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Weather Unsettled with rain today and Thursday; snow over mountains; gales off the coast, Max temp. Tuesday 49. Min. 26. River 4.5 ft. Northeast wind.

Russia Rejects League of Nations Offer

In One Ear.. Finns Must Look To Other Nations For Armament Aid

—Paul Hauser's Column

Anthony X. Plink died quietly at his home in Neotsu, Fla., in the fall of 1938 and no one ever suspected that his death was the direct result of a pinch of arsenic slipped slyly into his eggs...

Mr. Plink, known to his friends as Tony Paul H. Hauser, Jr. was the last recorded person to sing when one of those "Everybody Sings" films is flashed on the screen at the cinema.

Hollywood paid little or no attention to Mr. Plink's demise as it did few others. Hollywood is still making community sing shorts despite the unlamented departure of the last customer.

It was our unhappy privilege to be present at a theatre the other day when a phony college boy flickered on the screen and tried to get the audience to sing away its cares with a rousing version of that number dear to the heart of every red-blooded American, the Slippery Rock Teacher's fight song.

Before launching himself on the immortal strains of the Tufts college alma mater our college boy friend, whom we shall call Joe, urged the audience, which had the mild and soothing music of popcorn bags in the wind.

We breathed a sigh of relief. No one had broken the sacred trust and again Mrs. Plink had been vindicated. Tony Plink has been three years dead and no one has come brashly forward to take his place.

Mayhap he did not die in vain. Nazis Place Full Blame on Britain Von Ribbentrop Says War Not to End Until Enemy Beaten

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi foreign minister, in a second white book on war causes, today accused Great Britain of being "exclusively responsible for the war by which she desires to destroy Germany."

Von Ribbentrop shattered any notion that peace might be near by asserting that the German people would not lay down their arms until their objective is reached, that is: "The military destruction of the enemy and the making secure against every future threat of the vital living space which belongs to the German people."

Finns Must Look To Other Nations For Armament Aid

US Supply Inadequate for Speedy Shipment to Relieve Situation Of Present Invasion by Russ

Finland Is Ready to Pay Cash, But American Factories Cannot Meet Immediate Demand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A round of official conferences produced indications today that Finland must look to European neighbors rather than the United States for arms.

The Finnish minister, Hjalmar Procope, and the military attache, Colonel Per Zilliacus, handed a list of Finland's munitions needs to sympathetic army and navy officials with mostly discouraging results, although Procope indicated that Finland had the funds to purchase them.

American war planes, guns, shells and other arms are not believed to be available in quantity from commercial sources for quick shipment, officials reported.

Any proposal to transfer surplus American stocks or to permit firms under contract with the army and navy to fill Finnish orders first would involve decisions on basic neutrality policy.

There were indications, however, that a substantial order for military type gas masks, an item the Finns need urgently, might be filled with a minimum of delay. Orders for about 1000 masks to protect horses already have been placed.

For civilians uses the American Red Cross has sent \$25,000 to Finland, President Roosevelt said at his press conference, and \$16,000 has been applied to the purchase of medicines in London for the Finns. Mr. Roosevelt, who is president of the Red Cross, said it has appropriated \$1,000,000 for war relief in Europe, including Finland.

In answer to a question, he said he thought former President Hoover's undertaking to raise Finnish relief funds was fine and that he understood Hoover had been cooperating with the Red Cross.

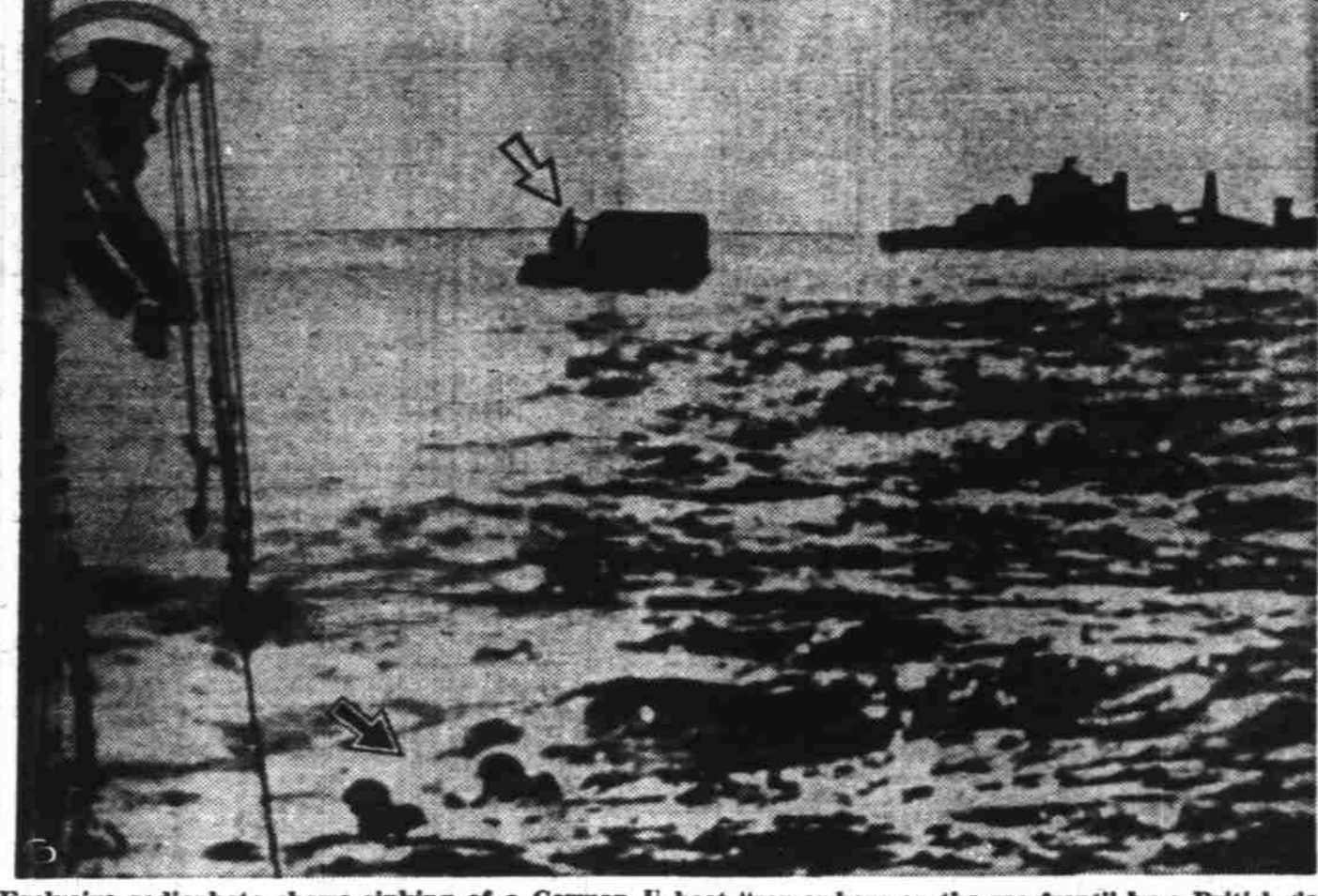
The \$10,000,000 Export-Import bank credit for aid of Finnish civilians, Mr. Roosevelt said, will come pretty close to scraping the bottom of the bank's cash till.

Salem Man Dies When Truck Hits Antone Clemenson Killed Instantly in Accident North of Capital

Antone Clemenson, 58, route seven, was instantly killed last night when he was struck by a truck driven by Francis Schekcia, Tigard, as he was walking south on the Pacific highway with his brother, Charles Clemenson, about one-quarter mile north of the Chemawa fork corners.

Captain Percy L. Clark of the Salem first aid car, called to the scene of the accident, said Clemenson died of chest injuries and a head wound. He received a severe cut on the head, but Clark was not sure that it was fatal.

GERMAN OFFICER STAYS WITH DOOMED U-BOAT



Exclusive radiophoto shows sinking of a German U-boat "somewhere on the sea front" by a British destroyer and the rescue of some of the stricken sub's crew. Upper arrow indicates coming tower of the sinking submarine. Going down with it is pictured one of her men, presumably the commander. Lower arrow points to two men swimming to the destroyer. Silhouetted against the horizon are two other British destroyers which participated in the sinking. (IIN.)

Man Who Worked Way Through Is OSC Head

Frank L. Ballard Chosen by 5-to-4 Vote of State Board of Higher Education to Succeed Dr. George W. Peavy

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Frank Lewelling Ballard, 48, who got his education the hard way at Oregon State college, was named president of his alma mater today.

The state board of higher education split, five to four, on the selection. Ballard succeeds Dr. George W. Peavy, resigned, who will assume emeritus status on July 1, 1940, the date the new president will take office.

Ballard, a native of New Hampshire, enrolled at Oregon State in 1912. As he studied agronomy, agricultural economics and agricultural chemistry, he paid his way by doing odd jobs about the campus.

After graduation, Ballard returned to New Hampshire to open his professional career in the field that occupied most of his time until the present—agricultural extension work. Since 1923 he has been professor of extension methods at Oregon State, and since 1936, in nominal charge of the extension service. He returned to Oregon in 1917.

Dr. Peavy came to Oregon State from the US forest service in 1910 as dean of the school of forestry. Four years ago he was elevated to the presidency of the college. He resigned last August upon reaching retirement age. It was thought possible that he might resume the deanship.

Hostilities flared among members of the board of education after the announcement of the vote. E. C. Sammons, of Portland, one of the four who opposed Ballard's election, said he was motivated not by dislike of Ballard, "whom I admire very much," but by opposition to "political gangster methods used on the state college campus" to bring about Ballard's election. He did not expand on his statement.

C. A. Brand of Roseburg, who also voted "no" said he did not believe "in taking a fine and (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

Boettiger's View Placed in Record Son-in-law of President Criticizes NLRB on Strike of Guild

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A memorandum stating that John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, had vehemently accused the national labor relations board of making a decision based on "a distortion of the facts" and "illogical inferences" was read today to the record of the house committee investigating the board.

The document, written by Elwyn J. Eagen, the board's regional director at Seattle, also said that Boettiger had accused a board examiner of unfairness and had indicated that he would see that information at his disposal "reached the proper authorities."

(Turn to page 2, col. 6) Council on Peace Postpones Meet

Monroe Sweetland will speak on "A Pro-War Foreign Policy Versus an Intelligent Domestic Program" to the next meeting of the Salem Peace Council.

The council is omitting its December meeting, but will meet early in January, date to be announced later.

Merchants' Association Shops Open Extra Hours

Retail stores affiliated with the Salem Merchants' association will remain open until 8:30 p. m. on the last two shopping days before Christmas, Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23, it was announced Tuesday by the association's retail committee. Numerous inquiries on this point have come to retailers and to The Statesman.

Break by France, England Expected To Follow Action

Soviet Withdrawal May Come Before Expulsion; Final Vote to Come Early Today

By CHARLES S. FOLTZ GENEVA, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Russia tonight rejected a League of Nations proposal to mediate the Russian-Finnish war and opened the way for league condemnation of the soviet union as an aggressor and possible banishment from Geneva.

The rejection was included in a telegram from Soviet Premier-Foreign Commissar Molotov to Joseph A. C. Avenol, secretary-general of the league, in reply to a diplomatic "invitation" to Russia for its part in proposed league mediation resulting from Finland's appeal to Geneva.

"The government of soviet Russia thanks you, Monsieur President, for your kind invitation to take part in discussion of the Finnish question," Molotov's telegram said.

"At the same time the government of the USSR brings to your attention the fact that it can not accept this invitation for reasons outlined in its telegram on December 4, sent in response to M. Avenol's communication."

In his previous communication Molotov said that Russia considered Finland's appeal "unfounded"; that she did not consider herself in a state of war with Finland; that Moscow was maintaining "peaceful relations" with the soviet-sponsored, communist-headed Finnish "people's" government; and that the regular Helsinki government had "resigned its powers" and was not authorized to make representations on behalf of the Finnish people.

Expulsion From League Appears More Likely Molotov's telegram tonight arrived more than three hours after expiration of a "deadline" set by the league for its reply.

Its reception on the eve of Argentina's scheduled formal demand for Russia's ejection from the league increased the odds that this step would be taken. The soviet action automatically killed league efforts at mediation.

Jacob Surits, soviet ambassador to Paris and Moscow's representative here, received the soviet reply at his hotel an hour after it had been communicated to the league. He received no separate communication from his government.

The league's deliberations, meanwhile, threatened to precipitate a race to see whether the British-French allies or the soviet union would be the first to break off relations with one another.

French intentions of severing relations with Moscow were indicated by Paris and Geneva. Part of Report Adopted Before Adjournment Soviet representatives immediately (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Young Partymen Name Eley Head Fred Eley was elected president of the Marion county Young Republican club for the coming year, at the election held at Tuesday night's meeting at the Salem chamber of commerce.

Wayne Doughton was elected vice-president, Gus Sanderson re-elected secretary, Jean Martin was chosen as treasurer, Al Propp, Jr., as sergeant-at-arms and Geneva O'Brien and Win Jenks as additional members of the executive committee, of which Homer Smith, Jr., is automatically a member as retiring president.

Smith reported on his attendance at the northwest republican conference at Spokane. The club voted to sponsor a Community Playhouse production late in January.

Want Fun? Do a Good Deed for Old Saint Nick

Want to do a good deed and get a good time out of doing it? Collect the food for the needy and growlups, too—is just what you can do next week, on Friday morning, December 22.

The deed? Bring one or more tins of canned food to the Santa Claus gift matinee at the Capitol Theatre. The food will be given to the Salem post of the Salvation Army to help provision the Christmas baskets the army annually distributes to needy families who otherwise wouldn't have a Christmas dinner.

The good time? Attend the special motion picture show being arranged by Carl Porter, Warner Bros. Salem manager. This show benefitting the Salvation Army and the needy families it will serve is being sponsored by The Oregon Statesman and the Capitol Theatre. No admission other than the canned goods for Christmas baskets will be charged.

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