

THE WEATHER

Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 90%
Highest temperature yesterday 63
Lowest temperature last night 45
Precipitation for 24 hours .13
Precip. since first of month .50
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1939 .11.43
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1935 2.82
Occasional Rain.

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FINNS WIN BATTLE FOR SOVIET ARMY BASE

MESSAGE

From Roosevelt to congress. It will be delivered tomorrow. See full details, along with highlights of the opening of the season, in the NEWS-REVIEW.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

TOUGH little Finland continues to show big Russia up, but don't be too sure of ultimate Finnish victory. When three million people fight 170 millions, they have a job on their hands.

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE HOPKINS, in a year-end pep talk, says: "There has been a better year than any other in our country's history, trade and agriculture." Let's not forget that in 1939 there has been less razzing of business and financial cranks.

(PERSONAL NOTE: This writer doesn't believe that ALL new dealers are cranks. The percentage, unfortunately, runs too high.)

SECRETARY HOPKINS adds a sober second thought: "The United States can't rely upon DESTRUCTION ABROAD to create a demand for goods." True words. Prosperity can't grow in the soil of waste and de-

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Business Census of U. S. Begun Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Six thousand men and women began knocking today at the doors of 3,200,000 business and industrial establishments in the United States, seeking information for the 1940 census of business, manufacturing, mining and quarrying. By May 1, census bureau officials hope to have the answer to 149 sets of questions as to the first general inventory of all American business and industry since 1925, with particular emphasis on trade volumes, employment and payrolls. Each business will answer only one set of questions. In the spring, 121,000 more enumerators will take the field for the general decennial census of population, agriculture and housing. The census beginning today will cover about 400 types of manufacturing, 93 retail trades, several wholesale, mining and quarrying classifications, plus amusements, hotels and tourist camps, construction and sales-financing firms.

Harmony Possibilities Eyed On Eve of Congress Session

President Has Confab With Party Chiefs

Hopes for Short Session Seem Futile in View of Battle Predictions; Roosevelt's Message Due Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and legislative leaders—among them Vice President Garner—canvassed the possibilities of a short, harmonious congressional session today amid signs that more controversy than they hoped for might be in the offing. Garner, Speaker Bankhead, and Senator Barkley and Representative Rayburn, the senate and house democratic leaders, filed into the chief executive's office to go over plans for tomorrow's opening session, at which Mr. Roosevelt will deliver his annual message.

The conference brought about the first meeting between the president and vice president since the latter announced his candidacy for the democratic presidential nomination, which friends say he will seek regardless of whether Mr. Roosevelt stands for a third term.

Upon conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Roosevelt's chief executive had gone over the major points of his annual message, but neither he nor the other conferees would give any clue to its contents.

The budget message which was originally scheduled to be sent to congress Thursday is almost finished. Barkley said no final arrangements for its submission had been made.

Storms Inflict Further Calamity Upon Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Flood waters and storms have taken at least 500 lives in Turkey, still staggering from last week's earthquake catastrophe. Officials estimated the following casualties within the past week: Earthquake—15,000 dead, 100,000 injured and 500,000 homeless. Storms and floods—500 dead and 25,000 homeless. Inhabitants of 20 villages in western Turkey fled from flooded areas, and hundreds of others were marooned. Storms along the Black sea caused great shipping damage. The 700-ton Turkish freighter Turkian sank with her crew of 20. It was feared other vessels had capsized.

Quintuplets Now Belong to Daddy Dionne



Agreement by Dr. Allan Roy Dafeo to resign as guardian of the Dionne quintuplets ends a series of controversies between the doctor and the Dionnes over control of the quints. Olivia Dionne had sued the physician, twice over income received through advertising contracts, and once charging ridicule. The quints' father had long protested the separation of the five girls from the rest of the Dionne

Congress Faced by Big Problems

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Here are the major measures confronting the congressional session starting tomorrow:

Defense—President Roosevelt will ask early approval of record-breaking appropriations.
Finances—President expected to suggest substantial reduction in other governmental expenses to compensate in part for defense outlays, leaving to congress the question of whether to raise new revenue or increase the present \$45,000,000,000 debt limit.
Farm—Administration probably will ask continuance of present benefit program but will urge that congress raise additional revenue for any extra-budgetary benefits.
Neutrality—Few, if any changes contemplated in present neutrality act, but senate sentiment growing for special legislation dealing with Japan.
Trade—Major battle in prospect over continuance of the administration's reciprocal trade program.
Labor—Several groups demanding changes in Wagner labor relations law; wage-hours amendments also may be offered.

Drain Man Held In Knifing Affray

William Scott Angel, 44, resident of Drain, was under arrest today on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, after allegedly slaying James Harrington of Drain as the latter attempted to aid Jake Sawyers, city marshal, in arresting Angel for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Death Takes Congressman Noted for Pension Bills

JOHNSTOWN, O., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Rep. William A. Ashbrook (D., Ohio), known as the "soldier's friend" because of sponsoring a record number of pension bills, died last night at the age of 72. He was serving his 10th congressional term from the 17th Ohio district.

Spee's Aid Ship, Tacoma, Interned

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Uruguayan officials today worked out measures to make sure the interned German freighter Tacoma would remain a captive here for the rest of the war and prepared for a visit from a British man of war.

The British colony arranged a welcome for the ship and crew. She will bring Rear Admiral Henry Harwood, who directed the battle against the Graf Spee. In the harbor Uruguay's miniature navy stood guard against a possible break for freedom by the 8,268-ton Tacoma, while officials prepared to intern her crew and dispose of the cargo of oranges, grapefruit and nuts. One possibility discussed was that the freighter would be beached.

Tightening Of Alien Laws To Be Demanded

Dies Committee Report, Due Tomorrow, Will Call For Prosecution Campaign and Un-American Publicity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Dies committee, concluding its second year of inquiry into un-American activities, will call on the government tomorrow for stricter enforcement of alien laws, but again will defer making specific legislative recommendations.

Well-informed sources said today the committee's second annual report, which must be filed with the house by midnight tomorrow when the committee expires, would contain these two general proposals: 1. An intensified campaign for prosecution of every known violator of the immigration, naturalization, deportation, passport and foreign agent registration laws. 2. Renewed publicity for un-American activities which are beyond the scope of existing statutes.

These recommendations are, in substance, the high spots of the report which six of the seven committee members came to Washington today to approve. Persons close to Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) said all the members would sign it.

It was learned Dies, ill at his Orange, Texas, home, would use the second recommendation as the basis for enlisting support for his resolution extending the inquiry for at least one more year. Procedure Revision Asked. However, two committee members have said they would insist the committee, if continued, revise some of its procedure. They objected particularly to recent an-

Gen. White Will Be Honored at Banquet

The annual meeting of the Roseburg chamber of commerce at the Umpqua hotel at 6:30 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 4, will take on a military aspect as local military units honor Major General George W. White, adjutant general of Oregon, who is to be the principal speaker. Members of the Roseburg national guard company and of Umpqua chapter reserve officers will attend the banquet in uniform. Preparations are being made to entertain a record attendance at the banquet, where the national guard, reserve officers and members of the newly formed junior chamber will be provided with special sections.

The junior chamber of commerce will receive its charter at a ceremony to be conducted by a representative from the Portland junior chamber.

General White's address, which will feature the event, is expected to be of great interest.

Additional entertainment has been arranged by Miss Helen Casey and will include vocal duets, solos and sextets, accordion and violin selections and skits.

Alvin J. Wirtz Appointed Interior Undersecretary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt gave a recess appointment today to Alvin J. Wirtz of Austin, Tex., as undersecretary of the interior.

The appointment is subject to senate confirmation.

Wirtz was general counsel of the lower Colorado river authority, known as the "Texas little TVA." From 1922 to 1939 he was a member of the Texas senate and once was its president.

As undersecretary of the interior Wirtz succeeds Harry Slattery, who resigned to become administrator of the rural electrification administration.

New Generals Enter Russ-Finn War



New Red chief on the warpath is Gen. Gregor M. Stern, left, hero of Russia's "vest pocket war" in the Far East, who has been named to lead a reinforced soviet army out of Leningrad against Finland. On the other side, fresh volunteer troops from Sweden, under command of 71-year-old Gen. Ernst Linder, right, are aiding the Finns. General Stern, not yet 40, is the son of a Jewish doctor.

Farmer Wins Debt Moratorium Suit

Foreclosure Procedure Halts After Debtor Files His Petition, Ruling of Court.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The supreme court upheld today a contention state courts are barred from proceeding with foreclosure action after a farmer files a petition in a federal district court in the Frazier-Lemke act for a moratorium on his indebtedness. This was contended by Representative Lemke of North Dakota, co-author of the legislation designed to aid debt-ridden farmers. He asserted filing the petition automatically divested state courts of jurisdiction and no notification to them of the filing was required. Lemke was one of the attorneys who argued before the high tribunal for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kalb, seeking to recover possession of their 120-acre farm in Walworth county, Wis. Foreclosure of a mortgage held by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fusterlein was authorized by the Walworth county court. Contending they had been unlawfully evicted from the farm, the Kalbs also sought damages against County Judge Roscoe R. Luce, Sheriff George O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Fusterlein.

Both the circuit court for Walworth county and the Wisconsin supreme court ruled against the Kalbs.

Justice Black delivered today's decision that reversed the state supreme court. No dissent was announced. The decision returned the cases to the Wisconsin supreme court "for proceedings in harmony with this opinion."

"Congress repeatedly stated its unequivocal purpose," Justice Black said, "to prohibit—in the absence of consent by the bankrupt farmer or any court from instituting, or maintaining if already instituted, any proceeding against the farmer to sell under mortgage foreclosure, to confirm such a sale, or to dispossess under it."

Dairies Abolish One-Quart Milk Bottle to Cut Price

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Two Chicago dairies announced today that starting Friday they would offer milk in two and four-quart containers instead of the conventional one-quart bottle in an effort to lower the price for home deliveries.

Officials of the Bowman Dairy company and the Borden-Wieland division of the Borden company said a two-quart container will be offered for 22 cents, or 11 cents a quart, compared with 13 cents now, while the four-quart container will be delivered for 38 cents, or 9 1/2 cents a quart. More extended use of the larger bottles would depend on their reception in "sample" areas.

Austin Declines Bid To Jackson Day Dinner

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Senator Austin (R-Vt.) declined today an invitation to attend the annual Jackson day dinner of the democratic party January 8.

England to Boost Army by 2 Million

Proclamation of King Calls More Men to Colors; Nazi Raiding Planes Routed.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—A proclamation by King George calling about 2,000,000 more Britons to the colors gives the British a potential army of at least 3,500,000 men. It is expected all will be in service by the end of the year.

The proclamation requires that all male Britons between 19 and 27 years old register for service.

Previous conscription orders affected only men 20, 21 and 22 years old—a total of 1,500,000 men unarmored or technically mobilized. The vast expansion of mobilization does not include troops from the British colonies and dominions, which sent 3,500,000 to France themselves in 1914-18.

British fighter planes took the air today to chase a German airplane reported over the Shetland islands. It was the second successive day German fliers attempted an air raid over the islands north of Scotland. The air ministry said one of two raiders yesterday was shot down, and an attempt to bomb a British warship failed to inflict damage. All British aircraft returned successfully, the ministry added.

New Year Holiday Reaps Toll of 369 Tragic Deaths

By the Associated Press. The New Year holiday reaped a toll of one death by violence for every day in old 1939—a total of 369. Reports from the 48 states today showed 190 of these were on the highways. Six states reported no violent deaths over the holiday which ended yesterday. These states were Idaho, Mississippi, North Dakota, Nevada, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Sixteen persons died by fire; 41 by suicide; 28 by homicide and 93 from various other causes. Approximately 160 most violent death last New Year's.

Secy. Hull Disclaims Any Presidential Ambitions

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Secretary Hull disclaimed today personal ambitions for the presidency. At his press conference, he said he knew nothing of reports that President Roosevelt had chosen him as his successor. He added immediately that he had made all the comments that could be made on this subject, six to twelve months ago, when in writing to various persons, he stated that he had no personal purposes, in any sense, of a political nature.

Hull said he also told those persons he was not giving anybody permission to do or say anything contrary to that attitude.

Two Attacks Elsewhere By Reds Halted

Invaders Lose Seven Planes in Series of Raids but Leave Turku Partly Destroyed; Loss of Life Small.

HELSINKI, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The capture of a Russian army base and the smashing of an all-day tank-supported red army attack at two points on the eastern front were reported today by the Finnish army communique.

The Russian base at Alttajoki "passed from hand to hand during the day" before the Finns finally took it, the communique said, adding that three machine guns, a field kitchen and 400 overcoats fell into their hands.

Near Lake Lajavari the Russians were said to have attacked the whole day with tanks supporting the infantry only to be repulsed with the loss of a tank.

Gains northeast of Lake Ladoga and in the Suomussalmi region scene of the week-end triumph over the Russian 163rd division, also were reported.

The Russians, the communique said were being pursued in the direction of Junturanta, near the Finnish-Russian border.

Seven Red Planes Downed. The Finns reported seven red army planes were shot down during the week-end, in which the southwestern port of Turku (Abo) suffered heavily. Large sections lay in smoking ruins today.

Unofficial reports said numerous Russian bombers had been forced down in Finnish territory by fierce weather and blizzards.

A bombardment of Kuusisto on the south coast by the Russian battleship October Revolution "without results worth mentioning" was recorded in the communique.

Turku castle, dating from the 13th century and housing one of Finland's finest museums, still was in flames. Many objects of art were removed during the raid of more than 20 planes.

The waterfront district was reported devastated.

A government spokesman said the damage was "very great," but only two persons were reported killed and four injured.

With soviet land forces reported stalled on the Mannerheim line on the Karelian isthmus, red bombing raids were seen as reprisals for the reversals. More than 50 cities and towns have been raided in the month-long war. Some of the cities, the Finns asserted, have no

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"Dope" Racketeer Handed 14 Years

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, racketeer, was sentenced today to 14 years in prison for violation of the federal narcotics laws. Lepke was convicted Dec. 20 on an indictment charging conspiracy to violate the laws in the operation of what the government called a \$10,000,000 international narcotics-smuggling syndicate.

Brought before Judge John C. Knox for sentencing today he pleaded guilty to nine additional indictments relating to transportation and concealment of narcotics.

District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey estimated Lepke's rackets had netted him \$5,000,000 in extortion money alone.

Four men, indicted with Lepke on extortion charges in the bakery and flour trucking business, are to go on trial tomorrow in general sessions court. Because Lepke was being held by federal authorities he was not to be tried with the quartet.

"Attack on America" Will Be Launched in Serial Tomorrow

A new novel, just released in book form by the publishers, Houghton Mifflin company of New York and entitled "Attack on America," by General Ared White, will appear in daily installments in the News-Review, beginning tomorrow.

The story is a thrilling and realistic account of what might take place if an enemy attempted the conquest of this country. The personal adventures of Captain Allen Banning of the army intelligence service add spice to an already well seasoned narrative.