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# NAZI RAIDER LIMPS INTO MONTEVIDEO



Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—What President Roosevelt is doing to the budget estimates of government agencies will become public when, either January 3 or 4, the document will be presented to congress. The budget is the size of a metropolitan telephone directory and two inches thick. No one takes the trouble to examine more than the particular items in which he is interested. Leaks from the White House say Mr. Roosevelt is slashing right and left with his blue pencil.

## Pocket Battleship Severely Battered By British Cruisers

London, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The admiralty announced tonight naval forces watching for the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee "have been strongly reinforced."

No details were given, however, of the additions to the cruisers Ajax and Achilles which mounted guard outside Montevideo in an effort to prevent escape of the Nazi warship from the neutral port.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee, her steel rent by British guns and 36 of her crew dead, clung to her refuge today in this neutral port while two of the three British cruisers which engaged her in a 14-hour running battle yesterday mounted guard out at sea.

The third cruiser, the crippled Exeter, which was knocked out of the fight after four hours of cannonading, limped into the Rio De La Plata to a position 12 miles off Montevideo.

Believe Many Killed  
 As British legion officials sailed out to board her, reports were current there were many dead and wounded aboard the cruiser but nothing official had been issued on casualties either among the crews of the Exeter or her fellow fighters, the Achilles and the Ajax, all of which were damaged.

Interruption for the duration of the European war seemed the only prospect for the warship which Germany in the days of naval limitation built to out-run or outgun any other warship afloat. Her other choice would be a desperate gamble at escape after repairs.

Besides the 36 Germans killed, the casualties included 60 wounded in the crew which normally totals 926.

Gas Use Claimed  
 Otto Langmann, German minister to Uruguay, visited the vessel and renewed charges crewmen were suffering from lung and eye injuries resulting from gas shells fired by the British.

The admiralty in London and Prime Minister Chamberlain before the house of commons denied as "entirely without foundation" German allegations that mustard gas grenades or shells had been used.

Langmann said six British masters of merchantmen which were sunk by the warship were aboard her, but he gave no names.

In London there was speculation over the possibility the six were Patrick G. Dove of the Africa Shell, sunk off Portuguese East Africa, Nov. 15; J. N. Edwards of the Trevanion, missing and long overdue; the master of the Newton Beech, unheard of since the end of September; A. H. Brown of the Buntzman, long overdue; William Stubbs of the Doris Star, reported sunk by a raider Dec. 4 in the south Atlantic; and Charles Pottinger of the Ashlea, unreported since Sept. 28.

Neutrals Barred  
 Neutral inspectors were not permitted aboard the pocket battleship.

One of two gravely injured crewmen disembarked appeared to have lost his sight from wounds. The commander of the Graf Spee had a minor arm wound.

It was believed the Exeter was preparing to enter the harbor to disembark wounded, but the Ajax and Achilles and, possibly other British warcraft hovered offshore, waiting to resume the battle should the German venture out.

## Beaten to Death



Warner Blewett, 17, president of the senior class of Colwell, Iowa, high school, is charged with beating Dorothy Carier (above), 14, to death with a shotgun stock. Miss Carier was president of the freshman class of the same school.

## HIT-RUN TACTICS USED BY BRITISH IN NAVAL BATTLE

Montevideo, Dec. 14.—(AP)—How three British cruisers, like well-trained hounds worrying a huge bear, slashed at the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee until the badly damaged warship was forced to take refuge in the neutral harbor of Montevideo, was described by eyewitnesses and authorities today.

From their accounts was pieced together a picture of the day-long battle. It showed the British cruisers Exeter, Achilles and Ajax, their guns out-ranged at least 3,000 yards by the 11-inch German guns, used every trick known to naval warfare to beat down their larger opponent's defenses.

Smoke Screen Used  
 The British made "magnificent" use of smoke screens, witnesses said, to avoid exposing themselves disastrously to the Admiral Graf Spee's heavier gunfire. The cruisers were said to have darted from behind these sheltering smokescreens to fire their own salvos, then retreated swiftly from sight, constantly shifting their positions.

Although out-ranged and lacking their opponent's heavier armor, a British official said the lighter cruisers had to close in despite the 850-pound projectiles the pocket battleship was hurling.

To avoid these shells, one of which almost ripped a turret from the Exeter early in the battle yesterday, the British resorted to hit-and-run tactics, maneuvering at high speed behind their dense smoke screens to throw the German gun layers off the target.

By these tactics, they worked in close enough for the Exeter to train its eight-inch guns, firing 256-pound shells; and the Achilles and Ajax to use their six-inch guns, throwing 100-pound projectiles.

## O'BRIEN BECOMES NIGHT PATROLMAN

Police Chief Clatous McCredie announced today the appointment of William (Bill) O'Brien, 29, to the city police force to take the place of Officer Walter Reinking, who has been transferred from night duty to a day beat made temporarily vacant by the illness of Officer Ray Sloneker.

The new night patrolman, a former resident of Ashland, has resided here for about three years. He was formerly employed at the First National Bank of Portland, Medford branch, and was more recently engaged in a mining enterprise near the Canadian border. He is unmarried.

Officer Ray Sloneker, confined in a local hospital with a heart ailment, was said to be progressing fairly well, but it was not known when he would be able to return to his position as day patrolman.

GARBO GIVES \$5,000 FOR FINNISH RELIEF  
 New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover disclosed today Greta Garbo, Swedish film actress, had contributed \$5,000 to the Finnish relief fund.

## League of Nations Expels Russia; Calls on Members to Aid Finland

### F. R. AND HOOVER IN CONTROVERSY ON FINN RELIEF

President Says Hoover Has Declined Managership of Relief For Europeans.

Washington, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The White House disclosed today President Roosevelt, through Chairman Norman Davis of the Red Cross, had sought to have former President Hoover become a "sort of general manager" of relief for European war sufferers.

Apparently, Hoover had declined, the White House reported. Stephen Early, a presidential secretary, said that about the time Germany was moving into Poland, Mr. Roosevelt and his advisors were doing what they could to prepare for what they believed would be an emergency.

The former president recently assumed leadership in raising a fund for relief in Finland, and in that capacity is cooperating with the Red Cross.

New York, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover today responded, through a secretary, to a White House statement that he had been offered the post as a "sort of general manager" of European war relief.

Hoover's secretary, Lawrence Richey, issued this statement: "Mr. Early's (the White House) statement today seemed to relate to different questions. There were no discussions of Red Cross organization before the war, as he implies."

Hoover declared in response to questions regarding reported friction between the Finnish fund and other groups that "it is a great pity that people will start out to poison the wells of human charity."

"It is an injury to the Finnish people and to the American Red Cross," Hoover said. "It doesn't bother me."

### NAZI LINER TRIES TO RUN BLOCKADE

Vera Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The 32,581-ton German liner Columbus slipped out of Vera Cruz in the darkness early today on what was an apparent attempt to run the Atlantic and reach a German port through the allied naval blockade.

Also at sea was the German freighter Arauca, which cleared Vera Cruz harbor with a mixed cargo of fiber, nitrates and other consignments for New Orleans, La.

The Columbus, a rich war prize if it falls into the hands of allied warships, obtained papers for a trans-Atlantic crossing.

Both the Columbus and the Arauca have been in this port since early in the European war.

### FINNS RECAPTURE EXTENSIVE AREA ON EASTERN LINE

Russian Invaders Forced To Retreat Is Claim; Defenders Take More Tanks.

Helsinki, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Finnish army communique asserted tonight that an extensive area had been recaptured by the Finns in the vicinity of Tolvajarvi and the Russian invaders been forced to retreat.

(Tolvajarvi is approximately 40 miles west of Finland's eastern frontier and the same distance north of Lake Ladoga.) The communique declared more Russian tanks had been captured.

It accused the invaders of using gas in fighting at Suomussalmi, 20 miles inside Finland at almost the midpoint of the eastern frontier, but added the gas was largely ineffective.

Kirkenes, Norway (at the Finnish frontier), Dec. 14.—(AP)—Russian troops near flaming Salmijarvi tonight as Finnish forces retreated southward except for a rear guard detaching left to explode dynamite charges in valuable nickel mines.

As far as could be seen from the Norwegian frontier town of Pasvik, all villages and habitations on the Finnish side were aflame. The Russians were expected to reach Salmijarvi some time tonight.

### 80 KILLED IN BLAST AT MUNITIONS PLANT

Bucharest, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Eighty persons were killed and 200 others gravely injured today in an explosion at a cellulose plant under military control at Zarnesti.

Many of the injured were feared to be dying. Whole families were wiped out in their sleep by the early morning blast of an overheated 1,000-gallon kettle of chemical.

A high wind spread the flames and carried chlorine fumes over the village.

Stockholm, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Swedish National bank today raised the discount rate from two and one-half to three per cent.

### War Bulletins

London, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The air ministry announced tonight four German Messerschmidt fighting planes and three British fighters had been shot down in fierce air battles over Helgoland Bight "during the past 24 hours."

Paris, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The French high commands' communique tonight reported "rather sharp engagements between reconnaissance units in the Vosges and along the Blies."

### BRITAIN SURVEYS DISASTER, SUCCESS IN NAVAL EFFORTS

London, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Disaster moved hand in hand with success today in Great Britain's fight to remain mistress of the seas and to break Germany.

Even as the nation exulted that the Admiral Graf Spee, swift Nazi pocket battleship, had been driven into the neutral harbor of Montevideo, these blows against the British navy were announced.

The 1,375-ton destroyer Duchesne sank yesterday after colliding with another warship with an indicated loss of 120 lives. Only one officer and 22 men were known to be safe.

The 202-ton mine-sweeping trawler William Hallett struck a mine today and sank with loss of eight lives. Only one crewman survived.

Against these losses were the admiralty's announcement the same submarine which had allowed the German liner Bremen to steam unscathed to Germany had sunk a Nazi submarine and torpedoed a cruiser.

Prime Minister Chamberlain declared "the gallant action" of "three comparatively small British ships against a much more heavily armed adversary" probably would free the south Atlantic sealanes of the raider's depredations.

Chamberlain honored the navy in his statement before the house of commons, acknowledging "the bulk of the burden of war at present is falling on the navy."

McMinnville, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The chamber of commerce selected Eugene E. Marsh, state representative, president today.

### REDS' EXPULSION FIRST IN HISTORY OF WORLD GROUP

Non-League Nations Also Invited To Help Little Republic—3 Fail to Vote.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A telegram informing Soviet Russia of her expulsion from the League of Nations was dispatched to Moscow tonight by Joseph A. C. Avenol, secretary-general of the league.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The League of Nations, by unanimous vote of its council, today expelled Soviet Russia because of her invasion of Finland.

Four members of the council, including Finland, abstained from voting on the expulsion motion. The others were China, Yugoslavia and Greece.

The vote was on a resolution which declared that as a result of Russia's actions toward Finland "the U.S.S.R. no longer is a member of the league."

Unanimous vote of the council is necessary to expel a member. Abstentions do not affect unanimity.

First In History  
 This was the first time in league history that a nation had been expelled.

The council acted after the assembly had condemned Russia as an aggressor, called on its members to aid Finland and approved an invitation to non-league nations, such as the United States to help the little republic.

The council and assembly both adjourned after taking action on the Russian-Finnish issue.

Joseph Paul-Boncour, the French delegate, just before the council vote declared although France would give Finland all possible help and would vote for Russian expulsion, she could not do so without recalling past aggressions.

Paul-Boncour told the council that aggressions which preceded "this one made it possible."

League Wakes Late  
 He declared the league "perhaps is waking a little late" and referred to former Russian foreign minister Maxim Litvinoff's frequent condemnations of aggression before the council. He broke away from his prepared text to say "Russia's violation is connected with all past aggression."

Paul-Boncour was followed by British undersecretary R. A. Butler, who also made slight changes in his prepared speech to meet his ally's stand. He emphasized nothing was as important for the allies as the war with Germany.

The council move to expel Russia followed action by the assembly condemning Russian aggression and asking members to aid Finland.

SOFT pedal has been placed on WPA relief. There was great indignation last spring when thousands were laid off for being more than 18 months on the rolls (thousands had been relieving for 4 and 5 years); for not paying union wages; for eliminating communist-controlled theatre project and blame was laid at the doors of congress. As a matter of record, Mr. Roosevelt proposed WPA reforms and now will request far less for fiscal 1941 than he did for 1940 (we are now in fiscal 1940).

## COAST HIGHWAY TRAVEL GROWING

Tillamook, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—The Oregon coast highway showed a greater travel increase this year than any highway in the state. Arch B. Sanders said yesterday.

Sanders, executive secretary of the Oregon coast highway association, told a civic group that 68.2 per cent of the north-bound Redwoods highway travel continued along the coast route from Crescent City, Calif.

More than 185,000 out-of-state motorists spent \$3,400,000 on the coast during the year, he said.

## SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS  
 Oma Parrett going Christmas shopping with a couple of pals and becoming separated from them in a store, one of the pals, Dean DeVore, contending that perhaps Oma was mixed in among the Christmas tree trimmings.

Bennie Kittle taking a whack at son Keith, Jr., because he insisted on swinging on mama's callers with a man-sized stick.

The Doc A. F. W. Kresse family really going to town in capturing bridge tournament laurels as the Doc, Walt Jr., and mama Grace brought home the bacon.

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## Radio Highlights

By Associated Press.  
 (Time is Pacific Standard.)  
 Address of Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio before the Ohio State society of New York Saturday on the Ohio relief program and its relation to the national relief program, will be heard via WEAF-NBC network at 6 p. m.

Tonight: Europe—WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6, 7:30; WEAF-NBC-East 8.  
 WJZ-NBC 6:30, America's Town Meeting, "America and Japan—Embargo or New Treaty."

Friday: Europe—NBC 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS 5 a. m., 3:30 p. m.