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Plight of Small Nations
The plight of Finland illustrates the situadon of all mmall states which have as neighbora upon by Russia in the winter of 1940 , Finland, after some initial success, was badly mauled
and forced to capitulate and yield territory to
Russia. The latter was evidently taking Russia. The latter was evidently taking ad
vantage of Germany's preoccupation with wa the west to strengthen the soviet military When the Germans turned on Russia they
orition found Finland a ready ally, the Finnish govagainst whom the Finns have both an ancient
hate and a modern fear (communism). But the Finnish campaign never got very far to
ward Leningrad. The Germans moved in not enough to make any military advance
rom that country. With the reversal in Russia to German arms the Finns have seen thei
own position steadily deteriorate. he two great rivals. Russia is battering her
capital by air, but the Germans threaten to rmies in Finland to hold that country agoinst
ussia. The latter country lays down harsh orms or armistice to Finland; internment of parliament has discussed the proposed terms or the delay in seeking peace is the pro-nazi
omplexion of the Finnish cabinet. It is re-
called that Germany was a friend of Finland n first world war days and after. Also the
ear of Russia has so long gripped Finland that
$t$ is hard now to yield to Russian demands. Poland finds itself in somewhat similar
ituation, fearing Russia's power yet unwilling overnment-in-exile seeming to prefer exs-
inction rather than accommodation with Ruswith the soviet union, having recently conclud Thus the small states have a most difficult many or Russia. That is why the small state ystem in which rival nations or groups of naThe Governor's Decisionibilities can appreciate the strain which atsov. Snell was forced to make in choosing
successor to the late Sen. McNary. TheWriter could fully sympathize with the govern
ot though the selection of a senator did noto perssed ambition of the governor himmore acute. His final decision, while it willown friends because of his declining to run forhat he thought was best for the mind and daidambition in making that decision. personGregon. We Condon is well and favorably known in
Wren on being apstate. He knows his way around in Washing-
ton, and whether his period of service be longor short he will do his best to give Oregon good
representation in the senate.

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|  | develop way after victory, and note the tendencies of the president to |
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| of the Ru | what similar vein. |
| immediale ink omens lor Germany as the | This was the theme |
| blustery week of March closed with its fore- |  |
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| the Pskov and Narva gateways to the Baltic states could be held off until spring thaws bog them down |  |
| were waning fast. A German Ilight from Estonia | Passing of Republican Leader McNary likewise will bring many important inner changes that will become noticeable in coming events. He was a wise and open-minded man, and personally |
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| That threat now is too obvious for even nazi | expected to have a strong hand in choosing the |
|  | coming presidential nominee.He was not friendly with wimke, even avolded |
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| om | his running mate here on several occasions. He thought Dewey the strongest probable candidate. |
|  | His counsel was sought by an who wantedtruth. In one occasion (it may now be told) he |
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|  | s even asked by the president to help solve the |
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|  | Hull and Under-Secretary Welles, Everyone who |
| Black sea end of his Russian front. The allies | knew him, of whatever political hue, respected |
|  | First reaction to his passing is a contest for the republican leadership, although not much is |
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| on neutral Turkey by suspension of armar | being said about it. The contest naturally lies between Senators Vandenberg. Taft, white and |
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| The normal theatre of action for Italian war |  |
|  | Bridges, although the choice will be either Van- |
| sea. Reinforcing the Russian Black fleet, the Ital | denberg or Taft Some republicans wish to postpone the fisue |
| $t$ could materially aid the Russ |  |
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|  | up whereby White is acting leader and Vanden- |
| threat to Rumania, and intensify Bulgarian | ence, a position which will enable him to appoint the important steering and other committees. |
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| st | A story is going around that Ohio's Governor |
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|  | ation with Willie and turned it down. Un- |
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| ceptors in air battess is whituing down the en | doubtedly, it is an erroneous, guess by someone who knew that Bricker recently spent a day in private conterence with Sam Pryor, the Connecti- |
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|  | private conference with Sam Pryor, the Conneetieut Willkie aspociate. No common understanding. |
|  | or at' least no cooperative action between those wo, is expected. |
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## Liquor and Logic <br> 

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 ary funeral. It was a difficult task, because in the lobby space outside the hall and of
mplifiers to carry the words of the servic amplifiers to carry the words of the service
most of those in attendance were comfortably The Salem chamber of commerce played
the part of host to the congressional delegation and visiting notables in a luncheon and in well as to win compliments from visitors and
homefolk. Nothing was left undone to see hat appropriate courtesies were shown the
visitors, with due regard to the sad nature of

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