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Russians Try To Flee Crimea U. S. Warns Finland Against Her War With Russia

Finland's Reply Now Awaited

Secretary Hull Discloses Warning to Finns in Connection With Reports That U. S. Objected to British War on Country.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The United States has warned Finland that she must discontinue promptly her offensive military operations against Soviet Russia if she desires to maintain the friendship of the United States.

Secretary of State Hull disclosed the warning by the United States in a press conference today, as to whether there was any basis for reports from London that Britain was hesitating to declare war against Finland mainly because of objections raised by the United States.

Hull said this government had frequently called the attention of the Finnish government to American anxiety over the course Finland was pursuing.

Because of the friendly relations which we have always had with Finland, however, he added, this government has refrained until now from drawing any final conclusions from the present policy of the Finnish government in the hope that similar relations could be maintained in the future.

The United States now is awaiting the Finnish government's reply.

Blackout Rule Is Effective

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Governor Brantley and Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne urged North Carolinians today to comply with the OPM blackout order which will become effective tonight.

The order, which is designed to reduce power consumption, applies to show windows, decorative lighting and advertising signs.

Winborne, speaking for himself and the governor, announced shortly after noon today that they had decided to ask North Carolinians to cooperate in obeying the order.

Both officials have taken the stand, however, that there is no power shortage in North Carolina.

"We are requesting North Carolina citizens to comply with the OPM order, that show windows, decorative lighting and advertising lighting be blacked out beginning tonight," said the utilities commissioner.

Observance of the order, Winborne said, will mean that no night football games will be played in the state.

State Spends More Than \$200,000,000 In Schools In Eight Years Since 1935

Daily Dispatch Bureau, By Sir Walter Hotel, By HENRY AVERILL

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—By the end of the school year 1942-43 the State of North Carolina will have spent approximately \$319,000,000 on its public schools since the opening of the twentieth century, of which more than \$290,000,000, or more than two-thirds, will have been expended in the eight years beginning in 1935.

This isn't listed that way in a long table of school expenditures carried in this month's "School Facts," from the state department of public instruction, but it isn't hard to figure out by a bit of elementary addition, subtraction and application of the principles of common fractions.

To get exact about it, the table shows that total state money appropriated for public schools from the year 1899 through the coming year 1942-43 will come to \$318,852,110.4, of which the portion included between the years 1935-6 and 1942-3 is \$209,736,040.06.

For the first time in history the total will reach thirty million in 1942-43. It passed twenty million for the first time in 1935-36, went above fifteen million in 1931-32 (in fact it had never been beyond \$6,500,000 until that year), and first passed the one million mark in 1919. In the first

Goober Queen



Pat Donnelly

Celebrating the harvest of a billion-and-a-half pounds of peanuts in the South was the selection of lovely Pat Donnelly as queen of the national peanut festival at Suffolk, Va. It looks like circus and baseball fans won't lack for the goobers in 1942.

Revenues Mount High

Greensboro, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Collections of \$37,456,689.57 for the month of October by the office of Charles H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue for the district of North Carolina, exceeded by \$7,601,827.22 the \$29,854,792.35 total for October, 1940, according to the report of the tax-gathering official today.

The first four months of the present fiscal year, starting with July 1, have accounted for a total of \$148,864,374.15 in internal revenue collections, as against a total of \$125,787,038.49 for the similar period of 1940. This is a four months gain of \$23,077,337.66, and an average monthly increase of \$5,769,334.19 in collections by the local office.

WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Early clouds slowly warmer except east coast coast to night. Friday increasing cloudiness, showers in mountains.

Congressmen Demand Firm Labor Stand

Defense Mediation Board Opens Conference on Captive Coal Mine Dispute as Congress Hears Demand for Legislation.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The defense mediation board opened a conference on the union shop dispute in the captive coal mines today to the rumble of congressional demands for a firmer stand toward labor.

Representative Roland M. Ford, Republican, California, announced a resolution calling upon President Roosevelt to take "prompt and effective action" to prevent labor leaders from "sabotaging" the defense program.

Members of the Congress, however, urged the House, pending the "cooling" by any settlement of the coal dispute, to place the "sabotaging" legislation on the necessary.

"I want to tell the country," Cox said, "that in this five year with John Lewis, president of the CIO United Mine Workers union, the government is living down the Frankfurter of the administration is doing to compel his adversaries to kneel and take orders."

"He is going to get all he wants by compelling the government to force the granting of all his demands—and when the strike is settled or his basis, the contention will then be made that no legislation is necessary."

"But don't be fooled. The chagrin and humiliation experienced by the people in witnessing the failure of the government, the paralyzation of defense and the virtual supplanting of the command structure of the in-

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Gayda Charges Attacks Made By U. S. Subs

Rome, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Virginia Gayda, fascist editor, declared today that the United States was attacking Italian submarines in the Mediterranean.

His statement in Il Giornale d'Italia is apparently based on his previous assertion (made several times before entirely without confirmation from other sources) that United States submarines were operating in the Mediterranean.

The editor termed a speech last Saturday by United States Secretary of Navy Frank Knox "grotesque."

From then until the War between the States there was a steady, though slow, progress in school affairs. The high school of 1881-83, which was everything previously gained and set the state back to scratch in education as well as in practically all other affairs.

Nothing of any practical import was done before 1899 when a new principle was introduced that brought a direct appropriation of a specified sum from the state treasury.

The Literary fund was converted into a revolving fund to be loaned to counties for the erecting and repairing of school buildings. The first appropriation was \$100,000 and was continued annually until 1909-10 when it was raised to \$125,000 and to \$244,000 in 1913-14.

This fund was distributed to the counties on a per capita basis. This method of state-aid was discontinued at the close of 1918-19, and for two successive years, the state undertook to pay teachers' salaries for three months from the proceeds of a state property tax of 32 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Still another principle of state support was introduced into the method of distribution of state aid by the General Assembly of 1901. This method of distributing state aid took

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Cavalry Traps Scout Car in Carolina Maneuvers



Displays a feat of rapid tactics that the cavalry has been advised, a squad of mounted troops from New York's 101st Cavalry caught a scout car of the first division of the Cavalry in the Carolina Maneuvers. The car was forced to surrender. The New York horse troops are shown in the foreground.

Farm Benefit Payments Cut

Neutrality Act Debated

Gurney Urges Repeal of Entire Measure; Gillette Opposes Any Change in Statute.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Senator Gurney, Republican South Dakota, today urged complete repeal of the neutrality act rather than "another half-measure" while Senator Gillette, Democrat, Iowa, contended that the measure should be retained because "it is the welfare and the prosperity of our institutions as a representative of our underwriting the war of Europe and Asia."

Gillette declared that repeal of the neutrality law was "not in our best interests" and that the act has been "a blessing to our country since its enactment."

To argue that the neutrality law should be repealed because it has caused deaths and loss of life to our citizens, he said, is "a ridiculous and unwarranted charge."

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ONE PHASE SETTLED IN FERTILIZER SUIT

Greensboro, Nov. 3.—(AP)—With no official order ending the jurisdiction of the International Agricultural Corporation and Serravallo and the fertilizer suit against the W. H. Hedges, Paul F. W. DeWitt and John W. Allen, has been dropped from Judge Johnson's docket.

The United States court for the middle district of North Carolina here, the opinion of the judge, filed at court offices in Greensboro today, stated that particular phase of the much involved fertilizer litigation.

The plaintiffs in this particular action brought suit in equity to compel the immediate return of money which they had produced in compliance with subpoenas issued by Judge Hayes so that the federal grand jury in session at Winston-Salem, and the office of the district attorney, might investigate alleged unfair practices, prices setting and maintaining on the part of leading fertilizer manufacturing concerns and dealers.

Nazis Silent On Policies

Berlin, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The German government kept its own counsel today on what course of action it might pursue following its declaration that the reich was attacked by the United States.

Spoken in a broadcast, ruled out the possibility of immediately invoking the three-power pact which Germany, Japan and Italy pledged to aid one another in case any one of the axis partners were attacked by a power not involved in the wars in Europe and China.

Japan Might Shift Sides

Stewart Says There Are Observers Who Believe Russia's Fall Would Cause Flop.

By CHARLES F. SHAWNET
Central Press Correspondent

Washington, Nov. 3.—(AP)—The possibility that Japan might shift sides in the war has been mentioned by a prominent observer here today.

Charles F. Shaw, a prominent Washington observer, said that he had observed a number of Japanese officials who were "very much interested in the possibility of a change in their present position."

No Decisions From Meeting

Raleigh, Nov. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today said with Canadian Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King that they had had a "very pleasant" meeting in London, but that they had not reached any decisions.

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Leaf, Cotton Rates Lower

Wheat and Virginia Sun-Cured Tobacco Rates Increased, All Others Reduced.

Washington, Nov. 3.—(AP)—Farmers will receive lower benefit payment rates under the Agriculture department's 1942 \$500,000,000 soil conservation program for all major crops except wheat and a minor type of tobacco.

The wheat rate is 10.5 cents a bushel, increased from 9.5 cents a bushel last year.

Other rates announced today compared with those in effect this year (including the old rate in open last year) are: cotton, 1.25 and 1.37 cents a pound; rice, 3 and 3.33 cents per bushel; corn, 1.15 and 1.25 cents a bushel; soybeans, 1.15 and 1.25 cents a bushel; and sorghum, 1.15 and 1.25 cents a bushel.

These rates will be paid to farmers who plant within department acre allotments and who carry out soil building and soil conserving practices. The amount a farmer would receive from any crop would be determined by multiplying the amount produced on of his acreage allotment by the benefit payment rate. For example, a wheat farmer with a 100-acre allotment and a yield of 10 bushels per acre would receive 1,050 bushels, or \$10,500.

COMMITTEE PROBES GEORGIA SCHOOLS

Atlanta, Nov. 3.—(AP)—An investigating committee by the State Board of Education today ordered the investigation of the Georgia State Board of Education's handling of the school system in Georgia.

The association ordered the investigation after Dean of Education Walter D. Coking and Dr. Marvin S. Pittman, president of the South Georgia Teachers college, were dismissed by the board of regents when Governor Eugene Tamm had accused them of advocating racial co-education.

Five board members and the governor planned to appear before the three-man committee to answer any questions concerning charges brought against the two educators.

Germans Say Red Retreat Nears Rout

Many Prisoners and Much War Material Taken on Peninsula; Kursk, Important Donets Basin Industrial City, is Captured.

(By The Associated Press.)
Germany proclaimed triumphantly today that the Russian army of the Crimea, split by the scourge of lightning assaults by land and air, was trying to flee the peninsula through the Black sea ports of Sevastopol and Kerch in a double Dunkerque.

The II Army command pictured the Russian retreat there as a near rout, declaring that German forces had captured 33,175 prisoners, 230 tanks, 218 cannon, several armored trains and vast quantities of other war material.

Far from the Crimean front, in the Donets basin in the north, the important industrial center of Kursk, on the railway running north from Kharkov, about 100 miles north of Moscow, had been captured. Kursk is 125 miles north of Kharkov.

Although the Russians recently admitted that the siege of Moscow was becoming most grave, Red army dispatches reported recapture of the northern section of Kalinin, 95 miles from the capital on its northern flank. They said that thousands of Germans were buried under the flaming debris of houses blasted by the defenders.

The Crimean fighting was a test for all arms of Russia's forces—land, sea and air. German occupation of the Crimean would include the Red fleet's great naval base at Sevastopol as well as strategic air fields and give the Germans new jumping off places for attacks on the Red fleet, if not actually a new approach to the oil-rich Caucasus.

With Russian dominance of the Black sea thus sorely threatened, an authoritative source in London said Russia had suggested to Britain that

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Bomber Crew Believed Safe

Georgetown, Cal., Nov. 3.—(AP)—As fragments of an Army bomber were found scattered over a 50-acre area, it appeared today that all crew members had escaped death, while the plane fell to pieces in mountainous country.

The wreckage of a parachute dropped over a 50-acre area in the last night that the early rain season had reached early today. He was Lieutenant Al H. Walker, the pilot.

Ground parties were searching for the other eight crew members scattered over the 50-acre area. The other eight crew members were found last night.

Army's Newest Division Now In Maneuvers

Camden, S. C., Nov. 3.—(AP)—The army's newest division—fully motorized all purpose fighting team with unprecedented shock power and speed—arrived today to begin a month long test in the Carolina maneuvers of the First Army.

It is the experimental fourth division, a swift, compact organization of tanks, infantrymen in armored vehicles and motorized artillery. It also includes a reconnaissance battalion that can fight while it is scouting, anti-aircraft protection, and special troops to fight off parachutists.

When production permits, the division will have its own combat aviation—big motorized ships, or bombing or scouting and self-propelled artillery that first moves forward and stops and fires instead of having to be unlimbered from trucks and swung into position.