

NAVAL POWER GATHERS FOR SPEE'S DASH

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place to dock in order to take on oil.

British embassy officials earlier had said two British men-of-war, which they declined to name, would arrive here today.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 16 (AP)—With only a night and a day left in which to decide on gambling at sea against tremendous odds or internment for the rest of the war, the Nazi pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee swung her sharp prow hard toward the open sea tonight.

In this position she needed only to weigh anchors and steam half a mile to pass the harbor breakwater and head out to where a mighty cordon of allied warships is hungrily awaiting her.

Her commander, Captain Hans Langsdorff, awaited an order direct from Adolf Hitler before taking the chance.

The Uruguayan government, accepting the report of a naval board that the warship was seaworthy, gave its commander, Capt. Hans Langsdorff until 5 p. m. Sunday (12:30 p. m. PST) to sail, or let his ship become a prisoner here for the duration of the war between Great Britain and Germany.

Lurking hungrily outside the harbor was a squadron of British warships, including the cruisers Ajax and Achilles, which, with the cruiser Exeter, battered the German vessel from waterline to fightingtop in a 14-hour battle Wednesday.

All indications were the allies were concentrating an armada of great strength and speed to greet the Admiral Graf Spee should she make her dash.

Waterfront reports said a heavy French ship, presumably the 26,500-ton, 29.5-knot battleship Dunkerque, had joined the British.

German sources here said the British flotilla included an aircraft carrier (British had indicated the 22,000-ton Ark Royal was en route), a battle cruiser of the Renown type (32,000 tons, 29 knots), one heavy cruiser (probably the 10,000-ton Cumberland), two light cruisers (Ajax and Achilles), and two or three destroyers.

The German pocket battleship missed a chance to slip out to sea under the cover of fog, when rain stopped in mid-morning and visibility increased.

An inspection showed the crew of the Nazi ship cleaning her guns, loading materials from a barge alongside and repairing battle damage. Workmen also were preparing to install new armor plate.

British seamen aboard two armed merchantmen anchored near the Admiral Graf Spee watched interestedly as the Germans worked.

The Admiral Graf Spee's officers, who had been in consultation ashore during the night, returned to their ship, but, except for increased smoke from her stacks, there was no sign she might be preparing to leave.

Venezuelan baseball umpires are gentlemen, reports an American baseball manager after a tour. So are Americans, if you happen to be on the right side.

IWA PROBING INTO INTERNAL CHARGES

A rank and file committee of the local unit of the CIO International Woodworkers of America was understood Saturday to be delving into differences and difficulties that have recently developed in the organization.

It was learned that charges of inefficiency and ineptitude have been brought against Mrs. Lee Willard, who since August, 1938, has been secretary of the organization. On the other hand, other charges are said to have been filed by older members of the group against L. H. Fenton, international executive board member for this district, and Henry C. Harris, treasurer of the local.

Fenton on Saturday said he could not at the time make a statement on the matter. It was understood that an auditing committee was due to report Saturday.

Mrs. Willard, it is understood, is out of office pending consideration of her case. Temporary officers in her place are Kenneth McKee, financial secretary, and Virgil Horn, recording secretary.

A. A. Oyer is president of the local. John Biggsstaff, said to be a newcomer, is vice-president.

Differences have developed in the membership of the IWA recently, with a running fight occurring in the recent convention here. A strong minority opposed the administration of President Harold Pritchett and also claimed to be the anti-communist bloc.

Biggsstaff, Fenton and Harris are understood to be strong Pritchett supporters.

Gonzaga Refuses "Celery Bowl"

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 16 (AP)—Gonzaga university closed its 1939 football book today with an announcement the team would not participate in a "Celery bowl" game Jan. 1 at Denver.

The Rev. F. Curtis Sharp, faculty athletic director, reported the decision after a conference with the university athletic board. He returned during the night from Denver, where he had conferred with bowl officials.

"Those in charge of the proposed game couldn't meet our guarantee requirements, so I notified the committee Gonzaga would have to be withdrawn as a candidate," Father Sharp explained.

Atlanta Salutes "Gone With Wind"

ATLANTA, Dec. 16 (AP)—Atlanta threw a patent leather shoe at the alarm clock this morning, reached for an aspirin, tossed another kiss at "Gone With Wind" and started catching up on lost sleep.

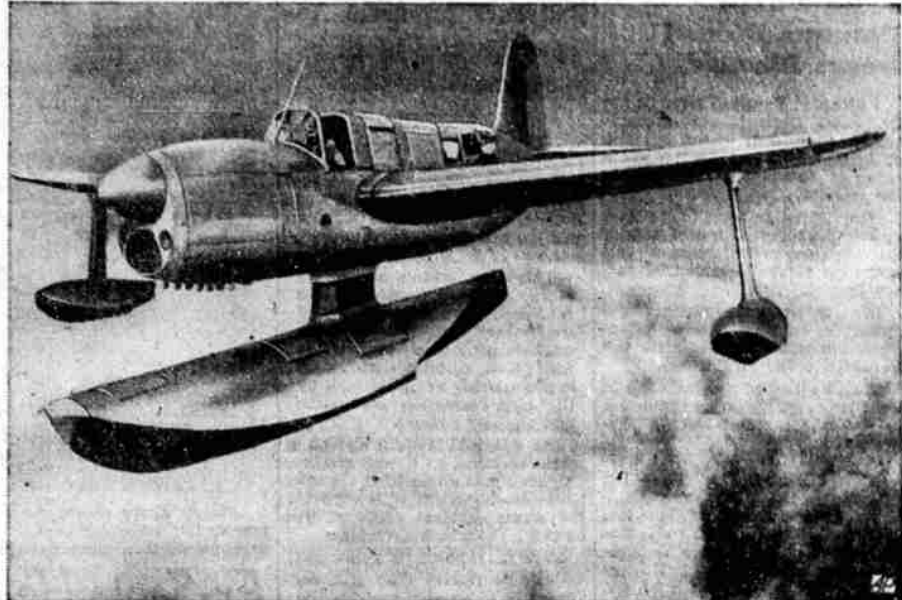
Already hailed by Hollywood preview critics as a super colossal number, this 3-hour and 57-minute movie was run off for the first time in public and a poll of the 2021 seat holders would have been as one-sided as a straw vote on prohibition at a WCTU convention.

A 97-year-old man says he was rejected for army service in 1861 because he was too feeble. The army is still unwilling to accept him, probably because it doesn't like to admit an error.

Celebrate Anniversary of Order



Women of the Moose celebrated the nineteenth anniversary of the order in Klamath Falls with a party this past week. A lighted birthday cake was served during the evening. Past regents of the order are shown here. Left to right, seated, Eva Richardson, Maud Christenson, Fannie Mae Thompson and Edna Jensen. Standing, left to right, Annette Hall, Betty Wood, LaVera McBride and Sadie Rand.



GETTING THE ONCE-OVER—Details of its performance are still secret, but here is a new experimental scout observation plane developed by Curtiss-Wright at Buffalo, N. Y., to operate off battleships or cruisers. Shown as a seaplane, above, it can be interchangeably equipped as a land plane. After its factory tests, it will get a once-over by the U. S. navy.

Frozen Feet, Poor Clothing Delay Russian Army Advance Against Finns at Ladoga

By WEBB MILLER
United Press Staff Correspondent
WITH THE FINNISH ARMY on the Karelian Front, Dec. 16 (UP)—Frozen feet by the thousands are impeding activities of the Russian troops in this sector of vast, ice-encrusted forests on the western shores of Lake Ladoga.

Through an interpreter I talked with seven Russian prisoners, all of whom limped painfully. They declared hundreds—perhaps thousands—of Russians on this front have suffered frozen feet.

Our interpreter was an American correspondent who speaks Russian. We were permitted to talk freely with the prisoners, who answered readily.

The seven men were the sole survivors of 69 who attempted to cross the Taipale river by boat. Finnish artillery smashed the boat and killed most of the Russians, while those wounded drowned in the icy water.

Two of the seven who reached the Finnish north bank were wounded. A splash of frozen blood still marked the face of the most talkative prisoner. Another nursed a wounded arm.

Their rough gray-brown overcoats were splashed with blood and torn by grenade fragments. All the prisoners were dirty and had a stubble of several days' growth of beard.

Their shoes, thin and of poor quality, accounted for the frozen feet. Only one wore the traditional Russian felt knee-high boots. One had wrapped his shoes with gunny-sacking. Their uniforms were of a cotton quilted material entirely unsuited for this kind of climate. Their overcoats were thick but were rough

and of poor quality. They wore cotton underwear.

All the prisoners were under-sized and gaunt. None was more than five feet seven inches tall. They all claimed they were reservists and some of them seemed to be at least 35 to 40 years old. They said they came from the Volga region and Yaroslavl and were not accustomed to live in woods.

They eagerly accepted cigarettes which I gave them. When one of the correspondents asked to buy Dimitri's steel helmet, he handed it over and casually accepted 100 Finnish marks (\$2) with no evident comprehension of its buying power, about equivalent to his month's salary in the Russian army.

On this front the Finns, who are expert woodsmen, terrorize the Russians at night. Parties of only three men, carrying little sub-machine guns weighing only eight pounds, slip across the river under cover of darkness, elude soviet sentries and cut loose with the guns on Russian camps.

In order to reassure their own men and try to frighten off the Finns, the Russians have begun running tanks around their larger camps in circles all through the night. But that can be done only where there are large openings in the forest.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF MONEY CHARGED

Riley Houston is held in the county jail following the filing of a charge of larceny by embezzlement against him.

Houston is accused of embezzling \$100 from his employer, Louis Pollin, local merchant.

panied by Ola Mae Hough; Girls' triple trio from Klamath Union high school, directed by C. R. Stanfield; solo, Comrade Miller of Chiloquin.

Guests of the post will include the national vice president of the auxiliary, Mrs. Ruth Mathabab of Alameda, Calif.; Oregon department president, Mrs. William Horsfall of Marshfield; Oregon department vice president, Mrs. Laura Goode of Portland; department secretary, Mrs. Mae Whitcomb of Portland; department treasurer, Mrs. Earl Templar of Klamath Falls, and the district president, Mrs. Peggy Young of Roseburg.

The department commander, Nell Allen of Grants Pass, and the district commander, Marvin Skipworth of Marshfield, will also be present. There will be a round table discussion with their two officers in the Legion hall Tuesday at 2 p. m. Following the Tuesday evening program both Allen and Skipworth will make brief addresses on affairs of interest to the Legion.

19 TRAFFIC FINES PAID ON PARKING

Nineteen traffic citations were answered at the desk sergeant's window of the police department Saturday morning as motorists continued to disregard parking laws within the designated area of the business district.

Charles Johnson, 41, logger, is held in the city jail on a drunk driving charge. He was arrested at South Sixth street and Shasta way Thursday by city police.

Four drunks and one person charged with disorderly conduct appeared in police court Saturday morning.

ROTARY OFFERS TO TAKE OVER PLAY PROJECT

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would be opposition to the recreation committee's plan for taking over the site as a city project.

This opposition came from persons who opposed use of the recreation fund, derived from a millage levy, for such purposes at this time. They want this money conserved for a swimming pool or other projects that would be beneficial to small children.

Mrs. A. A. Montgomery, wife of the councilman, was one of the active opponents of the recreation committee plan. She was not present at the meetings Friday, but Councilman Montgomery said he was certain the Rotary club offer removed all the features which were held objectionable by the critics of the plan.

Members of the council and the recreation committee were enthusiastic in their praise of the action of the Rotary club. They hailed it as a step toward civic cooperation in furthering recreation and park development, and anticipate that other service clubs may step into the picture to help develop this phase of community life.

Rotarians present included R. C. Groesbeck, Marshall Cornett, R. D. Eller, H. P. Bosworth Jr., and Keith Ambrose. The club

spokesman explained that the club welcomed the opportunity to take over the playground project as a club enterprise. The club will incorporate in order to handle the legal transactions in connection with its project.

Garner in Race For Presidency

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Vice President Garner announced today that he would accept the democratic nomination for president.

The announcement was made in a 14-word statement handed to newspaper men by friends of Garner here and in Uvalde, Tex., by the vice president himself.

Editorials On News

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Mussolini is probably saying to Hitler that after the mess he made by BLUFFING TOO FAR he needn't expect much Italian help.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—Wood to saw. Inquire Gilmore station, 6th and Oak. 1-6

FOR RENT—Garage, \$3 a month. 617 Commercial. 12-14

WOOD circulator heater. 2110 Garden. 12-19

MODERN COTTAGES—Reasonable rates. Pelican Auto Court. Phone 1194-J. 12-15

LOST—Key ring with 5 keys, reward, 1932 Portland. Phone 548-R. 12-18

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