

ARGENTINA SEVERES RELATIONS WITH AXIS

Nazi-Jap Spy Ring Activity Reason Given

Roundup of Suspects in Progress; Hemisphere Solidarity Completed

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The government announced it frustrated an attempted revolution at dawn today.

A communique from the ministry of interior said units of the disbanded liberal party and allied organizations tried to take possession of police headquarters and barracks.

The Paraguayan government is headed by President Higinio Morinigo.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Argentina severed diplomatic relations with Germany and Japan today to complete belatedly a solid stand by the western hemisphere against the axis.

The last of 21 republics in the Americas to break off relations with Germany and Japan, Argentina announced the action after a long night of conferences among leaders of the government of president Gen. Pedro Ramirez.

While these discussions were in progress, it also was revealed today, police were busy rounding up many persons—some reported to be members of Argentine society—in an extensive espionage ring which has been operating in the country.

Following Ramirez' signing of the decree ending relations, it was announced that the German and Japanese ambassadors would be handed their passports immediately.

Britain Supplies Proof

The action today, two years after most other Latin American countries had cut their connections with the axis, followed an announcement last week of the arrest by the British of an Argentine consul last week when his boat stopped at Trinidad en route to Europe.

The consul, Osmar Alberto Hellmuth, was on his way to Barcelona, Spain, when he was removed from the boat and charged with spying.

Acting on evidence supplied by British authorities, Argentina began rounding up numerous persons implicated in the ring.

(Montevideo dispatches said the espionage ring had been working in close touch with the German and Japanese embassies in Buenos Aires.

Subversive activities, apparently originating in Argentina, were held responsible by the United States, Britain and other countries for the overthrow of the Bolivian government in December. Argentina alone has seen fit to recognize the new Bolivian regime.

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

AMONG the less highly publicized scarcities of this war period is real estate. Except in the case of sites for military and essential industrial installations, it isn't a war necessity. It isn't rationed.

But the supply of it that is offered for sale is materially under the demand. Especially farm real estate.

A business associate of this writer bought some land the other day. It is grazing land, lying in the beautiful rolling hills that extend westward from Monterey. It adjoins another tract already owned by him.

Somebody's foot slipped somewhere along the line and it seems that he got a bargain. At any rate, he was offered a considerable profit within a week.

He didn't buy for speculation, so he refused the profit.

THE price paid was somewhere around \$12 an acre. The real estate dealer who had offered the quick profit volunteered the opinion that he could probably get around \$20 an acre before long if he were willing to sell.

"BEFORE long." In a way, that is an interesting statement. It prompts this question: "HOW LONG will it REMAIN quickly salable at that figure?"

The answer depends on a number of things. Among other conditions, it depends on how long the present boom in real estate lasts.

Its ultimate value, of course, depends on how many acres of it

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Invasion Is Costly Fighting

Your Boy Gives 100 per cent!

How about your bond buying?

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States Service; Vote Bill 'Fraud'-Roosevelt

Change Urged By President In Message

Substitute Measure in Absentee Ballot Plan Receives Endorsement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt again today stepped into the congressional wrangle over votes for soldiers with sharp criticism of a measure passed by the senate last month and a demand for "adequate legislation."

In a message to congress, the chief executive described the bill approved by the senate December 3 and now pending before the house as "meaningless." It would turn the whole job of implementing soldier balloting over to the states.

"I consider such proposed legislation," Mr. Roosevelt declared, "a fraud on the soldiers and sailors and marines now training and fighting for us and for our sacred rights. It is a fraud upon the American people."

Endorsing substitute measures proposed by Senators Green (D., R.I.) and Lucas (D., Ill.) and by Rep. Worley (D., Tex.), the president said:

"What is needed is a complete change of machinery for absentee balloting, which will give the members of our armed forces and merchant marine all over the world an opportunity to cast their ballots without time-consuming correspondence and without waiting for each separate state to hold its primary, print its ballots, and send them out for voting."

The recent bills proposed by

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Five Women Perish in Chicago War Plant Fire

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Five women employees of a northwest side war plant lost their lives late last night when they were trapped by flames of a fire which attacked the one-story building.

The bodies of the five women were found in the women's rest room. Several women employees of the plant, which manufactures electrical equipment for the army and navy, were rescued through the skylight of the washroom where they had been trapped.

House Group Raps 'Unconstitutional' Acts Of NLRB, Questions Power Given F. R.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The National War labor board was accused by a special house committee today of violating the constitution by requiring maintenance of a union membership clause in contracts between workers and employers.

The committee, set up to investigate "acts of executive agencies beyond the scope of their authority," declared in a blistering report to the house that the constitution can not be suspended by the president or his agents "merely because a state of war exists."

If the labor board's "automatic challenge to constitutional authority remains unanswered and unremedied," the report said, "it will imperil our present economic system and will mark the transition of our government from one of laws to one of men."

Five of the seven committee members including Chairman Smith (D-Va.) signed the report. A dissenting opinion was filed by Representative Voorhis of California and Delaney of New York, democrats, who held the board "has not exceeded authority duly granted to it by congress itself."

Soviet Spurns Mediation in Polish Breach

Offer of United States Turned Down; Massacre Guilt Placed on Nazis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull announced today that Russia had rejected the offer of the United States to employ its "good offices" in restoring diplomatic relations between Poland and Russia.

The reply states, Hull said, that the soviet government does not feel that conditions have yet ripened to a point where such good offices could be used to advantage.

The Russians began their note of rejection, he said, with an expression of appreciation for the offer.

What further action, if any, the United States may take, either alone or in cooperation with Britain, which also has offered to seek a resumption of relations between Poland and Russia, remained unanswered by Hull.

Exile Gov't. Barrier

There was no indication here as to what the Russians actually had in mind by saying that conditions have not ripened sufficiently for a hope of success in restoring their relations with Poland but it seemed possible that their attitude might be unchanged from that in their recent criticism of the Polish government in exile in London.

There has been considerable speculation both here and in London that the exile government would have to be reconstituted before the Russians will recognize it.

Hull had no comment specifically on Foreign Secretary Eden's statement in commons today reaffirming Britain's policy of not recognizing wartime changes in the territories of European nations, which is the heart of the dispute between Russia and Poland. This appeared likely to provoke another crisis in allied diplomatic relations since Russia stoutly claims the eastern two-fifths of Poland occupied in agreement with Germany early in the war.

The actual break in relations between the two countries came after Poland asked the international Red Cross to investigate

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Rabaul Plane Loss of Japs Passes 400

New Allied Blows Also Sink 5 Ships; M'Arthur Honored on Birthday

(By the Associated Press)

Japanese plane losses throughout the embattled Pacific rose above the 400 mark for January today after another allied raid on bomb-torn Rabaul, that cost the enemy between 54 and 69 aircraft.

In shipping, too, the Japanese received hard new blows as U. S. 14th airforce fliers—credited with sinking 17 enemy ships during December—destroyed five vessels totaling 9900 tons off Fuchow on the East China coast.

Lashing at Japanese communications in Southern Burma, allied fighter planes damaged more than 60 river craft and a steamer. New Delhi also reported fresh fighting in the northern Burma campaign to clear the way for the new Ledo road to China.

Havoc Dealt Rabaul

The latest of the smashing time-table strikes at Rabaul brought the statement by Maj. Gen. Ralph Mitchell, commander of South Pacific air squadrons, that it was "the most successful offensive operation in the history of Solomon warfare."

American and New Zealand units, attacking the Lakunai airfield.

Fiendish Murder of Woman Is Confessed

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Rose Brancato, 28, New Haven Journal Courier reporter, who disappeared mysteriously on July 5 of last year, and was never seen nor heard from again, was brutally slain and her body stuffed into a furnace the night of her disappearance, New Haven police said last night in announcing the signed confession of Walter W. Law, 39, of New Haven, to the slaying.

Law, a former superintendent of a Church street building, signed the confession after undergoing questioning for 48 hours.

Law was arrested last Saturday on 13 counts of embezzlement and two charges of robbery in connection with his employment.

Yanks Wade Through Surf in Surprise Invasion



Without encountering enemy fire, American troops waded through neck-deep surf as allied Fifth army landed behind German lines on the west coast of Italy in a surprise invasion. Craft of the landing armada stand offshore. (Signal Corps photo via OWI.)

Reds Reach Vital Railways in Drive To Trap Germans

MOSCOW, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The great Russian northern offensive has reached the two main railroads running west and south of Leningrad, cutting off approximately 250,000 nazi troops from direct communication with the rest of the German army.

The Germans were reported battling violently to hold their grip on these main rail arteries, but there use of them already has been neutralized by Gen. Govorov's swift advance, and the nazis have been forced to fall back on two secondary lines running south to a junction with other railroads serving Luga and Pskov.

The main Moscow-Leningrad railway was breached.

Capture by Gen. Meretskov of Ostrov, nine miles east of the Leningrad-Vitebsk railway, placed that escape valve within range of soviet big guns, thus throwing the main weight of nazi withdrawal on the last line available—the Leningrad-Pskov-Warsaw railway.

In the Ukraine, strong German tank and infantry forces continued their counterattacks against Gen. Vatutin's first Ukrainian army east of Vinnitsa, where Vatutin is attempting to break through to the Odessa-Warsaw railway and the Rumanian frontier. All enemy assaults have been repulsed, the war communiqué reported.

Dog License Fund Fails To Pay Depredation Costs

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—Dog licenses did not bring in enough revenue to pay claims of Linn county farmers for 280 sheep, 77 turkeys and three goats killed by dogs, says County Clerk R. M. Russell.

As the licenses were the only source of funds for compensation, he said, payments of claims had to be limited to 45 per cent.

Aged Linn County Farmer Gored to Death by Bull

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 26.—(AP)—A Jersey bull he was preparing for a slaughter house gored E. R. Allen, 77, Tangent farmer, to death yesterday.

The widow, a son, Roland, and a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Campbell, all of the Tangent area, survive.

Douglas First to Exceed Corporation Bond Goal

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The first week of the Fourth War loan drive saw E bond sales to individuals reach \$7,399,815, or 19.5 per cent of the \$38,000,000,000 quota.

Douglas county was the only county to oversubscribe its corporation quota. Sales totaled \$289,700 for 106.5 per cent of quota.

Oregon Traffic Impaired by Ice, Deep Snowfall

(By the Associated Press)

Snow and sub-zero temperatures closed one highway and made driving hazardous on other routes in eastern Oregon today.

Snow blocked the tollgate road and the Oregon State Motor association said it was doubtful if the highway would be reopened until spring.

The Old Oregon Trail highway from Baker to Pendleton was covered with snow and ice. Motorists were advised to attempt the route only in the middle of the day. The most dangerous stretch was over the summit of the Blue Mountains between Pendleton and La Grande where several inches of new snow fell and icy spots were numerous.

The highway down the Columbia gorge was icy in spots. Extreme driving care was advised.

The La Grande-Wallowa lake route also was icy. Motorists were warned of falling rock in the Minam hill section.

The thermometer dipped to 2 degrees below zero at Baker and at Gilchrist in Klamath county. Lakeview recorded 2 above, Burns 3 above, Klamath Falls 13, Bend 20, Pendleton 23, Medford 26, Salem 28, Eugene, Portland and Roseburg 30.

Despite the snowfall the Willamette highway between Eugene and Klamath Falls, where nine inches of new snow fell, was open.

Snow also fell in the coast range, closing a number of logging camps.

The forecast was for fair weather, continued cold.

Auto Driver and Companion Fined On Drunk Charges

Clarence Bush, Reedsport pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving in the Roseburg justice court today. He previously had pleaded innocent to the charge. A fine of \$150 and a 30-day jail term was imposed. Judge Thomas Hartfield reported. Bush's driver's license was suspended for a period of one year. Ervin Pierson, also of Reedsport, who was reportedly accompanying Bush at the time of the arrest, Judge Hartfield stated, pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk on a public highway and was fined \$50. Both were committed to the county jail in lieu of payment of the fines. The jail sentence against Bush, Hartfield ordered is to be suspended in the event the fine is paid.

Other fines reported in the justice court included Victor H. Wigglesworth, \$30, speeding; Donald L. Wahl, \$15, insufficient headlights; Wilfred D. Lovegren, \$25, speeding; Glen G. Coughran, \$10, axle overload; S. W. Coughran, \$10, overload; Lee M. Mortenson, \$10, overload; William H. Johnson, \$35, overload; Howard F. Kincaid, \$25, overload; Floyd Beck, \$20, overload; Stephen Kadus, \$10, no vehicle license; Ernest F. Rohr, \$10, failure to stop at a through highway; John Polk DeShang, \$10, speeding; Jack H. McClanahan, \$10, speeding; Raymond Kozera, \$15, overload.

Stolen Mink Coat Found By Chance at Tailor's

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Detective Richard Anderson, uncle of singer Marian Anderson, tried unsuccessfully for five days to trace a \$3,200 mink coat stolen from Mrs. John Frederick Lewis, Jr., board of education member and wife of the Academy of Music president.

Yesterday Anderson, leaving a pair of trousers to be pressed, noticed a fur coat that had been left in the tailor shop for relining.

"Who brought in that coat?" the detective asked. The proprietor told him and Anderson—after Mrs. Lewis identified the coat as hers—arrested Earl Adkerson, 23, and charged him with the theft.

Showdown For Eternal City Impends

Cassino Being Occupied By Americans; Red Cross Vessel Sunk by Nazis

(By the Associated Press)

German defenses stiffened today in the beachhead driven painfully into their flank just south of Rome and weakened in the Cassino area where American troops re-crossed the Rapido river and advanced through minefields after patrols had stabbed into the central stronghold.

The shift of enemy strength suggested that the climactic battle of Rome was about to be joined in earnest, and that the Germans might have decided to withdraw from positions 60 miles south to avoid being chopped to bits between the main lines and the Rome sector.

Americans and Britons south of Rome still were pressing forward, but with increasing difficulty. Naval gunfire supported the thrust below Rome. Front dispatches said the allies were in clear view of Velletri, Genzano and Albano, the last 15 miles southeast of the capital.

Allied headquarters would not say that Cassino had been captured although dispatches said the patrols found no Germans there.

Spectacular use of allied air power was reported in Italy where planes pounded ceaselessly at roads and bridges which the Germans must use to reach the crucial Rome front. Half a dozen towns in central Italy were bombed. The battle areas were constantly covered by allied planes.

On the Garigliano front near the Mediterranean, British troops captured Ceraoli, two miles west of Castellote. Americans driving through the Cassino minefields were under heavy fire and the Germans counterattacked the French heavily near Monte Croce, northeast of Cassino.

Red Cross Ship Sunk

In a cold-blooded attack far outside the invasion zone, German bombers sank a hospital ship Monday and made a direct hit

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Mustering-Out Pay Bill Passed by House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—House passage by a vote of 277 to 103 sent to the senate today compromise legislation providing for a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$300 to men and women of the armed services upon their discharge.

The maximum goes to all eligible persons who have served overseas or in Alaska. Those whose entire service has been in this country will receive \$100 if they have served less than sixty days, and \$200 if they have won the uniform more than 59 days.

Oregon Seizes More Liquor Than It Loses

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Liquor hijackers have been outmaneuvered by the state liquor commission, says Administrator Ray Conway.

What if they did get away with 363 cases of state-owned spirits, he said—the commission has confiscated 679 cases shipped into the state illegally.

Besides, the stolen liquor was covered fully by insurance, he added.

Levity Fact Rant

By L. F. Kalmata

Breaking relations with Germany and Japan, artful Argentina explains that it has just "discovered" an immense axis spy ring within her boundaries. Hold your nose at that one and reach for the disinfectant.