

Relentless Assaults by Russians Fail to Relieve Trapped Army

Destruction of Battalion Seen

Soviet Dead Left on Blood Stained Snows in Lake Ladoga Section

By WADE WERNER
HELSINKI, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Relentless assaults by Russian soldiers, all day and all night across the blood-stained snows and frozen lakes on the flank of the Mannerheim line, were reported by Finnish military authorities tonight to a new, fiercer struggle to relieve large Russian forces trapped and harassed from every side near Kiteala.

These forces are cut off almost entirely from communication with their main armies, and the impression grew in Helsinki that Finnish strategists are on the verge of another coup such as the one which brought destruction to two Russian divisions on the Baltic front.

Even the reported importation of fighters from the Asiatic soviet snowlands—in the hope of achieving a great victory by February 22, 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the red army, failed to crush the Finnish defenses in the furiously contested sector north of Lake Ladoga, or to bring help to the marooned divisions.

Additional hundreds of red army troops were left dead on the battlefields north of Lake Ladoga, Finnish official reports said.

After a tremendous all-day battle in the stubbornly contested Sittiojoki sector, the Russians spent all night sending wave after wave of troops against Finnish lines at Kollanajoki. The Finnish high command said the Sittiojoki attacks were thrown back with "heavy" red army losses; the Kollanajoki assault was smashed at dawn today with several hundred soviet dead and three tanks destroyed.

At two points to the north and east of the main Finnish defensive barrier to Helsinki, the Finns said the Russians had equally bad luck.

An army communique said Finnish positions at Markajarvi, on the Salla front 50 miles from the soviet border, were assaulted but held fast. A red army force of 49,000 men, abandoning a drive intended to cut Finland in two, retreated to Markajarvi some days ago, where it was forced to fight a bitter rear-guard battle. Now, apparently, this force has launched a counter-attack.

Far to the north, in the deadly cold of Petsamo, Finland's northernmost tip, two Russian attacks met no success and the Russians lost two more tanks, the Finns said.

On the Isthmus to the south, where the Bertha's threw occasional shells at long range at the airport of Viipuri.

"They did no damage," said Finnish official reports.

A few patrols ventured through the snows here, and artillery fire continued. New assurance of foreign help came to this north, with the arrival of a British labor delegation headed by Sir Walter Citrine.

Sir Walter told newspaper correspondents that British material aid is reaching Finland already in greater measure than is commonly believed.

London Paper Hits Search of US Mail

LONDON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The widely-circulated Daily Express declared editorially today that "nothing we are likely to find in letters or packages is worth a quarrel with America."

This was the most outspoken suggestion of any large British newspaper in the issue over United States representations against interference with the postal service.

The editorial was published parallel with a long dispatch from the Express' New York correspondent reporting "high wind of indignation sweeps America."

Describing the money and food traffic to Germany as "of a most vital character," and pointing out that money can be mailed, the editorial declared:

"If Britain, by searching American mails, risks disturbing good relations between the two peoples, then we should stop the search."

"Most newspapers have given no unusual prominence to the United States' objections and those that have commented generally have echoed the government's assertions that its steps were justified."

Washington GOP Head Scores WCF

WALLA WALLA, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Tom Oakeson, of Colville, arrived in Walla Walla tonight for the state republican central committee meeting Saturday and precluded the party's campaign opening with an attack on the Washington Commonwealth Federation as "the spearhead of the draft Roosevelt campaign in this state."

"From a national standpoint," the GOP chairman said, "... the truth of the matter is that the new deal party of Washington is the Commonwealth Federation and that its leaders have the most power with the national administration."

Accompanied by Wallace Beckley and Clair Wood, north end party leaders, Oakeson also criticized the state administration's expenditures since Hartley's governorship as "incompetent, inefficient and in some cases corrupt."

Saturday's meeting will determine the 1940 convention site.

Finns Brace for new Russian Drive in Southeast



With weather moderating in Finland, military sources indicated that Russia had opened a big push in the southeast. Map at left shows Nurmes (A), where 19 persons were reported killed by a bomb. At Hyrynsalmi (B), a hospital was reported hit by a bomb. Map at right shows the heaviest conflict has centered and where the brunt of a new attack would be borne, with Russian planes expected to raid from Estonian bases. A new Russian push against the Mannerheim line (1), and a flanking move north of Lake Ladoga (2) were expected.

Mayor Carson in Favor Of Commission System

Shifting of Responsibility Between Executive, Legislative Branches Prevented by Form of Government Used in Portland

(This is the fourth of a series of articles dealing with the issues involved in proposed changes in Salem's municipal government system.)
By RALPH C. CURTIS
"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." Herewith is begun a series of "testimonials" from municipal officials in Oregon cities which have modernized their governmental systems. However the letters are from cities which have modernized in different ways, and are in no way designed to favor any particular system. The contributors have been free to make any observations they saw fit, without any suggestions.

The first letter was written by Joseph K. Carson, mayor of Portland:
Dear Mr. Curtis:

The following are my reasons why I believe the present commission form of government under which the city operates is the best for Portland and in my opinion the best for most cities:

"Under our commission form there can be no shifting of responsibility between the executive and the legislative arms of government. The city commission sits as a legislative, executive, administrative and judicial body. While the mayor has almost unlimited power in an executive and administrative way, this power is conferred to fix responsibility but in practice the discharge of these functions is divided among the members of the commission. The mayor, all public business is transacted by the council in public. There are no executive sessions of committees. There is no log rolling between councilmen representing various wards to the detriment of those districts whose representatives are not in majority clique.

"Save for the burden created by bonds voted by the people themselves, the finances of the city have, under the commission form, been in excellent condition. This is second to none in the nation in soundness. (Cities of major size.) Few cities are operated as efficiently or as economically as Portland. The fact that only three men have been mayor since the inception of the commission form of government in 1913 and that there have been only 13 elected commissioners and four appointed ones in that period of time is evidence that the people have had, in the main, government that was satisfactory to them."

"If Salem were to have the commission form where neither the mayor or commissioners are paid, then you should have a city manager. Should you pay a salary to the members of the commission, the mayor you would need none. In my opinion this city needs no city manager since full responsibility is placed upon the mayor. He has the power to delegate and does delegate most of this responsibility to his members of the council for a better and more equitable distribution of the work but he still remains responsible. In a word, he can not 'pass the buck.' In the long run the most efficient government is that which is closest to the people, and to which the people feel free they can personally appeal. There is no problem which confronts the city government of Portland that any citizen is not free to consult their mayor or their commissioners."

I trust this will be satisfactory. If there is more you would like in the way of data or facts, I should be glad to furnish it. Sincerely yours,
JOSEPH K. CARSON, Jr.
Mayor.

Ally-Nazi Climax Reached Over Oil

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"Republic's" editorial, which appeared as General Maxim Weizsacker and commander of French forces in the near east, arrived at Ankara, for conferences with Turkish leaders, added:

"We know that not only will the western democracies (France and Britain) be with us, but also the entire world."

The German demand for additional Rumanian oil caught the Bucharest government between two fires. Only two days ago France and Britain warned her against forcing British and French companies operating in the country to produce oil for shipment to Germany.

Frank Bennett Is Parrish President

Frank Bennett, son of City School Superintendent Frank B. Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, was yesterday voted president of Parrish junior high school's student body for the new term.

Also elected were: Marjorie Peterson, vice-president; Virginia Covert, secretary; Doris Berwick, treasurer; Patricia De Sart, Periscope editor; Jack LaChelle, publication manager; Roy Bell, sergeant-at-arms; Bernice Bowersox, song leader; Billy Wilson, yell leader.

Robertson Tells Of War Situation

Implication of present events in the European situation were discussed by Lt.-Col. C. A. Robertson before 40 members of the Salem 20-30 club at their regular meeting last night.

Entertainment was given by a group of students from the state blind school.

Body of Borah Rests in Idaho

Noted Statesman Returns to Beloved Mountains as State Mourns

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to pay tribute to the man whom thousands called friend.

From 9 a. m. (Mountain Standard time) until 3 p. m. when the service began, sorrowing citizens filed, four abreast, past the steel-gray casket, lying in state in the spacious capitol rotunda. Capitol police said almost 23,000 persons attended the services or passed the bier. An estimated 5,000 were still outside when the services started.

Banks of Flowers Express Tribute
An immense bank of flowers gave material expression to the tribute which most were able to express only in grief drawn faces. There were striking pieces from senatorial colleagues, from groups and institutions, including one metropolitan newspaper, but there also were numbers of offerings from humble sources and, in one hand, the senator grasped a faded wreath of flowers, placed there by Mrs. Borah many days ago.

For these and the tributes of silent homage, Mrs. Borah asked the Associated Press to express her thanks.

"I want you to let them know how deeply appreciative I am for their thoughtfulness; they have been a wonderful help... and I mustn't overlook the people who gathered along the route of our journey. I wish I could thank them all personally."

She spent the day at the C. C. Anderson home with her sister, Mrs. Ben Bush of Moscow, Idaho, and her niece, Mrs. Taylor Eccles of Portland, Ore.

Borah Praised as Fighter for Justice
From an anteroom at the capitol, where she sat with Senator Clark, Miss Cora Rubin, her husband's secretary, and intimate friends during the ceremony, she heard the Very Rev. Frank A. Rhea, dean of St. Michael's Episcopal cathedral here, describe her husband as one who "more than any other voice in our generation, has made articulate the deep yearnings and aspirations of countless masses for liberty and justice in the political and economic world."

The old hymn "Lead Kindly Light," sung by a mixed quartet and band, concluded the ceremony and the casket was taken to peaceful Morris Hill cemetery, where the Episcopal burial service was read.

The day was one of sorrow throughout Idaho. Many business houses closed here and in other cities during the funeral hour. Capitol offices suspended business for the day.

Throughout the day several members of the congressional delegation which accompanied the body west gave public addresses. Others spoke privately of the nation's loss through the senator's death.

Many of the senators planned to return in the special train tonight. A few planned to fly back.

Wool Men Accept US Range Program

CASPER, Wyo., Jan. 25.—(AP)—After warm debate, the National Wool Growers association refused today to endorse grants to growers under the federal range conservation program. Foes of the federal policy called it "a dole."

"We should be ashamed of accepting doles. When we do we sell our independence," declared James Laidlaw, of Bliss, Idaho, a leader in the unexpected opposition to the endorsement offered by the association's committee to the association's 75th annual convention.

In a poll of the state delegations, the endorsement resolution was defeated 124 to 115.

Twenty other resolutions, including a condemnation of reciprocal trade agreements, were approved unanimously.

Green Protests NLRB Decisions

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plea for four amendments which he said were directed only at the board and its administration of the act.

"You do believe in the efficacy and the purpose and principles of this Wagner labor relations act?" Rep. Healey (D. Mass.) asked.

"Yes, we would sooner endure the troubles and punishment we are now forced to undergo and maintain the act, and even its administration, than we would to repeal it or destroy it," Green replied.

His amendments would: 1—Remove the labor board's present discretion to determine the type of organization of workers that may bargain collectively with their employers.

2—Permit aggrieved labor unions to appeal board orders in these representation classes directly to the circuit court of appeals.

3—Eliminate "outrageous delays."

4—Substitute a five-man board for the present three members and make a "complete change in personnel."

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British Expect Intense Attack

Government Takes Steps to Stem Increased German Activity Expected

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and 25 of her crew of 35 lost their lives; those saved were picked up by the Norwegian steamer Borgolm.

Other losses which occurred earlier but were disclosed only today included:

The 1333-ton Finnish steamer Onto struck a mine Tuesday in the North sea and sank. The crew of 18 was saved.

The 1580-ton Norwegian steamer Patria sank Saturday in the North sea after hitting a mine. Four survivors of the crew of 21 reached a Swedish port today on a Finnish steamer.

The 1580-ton Norwegian steamer Patria was wrecked last Sunday off the English coast and her crew of 19 rescued by a lifeboat.

Three of Swedish Crew Killed
The Swedish steamer Gothia, 1,640 tons, sank several days ago after an explosion. Eleven sailors who reached a Scottish island said three of the crew were killed and 13 were missing.

A report from Oslo said the 1338-ton Norwegian steamer Miranda had gone down off the British coast. Fourteen members of her crew were missing.

The admiralty lowered to 63 the number missing in the sinking of the destroyer Granville. In its original announcement 81 and today the admiralty said 73 were missing and eight were known dead in the loss of the warship.

A member of parliament told the house of commons a shortage of feed was a serious threat to production of bacon, eggs and milk.

Sir John Anderson, home secretary, announced that Britain would go on summer time February 25, two months earlier than usual. The decision was aimed in part at cutting the toll of fatalities caused by blackout restrictions. Shopkeepers also have sought to extend daylight shopping hours.

Canada Will Call General Election

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Under continuing attack for alleged failure to push Canada's share of the empire war effort, the government of W. L. Mackenzie King decided suddenly today to call a quick general election and proclaimed the dissolution of parliament at the end of a one-day session.

Parliament was dissolved at 7:07 p. m. EST, a few hours after the election decision was announced in the traditional speech from the throne. The date for the election will be set shortly. Mackenzie King indicated it should be over before the end of March, one reason being the possibility of "heavy fighting" on the western front by spring.

Senator McNary (R. Ore.) has been asked by Salem, Ore., to get postoffice department approval of a centennial stamp to celebrate the anniversary of the construction of the first log house on the site of the state capitol.

'Fools' Gold' Is Worth \$1000 Ton

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 25.—(AP)—"Fool's gold" may bring wealth to an unnamed Eugene resident.

While searching the Lane county mountains for single cedars some months ago he took specimens from a foot-wide vein of yellow-flecked rock and sent it to the state assay office here. His friends told him it was "fool's gold"—but the assay report showed it tested \$1000 to the ton.

He arrived here today seeking more information.

Americans Told To Leave Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 25.—(Friday)—The Swedish foreign office press department said early today that United States Minister Frederick A. Sterling had advised Americans to leave Sweden because of "German troop concentrations."

The minister could not be reached immediately for an explanation. (Washington state department officials said they knew of no warning by the minister of Sweden.)

4H, FFA Members May Get US Loans

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Walter A. Duff, regional farm security administrator, announced recently loans not exceeding \$75 would be made to 4H club and Future Farmers of America members whose parents are FSA borrowers.

The loans may be used for purchasing young livestock or poultry, and fertilizer and for projects approved by the county extension agent or Smith-Hughes instructors.

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The Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press)
Three in a row—appropriation bills, passed \$33,550,000 below President Roosevelt's recommendations, were acted on in congress. The house passed bills to appropriate \$1,032,154,613 for the treasury and post office departments and \$54,502,000 for deficiency fund purposes. The senate approved a \$58,502,600 emergency defense appropriation.

The house gave the Dies committee a \$75,000 appropriation to finance continued inquiry into un-American activities.

President William Green of the AFL told a house committee that the national labor relations board had placed AFL longshoremen on the Pacific coast under jurisdiction of an "alien communist," Harry Bridges.

Secretary Ickes recommended to congress a "permanent" federal aid program for farmers rendered destitute in the dust bowl area.

L. J. Taber, master of the National Grange, testified before a house committee that the reciprocal trade program had hurt agriculture. On the other hand, Edward A. O'Neal, president of the farm Bureau Federation said it had been beneficial to American farmers.

Western Project Fight Postponed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A renewed fight of house reclamationists for larger western project appropriations awaited today the return of the Idaho delegation from Senator Borah's funeral.

No new projects were provided by appropriations committees.

The Idaho delegation's efforts to gain increased quotas for sugar beet growers also were held up.

Rep. Mott (R. Ore.) declined an invitation to join the delegation attending Borah's funeral at Boise because of pressing matters before the house naval affairs committee and legislation being considered by the house roads committee.

The house rivers and harbors committee reported favorably on a resolution by Mott to have army engineers review the survey of the Depos Bay project to determine if it should be enlarged.

Residents in the vicinity believe more than the \$31,000 appropriated is needed to finish the work. Mott said the original appropriation still had \$12,385 remaining.

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Nurse Leaps From Vessel; Vanishes

SEATTLE, Jan. 25.—(AP)—After leaping from the deck of the steamship Alaska, Miss Marian Sharlow, a government nurse at Kotzebue, Alaska, vanished at 4:30 a. m. today in Canadian waters.

Capt. Carl Nilson, in reporting the incident by wireless, said crew members were unable to find the body in Goletas channel. The department of interior office here reported she had been ill and was en route to Seattle in the care of a federal officer.

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