footing by mid-March.

A survey showed today that defense measures repeating the "military concentrations" of 1939 are ready to be put into force in Roumania, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece.

Some of these small powers already have announced the calling of certain classes for "further training" but none permits the use of the term "mobilization".

Roumania, holding about 700,000 to 1,000,000 men under arms through the winter, will increase the total.

A 900-mile defense line is being built along Roumania's frontiers most open to invasion and King Carol's army chief today began requisitions for scrap iron for munitions.

Yugoslavia is expected to have an army of about 500,000 by spring—more than double her normal strength.

Turkey, officially "not neutral but non-belligerent", has kept 200,000 soldiers on her frontier with Soviet Russia, despite urgent need for manpower for rehabilitation of areas devastated by recent earthquakes.