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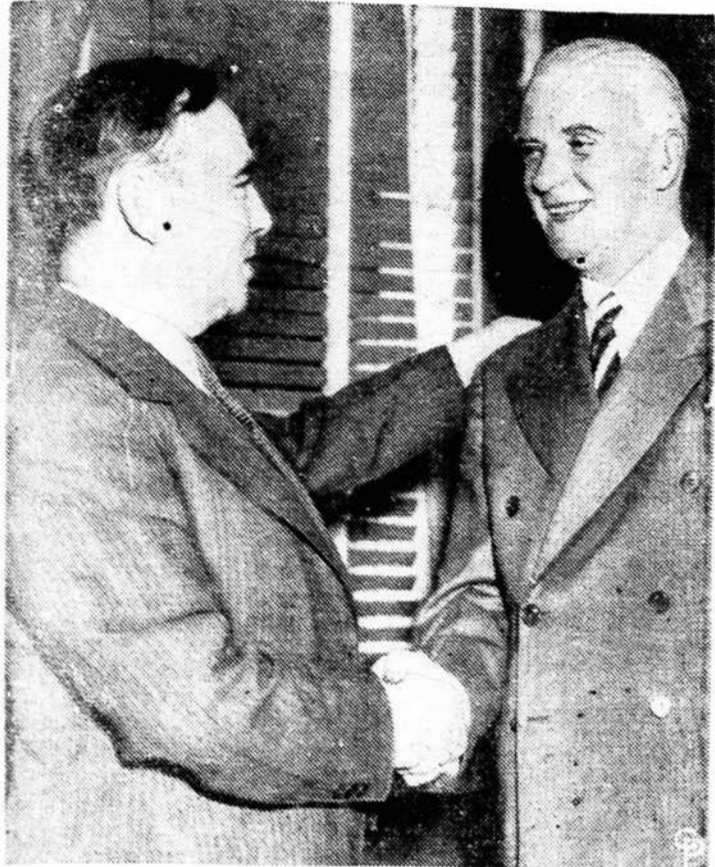
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## Burying the Political Hatchet



Joe Martin (left) G.O.P. national chairman, and Edward J. Flynn, Democratic chieftain, shake hands in real palsy walsy style as they meet in Washington, D. C. The chairmen of the two major political parties appeared before the special grand jury seeking to determine whether the Hatch Act or the Corrupt Practices Act had been violated during the 1940 presidential campaign.

## Exception Taken To Japanese View

### Ambassador Grew Makes Quick Reply to Statement That 'Fate of China Is Largely a Question of Sentiment'

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Foreign Secretary Grew today pleaded with the world to stay out of the "Armageddon" which the world face "Armageddon" when he heard United States Ambassador Joseph C. Grew take exception to his statement that the fate of China is largely a question of sentiment to Americans.

The ambassador made several remarks after he had listened attentively to Matsui's address at the American-Japanese luncheon held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel here last night.

Responding to Matsui's assertion that the fate of China is largely a question of sentiment to Americans, Grew said:

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## Secrecy Shrouds Probe of Crash

Riverside, Cal., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Strict secrecy surrounded an inquiry which March field officials launched today into the crash and explosion of a giant 22-ton four-engine bombing plane on the frozen, snow-peaked slopes of nearby San Jacinto mountains.

Flying high through intermittent patches of clouds and heavy mist, the plane which was on a routine training flight struck the 6,700-foot-snowline of Marion mountain and left wreckage strewn for half a mile along the boulder and tree dotted slopes.

## New Board Considered For Defense

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Roosevelt administration considered today establishing a "high command" for the defense program.

The White House disclosed that the President had under consideration at least four or five plans for injecting speed into the defense program. One involves a proposal to establish a "high command" for the program headed by Secretaries Stimson and Knox and William S. Knudsen, industrial production chief of the defense commission.

Stephen Early, presidential secretary, said this suggestion had been discussed at a White House conference yesterday.

Stimson, Knox and Assistant War Secretary Patterson and Under-Secretary Forrestal of the Navy met with the Chief Executive, and Early said he assumed they presented the plan to the President.

"They did not leave the plan with..."

## Stimson To Name Group To Combat Bad Influences Surrounding Army Camps

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Secretary Stimson, declaring that soldiers had been exploited financially and subjected to a bad moral influence in un-named communities near Fort Benning, Ga., announced today that he would create an organization to deal with such conditions throughout the country.

He told his press conference there would be a committee to work toward the improvement of health and sanitary conditions in the towns near Army posts and to cooperate with law enforcement and other official agencies in the communities. The aim would be to control "undesirable persons and places," increase proper recreational facilities in the towns and protect soldiers "so far as we can from being exploited."

# Britain Is Authorized To Plan On U. S. Aid

## British Hail U. S. As Ally

### Germany Silent On New Moves

#### British Press Acclaims President Roosevelt's 'Mortgaged Aid' Plan; Italians Withdraw in Albania; Other War News.

(By The Associated Press.)

Sections of the London press hailed the United States as a full-fledged ally in the war against Germany and Italy today, acclaiming President Roosevelt's "mortgaged aid" proposal as having solved Britain's credit worries and wiped out the effects of her multi-billion dollar debt default from the 1914-18 World War.

Official Germany remained silent, but it was indicated that reaction would not be long delayed.

Authorized Nazis said they saw "progressive development in a certain direction" and persons usually in the know declared:

"The American president's proposal may be technically within the neutrality act but obviously it is no longer neutral."

The London Daily Mail declared editorially that Americans had finally been shocked "out of their slumber" in which they "tried to have their guns and candy, too" by maintaining the production of "peace..."

## Churchill Warns Of Invasion Danger

### Lost to Goering



Arriving at New York from Europe, Lady Decies, the former Elizabeth Drexel of Philadelphia, tells of how she met Marshal Hermann Goering in a Paris shop. She had purchased a coat when Goering, shopping for his wife, reached out and said: "I'll take this one." She didn't argue.

### British Prime Minister Says Slackening of Air Attacks Might Easily Have Been in Preparation For Other Form of Activity.

London, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, warning his people that German invasion still is a "supreme danger," took note today of a lull in German air attacks and declared "they might easily have slackened in preparation of some other form of activity against Britain."

Addressing the house of commons, Churchill acknowledged that the weather might have been the chief factor in the easing of the aerial siege, and said:

"It would be a disaster for anyone to suppose that the supreme danger of invasion has passed."

Adolf Hitler, he asserted, "has great need to do something now or at any rate in the next few months."

"We must suppose that he is making plans which would be particularly directed against us."

At the same time, Churchill dropped a hint of Britain's own long range offensive planning, when he...

### Heads Trade Board



Colonel Charles H. March, of Minnesota, is slated to head the federal trade commission for 1941. The chairmanship of the five-man commission rotates annually. Appointed to the commission by President Coolidge in 1929, March was re-appointed in 1935.

## Contracts Await Act Of Congress

### Morgenthau Announces Roosevelt Has Instructed Him to Inform British to Proceed With Negotiation of Contracts.

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Secretary Morgenthau announced today the British government has been authorized to proceed at once with negotiation of billions of dollars worth of war material contracts but not to sign the contracts until Congress acts on President Roosevelt's "lease-lending" plan.

The secretary said he had been instructed by President Roosevelt to send this word to the British purchasing commission this morning.

Morgenthau said that the first contract in the new program would be for 60 merchant vessels. The British are going to pay cash for these ships, he declared, and would not wait for approval of the "lease-lending" plan.

From other sources it was learned that the British were seeking contracts for 12,000 additional planes at a possible cost of \$1,125,000,000; 2,000 to 2,500 more tanks and guns and ammunition costing about \$1,770,000,000.

## Ford Labor War Flares

### CIO Leader Asks Federal Intervention; Ford Personnel Chief Charges Frame-Up.

Detroit, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was asked today by the CIO United Automobile Workers to instruct federal agencies to intervene in the union's long-smoldering dispute with the Ford Motor Company.

Michael F. Widman, Jr., director of the Ford Organization drive, declared in a telegram to the President that "the management of the Ford Motor Company is attempting to provoke a strike in its plants" by "open and arrogant violations of the labor laws."

Harry Bennett, Ford personnel director, said today that United Automobile Workers officials were engaged in "a deliberate attempt to frame us." He said he knew some employees the union claimed were discharged "are working right now."

Widman asked Mr. Roosevelt to call upon the Labor department and the national defense advisory commission "to make full use of their conciliation service to dissuade the company from its provocative efforts."

The CIO leader charged that the company dismissed "upwards of 100 men" yesterday at the Lincoln plant and ten others at the five building of the River Rouge plant for "wearing union buttons."

## Western Union Is Cleared in Court

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The Federal court today threw out an indictment charging the Western Union Telegraph Co. and eleven individuals with conspiracy to violate the lottery laws by sending horse racing results over interstate boundaries.

The charges were dropped when Judge William H. Holly sustained a demurrer to the indictment returned in April. Most of the individual defendants were associates of M. O. Annenberg, former pricing news magnate now serving a prison term for income tax evasion.

## ONE PERSON DIES IN TRAIN WRECK

Tampa, Dec. 19.—(AP)—One person was reported killed and an undetermined number injured today when two passenger trains crashed at a crossing half a mile south of Zenith Hills, 28 miles from Tampa.

All available Tampa ambulances were sent to the scene of the accident.

The trains involved were the Sunbeam, track Chicago to Tampa train of the Seaboard, and the Atlantic Coast Line No. 213, running from Jacksonville to Tampa.

## Long Posse Hunt Results in Death

Middlesboro, Ky., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Clyde William Buchanan, 40, died today four hours after a posse of Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia officers wounded him in a gun battle near Wheeler, Va., where they found him after a two and one-half day search of the tri-state Cumberland mountain area.

Bell county Attorney Walter B. Smith, who directed the hunt for Buchanan, reported the capture late last night of Buchanan's son, Clyde, Jr., 15. The younger Buchanan fled into the mountains with his father after a pistol fight in which Deputy George W. Fisher, 53, was killed and two other peace officers wounded early Tuesday, Smith said.

The elder Buchanan was wounded, fatally, two bullets striking him in the head and one in the abdomen, when he "refused to surrender peacefully to 50 possemen who surrounded him in a cedar grove."

## German Aid Sent Italy

### Brenner Pass Reported Closed; Nazi Pilots Shuttle Italian Forces to Albania.

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The newspaper Le Democrat of Delemont reported today "from a good source in Zurich" that freight and civilian traffic has been suspended on the Brenner railway line to permit the passage of German divisions who are on their way to Italy.

Inquiries of reliable sources both in Rome and Berlin failed to confirm the report.

Struga, Yugoslavia (At the Albanian Frontier), Dec. 19.—(AP)—Fleets of German transport planes were reported today to be shuttling Italian reinforcements across the Adriatic to the Albanian battlefield in an effort to halt the Greek counter-invasion.

German pilots, because of their experience in this blitzkrieg method of moving troops, were said to be flying huge planes sent after urgent pleas from Premier Mussolini.

Military sources where the report of German aid originated said that each plane carries 20 fully equipped men on the short hop across the Adriatic and that a crossing could be made several times a day.

These quarters indicated that the Italians were landed close to the front lines and thrown into battle...

## Battleship And Freighter In Collision

New York, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The United States battleship Arkansas and the American freighter Melrose collided off the New Jersey coast early today, causing little damage to the battleship but springing a leak in the freighter.

Both vessels headed immediately for New York under their own power.

Scene of the crash was about 15 miles off Sea Girt, N. J.

The Coast Guard cutter Ponchartraine reached the two ships within an hour. The cutter fell in as an escort as the freighter and battleship headed for port.

The Coast Guard said the Arkansas apparently was "all right" but that the Melrose was damaged "pretty badly."

The Arkansas is a 26,000-ton battleship completed in 1912. It carries a normal crew of 1,330 men. Now attached to the Atlantic squadron, it is destined to be replaced by the new North Carolina.

## Objectives Of Vetoed Bill May Be Voted

Washington, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Edward and Joe alike predicted today that the objectives of the Logan-Walsh bill vetoed by President Roosevelt would become law at the next session of Congress with his approval.

Representative Walter, co-sponsor of the legislation, announced that he would introduce the same measure the first day of the new Congress next month.

Representative McCormack, Democrat, Massachusetts, an outspoken opponent of that bill, said actual legislation "properly drawn" only been delayed.

Senators Hatch, Democrat, New Jersey, and Austin, Republican, Missouri, promised to renew their efforts to obtain approval, Hatch asserting that efforts of the sponsors...

4 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

TO BUY SHIRTS FOR COUSIN DAN

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

## Babson Says America's Standards Are Highest

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Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Our people demand more than those of any other nation on earth. Our standards of living are the highest in the world. Few of our people will go hungry over the holiday season. Wages and pay rolls are up, unemployment is decreasing. Our dollar has been devaluated, but it still buys more necessities and luxuries of life than any other currency.

A Worker's Paradise.

The average American factory worker on his wage per hour can purchase approximately 7.5 pounds of bread; 1.8 pounds of butter; 2.1 pounds of beef; 35.1 pounds of potatoes; 2.6 pounds of coffee. In Germany, an average worker's hourly wage buys only 2.5 pounds of bread;

0.5 of a pound of butter; 0.9 of a pound of beef; 20.5 pounds of potatoes; 0.3 of a pound of coffee.

The American worker's wage buys 9.78 pounds of these five essential foodstuffs. The German worker can buy only 4.94 pounds. The bread, butter, beef, and coffee which is used in Germany, we would not recognize. Potatoes are potatoes the world over; but in Germany sawdust is being mixed with flour; oleomargarine is a substitute for butter; horses, dogs, cats, and foxes are legalized substitutes for beef; and chicory is the name for coffee.

Food Abundant Here.

Coffee is a drug on the U. S. market. Sugar, flour, rice, and vegetables are extremely cheap. There has been a rise in the cost of meat...

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