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## Finns Claim Red Attacks Repulsed

"Several Successful Counter Attacks" Made, Finns Report; Russian Dispatches Claim Capture of Positions.

(AP)—After 13 days of fighting, Finnish military announced tonight that a strategic line had been established by Finnish attacks. The Finns acknowledged for the first time that they had "withdrawn" from some of these positions.

An interpreter explained that the "battles" which occurred in "battles" are now going on. The fighting line is still in the hands of the Finns.

Finns captured these positions, he said, "and are leaving them in the hands of a few outlying positions of no importance." The battle along the Mannerheim line itself still holds.

Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Finns repulsed heavy Soviet attacks in the Suomussalmi sector of the Karelian Isthmus and also beaten off Soviet assaults northeast of Suomussalmi and in the Kuhmo area.

According to the Russians on the Suomussalmi front, a big Soviet offensive was repulsed today.

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## Appropriation For Defense Approved

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill appropriating \$252,340,776 for national defense and enforcement of neutrality policy.

The money will become immediately available for expenditure before June 30.

## Spruill Pays Fee To Elections Board

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—(AP)—C. W. Spruill of Windsor paid a \$50 fee to the state board of elections today and filed for the democratic nomination for state commissioner of agriculture.

Spruill made his formal announcement about two weeks ago.

W. Kerr Scott, the incumbent, is campaigning for re-election.

## Roosevelt To Leave Soon On Vacation

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—President Roosevelt will leave this morning for a vacation trip which may include southern waters.

Roosevelt once reported that he would not be in the White House again.

Engagements have been made for his annual vacation. The president would not discuss his vacation plans but it has been common knowledge for some time that Roosevelt would not be in the White House during the winter vacation.

## Agriculture Department Outlines Farm Payments

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The agriculture department today announced that it will make \$225,000,000 in parity payments to farmers for the year's crop.

The program, which was approved last year, is being funded through the basic farm commodity program.

The program provides for parity payments of \$18,000,000 for corn, \$17,000,000 for cotton, \$15,000,000 for wheat, and \$15,000,000 for other crops.

The parity payments will be used to purchase surplus crops and to provide for the needs of the farm program.

Parity payments will be made for each crop at the following rates: corn, 55 cents per bushel; cotton, 15 cents per pound; wheat, 10 cents per bushel; and other crops, 17 cents per hundredweight.

## After Rout of Red Army at Suomussalmi



Russian gunners who fell in the carnage at Suomussalmi lie grotesquely stiffened in the snow. Tomblike over them are the long barrels of guns they had manned. The Finns turned the captured cannon on their would-be conquerors as they routed the Reds' 44th Division. (Central Press)

## U. S. Navy High Command Fears European War With Threats To Neutrality

### Nazi Ship Is Scuttled Off Brazil

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood told the Associated Press today that the crew of the German freighter Wakama, after setting their ship afloat yesterday off the Brazilian coast, had been taken aboard a British cruiser.

Sir Henry, commander of British forces in the south Atlantic, said in an exclusive interview that ten officers and 36 men of the Wakama's crew had been picked up in lifeboats by one of the British patrol vessels.

Sir Henry's flagship, the Hawkins, entered port here last night. The cruisers Shropshire and Dorsetshire yesterday were in the waters off Brazil where the Wakama was intercepted and fired by her own men.

Because she was considered a menace to navigation the burning Wakama was sunk. Sir Henry said, by the cruiser that intercepted her. He would not say which British ship delivered the finishing stroke but made it plain it was not the Hawkins.

"I didn't see the Wakama burning," he said, "but I know she burned and sank because of a communication which I received from another cruiser.

"I understand they finished her off so that she would not menace other shipping."

When asked if a British scouting plane had been the first to spot the richly laden 3,771-ton freighter Sir Henry said:

"That is correct."

### Investigate Death Of Dunn Officer

Dunn, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Funeral services were held today for E. Martin Underwood, 41, while fellow officers pushed their investigation of his death yesterday of injuries suffered Sunday night when he and another policeman were checking on a disturbance in a Negro cafe.

Numerous Negroes have been questioned, police said. At one time 32 were being held.

### Britain Contracts For Large Supply Of Turk Tobacco

Istanbul, Feb. 13.—(AP)—British representatives were reported today to have concluded a contract for the purchase of \$4,000,000 worth of Turkish tobacco annually, with the possibility of a further substantial increase.

Aiming to capture Germany's trade with Turkey, Britain yesterday announced a new Turkish-British trade agreement would go into effect February 19 increasing commerce between the two nations which are linked by a mutual assistance pact.

### Tammanyite Is Arrested

New York, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Tammany district leader William Solomon, accused by a witness in the Louis (Lepke) Buchalter labor racket trial of accepting \$1,500 as part of a payoff for settlement of a bakery strike, was indicted today on charges of bribery and extortion.

Charles H. Mullens, assistant state controller, also was indicted on charges growing out of an investigation into state and city printing contracts.

At the same time, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey's office disclosed that two officers of the Burdland Printing company had been indicted in connection with their personal state income taxes for 1937.

The seven counts in the indictment against Solomon and Mullens include three charging bribery, three charging acceptance of fees in violation of law and one charging extortion.

Solomon, an influential Tammanyite, was mentioned yesterday in the current Lepke trial as the recipient of part of the strike settlement fund.

### Chief of Naval Operations Says International Situation "Fraught With More Possibilities" Than In 1914-1915.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The navy high command believes that the possibility of a general European war and uncertain conditions in the Far East threaten to produce a world conflagration.

Admiral Harold R. Stark, chief of naval operations, told a House appropriations sub-committee in testimony made public today that the international situation is "fraught with more possibilities" affecting the United States than in 1914 and 1915.

"The ultimate aims and ambitions of Germany, Russia and Italy cannot be definitely determined nor can the public utterances of their governments be accepted at face value," Stark said.

"Such conditions render likely the possibilities of a general European war, and in conjunction with Far Eastern conditions they threaten a world conflagration."

Representative Ditter, Republican, Pennsylvania, asked whether the navy's preparedness is greater than in 1914-16.

"I think it is far better," Stark said, "but I believe the international setup to be fraught with more possibilities against us than was the case in the early stages of the World War. This in turn tends to offset our better preparedness."

Asserting that the navy's request

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### BAND LEADER AND ACTRESS ARE WED

Hollywood, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Artie Shaw, the band leader, and Lana Turner, glamorous young motion picture actress were married today in Las Vegas, Nev., after an air elopement.

They were married at 4 a. m. by a justice of the peace.

## House Committee Cuts Navy Appropriation; Urges "Superior" Ships

### "American Hitler" Jailed



William Dudley Pelley, self-styled "American Hitler," is fingerprinted in Washington police headquarters. After being questioned by the Dies Committee, the Silver Shirt leader was jailed on request of North Carolina authorities for violation of parole on a blue sky law conviction. (Central Press)

### Police Guard Red Embassy In Paris

Paris, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The foreign ministry announced today that a special police watch had been installed over the Soviet embassy in Paris in disregard of its diplomatic immunity because of its "relations" with the outlawed French communist party.

Authorities asserted that surveillance of the embassy in Paris went no further than regulations already imposed by Russia on the French embassy in Moscow.

Police raided the Soviet trade bureau here last week and ransacked its files. The Soviet protest was rejected by the French government.

Posting of a guard around the embassy was declared to have "no political significance."

### NORWEGIAN SHIP IS SUNK; CREW SAVED

London, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Reuters (British) dispatches from Oslo today reported the Norwegian motorship Stetad, 4,114 tons, was sunk by a mine or torpedo and her crew saved Sunday.

The Stetad was bound for Philadelphia.

### Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA  
Cloudy with occasional rains tonight and Wednesday, slightly warmer in central and southeast sections tonight; somewhat colder Wednesday.

### To Open Bids On Road Jobs

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The State Highway and Public Works Commission will open bids February 27 on 17 road building projects to cost an estimated \$952,900.

Projects included: Edgecombe county, grading concrete paving and structures on 2 1/2 miles of U. S. highway 258 between Princeville and Scotland Neck; Duplin, surfacing 5 1/2 miles between Wayne county line and route 11; Duplin-Pender, grading concrete paving and structures on 4 1/2 miles of U. S. 117 between Rock Fish creek and Burgaw.

### Hull Opposes Invocation Of U. S. Neutrality Act

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—Secretary Hull has expressed state department disapproval of a resolution to invoke the neutrality act in the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

Chairman Pittman of the Senate Foreign relations committee disclosed this today, saying further that the committee "probably would consider Hull's opinion as reflecting the state department views" not only on the far eastern conflict but also as regards the undeclared war between Russia and Finland.

Although Pittman declined to make the letter public, he said it was apparent that Hull felt that the peace and security of the United States were not directly involved in the undeclared conflicts and for that reason

## Allow Money For 24 New Vessels

Slash Totalling \$128,015,949 Is Largest Yet Made By Appropriations Committee In Any Single Budget Item.

Washington, Feb. 13.—(AP)—A \$111,699,699 slash was made in President Roosevelt's budget for the Navy today by a House committee which recommended \$966,772,878 and urged that the nation build battleships and cruisers "superior" to those afloat.

The cut from the President's figure of \$1,078,472,577 was the largest yet made by the appropriations committee in any single budget recommendation but the committee said the fleet's needs could be "adequately met" with the smaller sum.

Included in the measure was \$1,000,000 to start work on a \$3,000,000 project designed to develop the tiny Pacific island of Guam as a naval "lookout post." Guam improvements were turned down by Congress last year after a heated controversy involving questions of foreign policy toward Japan.

In sending the Navy bill to the House, floor the committee also cut \$16,316,250 from the amount of "contract authorizations" recommended in the budget. With such authorizations the Navy may contract for work to be paid for later.

Thus the total decrease in the amount the Navy could spend or obligate in the fiscal year beginning July 1 amounted to \$128,015,949.

While allowing money to start work on 19 new combat ships and five auxiliaries the committee cut \$7,750,000 from the sum recommended for two new battleships and two cruisers.

### Henderson Bonds Sold at Raleigh

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission sold \$24,900 bonds of Henderson refunding bonds today to R. S. Dickson and Co., of Charlotte and Raleigh at a premium of \$12.30. The first \$18,000 of maturities will bear 2.75 percent interest and the remainder 2.5 percent.

### Britain Will Aid Welles

London, Feb. 13.—(AP)—The British government will welcome Under-Secretary Sumner Welles when he comes as President Roosevelt's emissary, Prime Minister Chamberlain told the House of Commons today.

Chamberlain said the government will be ready "to take him fully into their confidence with the object of assisting the President to form an estimate of the present situation."

The prime minister was replying to a member's question.

Welles is to visit Rome, Paris, Berlin and London to gather information for the President.

## Averill Compares Platforms Of The Candidates In Gubernatorial Race

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL  
(This is the first of two stories in which the gubernatorial platforms will be compared. The second will follow tomorrow.)

Raleigh, Feb. 13.—The half dozen platforms upon which the six announced candidates will endeavor to stand and to run have been built out of pretty much the same political timber, it is easy to say after placing them all side by side and examining them thoroughly.

Here and there are minor differences; but even the extreme "left" of the lot, Tom Cooper, agrees quite thoroughly with the extreme "right" that teachers salaries should be raised "if and when, that there should be a retirement system for teachers; and that there should be economy in government."

Tom, of course, differs from Paul Grady in that he thinks each county should tend to its own business in the matter of legal liquor sales. Paul thinks there should be a statewide referendum. The other four

have kept a discreet silence. Such differences as there are should be apparent from a close comparison of the six platforms, and for that reason your Raleigh reporter is going to withdraw from the discussion and let the various candidates speak for themselves through the medium of direct quotations, wherever possible, from their several platforms. Cooper's, it should be remembered, was not a formal written document. He declared only for the Golden Rule in that way. His quiz class, in which he let news men be the interrogators while he did the answering parts, has been taken as his platform for the purpose of his articles.

So here we go, with the candidates speaking for themselves:

**GOVERNOR HOEY**  
BROUGHTON: "and this high record (office, progressive government) has in every respect been maintained under the great leadership of Governor Hoey."

COOPER: Silent.

GRADY: "Under the leadership of Democratic government from the day of Adcock to the present day of Governor Hoey our State has gone forward in its development."

GRAVELL: Silent.

HORTON: "I shall continue to give to our distinguished and beloved Governor, the Honorable Clyde R. Hoey, unstintingly of my time and support in the State's program of public service."

MAXWELL: "It (the State) has had—a long line whose exceptional abilities and public services have added distinction to that office (the governorship)—a standard that has been superbly maintained by the present governor."

**ECONOMY AND TAXES**  
BROUGHTON: "I will oppose any measure or appropriation that will cause a deficit or impair the credit of the State. Taxes are as high as the people can stand."

COOPER: No specific mention excepted.

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