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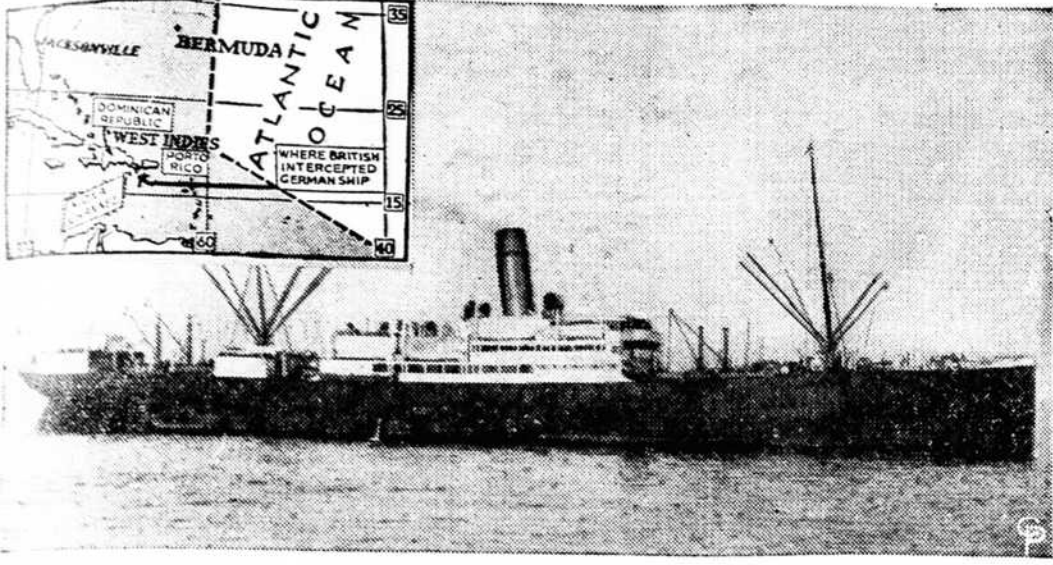
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Nazis Burn Ship Caught Off America



Interception of the 5,600-ton German steamer Hannover (above) by a British cruiser near Puerto Rico was announced by the British Admiralty, which said the Nazi vessel was fired and abandoned by her crew to avoid capture. Survivors, reaching the Dominican Republic by lifeboat, said 55 men were missing. Map shows where the ship was scuttled in Mona Channel, in the heart of American neutrality zone (shaded).

Britain And France Renew Pledges Of Aid To Finland

War Secretary Stanley Discloses Offer in Presenting "Token" Budget For Army To House of Commons For Approval

London, March 12.—(AP)—War Secretary Stanley today told the House of Commons that it was his duty to present a budget which would enable the British Government to carry out its obligations to Finland.

Stanley made his statement in a speech in which he also announced that the British Government had agreed to supply Finland with 100,000 tons of food and other supplies.

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Silver Shirts Leader Ordered Extradited But Granted Hearing in Washington.

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—The Silver Shirts leader, Robert Griffith, was ordered extradited from North Carolina today but will temporarily stay in Washington.

Griffith is being held in Washington pending a hearing on his extradition. He is charged with sedition.

German Sub Reported Sunk

London, March 12.—(AP)—The British Navy announced today that a German submarine had been sunk off the coast of North America.

The submarine was carrying a large cargo of supplies. The crew was rescued.

Peace Prospects In Finland Take Marked Upswing

Stockholm, March 12.—(AP)—The prospects of peace in Finland appeared to take a marked upswing this afternoon as optimism replaced uncertainty in political circles here.

Afternoon newspapers warned against too much optimism, however, while carrying reports that the Finnish cabinet, parliament, and parliamentary foreign affairs committee now were in constant session.

British Peace Aims Stated

While Sumner Welles Confers With Leaders, Chamberlain Reiterates Stand

London, March 12.—(AP)—While Sumner Welles was hearing the views of opposition party leaders today, Prime Minister Chamberlain reiterated publicly that the British peace aims are "freedom and security for ourselves and the small nations of Europe" and restoration of the "independence of the Poles and Czechs."

Chamberlain asked voters in a Leeds election to express "the national unity behind these aims" by supporting the House of Commons candidacy of J. C. Henderson, a conservative party nominee.

Welles motored to the United States embassy for talks with opposition chiefs.

NCEA, Muni-County Meets This Week Are Expected To Affect Gubernatorial Race

Raleigh, March 12.—North Carolina's torpid gubernatorial race is quite likely to get considerable quickening as the result of two important events this week—the North Carolina Education Association's convention here and the beginning of a series of a dozen regional meetings in which the League of Municipalities and the Association of County Commissioners will for the first time join hands in working out a legislative program.

Deladier Tells Chamber of Deputies That 50,000 French Troops Are Equipped and Assembled Ready to Depart for Finland

Paris, March 12.—(AP)—Premier Deladier told the chamber of deputies today that 50,000 French troops were ready to go to Finland if Finland publicly asked for help.

These troops, the premier said, have been ready since February 25—equipped and assembled near embarkation points.

Deladier said the British-French decision to aid Finland in case she called for help was reached at the meeting of the supreme war council February 2.

Governors of Ten States Ask Defeat Of Anti-Lynch Bill

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—Governors of ten states joined today in asking the Senate to defeat federal anti-lynching legislation.

British Action To Stop U. S. Exports To Russia Urged

London, March 12.—(AP)—Godefrey L. Mander, opposition leader in the House of Commons, today urged Britain to "take some very definite action" to prevent exports from the United States from reaching Germany through Vladivostok, Soviet Russia's far eastern seaport.

Baltimore Newspaperman Shot By Bandit

Baltimore, March 12.—(AP)—A Baltimore newspaperman, shot in the chest by a bandit he tried to capture during a downtown holdup, remained in a serious condition today as police threw out a dragnet for his assailant.

Weather

FOR NORTH CAROLINA.
Rain tonight and Wednesday not much change in temperature.

Russo-Finnish Peace Believed Near; Reports Circulated And Denied; Fighting Is Continued

Smith Urges Hatch Act Be Extended

South Carolina Senator Would Have President and Cabinet Members Brought Under Anti-Politics Restrictions of Act

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina, urged in the Senate today that the President and his cabinet be included in Hatch act restrictions.

Smith was one of those whose defeat the President sought, but the South Carolinian told the Senate this was not the reason for his statement.

The president, Smith said, had gone into many states and used "his tremendous power" to defeat certain candidates.

"Why don't we condemn the Chief Executive of the United States, who rides ruthless and roughshod over a lesser one politically?"

Russian Spy Reported Held

Miami Beach, Fla., March 12.—(AP)—Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, Texas, planned to close the Florida phase of his un-Americanism investigation today to hurry back to Washington where it was unofficially reported an important Russian spy had been taken into custody.

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Manslaughter Verdict In Kehler Case

New York, March 12.—(AP)—A judge whose voice broke with anger denounced as "a cheap bum" a 24-year-old Canadian boxer who had just been convicted of first degree manslaughter in the fatal bludgeoning of Dr. Walter R. Engelberg, German consular attaché.

The jury which had heard counsel for Ernest Kehler contend he beat Dr. Engelberg to death December 5 after the latter made immoral advances in his Brooklyn home, reached its verdict last night in six hours and 14 minutes.

Outcome of Mission Is Mystery



Nazi Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop (shown above, left, as he was greeted in Rome by Count Galeazzo Ciano, Italian foreign minister), has completed talks with Premier Mussolini and Pope Pius XII without having evidence of tangible aid from Italy or comfort from the Vatican.

Increasing Of Farm Fund Seems Certain

First Test Of New Deal

New Hampshire Presidential Preference Primary Is Being Held Today

Manchester, N. H., March 12.—(AP)—A handful of candidates split in their choice of a Democratic standard bearer—Sucked a strong and well organized slate of delegates pledged to President Roosevelt's renomination today in the nation's first primary ballot box test of the third term issue.

Economy Blocs In House Admit That Some of Prospective Senate Increases Will Be Upheld In the House

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—Economy blocs reluctantly agreed with jubilant farm state members today that the House would uphold some of the prospective Senate increase in farm appropriations.

Inquiry Into Investigative Methods Asked

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—The Senate interstate commerce committee, charging violations of "the most fundamental civil rights," today accused law enforcement agencies of having "investigated and catalogued persons who have committed no crime but whose economic and political views and activities may be obnoxious to the present incumbents of law enforcement offices."

The committee recommended that the Senate order an inquiry into wire tapping and sound recording devices, the use of which it said "may lead to a variety of oppression that may

Soviet Gains On Isthmus Admitted

Stockholm Dispatch Reports Finnish Delegation Authorized to Sign Peace Treaty and Hostilities Will Cease Tomorrow.

London, March 12.—(AP)—Exchange Telegraph (British news agency) reported today in a Stockholm dispatch that the Finnish delegation in Moscow had been authorized to sign a peace treaty.

The dispatch quoted informed Stockholm sources as saying that the treaty would be signed tomorrow, the terms would be published then, and at the same time hostilities would cease.

The British broadcasting company broadcast a message from its Stockholm observer stating that an agreement had been reached between Finland and Russia although no treaty had been signed and terms of the peace were not made public.

London, March 12.—(AP)—Reuters (British news agency) reports that the Finnish radio stated at 5:25 p. m. (11:45 a. m. EST) that rumors of a peace agreement having been reached between Finland and Soviet Russia were unfounded.

Heisinki, March 12.—(AP)—A Finnish official said tonight that parliament, which must pass on any terms of peace with Soviet Russia, had not taken any action up to early this evening. It was indicated that a secret session of parliament would be held later tonight or tomorrow.

Officials, however, would not comment on this possibility.

The most common opinion among informed observers here was that some kind of honorable peace was in the immediate offing.

An official announcement was expected tonight or tomorrow to clarify the status of the 104-day war in the north.

Blockade Is Defended

Franco-British Representatives Says Steps Taken Have Been Necessary

Washington, March 12.—(AP)—Franco-British representatives here to wipe out difficulties arising from the blockade said today their nations were so gravely threatened by Germany that they could not afford to hamper the efficacy of the blockade.

The experts, Frank Ashton-Gwatkins and Charles Riff, added, however, that they hoped to smooth away some of the points which have created friction with the United States.

"We believe we are fighting not only for our own lives," they said in a statement issued at a press conference, "but for the whole future of the western civilization. We cannot afford to take risks."