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Flooded Upper California Takes to Boats

Farm Benefit Pay System Is Denounced

Von Ribbentrop Understood to Have Told Undersecretary That Britain's "Stranglehold" Must Be Broken.

London, March 1.—(AP)—Russia closed in on shell of Viipuri from the east, locking the city in a perilous grip while German planes supported it in a material offensive in the Gulf of Bothnia.

The Finnish command's own planes and the Russians' own planes were seen southwest over the Gulf of Viipuri bay and east along the Finnish coast.

The Finns said they sent several hundred planes over the area in extensive raids in which 14 civilians were killed and 10 injured.

The Russian land forces against the German line advanced all the way to Taipale in the eastern sector. At some points the Russians dropped "a rain of bombs" which "were" destroyed.

The Finns said their air force carried out several offensive raids and "bombs" to contain air traffic junctions in the enemy zone.

Britain May Shift Buying Of Cotton From United States

London, March 1.—(AP)—Sir Percy Ashley, British cotton controller, said today that some of her war cotton purchases from the United States to Brazil if the exchange forces seek a substitute source of raw cotton.

Sir Percy said that India and Egypt could be considered as alternate sources of supplies. The controller asserted that imports of cotton now being controlled by the supply of foreign exchange and limitations of shipping space were the only restrictions.

Reynolds Would Negotiate For Bermuda Islands

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Senator Charles McNary, Democrat, North Carolina, today for introduction of a resolution urging the United States to open negotiations with Great Britain for acquisition of the Bermuda Islands in the North Atlantic.

McNary proposed that the United States should take over the islands as part of the settlement of the British debt to the United States.

Allied Experts To Discuss Blockade

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—The appointment of special British and American experts to attempt to break the blockade problems of the United States in conference in Washington was announced today.

Walter G. Gwathkin, advisor to the British ministry of economic warfare, and Prof. Charles Rist, deputy governor of the Bank of France, have been chosen for the conference.

The announcement said they would discuss the French and British blockade problems in Washington in examining the various problems with various departments of the government and would arrive in Washington tomorrow.

British Convoy Attacked at Sea, Nazi Planes Raid East Coast; Britain Announces Plane Flights Over Berlin.

London, March 1.—(AP)—Bombing and submarines, Germany's twin weapons against Britain's sea-borne breadline, struck telling blows at British and neutral shipping today.

An authoritative British source acknowledged that a British convoy had been attacked at sea, Nazi planes raided the east coast and the 7,418-ton British liner Pyrrhus was reported sunk off the west coast of England.

Meanwhile Britain announced that her big reconnaissance planes had flown during the night over Berlin and other German cities in the most extensive scouting flight of the war.

The authoritative source said the convoy had been attacked "but no ships were hit." It was understood the attack took place "somewhere out" over the sea—to far for British fighters to go into action effectively.

(The official German news agency asserted that German bombers had attacked "numerous" British ships, convoys and armed merchantmen today, dispersing a convoy and sinking several large ships.)

Caught in the bomb and machine gun attacks on travelers was the Norwegian steamer Brott, 1,583 tons.

The 5,340 ton Italian steamer Mirela sank within two minutes after striking a mine off the Suffolk coast last night.

Prohibition Days Decreed

Paris, March 1.—(AP)—Three "prohibition days" a week were decreed today as the government announced details of its wartime regimentation of civilians.

Among 17 decrees published in the official journal were these: The public sale and consumption of alcoholic drinks was forbidden on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Pastry shops were closed Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A general census as a prelude to the issuance of ration cards was ordered completed by April 1.

First of the ration cards were expected to be for bread. The decrees were part of the general belt-tightening program announced yesterday which included a gold revaluation bookkeeping operation which put a 22 percent higher value on France's gold supply and provided about \$1,120,000,000 addition to her war funds.

Other decrees provided for rationing of gasoline and order restaurants to limit meals to two plates of which only one can be meat.

WPA Projects Approved

Raleigh, March 1.—(AP)—Approval of 13 projects to cost \$642,267 and to provide employment for 1,150 persons was announced today by C. C. McGinnis, State WPA administrator.

Industrial Activity Dips Six Percent Since December Peak, But Retail Trade And Service Businesses Hold Up.

Baton Rouge, La., March 1.—(AP)—Governor Earl K. Long called the Louisiana legislature to meet in special session at 4:30 p. m. today.

The governor's action followed reports that he was considering calling the special session to solidify his claim to the office of the secretary of state in the administration to be headed by Sam Jones, newly elected governor.

Long made no mention of this, however, in his legislative call. When the newly elected and incumbent secretary of state, E. A. Conway, died, Long had himself nominated by the Democratic central committee. Jones rejected the appointment.

Babson Says Slump To Be Reversed

San Francisco, March 1.—(AP)—Flood waters rushing through a bursted dike, caught up today near Meridian with an automobile in which a family of six was fleeing, and overturned it.

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Long Calls Louisiana Legislature

Bucharest, March 1.—(AP)—Two hundred thousand citizen soldiers answered Rumania's call to the colors today, raising her army to 1,600,000 men against a broadening of the European war in the spring.

A minimum of confusion attended the unprecedented concentration because the new contingent had been informed months beforehand of the frontier points where they should report.

At the same time Rumania announced that "great numbers" of peasants soon may be released from the army for sowing crops. Their places will be taken during leave of absence by non-agricultural conscripts.

The heaviest concentration of Rumanian strength is along the Russian border where a fortification program has been hurried.

Weather

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Former Commander of Asiatic Fleet Says Embargo Would Not Mean Hostilities.

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Harry F. Yarnell, retired, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, expressed the opinion today that an embargo on exports to Japan would not result in hostilities against the United States.

"It would be suicidal for Japan to engage in another major war with a major power," Yarnell wrote Senator Schwellenbach.

"As for our interest in the Far East the question arises whether our nation can afford to see the domination of that great area by a power inspired by the ideals of fire and sword."

Bailey to Press Farm Marketing Appropriation Bill

Washington, March 1.—(AP)—Senator Bailey, Democrat, North Carolina, proposes to press for Congressional approval of his bill to authorize \$5,000,000 for facilitating the marketing of farm products.

Bailey, with Representatives Cooley and Barden of North Carolina, conferred yesterday with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace. Bailey said, is "neither encouraging or discouraging."

The secretary recently announced the Bailey bill was opposed by the department extension service. He proposed changes but did not say whether he would approve the measure if the changes were made.

MRS. T. J. WILSON DIES AT DURHAM

Chapel Hill, March 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Thomas James Wilson, Jr., 62, wife of the University of North Carolina deal of admissions and registrar, died today in a Durham hospital after an illness of three weeks. Funeral services will be held here at 4 p. m. tomorrow.

Surviving are four sons, two sisters, two nieces and a number of nephews and grandchildren.

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Boats become the only means of transportation in Kentfield, as flood waters sweep northern California, where between 3,500 and 4,000 persons were made homeless. Height of water can be determined by the abandoned automobiles, derelicts of the storm which swept the state.