

RUSSIA DECLARES SHE NOT ENGAGED IN FINLAND WAR

Army Operations Are Only Against The Mannerheim Clique Moscow Reports.

Moscow, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Soviet Russia, in an authorized statement on her expulsion by the League of Nations, declared today she was not "waging or interested in waging a war against Finland."

The statement released by Tass, official news agency, blamed France and Britain for Russia's ousting and asserted army operations in Finland were aimed at the "bankrupt Finnish rulers of the Mannerheim clique."

(Field Marshal Baron Carl Gustaf Mannerheim is head of the Finnish national defense council.)

Asserting that the communist "people's government of the democratic republic of Finland" was the legitimate government of Finland, the statement maintained that Russia's relations with her little neighbor were "peaceful and friendly."

(After Russia invaded Finland, a communist-headed "people's government" was set up in Terijoki, a Finnish town near the frontier and Russia signed a mutual assistance pact with this regime.)

Asserting that "ruling circles of Britain and France" dictated the league decision to oust Russia, the statement said the allies "have neither the moral nor the formal right to talk about 'aggression' of the U. S. S. R. nor condemn this aggression."

"It must be noted that the pact of mutual assistance and friendship between the U. S. S. R. and the Republic of Finland (people's government) fully en-

Winnie Ruth Judd Again Back in Phoenix



Winnie Ruth Judd, trunk murderer, is shown with two matrons when she was returned to the Arizona state insane hospital at Phoenix following her capture at Yuma, Ariz., on the 12th day of her second escape from the hospital. She said she had trudged all but 20 miles of the 200 miles across the desert since she vanished.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd's plea that she be given another trial in order that she might disclose the identity of two accomplices, fell on deaf ears today.

Governor Bob Jones read the 12-page letter, in the mad killer's own handwriting, found on Mrs. Judd when she was arrested in Yuma yesterday after 12 days of absence from the Arizona state hospital, and said he had "no comment."

County Atty. Richard Harless said the charge on which Mrs. Judd demanded she be given a trial—that of murdering Miss Hedvig Samuelson in 1931—was dismissed in 1932, shortly after

Mrs. Judd was convicted of killing Agnes Ann Lerol and sentenced to hang. Although the matter had not been brought to his attention officially, Harless said little could be accomplished by re-filing the charge against an insane person.

Lloyd J. Andrews, former county attorney who directed her prosecution, said "Instead of complaining, Mrs. Judd should be glad she escaped execution."

He branded as a "lie" her story that a doctor dissected Miss Samuelson's body. The letter, in longhand, written before she fled from the

hospital December 3, named the physician and the friend who employed him. The friend, she said, then bought her a train ticket to Los Angeles, where she was arrested a week later.

Mrs. Judd told part of her story to the state board of pardons and paroles in 1932 while trying to escape the gallows.

In her more detailed account, she said she quarreled with Miss Samuelson and Mrs. Lerol, who was employed at a local clinic. They threatened to tell Dr. Judd she had been "stepping out" with another man and she retaliated with a threat to disclose they were perverts.

URUGUAY PONDERING NAZI DEMAND FOR TIME EXTENSION

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Wednesday's battle with British cruisers, two of whom are waiting outside the territorial waters for the Graf Spee.

Meanwhile, the ministers of Nazi Germany and Great Britain waged a last ditch fight last night over the warship, Germany seeking an extension of time in which she may remain here, Britain demanding her ejection or internment.

Allies Wait Coming Hidden in the haze about 20 miles off Montevideo were the fast British cruisers Ajax and Achilles, which fought the Graf Spee Wednesday and drove her into this neutral refuge with a daring which Captain Hans Langsdorff of the German warship himself declared was "more than seemed credible."

The 10,000-ton British cruiser Cumberland and the 26,500-ton French battleship Dunkerque also were reported in the Allied cordon, while the great British battle cruiser Renown and the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, steaming from South African waters, were expected at Rio de Janeiro tonight or tomorrow—perhaps to form a second barrier to the Graf Spee's escape.

U-Boat Rumors (An unconfirmed hint of help for the Graf Spee was contained in a Rome radio report picked up in London. This said the Spee's sister ship, the pocket battleship Admiral Scheer, was heading for the Montevideo area with a flotilla of submarines.)

German officials have asserted that she took refuge here because she almost was out of oil. British officials, however, say the Graf Spee refueled from a tanker at sea less than a week ago, and if that is true, naval experts estimate her tanks are at least one-third full. She has not taken on any appreciable amount of fuel in the harbor here, although foodstuffs including at least two tons of vegetables have been placed aboard her in the last two days.

German sailors methodically polished the cannon, plugged up

shell holes and cleared away debris of the first battle. They stripped away the seaplanes riddled by British gunfire, put planks over a huge gap in the port bow and righted and repaired a damaged anti-aircraft battery.

Miss Good Chances On shore, naval experts said the Spee's commander already had missed his two best chances of getting through the British naval trap: First, by not returning to sea as soon as his 36 dead were landed and fuel and food obtained; second, by not running out to sea this morning under the cover of thick rainclouds. The weather was better tonight.

British officials did not hide their confidence that the Graf Spee has no chance of escaping the warships offshore. Neutral officials said: "Only the greatest miracle can save the Graf Spee if she puts to sea."

In anticipation of seeing a sequel to Wednesday's battle, thousands of Uruguayans made plans to spend the week-end at shore areas along the jutting coastline.

The American liner Argentina, enroute from New York to Buenos Aires, had a chance of getting a "ringside seat." She

is due off Punta Del Este early Monday.

Uruguay's foreign minister, Alberto Guani, sent a spirited protest to both Great Britain and Germany for bringing their battles not only within the Pan-American "safety belt" but into Uruguayan territorial waters. The protests were accompanied by charts which, officials said, showed the warships at one time were exchanging shells well within the three-mile limit.

Guani also informed all American nations of the steps he has taken to prevent further "front-yard" battles here.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP) Donald Clemence, 14, was fatally injured tonight when his bicycle was struck by an automobile driven by Harry Nelson, 22, who was thrown through the windshield and suffered facial lacerations, police accident investigator George Phillips said.

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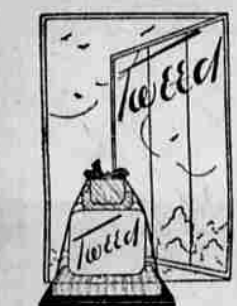
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Chicago, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Wheat prices were chalked up almost four cents a bushel again today as the highest prices since October, 1937, were posted on board of trade blackboards.

With only a few reactions due to profit taking, the market responded quickly to a new rush of buying orders inspired partly by a low official estimate of the Argentine crop now being harvested. Indications that the U. S. government intends to raise import restrictions, if necessary, to keep foreign wheat out of this country because of high domestic prices attracted attention.

Reports of the first foreign buying of U. S. wheat in some time also stimulated some purchasing. Exporters estimated 250,000 bushels of U. S. hard wheat had been sold from the gulf to Norway.

Buying also was stimulated by projects of continued drought in the domestic grain belt.

Rye and soy beans also soared to new highs for the past two years or more.

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BOY BEHEADED BY PHILLY MONSTER

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The headless body of an unidentified nude boy was found in a gutter tonight a block away from busy North Broad street.

Dr. Anthony Donato, of the women's homeopathic hospital, said the condition of the body indicated the boy was killed around 6 p.m.

The boy's head was cut off at the base of the neck. The left hand, right arm, right leg and part of his left leg were missing. Dr. Donato estimated the boy was between four and six years old.

"The dismemberment was unworkmanlike, as if the person responsible was in a hurry," Dr. Donato declared. "It looks as though the cuts were made with a very dull instrument, then the limbs broken off before being completely severed."

Transient Held Albany, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Gregory Mitchell, 25, was arrested for the Omaha, Neb., federal district tonight on a motor vehicle charge. Police Chief Perry Stelmacher said.

Mishap Costs Eye Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A four-foot long stick, flipped through a window of the family car last night by the machine's front wheel, gouged out an eye of little Reniabelle Hattenburg, 5.

STAMP FOOD SALE FOR ALL OREGON

Portland, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A dollar will buy \$1.50 in food for Multnomah county families receiving public welfare commission aid after January 2.

Jack Luhn, chairman of the commission, said today the federal-state food stamp plan for reducing surplus commodities would be extended to the entire state in 1940.

Births

Born in Sacred Heart hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nye of Prospect on December 9, a boy weighing seven pounds, three ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of 1018 West 11th street December 15 in Sacred Heart hospital, a girl weighing eight pounds, ten ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Glover in Sacred Heart hospital on December 15, a boy weighing seven pounds, fourteen ounces. The Glovers reside on the Pacific highway near Phoenix.

"Impersonator" Test Ordered Spokane, Dec. 16.—(AP)—His uncontrollable passion to play the part of an army officer won for Karl D. Breitigan today a federal court order for a study of his "mental processes."

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