Finns Stop Big Russian Drive

Three Soviet Battalions Claimed Wiped Out By Northerners

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day especially on a hill overlooking a church at Muola. Almost a constant series of attacks were repulsed, the enemy suffering tremendous losses. We destroyed many tanks and left hundreds of the fallen enemy lying before our positions," the Finns continued.

"Severe fighting occurred also at the eastern front, particularly at Tolvajarvi and cost the Russians a severe defeat. Three enemy battalions were destroyed. We captured 27 machine guns, 25 express rifles, 13 machine pistols and other materials and in addition destroyed several tanks."

"Near Loimola, the enemy launched several attacks under the cover of artillery fire," the communique continued. "The attacks were repulsed. Elsewhere on the eastern front heavy battles continued."

"On the sea nothing worth mentioning happened. In the air the enemy made only a few exploratory flights besides bombing Hyrynsalmi and outer islands in the Gulf of Finland. The bombardments caused no damage."

Secret Agents Go To Bend in Quiz

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.–(AP)–While Nicholas Dozenberg, held here for federal authorities in New York on charges of passport irregularities, remained in the county jail today, secret service agents visited Bend, Ore., where he was arrested Saturday.

Dozenberg, described by Thomas F. Fitch, special department of state agent, as a high ranking communist, was operating a grocery store in Bend when apprehended. U. S. Marshal Jack Summerville said he would be removed shortly to New York. He waived removal hearing Monday.

Dozenberg, known in Bend as Nicholas L. Dallant, was an amateur motion picture fan who frequently showed travel films in a back room of his store. Federal agents indicated they might seize the films.

Balanced Budget Is Goal of Taft

BOSTON, Dec. 12–(AP)–Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, aspirant for the republican presidential nomination, advanced tonight four "principles" for a GOP program for 1940, with the chief features a demand for a balanced national budget in "about two years" and for development of private enterprise through an administration friendly to business.

In an address prepared for the Republican club of Massochusetts, he struck out at new deal spending and administration of internal affairs, but declared there was no conflict between republicans and the administration on the principle of "adequate preparation for defense and the keeping out of war."

Last Link Done In Eugene Line

PORTLAND, Dec. 12–(AP)–Workmen of the Parker-Schram company, contractor, set cedar poles and strung wires through a three-mile section west of Salem today, the final link of the Bonneville administration's new 110,000-volt circuit between Vancouver, Wash., and Eugene.

The new line will be ready for energy tests about January 1.

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View of Helsinki After Air Raiders Left

Helsinki, the Finnish capital, is in ruins in some sections following Soviet air raids. This radiophoto was received from Berlin. Firemen are at the left. Most of the residents have fled the city.

Gen. Bowley Honored at Retirement

Only Californian ever to attain grade of major general or lieutenant general of the U. S. Army, Albert J. Bowley was feted by civic and military officials upon his retirement recently after 46 years in the nation's service. Sixty-four this month, Bowley, pictured with his wife, bid farewell to his comrades in arms at ceremonies at San Francisco's Presidio. Following him in command of the Fourth Army and Ninth Corps Area will be Major General J. L. DeWitt, expected to be promoted shortly to rank of lieutenant general.

Explosion Series Wrecks Oil Lines

Pipes Stood on End by Spectacular Blasts In Texas Fields

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Dec. 12–(AP)–A spectacular series of explosions today uprooted lengthy sections of the Shell Pipe Line corporation's oil conduit along approximately 32 miles of right-of-way through northwest Texas.

The progressive blast, the origin of which was not explained, hurled pipe snakily skyward, standing parts of the line on end and ripping jagged holes in the earth. Earth, dust and broken pipe emerged with a muffled, rumbling noise, witnesses said.

The countryside for 30 miles in either direction along the right-of-way, which cuts mostly through pasture land, was jarred by the blast which tore a gaping hole in US highway 370 ten miles south of Wichita Falls.

Caught by the explosion as he drove along the road, Roy Brinkley, Wichita Falls, was slightly injured when his car was blown into a hole. Three Shell employes riding in an automobile along the right-of-way escaped injury when their car was hurled into the air, landing on its side. A fourth, walking nearby, also was not hurt.

Late Sports

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.–(AP)–Tommy Moyer, lightweight of Portland, was one of two defending champions to retain his title in the Northwest Golden Gloves boxing tournament here tonight. The flashy amateur fought three times today.

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.–(AP)–Oregon State overwhelmed the Multnomah Athletic club, 59-34, in a basketball game tonight. John Mandic and Paul Valenti of the Beavers each tallied 13 points.

Davis Hides

Suffering from a serious intestinal ailment, a wan patient in an Albuquerque, N. M., hospital was identified recently as J. Richard "Dixie" Davis, one time "Kid Monthpiece for New York's "Dutch" Schultz gang. Registered as "Robert Buxton," rancher, he continued to deny his identity. His red haired bride, former showgirl Hope Dare, with him at the hospital, was recognized by newsmen.

Trade Pact Fight Accepted by FDR

President Says Extension Of Treaties Will Be Asked by Solons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12–(AP)–The administration definitely accepted tonight a challenge to what may be one of the stiffest battles of the next congressional session when President Roosevelt disclosed that congress would be asked to extend the reciprocal trade agreement act.

Unless it is renewed, the administration's power to negotiate reciprocal trade pacts will expire June 12.

With that date less than six months away, many legislators already have started a controversy by either denouncing the program or going to its defense. A few democrats and numerous republicans in senate and house have declared their intention to fight to the limit any effort to renew the statute.

One of their principal arguments has been that the pacts have stimulated imports of farm commodities to the detriment of persons in the agricultural areas who already are beset by surpluses and unsatisfactory prices.

Grand Jury Meets

The Marion county grand jury was in session again yesterday but adjourned after questioning several witnesses. The investigating body is expected to meet again Thursday.

Call Board

ELSINORE

Today—Deanna Durbin in "First Love." Hugh Herbert in "Little Accident" with Baby Sandy.

Thursday — Robert Taylor, Lew Ayres and Greer Garson in "Remember." "Sued for Libel" with Kent Taylor and Linda Hayes.

GRAND

Today—Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" with James Stewart and Jean Arthur.

Saturday—"Mutiny in the Big House" with Charles Bickford and Barton McLane.

CAPITOL

Today — Victor McLaglen in "Full Confession" with Sally Eilers. Ann Sheridan and the Dead End Kids in "Angels Wash Their Faces."

Saturday—Joe Penner and Betty Grable in "The Day the Bookies Wept." Roy Rogers and "Gabby" Hoyes in 'Saga of Death Valley."

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Today — "Blackmail" with Edward G. Robinson and Ruth Hussey. "A Christmas Carol" with Reginald Owen and Terry Kilburn.

Thursday — "Jaures" with Bette Davis and Paul Muni. "These Glamor Girls" with Lew Ayres and Lana Turner.

Saturday midnight show—"The Lady Vanishes" with Margaret Lockwood and Paul Lukas.

HOLLYWOOD

Today — "The Mikado" in technicolor with Kenny Baker and Jean Colin. Lee Tracy in "The Spellbinder."

Friday—The Three Mesquiteers in "Wyoming Outlaw." "Society Lawyer" with Walter Pidgeon and Virginia Bruce.

Britain, France Sign Money Pact

"Strongest Financial Act In History" Claimed For New Treaty

PARIS, Dec. 12–(AP)–Great Britain and France disclosed today a financial alliance to last until six months after they make a peace with Germany.

This money partnership, hailed by a French finance ministry spokesman as "the strongest accord in history between two governments," was announced in Paris and London at the moment people of the allied nations were hearing that British troops had won their first direct engagement on the western front.

Military dispatches said the British threw back three waves of German troops Sunday in an attack south of Buschdorf, in the Moselle valley region. The German losses were reported to have been severe. None was reported by the British.

The financial accord was signed on December 4 when Sir John Simon, chancellor of the British exchequer, was in Paris, and was announced today by Sir John and the French finance minister, Paul Reynaud.

Not only did the two nations agree to accept each other's money at face value without the necessity of transferring gold stocks to cover their exchange operations, but henceforth London and Paris will share many common war expenditures and will absorb as partners the drains on their respective war reserves "in gold and in dollars."

They will act as one in purchasing war materials, either at home or abroad, and in controlling prices.

Aviation Forces To Be Adequate

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12–(AP)–America will have an air force that will equal or exceed any in the world when the present two-year program is completed, Maj.-Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, predicted today.

He said airplane production had accelerated greatly. Factories that manufacture airplane frames have doubled their forces.

He described American pilots as the equal or superior of those of any nation in the world and said he "liked to have them start training at from 19 to 21 years of age. It takes two years to make a military pilot."

Maj.-Gen. Arnold is on a nation-wide tour with five other air corps officers.

Bomber Order to Be $20,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 12–(AP)–An order for $20,000,000 worth of bombing planes was reported today to be the basis of a forthcoming contract between the Lockheed Aircraft Corp. and the British purchasing commission.

Details of the order were not released. It was understood it would be followed by another calling for $25,000,000 worth of military aircraft.

Paper Leased

OAKLAND, Ore., Dec. 12–(AP)–The weekly Oakland Tribune has been leased to G. G. Sittser, jr., by its owners and former publishers, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Mallery, it was disclosed today.

Crew Killed

LONDON, Dec. 12–(AP)–The crew of four was killed when a naval aircraft crashed with a balloon barrage cable near Southampton this afternoon, the admiralty announced.

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CONTINUOUS SHOW—MATINEE 1 P.M.

Russ Rejects League Offer

Break in Relations With France, Britain Is Likely Next Move

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ately intimated that if the league voted to oust Russia as an aggressor, she might be the first to break off diplomatic ties with France and Britain.

The 13 nation committee handling the Russo-Finnish dispute adopted part of its report before adjourning for the night.

The committee will meet again to consider punitive action after the assembly tomorrow hears Argentina demand that Russia be ousted from the league. At Britain's suggestion the assembly was called for 10 a. m. (1 a. m., PST).

Although today's committee meeting was secret, United States Vice-Consul Donald D. Edgar was admitted as an observer.

The Russians, contending that any league ouster action must be the work of Britain and France, said soviet rupture of relations with those allies would be in the nature of retaliation.

If the league votes to throw Russia out, a French source said, one of Premier Daladier's first moves will be to sever diplomatic contact with the soviet union.

This source said the French government was anxious to close the soviet embassy in Paris because it was the headquarters of an underground French communist movement.

Actually, Finland was more concerned with obtaining definite promises of financial aid and war goods from other nations than with league punitive measures against the Russians.

Super Airfleet Plan of English

New Craft to Be More Powerful to Meet German Attacks

By ROBERT E. BUNNELLE

LONDON, Dec. 12–(AP)–Britain disclosed today that she was developing a super airfleet for the dual purpose of meeting and countering German mass attacks anticipated "perhaps soon or in the spring."

As three more ships—two British and one Swedish—were sunk by mines in the war at sea, Air Minister Sir Kingsley Wood told the house of commons Britain was adequately prepared to face "another more strenuous and difficult chapter" in air warfare.

His prediction that "new and more powerful types of aircraft" would "shortly be able to operate against the enemy" recalled to observers Foreign Secretary Lord Halifax's assertion on September 13 that Britain would hold herself "completely free' to take "appropriate" action in event allied civilian populations were bombed.

"We can be confident that our air defense system is sound, that our personnel and aircraft are superior to the enemy's and that our strength—defensive and offensive—is growing steadily so that every day we are in better position to establish our ascendancy in the air," Sir Kingsley said today.

Deliberate Crash Is Police Theory

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 12.–(AP)–Laurel H. Crawford, 41, was booked on suspicion of murder today in connection with a Mount Wilson highway automobile crash which last night took the lives of his wife, their three children and a 61-year-old man.

Deputy Sheriff Paul Mahoney said Crawford admitted he might benefit to the extent of $27,500 from insurance on the car and its occupants.

"It was the last trip we were going to make in the car, a 1937 model," Mahoney quoted him. "I had an order for a new car in my pocket. Because I already had arranged a trade in, I had made no repairs, although the brakes and the clutch were bad."

West's Building Gives Many Jobs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12–(AP)–Construction work to the tune of about $54,000,000 brought new jobs to workers in the seven far western states last month.

Building had an edge over engineering contracts of more than $3,500,000.

Engineering works in the seven states amounted to somewhat more than $25,200,000, as compiled by H. W. Pyeritz, editor of Daily Construction Service. This compilation ignored many small jobs.

HOLLYWOOD FAMILY NIGHT TWO FEATURES 40c

Also News and Comedy

GOP Chiefs Map '40 Plans

John Hamilton, Joseph Martin and Henry Fletcher

Meeting in Washington, leaders of the Republican party's national executive committee are shown as they talked over plans for the 1940 campaign. Left to right are John D. M. Hamilton, national chairman; Representative Joseph W. Martin, Jr., of Massachusetts, and Henry P. Fletcher, general counsel. It was announced that an immediate drive would be made to pay off the $655,000 debt remaining from the 1936 campaign.

Boettiger's View Placed in Record

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The committee counsel also introduced documents, the purport of which was that Harry Bridges, former west coast director of the CIO, led a campaign against Towne Nylander, regional board director at Los Angeles, who subsequently resigned.

William M. Leiserson, member of the labor board, denied, however, that Bridges had anything to do with Nylander's resignation, or "dismissal," as he called it.

Leiserson declared that, in his mind, the "serious engle in the Los Angeles situation was the personal misconduct." He said that a man named Robinson related that when he went to Nylander's hotel room to discuss a case "he found several people there, some from AFL organizations—and that there had been some drinking."

At the start of the day's hearings, Charles Fahy, counsel for the labor board, demanded that as a matter of "fairness and impartiality," the committee immediately hear replies to charges leveled at board members and its secretary, Nathan Witt, in previous testimony.

Noting that the presentation of the Boettiger memorandum was a departure from the subject matter under discussion at the time, and that the committee counsel took a recess immediately afterward, Fahy had a barbed remark to make when the session was resumed.

Toland, he said, with a gesture toward the press tables, "declared a five minute recess to let that go out."

Boettiger is editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. Against that paper, the American Newspaper Guild filed discrimination charges involving the dismissal of two women employes. Ultimately, the labor board ruled in the guild's favor. Soon afterward, in the presence of his counsel and two representatives of the guild, Boettiger gave Eagen his opinion of the decision.

Famed Film Star Dies Unexpectedly

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ball game—it was Doug, jr.'s 32nd birthday anniversary — had a slight heart twinge Monday.

His physician ordered him to bed for a week's rest, and Mrs. Fairbanks called in a nurse. But no one, unless it was Doug, himself, believed his indisposition to be serious.

Playgoers Enjoy 'Listen to Leon'

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would be telling the story, if not spoiling it.

But to arrive in the heart of the lady-desired, Carolyn, played by Twila Conover, Leon introduced the audience to a flighty young Englishman. Archie Darby (Gordon Weums), who convulsed his listeners with his caricature part; to Leon's blusteyry old uncle, Colonel Bryan (Harold Allen), who marries—well, you'd be surprised who; to Babe (Clara Belle Burnside)—is she really the fibbing Leon's mother?—; and to Anne (Elsie Holman), who doesn't marry the man she thought she wanted but is very happy after all, thank you.

If Leon had learned that one fib would beget another and that each would get him in more deeply on the wrong side of his rich uncle than the one before, it would have been too bad because the Elks and their patrons would have missed a good time.

Chief explainer for Leon's fibbing predicaments is the solemn task of his Spanish valet, Guiseppe (Weldon Walker). And Nellie (Jean Templeton) has her place, too.

The play, to be repeated at 8:15 o'clock tonight, is directed by Beulah Graham. Proceeds will go into the Elks' Christmas benefit fund.

Ballard Named OSC President

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capable man from a position where he belongs and putting him in a position where he does not belong."

Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett, of Marshfield, who opposed Ballard's election, moved that the selection be made unanimous. Sammons agreed after asserting that "there are many hard feelings on the campus" and expressing the hope that the new president would get the full cooperation of the board "to mend broken fences and hearts." The motion was carried.

Voting with Mrs. Sackett, Sammons and Brand was Robert W. Ruhl, Medford. The majority vote was cast by F. E. Callister, Albany; Willard L. Marks, Albany; Herman Oliver, John Day; E. C. Pease, The Dalles, and Edgar W. Smith, Portland.

Ballard was selected for an indefinite term, at a salary of $7500 a year. The vote on him came upon the recommendation of Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter, who placed no other name before the board.

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Board Approves Temperance Plan

Education on Narcotics, Alcohol to Be Given In Oregon Schools

PORTLAND, Dec. 12–(AP)–A student temperance program sponsored by the Oregon Fellowship for Education on Alcohol and Narcotics was endorsed by the state board of higher education today.

Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter said William D. Bailey, lecturer, would direct the work on each campus in line with a resolution adopted by the state legislature.

In his monthly report, the chancellor announced a 6 per cent enrollment increase. He forecast end of rapid expansion in favor of a "leveling out period."

Personnel adjustments included:

University of Oregon—Hoyt C. Franchere appointed English instructor effective January 1; Dr. Paul Anderson appointed associate professor of physical education on joint arrangement with the Eugene school board; Miss Ethel Mealey appointed associate professor of physical education without salary under cooperative arrangement with the state board of health; sabbatical leave on full pay for spring term for Dr. Harvey G. Townsend, philosophy department; salary increases for F. A. Cuthbert, landscape architectural department, Mrs. Loise Belloni, college of arts and letters, William B. Nash, drama instructor.

Oregon State College—Charles H. Willison appointed assistant professor of forestry; salary increase for Dr. A. S. Rosenwald, assistant veterinarian at experiment station.

Oregon College of Education—Combination of the registrar's and business manager's offices with Ellis A. Stebbins directing the work; Miss Fay Johnson appointed assistant registrar; Miss Margaret Bishop appointed secretary to the business manager-registrar; salary increase for Miss Marie Miller, cashier.

Member's Death Holds Up Hearing

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12–(AP)–Sudden death of Rep. Carl E. Mapes (R-Mich) today caused adjournment of a congressional committee hearing here on a bill to put control of the nation's oil industry into the hands of a federal administrator. The veteran lawmaker was 64 years old.

Rep. Cole (D-Md), author of the bill and chairman of the interstate and foreign commerce subcommittee conducting the hearing, said the subcommittee probably would not reconvene until after opening of the next session of congress.

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