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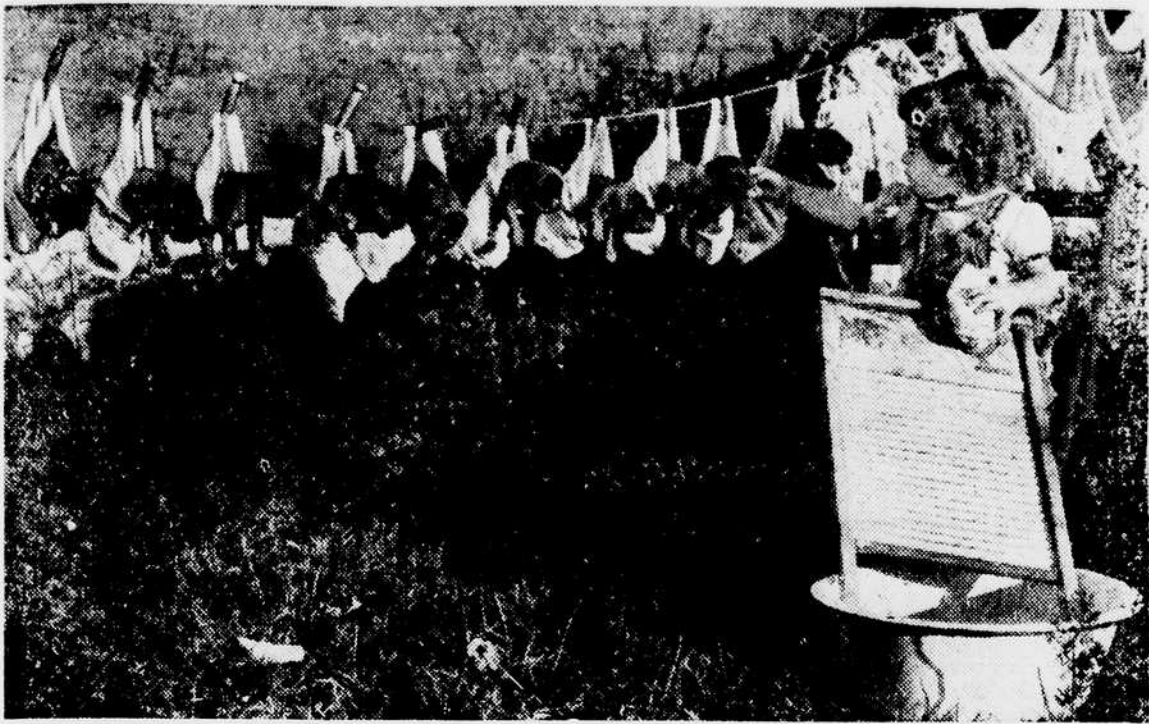
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Axis Armies Reach Black Sea Finns Reject U. S. Warning

Ten Little Puppies Get Tidied Up



When Helen Zapf, of New York City, was ten months old she was given a puppy, an Irish setter. Helen is now two and a half years old and the setter has become the mother of ten puppies, to whom Helen is godmother. She is washing the little ones here and hanging them out to dry in the time-honored way. (Central Press)

RAIL STRIKE IS CALLED

Mediation Is Blocked

Mass Resignations of CIO Members Stall Machinery of Defense Mediation Board.

Washington, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Defense mediation board machinery was stalled today by failure of CIO board members to appear, adding a new complication to United States defense efforts already threatened by renewal of the captive coal mine strike.

The hitch in mediation machinery was the first effect of the wholesale resignation of CIO members from the board and some members of Congress.

Washington, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Angrily protesting the defense mediation board's 9 to 2 ruling against a union shop in captive coal mines, CIO President Philip Murray and Thomas Kennedy, secretary-treasurer of the mine workers, resigned from the mediation board yesterday, sending a letter to President Roosevelt denouncing the ruling.

They said it was a denial of the union's right of normal growth and legitimate aspirations and confirmation of the "traditional open shop policy of the anti-labor employers."

They predicted this would lead to intensify the concern of Congress over defense production stoppages. A White House secretary, William D. Bassett, said, meanwhile, that it was a fair assumption that President Roosevelt was going to see that the

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North Carolina Gets Share Of WPA Defense Projects

Daily Dispatch Bureau. In the Sir Walter Hotel. By BOB THOMPSON

Raleigh, Nov. 12.—Over and above its run-of-the-mine projects and exclusive of the 26 armories and eleven airports it built before the government became 100 percent war funded, the Work Projects Administration has spent more than \$7,000,000 on national defense projects in North Carolina during the last 13 or 14 months.

In addition, the WPA is now spending at a considerably faster rate on eleven airports, 20 defense roads and four more armories. It has approved projects for nine other airports and two armories, the construction of which is expected to get started in the near future.

National defense activities are probably the reason that WPA jokes have become as passe as the Ford jokes of yore. Down around Fayetteville, where WPA put up all the

Vichy Officer Dies In Crash

Vichy, Nov. 12.—(AP)—General Charles Huntziger, Vichy's war minister, was burned to death today when a plane in which he was returning to Vichy from a tour of north Africa crashed in southern France.

Seven other persons lost their lives in the crash. Death of the general, who signed the 1940 armistice between Germany and France, was reported shortly after officials had made known their concern for him.

His plane had been missing more than seven hours.

Smith Demands Strike Law

Washington, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Representative Smith, Democrat, Virginia, speaking directly to administration leaders, vowing to keep party lines intact for neutrality revision, declared today that he would vote against the legislation unless the government made a step to the labor front which he felt was sabotaging the defense effort.

Smith, who said he had voted for all previous defense legislation, said that because of the "unusually elements in our midst," he was not prepared to support the proposed revision to permit merchant ships to travel to belligerent ports.

Speaker Rayburn, however, told Smith he was confident of passage of all national majority.

Meanwhile, it became known that Republican leaders at morning conference came to the conclusion that they have this administration bill "beated."

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Five Unions Involved

Operating Brotherhoods, With 350,000 Members, Strike Beginning December 7.

Chicago, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Chiefs of the five operating brotherhoods in the railroad industry ordered their 350,000 members today to strike beginning December 7 for a 30 percent increase in wages.

The men were instructed to leave their jobs progressively on December 7, 8 and 9.

The statement signed by the chiefs of the operating brotherhoods read: "The executive of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Order of Railway Conductors, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and Switchmen's Union of North America announced today that strikes on railroads involve it in the wage dispute recently heard by an emergency board has been set for 6 a. m. Sunday, December 7, 6 a. m. Monday, December 8, and 6 a. m. Tuesday, December 9, 1941."

"The chairman of the carriers conference committee has been informed of the action and notice to the employees through the general chairman of the organizations will go forward immediately."

The statement was signed by Alvin Johnston, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; C. J. Gott, assistant president, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; H. W. Fisher, president, Order of Railway Conductors.

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Six Elephants On Sick List

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Illness strikes today at six more elephants in a circus here already reduced by the death of ten animals in Atlanta.

Walter McLean, chief elephant keeper for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey circus, said the six elephants, refused to eat this morning, adding "that's a sure way to tell when these big fellows are sick."

He brought 37 elephants here. Ten of the herd died of arsenic poisoning in Atlanta since last Thursday. A private detective, Edward Mullin, was quoted by a newspaper today as saying that the poison deaths were "a clear case of mass murder of the elephants."

Circus officials could not be reached for elaboration of that statement. They were aboard a train, en route here from Macon, Ga., and stalled by a wreck in the Augusta yards.

War Against Russia Will Continue

Answer is Made to Secretary Hull's Threat of Loss of American Friendship; Nazi War on Russia Coincidental, They Say.

Helsinki, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Finland today turned down a United States warning to withdraw from the war against Russia on main of losing American friendship and insisted she was still fighting a defensive war against the Soviets.

The decision was made on the note issued after a lengthy session of the government. It was this country's answer to the warning delivered November 2 in Washington by U. S. Secretary of State Hull.

Finland, the Helsinki government advised the United States, does not want to continue the fight against Russia any longer than her vital security demands but she cannot expose herself to future peril by artificially interrupting military operations before the objective is wholly realized.

The note said the defensive nature of the struggle was not altered by the Finnish army's effort to "make harmless and man the enemy's attack bases beyond the 1939 borders."

It said that if Finland had had sufficient strength during the 1939-40 winter war she would have done the same and "surely nobody would have doubted the justice of the Finnish operations."

Berlin, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The Finnish reply to the United States was declared by a Wehrmacht spokesman today to have produced a feeling of "joy to live in this Europe where there are such brave peoples as the Finns."

The spokesman said the reply to "pressure attempt by the American President" constituted an "ear boxing of the hysterical old man in the White House."

The government said that the United States had assumed that Finland's freedom of action would ever be independence had been imperiled by Germany.

"Finland herself has no reason to assume she is in any such danger," he noted.

It explained it was a coincidence that Germany took up arms against Russia a coincidence which saved Finland from standing alone again in a fight which would have ended the doom of Finland and the entire north.

Finland, since going to the aid of Russia last June 26, has regained not only all the territory she was forced to concede to Russia after the 1939-40 war, but the government said that vital areas still were in Russian hands.

Lay Leader Says Church Needs Union

Durham, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Lay delegates to the North Carolina Methodist conference were told today that the church needed a "CIO union—Christianity in Operation" with longer working hours, 24-hour personal sacrifices for the common good and the common goal.

E. T. Welch of Westfield, N. Y., president of the Methodist church's general board of lay activities, addressed the conference lay delegates. "We have no picketing," Welch said, "but however our labor troubles may be described, we do sit still, slow down, stay at home."

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WEATHER

FOR NORTH CAROLINA
Fair, continued cold but not quite so cold in northwest and extreme west portions tonight; Thursday fair, slowly rising temperature.

FDR Gets First Red Cross Button



President Roosevelt is shown being enrolled as a member of the American Red Cross by Miss Adelaide Whitehouse of Washington, D. C. She is assistant director of Volunteer Services of the national organization and is seen wearing the new volunteer uniform.

Churchill Declares Blockade Is Failure

Powder Mill Blown Up

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 12.—(AP)—In an explosion heard 40 miles away, a powder mill operating under a War department contract blew up today in wooded hills west of Peoria, causing several casualties.

Four men were reported missing and a presumably dead.

Officials said that powder mill might be a flammable material used in the manufacture of dynamite.

Federal agents took charge and started for evidence of sabotage at night, located near Peoria's famous miles west of Peoria. It was operated by the Western Powder Manufacturing company, a subsidiary of the Western Chemical Company.

Company spokesman said the plant was producing a specific type of powder for the War department.

RAF Raiders Bomb Naples

Rome, Nov. 12.—(AP)—British bombers struck the Italian port of Naples today, dropping incendiary bombs and causing a fire and killing six persons, including a young child, according to the Italian high command unannounced today.

Despite the raid, the war in Italy is still in progress, the war in the Mediterranean and the war in the Balkans, and the war in the Pacific.

Church Paper Taken Over

Alexandria, Nov. 12.—(AP)—The Baptist publication voted unanimously today to assume financial responsibility for the Biblical Recorder, state Baptist magazine and empowered its directors to select an editor to succeed Dr. John C. Slump.

Dr. Slump goes to the position last month to assume editorial duties with the American Baptist Publication Society.

The general board of the convention is to make available to the Biblical Recorder \$1,000 a month for the next year "in view of the present financial emergency."

The convention assumed partial responsibility for building up the circulation of the magazine in the hope that at the end of a year it may become self supporting.

Oil Fields Of Caucasus Threatened

Critical Stage Reached in Battle of the Crimea; Before Moscow, Soviet Dispatches Report Nazi Forces at Standstill.

(By The Associated Press)

Adolf Hitler's Crimean armies were reported to have reached the Black sea coast today just below Kerch, gateway to the Caucasus oil fields, while on the central front the Russians declared they had battled the Germans to a standstill with more than 70,000 nazis killed and wounded in the 11-day old drive on Moscow.

Soviet dispatches admitted, however, that German troops had advanced to the vicinity of Narofominsk, 35 miles southwest of Moscow, but said the situation had been stabilized. The Germans said their advance forces were within 31 miles of Moscow at one point.

Narofominsk lies on the Kaluga-Moscow highway, about 30 miles east of Maloyaroslavets, the scene of heavy recent fighting.

A bulletin from Hitler's field headquarters said German and Rumanian troops had planted their battle flags on the eastern shore of the Crimea after "sharp pursuit fighting" and Nazi front line dispatches reported that Kerch itself was jammed with fleeing Red army troops.

If true, the arrival of axis forces along the Kerch strait would mean a critical stage had been reached in the battle of the Crimea. Less than four miles wide, the strait presumably would offer only a minor obstacle to Nazi veterans of the conquest of Crete across 75 miles of open water. Beyond the strait, on the Caucasian mainland, are situated the great wells providing much of Russia's oil supply.

The Germans said their dive bombers were inflicting havoc both at Kerch and Sevastopol, destroying port facilities and causing great losses in men and material.

The German threat to Sevastopol was also apparently increasing, the Russians acknowledging they had withdrawn from the rail town of Rakhovskaya, 30 miles northeast of the big Black sea naval base.

On the central front, S. A. Lozovsky, official Soviet spokesman, declared the position of the Red armies before Moscow was "considerably better" and that Hitler's six-week old offensive against the capital had failed.

Jap Council In Session

Tokyo, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Tani discussed the speeches of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and United States Navy Secretary Frank Knox before a private session of the privy council at the imperial palace this morning.

The session was devoted to the foreign minister's explanation of the international situation, brought to sharp focus by Churchill's statement that a British declaration of war would follow within the hour of any outbreak of war between Japan and the United States.

The privy council also examined a protocol recognizing the participation of Croatia in former Yugoslavia in the three-power pact of Japan, Germany and Italy.

Secretary Hull Says Finland Is Evading The Real Issue

Washington, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull indicated to his press conference today that he believed Finland, in turning down the United States suggestion she consider a Soviet-Finnish peace, was evading the real issue.

Hull added that many Americans, too, had not understood what he called the extremely important and effective contribution the Finnish forces were making to Adolf Hitler's cause by participation in the general war.

Replying to questions, Hull said he had not seen the text of Finland's note, but had a general idea of it from press reports.

However, he went on, this is not a question of words but of issues, and added that he thought the issue had been most clearly expressed in words called by an American correspondent from Berlin last night.