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Nazis Driven Beyond Taganrog

Commons Adopts Conscriptio Plan

To Mobilize British Men And Women

Churchill's Program Passes After House Puts Down Insurgent Laborite Amendment to Conscript Wealth.

London, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The house of commons today passed Prime Minister Churchill's plan for maximum mobilization of men and women by 236 to 10 after putting down an insurgent laborite amendment which would have conscripted wealth.

This vote was preliminary to action on the bill itself and was asked by the independent labor party on Churchill's suggestion that:

"For the purpose of securing maximum national effort in conduct of the war and in production, the obligation for national service should be extended to include the resources of womanpower and manpower still available."

Following the vote on that general statement a bill, giving effect to Churchill's proposals to draft unmarried women between 20 and 30 years of age and to raise the limits of the draft to include men up to 51 and reduce the number of exemptions was introduced immediately.

The laborite amendment which also would have nationalized many industries was beaten 336 to 40.

It previously had been disapproved at a caucus which has smoothed over a threatened laborite split on the issue.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—(AP)—A section of the new bridge across the Connecticut river here collapsed today, plunging an undetermined number of workmen into the water.

A huge grocer and a hotel crane, described as the largest in the world, fell.

The Hartford Times said at least 20 men were believed to have been on the section which collapsed.

Some of the workmen were able to crawl out of the river.

DE GAULLE PREDICTS FRENCH CONCESSIONS

London, Dec. 4.—(AP)—General Charles de Gaulle, Free French leader, declared last night that as a result of the latest meeting between Admiral Darlan and Reichsmarschal Hermann Wilhelm Goering, France "would doubtless throw open the gates of north Africa to the enemy."

"Her Hitler has need of reinforcements and is hard pressed for time," de Gaulle asserted in a radio broadcast in French.

Japanese Pessimistic

Premier and Foreign Minister Report to Privy Council on Washington Talks.

Tokyo, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The American hour session today of the inter-Japanese negotiations at Washington were discussed in a two and one-half hour session of the privy council, highest advisory organ of the empire, to which Premier General Tojo and Foreign Minister Togo reported in detail.

Active opinions were exchanged by the privy councillors and the premier and foreign minister," said Domei.

The privy council is consulted by the emperor in all major crises in Japan's international relations.

A pessimistic view of the Washington parleys was expressed by the foreign minister at another meeting.

The refusal of the United States.

Blind in Air Raid Drill!



Two blind girls are assisting another who suffered a "sprained ankle" during an air raid drill at the New York Institute for the Education of the Blind. A troop of sightless Boy and Girl Scouts helped official air raid wardens evacuate the children and administer first aid.

U. S. Aid To Turks Begun Months Ago

Comment Is Caustic

Berlin, Dec. 4.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's announcement that lend-lease aid is being extended to Turkey was a subject of caustic comment among authorized Germans today.

"It is interesting to note the ever-expanding American defense zone now embraces the Near East," one commentator said. "But, mark my word, the last work has not been spoken in this matter."

What Turkey will do about it, whether she might find President Roosevelt's gesture embarrassing, was not discussed by authorities in responsible positions.

NAZI FORCES RUSH TO TURK FRONTIER

New York, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The British radio reported today that new German troops have been rushed to defenses along Bulgaria's frontier with Turkey.

The broadcast, heard by CBS said that Nazi military preparations all along the frontier had been accelerated and that the Germans were tightening their control on Bulgarian ports and airfields.

OPM Official Urges Douglas Dam Approval

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The office of production management warned today that refusal of Congress to approve construction of the Tennessee Valley Authority's Douglas dam "would be an irreparable blow to the national defense program."

Director William L. Batt of the OPM materials division told a press conference that such a refusal by Congress would close the TVA area from further consideration for new defense industries, mean an even more rigid blackout in the southeast later than that now in effect and prevent expansion of existing munitions plants.

The House appropriations committee yesterday eliminated this dam on the French Board river from a new TVA defense development which also embraces Fontana dam in North Carolina, despite President Roosevelt's personal appeal.

Shipments Made to Great Britain, Which in Turn Delivered Them to Turkey, Washington Reveals; Much Aid Expected.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The United States began furnishing Turkey with military supplies six months ago so the Turks could stand by their pledge to defend Turkey and the strategic Dardanelles against any threat of axis aggression. It was learned today.

This Turkey-British pact accords to a great extent for President Roosevelt's formal decision adding Turkey to the list of nations eligible for lend-lease aid.

The White House announcement, however, said only:

"The President announced that he had agreed to defense of Turkey vital to the defense of the United States and had directed lend-lease Administrator E. R. Stettinius, Jr., to see that the defense needs of the government of Turkey were filled as soon as possible."

Under present plans, it was disclosed, future lend-lease aid to Turkey is expected to include some \$100,000,000 worth of planes, tanks, trucks, anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns, ammunition and other supplies urgently required by the Turkish army.

All strictly defense items that may have been made to Great Britain, which in turn delivered them to Turkey, and it was learned that this procedure would prevail on all future shipments.

By this arrangement, it was explained, Britain will be able to fulfill her treaty promises of military supplies in return for Turkey's pledge not to allow any aggressor the use of Turkish soil.

MenAndGoods To Aid China

Manila, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The first group of American transportation men who will keep supplies rolling over the Burma Road while American planes and pilots guard them from air attacks overhead have reached Manila en route to China.

With them came United States supplies en route to China, with a single shipment along carrying a quarter-million dollars worth of materials. There also were war materials for American forces in the Far East.

The 46 men in the transportation group are under contract to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's government and will receive up to \$500 a month in U. S. currency.

Strong Anti-Strike Measure To Senate After House Action

Reprisal Threatened

Paris, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Paris citizens most surprised in the past days, guilty of two recent terrorist acts against German soldiers by next Monday or suffer the "most rigorous of reprisal measures," the German commander of Paris decreed last night.

Lieutenant General Ernst von Schaumburg issued his edict within 24 hours after a German army physician fell victim to a revolver shot while walking on the Boulevard Magenta. The doctor's condition was not disclosed.

The order also covered persons responsible for the bomb deaths last Saturday night of two German artillerymen and the wounding of a number of others in the Montmartre district.

Babson Sees Good Values

Present Tax Schedules Account for Low Prices of Stocks, Analyst Declares.

By ROGER W. BABSON Copyright 1941, Publishers Financial Bureau

Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 4.—What's the matter with the stock market? I am convinced that much of the answer lies with the tax situation. Present taxes are an aid to higher dividends, but a millstone around the neck of prices. Readers should remember that about one-half of government income comes from excise taxes and about one-half is obtained from corporation and personal income taxes. Customs duties, while formerly a large source of income, have now dried up. It is with corporation and personal taxes that investors are directly concerned.

Effect of Taxes Many of us were brought up to believe that stock prices were governed only by good or bad corporation earnings. This is not true today. International complications, fear

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FOG ON ALBEMARLE CAUSES FATALITY

Elizabeth City, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A thick fog that for the past two days has blanketed the entire Albemarle section today took its first toll at this port.

J. E. Snell of Harbinger in Currituck county, 34-year old merchant in the Norfolk navy yard, was instantly killed at 2 o'clock this morning when his car left the highway and smashed into a building near Powell's Point.

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17 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA Rain this afternoon and tonight and in east portion Friday. Clearing west portion Friday. Not quite so warm Friday.

Senators Freely Predict Their Chamber Will Relax Drastic Terms of Smith Bill; Smith Cheered by Manufacturers.

Washington, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A hard boiled strike curb bill, stamped with an unexpected House endorsement of almost two to one, moved to the Senate today where extensive modification appeared probable.

Senators predicted freely that their chamber would relax the bill's drastic terms, and then let a Senate-Press conference committee work out some agreement on the final scope of the legislation needed to avert work stoppages in vital defense plants.

After working itself into a congressional parliamentary snarl, the House finally rolled up a 252 to 136 vote yesterday for the far-reaching bill by Representative Smith, Democrat, Virginia, without even considering some landing "middle of the road" measures.

SMITH APPLAUDED AT NEW YORK MEET

New York, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Representative Howard W. Smith, Democrat, Virginia, whose anti-strike bill was passed by the House yesterday, "received an ovation from the National Association of Manufacturers today when he declared the bill would provide for 'two fundamental rights: the right of man to work and the duty of his government to protect that right.'"

Approximately 2,000 delegates, representing industries throughout the nation, stood and cheered when Smith was introduced.

When the applause died, Smith said quietly:

"If there is any misapprehension in my audience, that this bill is a move on behalf of you, I would like to disabuse your minds right now. 'We want your help and your assistance as loyal American citizens because this is a move in behalf of all Americans who believe in good and fair government.'"

Trio Pleads To Lesser Charges

Bel Air, Md., Dec. 4.—(AP)—In a Harford county circuit court room packed with spectators, three Alexandria, Va., high school pupils today heard the state moderate the murder charges placed against them in the slaying of George G. Browning, itinerant seaman.

Instead of trying all three for murder, the state dropped the murder charge against Leo May Price.

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Barratry Conviction Reveals Lax State Licensing Practice

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

Raleigh, Dec. 4.—North Carolina's first conviction for the common law crime of "barratry," just upheld by the supreme court, has brought to light the fact that this State will license even a crook to practice as a "private detective," just so long as he has \$25 for a license fee.

The investigation of the state bar and other agencies anxious to stamp out detective racket, shows that in many cases all the so-called detective needs to prove an authority he does not have is the very official looking license he bought from the State.

Until the barratry case of State vs. A. Sneyd Batson, a Wilmington detective with a court record, was tried before Judge R. Hunt Parker in New Hanover and the defendant sentenced to prison, few people real-

Tobruk Commander



Maj. Gen. Morshead

Maj. Gen. Morshead, commander of the Tobruk garrison which was relieved by the British pioneer movement out of Egypt, is pictured as he visited Cairo immediately before the British offensive. He was awarded the Order of Virtuti Militari by Gen. Sikorski, of the Polish Free Forces.

Libya Front Still Quiet

Both Sides Apparently Reorganizing Forces; Long Campaign Now Forecast.

Cairo, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Fighting in the Libyan desert lapsed into sporadic raiding, the British Middle East command announced today, while both sides apparently reorganized their forces for new operations.

A British communique said the battle continued in the last 24 hours although four forces continue their pressure on isolated enemy centers of resistance in the Libyan-Egyptian frontier area.

Three Italian tanks were reported destroyed in one small engagement, while on the main front, southeast of Tobruk, small bodies of axis forces, endeavoring to move toward the Sid Azeiz area, were engaged by British mobile columns.

The British, who now aim to whittle down the axis armored power in north Africa tank by tank, were said to have concentrated their main strength on an offensive line from El Ghat northward toward Benghazi, ten miles below long-besieged Tobruk.

This line, it was said, will be the base of future operations against the divisions of German General Erwin Romel, and the British banished Italians in a quick victory.

ITALIAN ALLEGED TERRORISTS KEEP SILENT AT TRIAL

Torino, Italy, Dec. 4.—(AP)—While 22 in 60 persons questioned so far in the mass trial of alleged terrorists and anti-fascist conspirators, the government has obtained little more than statements that some of them were acquainted or friendly with others.

Seven defendants, including two men who were sent to Lampedusa island several years ago on suspicion of anti-fascist activities, denied during the hearings yesterday that they had any part in plotting which the government charges included a 1938 attempt on the life of Premier Mussolini.

The government is seeking to prove the existence of a separatist plot before the war to join the Trieste section of Italy to Yugoslavia.

Hitlerites Retreating To Mariupol

Virtually Four Axis Divisions Knocked Out in Southern Front Counter Offensive; Fresh Gains Claimed at Moscow.

London, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Red army troops were declared today to have driven the Germans beyond Taganrog in a scattered and disorganized rout and knocked out virtually four axis divisions in the southern front counter offensive.

The drive beyond Taganrog, 40 miles west of Rostov, was announced in a Kuriyshev dispatch which said that the Germans were in full retreat toward Mariupol, 60 miles farther along the coast of the Sea of Azov.

Russians, fighting through fierce winds, bitter cold and snow so deep as to stall their own motor units also claimed fresh gains in the two-months-old battle of Moscow.

The German offensive on the Moscow front is slackening, a correspondent for the Moscow paper, Pravda, reported.

He said the Germans actually had passed to the defense in the Klin area north of Moscow and that a two-week battle was in progress in Volokolamsk area northwest of the capital.

The Russians were said to have recaptured several villages around Volokolamsk while being forced to yield others.

The situation was said to be "most serious" in the Mozhaisk sector 57 miles west of Moscow, with the Germans trying to move eastward between Volokolamsk-Mozhaisk highways.

German plans to cut off Leningrad from the east were declared to have been frustrated by Russian soldiers who slew more than 5,000 invaders, destroyed 32 tanks and re-captured several more villages in the vicinity of Tikhvin.

More than 200 miles north of the Rostov-Maritopol fighting, the Russians still claimed the initiative in

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ITALIANS ANNOUNCE SUCCESSES IN AFRICA

Rome, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Troops of two Italian divisions captured several fortified points from the British on the Tobruk front, the high command reported today, while German and British mechanized forces fought west of Bardia.

The Italian Savona division on the Salum front captured British prisoners between its outposts, the communique said.

In the central sector between the Salum and Tobruk fronts, the Italians claimed they beat back a British attack on Bir el Gobi, 40 miles southeast of Tobruk.

Axis Fights Serb Revolt

Three Axis Divisions Reported Locked in Battle With Guerilla Troops.

Cairo, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Three axis divisions (45,000 men) and the uncommitted guerilla forces of General Draza Tadic have been reported by exile Serbs here to be locked in battle in the Yugoslav valley of the western Morava.

Supported by tanks and aircraft, a Serb communique said, the axis divisions launched Tuesday "what appeared to be a general offensive against our positions."

"Our forces under General Draza Mihailovic are resisting successfully in face of furious onslaughts, although in the sector of Uzice (a battle-torn town of 12,000 population) enemy tank attacks have abated one of our units to withdraw," the communique said.

It was declared that Serb partisans had carried out several successful operations in the axis rear.

The Havas news agency said today that 1,500 persons were killed by an explosion of a munitions dump at Oulitza, Serbia, in a fight between guerilla and government troops.

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