

The Weather
Occasional rain tonight and Saturday, little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 59
Lowest this morning 56
Precipitation
To 5 p. m. yesterday T.
To 8 a. m. today T.

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Time To Prepare
A great many people prefer to have their Ads. in the Sunday morning edition. If you are one now is the time to prepare your copy. Ads. in before 3:30 p. m. Saturday will be properly classified.

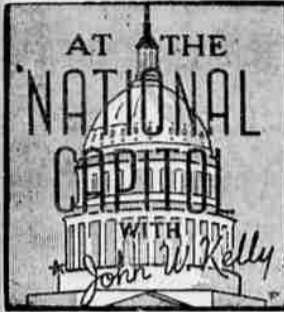
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FINNS AND REDS IN ARTILLERY DUEL



RUSSIANS NEARING MAIN DEFENSE OF INVADENED COUNTRY

First Real Exchange of Land Forces Since Outbreak—Defenders Remain Calm.

By Lynn Heinzerling
Viipuri, Finland, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Finnish and Soviet Russian artillery duelled today near the village of Summa, only 20 miles from this southeastern Finnish outpost and 40 miles inside Finland.

The engagement opened the first real artillery exchange between the two forces on land since the Soviet Russian invasion started a week ago yesterday. The military and civilian population in Viipuri was calm despite bitter war experience only a week ago when 30 Russian planes bombed the town. Thirty civilians were reported killed and more than 80 injured then; Finns said only one soldier was killed.

The artillery duel indicated the Russians were nearing the permanent defense lines of the Finns.

Russians Advance
Col. Alexander Mellbloom, Finnish commandant, said Soviet troops had advanced as much as 35 miles in some places along the Karelian isthmus front but still were not in contact with the Mannerheim line.

There have been no air bombardments here since the first two days of the war when tens of thousands of windows were broken and dozens of fires started.

Kirkenes, Norway, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The brief, gloomy daylight of northernmost Finland, combined with the Finns' camouflage tactics, were reported here today to be causing heavy Russian casualties against relatively small Finnish losses.

The Finns were said to be making good use of white uniforms and other devices to camouflage themselves against the background of Arctic snow on the far northern Finnish front.

These reports said that the result had been that only Russian troops could be discerned from a distance or from the air and that Soviet fliers had been machine-gunning their town troops.

The Russians were said to have been driven back with heavy losses after an engagement near Ovre Slottet.

FRISCO PORT TIE-UP IN HOPELESS IMPASSE SAYS BOARD MEMBER

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Dr. Louis Bloch of the United States maritime labor board announced he would quit San Francisco's deadlocked port tie-up today and return to Washington and confer on the situation with other board members.

Commenting that the strike of 650 CIO ship clerks had reached an apparent hopeless impasse, Dr. Bloch said:

"The two sides feel they are equally strong—and that's just too bad for the public."

Meantime, waterborne commerce was halted in Oakland and Alameda in spite of the "business as usual" sign at the municipal piers in Oakland. The city-owned piers were bereft of ships following considerable activity after settlement several days ago of a warehousemen's strike there.

EX-GOVERNOR MARTIN NAMED FIRST CITIZEN

Portland, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Former Governor Charles H. Martin was named first citizen of Portland for 1944 today.

The selection was made by the Portland realty board, which accorded Dr. Richard Dillehunt, dean of the University of Oregon medical school the honor last year.

Census Aide



A. MOORE HAMILTON

Portland, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The post of assistant area manager for the 1940 federal census has been offered Moore Hamilton, editor of the Medford News, area manager Byron Carney said today.

Mr. Hamilton informed the Mail Tribune that he had telephoned his acceptance to Mr. Carney.

Mr. Hamilton said he planned to leave Monday for Portland where he will make his headquarters. He will remain there until the census work has been completed. He will be first assistant to Mr. Carney. The work will take about six months, Mr. Hamilton said.

During his absence the Medford News will be in charge of his wife, the editor stated. Mrs. Hamilton, society editor of the weekly, is thoroughly experienced in newspaper work.

CAVE JUNCTION MAN WITNESS IN TRIAL OF WHITE SLAVE SUSPECT

Merced, Cal., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Jack Dix of Cave Junction, Ore., testified at Merrill Busby's abduction trial today he heard the man tell the alleged victim, Dorothy Thompson, 14, that she would be put in a detention home if she returned to California.

Dix, a state's witness in the trial of Busby on charges of abducting the girl, testified he was outside his cabin last September 19 when he heard an argument between Busby and the girl.

"The girl told the gentleman she wanted to return to California," Dix said. "He said they would go to Mexico instead and that she would be put in a detention home for having left the state."

Dr. F. D. Twining identified marks on two sheets taken from a Cave Junction tourist cabin in which Busby and the girl allegedly stayed. The sheets also were identified by Lyle Harrell, Oregon state police officer, and J. M. Hout, owner of the camp.

Miss Thompson had testified that Busby attacked her near Cave Junction after luring her from her Livingston home.

PORTLANDERS START CHRISTMAS BUYING

Portland, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Dun's business review said today the "usual rush" of pre-Christmas trading had started in Portland area retail stores.

Winter clothing and shoe sales also increased under the impetus of colder weather. Grocery wholesalers said business was 10 per cent above last year, although November was slow, and large retail chains showed good profits.

JAMES ROOSEVELT NOW STUDIO CO. PRESIDENT

Hollywood, Dec. 8.—(AP)—James Roosevelt, the president's son, was elevated to presidency of Samuel Goldwyn Studio company today.

He retains his post as vice-president of Samuel Goldwyn Productions, Inc.

U. S. Protests Blockade by Great Britain

BRITAIN SUFFERS HEAVY LOSSES AS SEA WAR REVIVES

Nazi U-Boat Sent to Bottom By Bomb From Warplane; British Destroyer Hit.

London, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Britain today announced the sinking of a German submarine by a British warplane, the damaging of one of her own destroyers by a torpedo and the loss of a British merchant vessel with 43 of her crew missing in a sudden quickening of the war at sea.

Shortly after the air ministry announced the warplane had sunk the enemy submarine, the admiralty announced the damaging of the 1,690-ton destroyer Jersey by a submarine fire from a German submarine yesterday.

Two officers and eight men were missing and believed killed, and 12 men were injured. The Jersey reached her harbor.

Identify Lost Ship
The admiralty identified one of its earlier losses, disclosing that the 1,360-ton *Blanche* was the destroyer previously announced sunk by a mine Nov. 13.

Britain's merchant sea losses continued at a faster pace.

The steamer *Navosota*, an 8,795-ton vessel, was reported to have been torpedoed in the Atlantic. Forty-three of her crew were reported missing and 44 survivors were landed.

The 1,088-ton cargo steamer *Merel* struck a mine off the southeast coast and sank with only two of her crew of 17 or 18 reported rescued.

The landing of survivors disclosed the sinking yesterday of the 734-ton British steamer *Whintown* after a collision with the trawler *Leo*.

Lloyd's listed the merchant shipping losses for the allies up to yesterday since the beginning of the war as:

British—86 vessels totalling 330,758 tons;

French—10 vessels totalling 55,285 tons;

Polish—one 14,294-ton steamer.

Lloyd's listed the 1,478-ton

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JAP TAXPAYERS GIVEN NATIONALIST SHOT AS NEW SACRIFICES LOOM

Tokyo, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The ultra-nationalist organization, Shintou, today published a page advertisement in the newspaper *Yomiuri* urging the "people to help save humanity from aggressive wars."

The statement urged "a quick and generous settlement of the China incident in order to assume fulfillment of Japan's great mission to make the whole universe one family."

"We think now is the time for a divine wind to remove from Japan all utilitarian and opposition ideas," the statement said. "When Japan, thus purified, rises to bring world peace starting with a settlement of our war in China there can be no doubt but that the whole universe will recognize our mission of wisdom and love and that we will be able to prove ours is a divine nation which manifests its strength through courage and firmness."

The Shintou long has been known as one of the most vigorous of the ultra-nationalist societies. The advertisement was believed part of a campaign to prepare the people for additional sacrifices because of continuation of the China conflict.

Hoover Asks Contributions From American Public for Relief of Suffering Finns

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, former president of the United States, and chairman for the commission of relief in Belgium during the World War, issued the following statement today:

"America has a duty to do its part in the relief of the hideous suffering of the Finnish people. Our people should have an outlet in which to express their individual and their practical sympathy. I have consented to organize a nationwide Finnish relief fund for this purpose.

Appeal To People
"I appeal to the American people for its support.

"Finland is not a rich country. The people have little reserve for emergency. They are making a heroic defense. Air attacks have compelled the evacuation of civilians from their towns and cities. Hundreds of thousands of women and children have been driven from their homes in the middle of northern winter. Many are already, and more will be, refugees outside of their own country. Many are destitute. Others are without adequate shelter, clothing and food. This fund is for the purpose of serving these broad needs.

"The American Red Cross has appealed for funds to furnish medicines, hospital supplies, and many garments will be provided through their chapters. They should be supported. The two funds will co-operate fully.

"I realize the present needs of many of our own people and also the needs of the Polish people as well, the committee of which I am also a member. I would not wish any contributions to this fund to lessen the support of all these needs.

"But in this time of our sorrow and sympathy for the plight of Finland, America should also make sacrifices for them.

Deposit At Banks

"A nation-wide sponsorship is being constituted for the general conduct of the fund. Emergency supplies can be obtained in Norway and Sweden pending shipment from the United States. My former colleagues in Belgium relief have volunteered to undertake the work of administration under leadership of Mr. Edgar Rickard, and an office has been established at the Graybar building, New York, N. Y. Contributions may be deposited with your bank, with directions to transmit it to the Finnish relief fund at the Chase National bank, New York.

"I hope that those who can afford it will contribute generously. Contributions no matter how small are the evidence of our sympathy.

"Herbert Hoover."

LUCILLE MURRAY WEDS MR. FINCH

Reno, Nev., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included:

Douglas B. Finch, 29, and Lucille Murray, 26, both Medford, Ore.

The marriage of Miss Murray and Mr. Finch took place today at 1 o'clock in the Reno Lutheran church. They were unattended.

The bride, well known Medford girl and graduate of Medford high school, is the daughter of Mrs. Josephine F. Murray and the late C. C. Murray.

Mr. Finch, associated with United States forest service, is the brother of Breynton Finch. His parents reside in Lakeview.

The newly wedded couple are expected to return here in a few days to make their home.

Christmas Mail

Fairbanks, Alaska, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The major portion of Fairbanks' Christmas mail left here today in 15 pouches and two large truckloads. Last shipment of Yule mail will leave next week for the Pacific coast and some midwestern states.

Abducted by Kin



Mrs. Alice Vestal Miner (above), 22, disclosed in an interview at the home of her parents in Ashland, Ore., how she was abducted from her Arizona home in 1929 by O. V. Miner, whom she later married. Miner, arrested in Phoenix, Ariz., on the 10-year-old child stealing charge, pleaded guilty.

OFFICER'S TEETH KNOCKED OUT BY PAIR OF TOUGHS

Salem, Dec. 8.—(AP)—State Policeman Glenn McDonald was beaten here today by two young men whom he arrested near Jefferson on suspicion of having stolen a car, but McDonald brought both of his men into jail.

McDonald is in a hospital suffering from a sprained back and bruises. All of his teeth were knocked out.

He noticed the two men asleep in a car at Jefferson at 3 a. m. and picked them up because the license plates were those of a stolen car. When he got near Salem the men attacked him and wrecked his patrol car in a ditch.

McDonald didn't let them get away, however, and called state police headquarters, which sent out another car.

The two men, each about 22 years old, had several guns in the back seat of the car in which they were picked up, police said.

State police Lt. Max Alford said the car was stolen in Portland November 29. He said both of the men gave Kansas City, Mo., as their home, but he said he doubted that they told the truth as to their names and residence.

The men, Lieutenant Alford said, claimed they were brothers, Roy and Robert Powers.

Lieutenant Alford said the two men confessed today that they held up Pat's Tavern in Portland last night and that they held up the Linnton bus depot near Portland several days ago.

KIDNAP VICTIM RETRACES TRAIL

O. W. Spiker, Klamath Falls salesman, retraced his travels along the Pacific and Greensprings highways today in an effort to show state police where he picked up a hitch-hiker who was later slain near Albany.

Spiker was forced into the trunk of his automobile but opened the cover with a screwdriver and escaped while the car was passing through Eugene.

State Patrolman Wallace Hug intercepted the car and shot the unidentified driver. The hitchhiker refused to halt and opened fire on the officer.

RESERVES RIGHT OF RECOVERY IF DAMAGE RESULTS

Blockade Of German Goods Coming Out Through Neutrals Held Law Breach.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—The United States, formally reserving all its rights to recover on damages which it may suffer as a result of Britain's blockade of German exports, today called the blockade a breach of the principles of international law.

In a formal note to Great Britain made public by the state department the American government said it was "under the necessity of requesting that measures adopted by the British government shall not cause interference with the legitimate trade of its nationals and of reserving meanwhile all its rights and the rights of its nationals whenever, and to the extent that, they may be infringed."

In Effect Monday
Britain put into effect Monday a virtual blockade against German exports coming out through neutral countries and destined for overseas consumers.

The state department told Britain, "Quite apart from the principles of international law thus involved, the maintenance of the integrity of which can not be too strongly emphasized at this time when a tendency toward disregard for law in international relations is threatening the security of peace loving nations, there are practical reasons which move my government to take notice of the order in council here in question."

These practical reasons were listed as:

1. In many cases orders for goods of German origin have been placed by Americans for which they already have made payment in whole or in part or have otherwise obligated themselves.

2. In other cases goods purchased from Germany or which might be purchased, cannot readily, if at all, be duplicated in other markets, and are needed by American purchasers for carrying on their legitimate trade, industry and professions.

The state department was here referring to such items as fine precision instruments.

The department also told the British foreign office that in the British order, if applied literally, "would subject American vessels to diversion to British ports if they are found to be carrying goods of German origin or German ownership regardless of the place of lading of such goods or the place of destination and regardless of the ownership of the goods at the time that the vessel is intercepted."

High Seas
Cannon Beach, Ore., Dec. 8.—(AP)—Tremendous seas foured over wooden bulkheads at Cannon Beach today, raging farther inland than high tides reached in the spring. Ecola Inn and nearby summer homes were threatened.

Radio Highlights

The University of Southern California-University of California at Los Angeles football game Saturday for the coast conference championship will be broadcast by radio station KMED. Play-by-play description of the game will start at 1:45 p. m.

By Associated Press
(Time is Pacific Standard)
Tonight: Europe—WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6, 7:30; WFAF-NBC-East 8.

WJZ-NBC—7:45 Sen. Rush Holt talk.

MBS—6:30 Sen. Burton K. Wheeler on "Democracy and Government. In Tomorrow's World."

LANDON VISITS F. R. BUT FAILS TO LEARN THIRD TERM INTENT

Washington, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Alf. M. Landon, who twice has challenged President Roosevelt to disclose his third term intentions, talked with the chief executive for nearly half an hour today—and the subject wasn't even mentioned.

He reported the president didn't bring it up and "I didn't either."

Landon said they had touched on foreign affairs but only in a "gossipy way." He had merely called at the White House to pay his respects, he said.

Earlier Landon said he was supporting the administration's foreign policy one hundred per cent.

WOLF CREEK SCHOOLS CLOSED BY EPIDEMIC

Grants Pass, Dec. 8.—(AP)—Wolf Creek grade and union high schools closed Thursday noon because of absences attributed to an influenza epidemic which has at one time or another temporarily suspended eight schools in the Rogue River valley.

Classes are to resume Monday.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Raymond Fish finding fault with the lighting system in his daily luncheon place, he carrying a small flashlight now to enable him to see what he is eating.

Jack Moran engaging the law and others in a hunt to locate his car which he believed stolen, later discovering he had simply parked it twice, forgetting the final time.

Vale Hoots returning to her post with a hop, skip and a jump as she was discovered enjoying a bit of recreation too long.

Emmie Winter feeling the effects of too many cooling soft drinks but all ready to treat a friend to another.