

GOVERNMENT AID SEEN WRECKING NEW HAMPSHIRE

Granite State Heading Down Road of Government Serfdom Says Big Business.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 4.—(AP)—The nation's first application of big business bookkeeping to public affairs was described today at showing that the Granite state was heading down the road of government serfdom "unless the present trend" in her economy was checked.

In a report to a commission studying the state's financial picture, Author-Journalist Samuel Crowther said use of a balance sheet and income account had shown that in a year (1936) the state's people became collectively poorer, business and government operated at a loss, and incomes were distributed downward.

National Import Seen
Crowther was chairman of the executive committee of a state commission authorized by the legislature, and financed by contributions from nearly a dozen corporations and several individuals.

Declaring many of the results of the study are "of national importance," Crowther reported:

"There is no evidence that the people of New Hampshire desire socialism, but it seems evident that, unless the present trend is checked, we shall have an economy depending largely on government . . . in which most certainly only a few will govern and the others will be serfs of the state."

"The reply to this trend is not further government aid to business and agriculture, for such aid can only accelerate the socializing pace. The only aid that can check the trend must be in the direction of freeing private enterprise from the burdens which prevent it from functioning at a profit. That is a plain matter of bookkeeping."

Effects Revealed
The double-entry bookkeeping approach to the state's problems, he said, had already:

1. Made plain the effect of government deficits on the people. (While the federal government, in 1936, spent \$15,352,000 more than it collected in the state, New Hampshire's share of the federal debt was estimated in the report at \$127,000,000, or an estimated increase of \$18,000,000 over 1935.)

2. Disclosed that indirect or "hidden" taxes amount to at least 10.8 cents in every dollar spent by consumers, and direct taxes to 7.1 cents, a total of 17.9 cents.

3. Brought out that while the people had saved \$13,761,000, their savings were outweighed by a net loss of \$17,750,000 by business (including agriculture), banking and government—making the people "poorer by \$3,989,000 as a result of the year's operations."

4. Disclosed the need of examining "the impact of federal taxes and financing" and of examining social services "in the light of the ability of the people to produce enough to furnish those services in addition to maintaining their standards of living."

Many farm boys make extra money by trapping, says the New York State College of Agriculture and Home Economics.

Balcony Scene Staged in Two Acts



Society's Romeo-and-Juliet drama reached the balcony scene in two acts (No. 1, left) when "Romeo" George Lowther stood outside the Herrick summer home at Wainscott, L. I., calling "Eileen, Eileen." Enter detective, growling: "Move on, you." Later, "Juliet" Eileen Herrick appeared, (act 2, right) to chat with newsmen from her balcony. Eileen's parents object to Lowther's courtship.



Mademoiselle of War Song Eager to Return to Front

By Richard D. McMillan
British United Press Correspondent.

Somewhere in France, Dec. 4.—(AP)—I talked today with "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," now a grandmother who looks older than her 49 years.

Time has not dealt kindly with the sprightly brunette I knew as Marie Lecoq, more than 20 years ago, when, as a cafe waitress, she inspired the greatest of all soldiers' songs of the World War.

Marie is old now and her slight body was wracked by violent coughs—the result of German gas in the great war—as we talked.

Spirit Still Burns

But the spirit that burned so brightly in petite Marie Lecoq, the spirit which enabled her to slap a British general and get away with it, the spirit which made her a toast of thousands of British and American soldiers, still burns brightly.

The Germans still have an enemy in "Mademoiselle from Armentieres," and she is going back to the front, somehow, to be near the soldiers she loves.

"Mademoiselle" today is Madame Marceau and her face is lined with care but she is going back to Armentieres to be near her grandson and her granddaughter and to those "so dear Tommies, for I love them all."

We chatted in a cafe village well behind the lines where she now lives and Marie told me again how she inspired the famous war song.

Village Shelled

When the world conflict started in 1914 Marie's sweetheart went to the front and Marie obtained work in the Cafe de la Paix, in the Rue de la Gare, at Armentieres.

It was a quiet job, she recalled, until the Tommies came.

And then, in October, 1914, the Germans broke through and advanced to within a few miles of Armentieres.

They began shelling the vil-

'DOWN WITH RUSSIA' CRY ROMAN STUDENTS BEFORE RED EMBASSY

Rome, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Grenadiers and carabinieri guarded the Soviet Russian embassy today as a throng of students marched on it to demonstrate against the Soviet Union.

The students gathered first in front of the Finnish legation, where they cheered Finland. It was the second such demonstration in three days.

Uniformed fascists shouted anti-Bolshevik slogans in front of the Soviet embassy for a half hour before marching to the Finnish legation for sympathetic manifestations.

A crowd of about 1,000 before the Finnish legation today cheered Finland and booed Russia.

After the minister's third appearance the youths moved off in the direction of the Russian embassy, shouting "Long live Finland!" and "Down with Russia, Stalin, Bolshevism!"

"The Red army goes to Fin-

RUSSIA REPORTS ARMY ADVANCING ON TWO FRONTS

Navy Has Captured Strategic Islands in Gulf of Finland Is Soviet Claim.

By Wilt Hancock

Moscow, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Russia reported today her army was advancing both in the north and south against the Finns and her navy was making sweeping attacks in the Baltic and had captured a group of strategic Finnish islands in the Gulf of Finland.

Simultaneously the press at home denied she intended to convert Finland into a dependent country and attacked "the democracies, naming Great Britain, France and the United States."

Distrust Eliminated

Pravda, community party organ, said editorially the mutual assistance treaty signed Saturday between Russia and a communist-led "people's" regime "eliminates forever the causes of mutual distrust and lays the foundation for a firm and indestructible friendship."

It added: "It would be unnecessary to prove that none of the 'democratic' powers, let us say Britain, France or the United States, had ever agreed to sign a similar pact with such a small and weak country as Finland."

"Any of the 'democratic' countries would have preferred to use their strong armies for occupation of Finnish territory and for the conversion of Finland into a dependent country."

"The Soviet Union only used its military power not for the occupation and enslavement of Finland but for strengthening the independence of Finland."

'Glorious' Operation

On the conflict itself the "battleground" correspondent of the government newspaper Izvestia reported:

"The glorious sailors and artillerymen have fulfilled their duty, having not let a single enemy bullet fall upon holy Soviet land or in the streets of Leningrad."

A Pravda dispatch indicated a heavy battle near Kronstadt, Russian naval base, but said Soviet ships, airplanes and the army "routed the Finns and the English who dared to attack our shores."

There was no elaboration of the allegation "the English" took part.

Pravda further told its readers:

"The Red army goes to Fin-

land to help the Finnish people and its people's government in their struggle against Messrs. Tanner and Mannerheim (Foreign Minister Vaino Tanner and defense chief Field Marshal Baron Gustaf Mannerheim of the Helsinki government).

Acts By Invitation

"It acts in Finland on the invitation of the people's government of Finland. It will leave Finland without delay as soon as the people's government of Finland finds it necessary."

The Soviet navy's advances in the Gulf of Finland were reported in an official communique.

Units of the Baltic fleet, after "successful battles," captured the Gulf of Finland islands of Suursaari (Hogland), Seiskari, Lavansaari and Tytaersaari, according to a communique from the staff of the Leningrad military area covering operations of yesterday.

The communique used the phrase "small and big" in listing Tytaersaari, which would indicate a smaller island nearby bearing the name Pien-Tytaersaari also was occupied.

The island group lies along Russia's line of communication through the Gulf of Finland into the Baltic, the nearest of the group, Seiskari being about 45 miles west of the Soviet Union's Leningrad naval base, Kronstadt.

The Leningrad staff communique also reported continued advances into Finland, along her middle eastern border, and in the Karelian isthmus north of Leningrad—advances to points 18 to 28 miles within Finland.

Of operations against the northern tip of Finland, the communique merely reported a "continued advance" in pursuit of retreating Finnish troops.

"In view of bad weather no aerial operations took place" the communique said.

4-H CHAMPIONS RECEIVE AWARDS

Chicago, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A silver award in the name of President Roosevelt and a \$300 scholarship from the national committee of boys' and girls' club work were presented yesterday to Robert Summers, 18, of New Berlin, Ill., and Dorothy L. Lippert, 19, of Bertha, Minn., as they were proclaimed the 1939 4-H achievement champions.

Two first alternates and two second alternates were also named as the national 4-H club congress. Second alternates included Jacqueline Morton of Cottage Grove, Ore.

The first to distinguish between sensory and motor nerves was Erasistratus, a great physician of the Third Century, B. C.

NORTHWEST G.O.P. LAYS FOUNDATION FOR UNITED FRONT

Leaders Adopt Plan For Cooperation Among National Convention Delegates.

Spokane, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Republican leaders of the northwest, determined to present a united front when candidates and platforms are talked in 1940, scattered to their homes in five states today to tell the party's faithful how the union was to be accomplished.

More than 200, here from Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and Washington, closed a two-day regional party conference yesterday with the adoption of a plan for cooperation among their national convention delegates.

The plan was this: The delegates, when elected, were to meet and make a chairman and secretary. These leaders then would confer with the Idaho national committeeman on a northwestern program to be nurtured at the convention.

Hit Park Creation

The five-state union of delegates will find two regional matters already decided upon. The conference, from county chairmen to national committeemen and women, struck unanimously at park creation and treaty writing by the federal government and hinted at a labor policy.

N. C. Balbridge of Parma, former governor of Idaho and head of the conference resolutions committee, said a rule-of-meeting against controversial subjects was all that kept his group from offering a resolution "expressing a hope for labor peace."

A four-point resolution recommended that the reciprocal trade treaty act of 1934 "be not renewed" when it expired next June; that present treaties be terminated "at the earliest possible moment"; that the power to regulate imports be returned to congress, and that future import duties should equalize the difference between domestic and foreign production costs.

BRITAIN MOURNS REBEL PRINCESS

London, Dec. 4.—(AP)—King George VI today ordered two weeks of court mourning for Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, 91-year old "rebel princess" of the British royal family, who died yesterday.

"The eldest of three surviving children of Queen Victoria and a great-aunt of King George VI, she was called the 'rebel princess' because she defied strict royal conventions of her time."

She was the first English princess whose marriage to a commoner was sanctioned since the rule of Henry VII, which ended in 1509. She married the Marquess of Lorne, later the Ninth Duke of Argyll, in 1871. He died in 1914.

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