

Ice Broken by Finnish Bombs

Entire Russian Division Caught in War's Greatest Fight

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reach the lake. Then the Finns surrounded the Russians again, and set up machine guns on the shore.

The dead of the night the Finns began their attack and when the Russians tried to retreat they found the way cut off.

For two days Russian tanks circled the lake, attempting to protect the troops marooned on the ice with their full equipment—trucks, tanks, and field kitchens.

Trucks, Cannon, Men Tumbled Into Water

Finally the Finns sent for the bombing planes. They blasted great holes in the ice and soviet trucks, cannon and men tumbled into the water.

In utter panic, the survivors sought to fight their way off the broken ice. They refused to surrender.

The Finns, however, were reported to have taken a great number of prisoners and large stores of equipment, including 27 guns, eleven tanks, two armored cars, four anti-aircraft guns, hundreds of trucks and horses, a dozen field kitchens and much arms and munitions.

Today the Finns were following up their victory while the soviet were believed to be preparing a tremendous push on the Karelian Isthmus, to the south, to crack a four-week stalemate.

Seven red divisions (about 105,000 men) were reported concentrated on the Isthmus.

Key Blizzards Check Warfare in Air

Icy blizzards checked war in the air, leading to unofficial reports that many Russian bombers had been forced down in Finnish territory. Finnish planes were reported to have downed seven red planes.

Smashed by air bombings, large areas of Turku, historic seaport in southwestern Finland, lay in smoking confusion, the result of yesterday's raid.

"All day long," said a Finnish army communique, Russian legions supported by tanks attacked near Lake Lajavari on the eastern front, but the defenders held out and drove back all assaults. One tank was destroyed.

After it had "passed from hand to hand" during the day, the Finns took and held a Russian base at Alttajoki, also on the eastern front, the communique added.

Alttajoki is in southeastern Finland, about 13 miles from the Russian border and about 60 miles north of Ladoga. It is one of the bases from which the Russians have been operating in an attempt to cut the Finnish lines immediately north of the lake.

Reich Eyes Kind Of Finnish Aid

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ings to eliminate unnecessary buying—by Germany. Such savings, he told a reichsbank bank, amounted to a "national economic duty in peacetime and a compelling necessity in war."

He accused Great Britain of hoarding vast quantities of raw materials above what were needed in order to be able to dictate world prices after the war.

Germans, he said, should refrain from putting their money into unneeded goods (which some have done as a hedge against inflation).

"Some people wildly buy anything and everything," he declared, "even bathtubs. Bathtubs can neither be eaten nor put on like clothes. Neither the tax collector nor the doctor will take them in payment."

250 Will Attend Dinner on Coast

More than 250 persons were expected to attend the McNary-Palmer dinner, to be held at the Dorchester House, 1000 N. Oregon, Jan. 3, 1940.

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Five Major Changes in Committee Assignments for City Councilmen Are Announced by Mayor Chadwick

Five major changes in city council committee assignments were announced by Mayor W. W. Chadwick at the aldermen's annual year-opening session.

Chairmanship of the important committee on police, traffic regulations and licenses was left in the hands of Alderman David O'Hara but Alderman Frank P. Marshall was transferred from this committee to chairmanship of the ordinance committee and his place on the police group given to Ross Goodman.

Alderman E. B. Laughlin, dropped as chairman of the ordinance committee, was assigned as chairman of the committee of public parks, playgrounds and bands, replacing Alderman C. F. French.

Alderman French was given the chairmanship of the public buildings and incinerator committee, replacing Alderman E. B. Perrine remaining as a member and Alderman Goodman leaving.

Chairmanship of the lien foreclosure committee, held by O'Hara since its inception about four years ago, was shifted to Alderman D. O. Lear, with O'Hara continuing as a member and Alderman Harold M. Olinger dropping out.

The complete list of committees with the first-named chairman is as follows:

Accounts and current expense—Arthur O. Davidson, David O'Hara and D. O. Lear.

Airport and aviation—Harold M. Olinger, Lawrence N. Brown and Bert T. Ford.

Bridges and approaches—Ford, S. B. Laughlin and Frank P. Marshall.

Building regulations—James H. Nicholson, C. F. French and Marshall.

Fire department—Ross Goodman, Laughlin and Glenn H. Gregg.

Health and sanitation—Mrs. G. F. Lobdell, E. B. Perrine and Nicholson.

Lien foreclosure—D. O. Lear, David O'Hara and Gregg.

Lights and electric signs—Brown, Olinger and Lobdell.

Ordinance—Marshall, O'Hara and French.

Police, traffic and licenses—O'Hara, Goodman and Nicholson.

Printing—Lobdell, Lear and Laughlin.

Public buildings and incinerator—French, Perrine and Olinger.

Public utilities—Marshall, Gregg and Brown.

Public parks, playgrounds and bands—Laughlin, Goodman and Lobdell.

Rules and revision of minutes—Lear, Davidson and Brown.

Sewerage and drainage—Gregg, Nicholson and Olinger.

Streets—Perrine, Lear and Ford.

Ways and means—O'Hara, Davidson and Goodman.

Water fund shows favorable balance.

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Costs as shown by the statement:

Bridge maintenance \$5539.85; engineering and surveying, \$5890.62; sweeping and cleaning streets, \$19,101.17; sewer maintenance, \$10,709.26; traffic signals, \$2107.83; painting traffic lights, \$2107.83; sewerage bonds (new construction), \$8714.18; work at old auto park, \$1684.40; Shelton ditch weir \$2453.04, of which receipts from Marion county and the state of Oregon covered \$2393.29.

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Brown Chosen City Attorney

City Fathers Choose One of Own Group for Legal Work

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It had been announced T. M. Hicks did not wish to be reelected.

The aldermen skirted controversial issues, granted beer licenses before them without question and rejected a resolution by A. O. Davidson that would have required city employees taking city automobiles home at night to provide and pay for garages to house the equipment.

Unanimously the object of Resolution No. 10 was adopted.

Fire Chief Harry Hutton declared a belief the resolution was aimed at him and the council's payment of \$3 a month for a garage for his official car but he was not interested in the matter.

Another Davidson resolution, fixing city employees' vacation allowances with pay at one week for those who have served six months to a year and two weeks for those retained by the city for more than a year, was unanimously adopted.

The city closed 1939 with a \$107,881.28 cash balance on its books, an improvement of \$12,338.44 over its position a year ago, Treasurer Paul H. Hauser reported. The only overdrawn fund, the general bond and interest account, was short \$2,322.32 at the close of the year but this overdraft represented a \$12,460.88 reduction in the fund deficit during 1939.

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Profit Shown in Resale of Power

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Jack Flaucher, sales manager, informed Bonneville Administrator Paul J. Raver the profit amounted to \$1.24 per customer. Rates were reduced between 30 and 60 per cent, he said.

300 Eligible for Federal Pension

35 Claims Filed Tuesday for Payments Under Revised Set-up

Over 300 persons in the Salem social security district, made up of Marion, Linn, Polk, Benton and Lincoln counties, became eligible for government pensions after midnight Monday. Of these, 35 had filed claims by last night, Richard C. Stillwell, district manager, said yesterday. The social security board has estimated that nearly 300 persons will receive benefits during 1940.

Yesterday the district office in the Salem postoffice building was busy with aged workers seeking information concerning eligibility and filing claims.

The board has yet been encountered in proving age, although we had anticipated difficulty," Stillwell said.

In the absence of birth certificates, family Bible records, insurance policies and affidavits from relatives have proved adequate.

Photostatic copies of ledger sheet records of the accumulative earnings of workers over 65 are on file in the office, so that those doubtful may learn if they qualify under the earnings provisions of the act. To qualify one must be over 65 and have been employed in covered industries at least six quarters since 1937 and have earned at least \$50 in each quarter.

Pensions will range from \$10 to \$40 a month. Actuaries estimate that unmarried workers' benefits will average \$26 a month in 1940 and the combined payments to married men and their wives will average \$39.

First checks will be received the first of February. Those who qualify but who have previously received lump-sum payments will receive benefits after the amount of lump-sum payments have been made up.

In addition to old-age insurance, the office will also take care of survivor's benefits for widows or children of wage earners dying after January 1.

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