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RUSSIANS BOMB FINN HOSPITAL

Americas Plan Protests

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CONSIDER this dispatch: "Russian warplanes raided the capital of Finland today (Thursday) as the soviet union, starting the fourth week of her Finnish invasion, observed Joseph Stalin's 60th birthday with celebrations throughout the nation. FIFTEEN BOMBS FELL ON A FIVE-BLOCK HOSPITAL AREA in Helsinki. Seven hospital structures were hit."

AT this point, a question is in order: How would YOU like to have YOUR BIRTHDAY celebrated in that manner?

LAUDATORY articles blanket the soviet (heel-dog) press today in observance of the anniversary of the birth of Stalin, hailing him as the man who has led the nation to socialism and will now lead it to communism.

Authentic report: More than 25,000 ARMY OFFICERS ALONE have been purged (murdered) because Stalin feared or just didn't like them. (Not to mention the other thousands "purged".)

The Stalin road to socialism and thence on to communism is a bloody one.

ANOTHER question: In his secret soul, what does Stalin think of communism?

Except Stalin, of course, (who WON'T) no one can answer that question. The probably correct answer is that he regards it as a convenient road to PERSONAL POWER.

OUR own politicians who preach the doctrine of something-for-nothing and take-it-away-from-the-other-fellow-without-working-for-it have the same idea.)

IF wise, you will SUSPECT those who promise you something for nothing (or something taken by force from the other fellow) and will RESPECT those who advise you that the way to get somewhere in the world and leave a good name behind is to work hard and intelligently, deal honestly and be considerate of the rights of others.

IF Attila the Hun, known as the Scourge of God (of whom it was said that the grass never grew again where his horses trod) had had a government-controlled press, it would have extolled him as fulsomely as the soviet press now extols Stalin.

FULSOME PRAISE FOR THE BOSS is the primary purpose of a government-controlled press.

THE only newspaper worthy of confidence is one that is controlled by AN HONEST AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED EDITOR.

LINE EXTENDED

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Press association said today it had learned that Germany's Siegfried line is being extended eastward from its southern end along the Rhine as far as Lake Constance. This extension is along the Swiss frontier.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Dec. 21, 1914—Germans continue march toward Warsaw.

Curfew for Cinderella



David Loeche, 26, a pencil salesman, and Maxine Montgomery, night club hat check girl are shown together several days ago when Maxine thought David was "David Kellogg," a millionaire playboy who wanted to marry her. His attempt to pass a check in a night club unmasked him, and now the romance is ended.

RESIGNATION OF NLRB SUGGESTED

Amendments to Wagner Act Also Sought by Congressman

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Rep. Ramspeck (D-Ga.) called today for the resignations of J. Warren Madden and Edwin S. Smith from the national labor relations board, and also proposed two major amendments to the Wagner Labor act.

Ramspeck, ranking democrat on the house labor committee, told reporters if Madden and Smith did not resign, congress should abolish the present three-man board and create a new one. William M. Leiserson is the third member.

"Madden and Smith, especially Smith, in my opinion have not carried out the will of congress even though they have tried to do an honest job," Ramspeck said.

"They seem to have the opinion down at the board that the act was created so they could help unions organize, rather than so that the right of a man to join a union could be legally protected.

He advocated these changes in the Wagner act:

Protection for small unions "which the board has permitted a larger union to take over in some instances."

Formal assurances employers will have the same right to ask for a collective bargaining election as their workers.

Last summer the board changed its regulations to permit employers to ask for election, but Ramspeck said that permission should be placed in the law itself "so the board won't be able to change its mind again."

Trainmen Killed In Nebraska Crash

RICHLAND, Neb., Dec. 21 (AP)—The engineer and fireman of Union Pacific's eastbound mail train No. 6 were killed last night as the locomotive and nine cars plunged from the track after striking a stalled automobile.

The body of fireman Albert "Lee" Roberts, Council Bluffs, Ia., was found today buried under the overturned locomotive which sheared off the edge of a grain elevator. Engineer David Jones, Omaha, was found late last night in a mass of tangled wreckage.

Record Flood Of Shoppers In Prospect

The Christmas shopping tide rolled in Thursday on Klamath's business district, and the augmented staffs of stores, big and little, were steeling themselves for a flood Friday and Saturday.

That may sound like disaster, but it isn't. The inundation will be welcome, and if it reaches expected proportions the 1939 Christmas shopping season will set a new record for business in Klamath Falls.

Adding to the happy prospects were ideal weather conditions on Thursday, which were expected by the government weather experts to continue through Friday and Saturday.

Stores from one end of the business district to the other were well filled with shoppers Thursday, but the final rush was promised for the forthcoming two days.

Although merchants laid in unusually large Christmas merchandise stocks for this season, some lines were beginning to run short, indicating the extent of the heavy buying.

In general, stores will be open Thursday and Friday night until 8 o'clock, and on Saturday night many will stay open until 9 o'clock with others later than that.

Some of the stores will be open on Sunday.

Airplane Parking Lot Makes Profit

BEDFORD, Ind., Dec. 21 (AP)—The proper admixture of enterprise and imagination pays dividends, Arnold Paolini has learned.

Paolini, who has a gasoline station and a hot dog stand south of here on the Dixie highway, decided to expand. He opened a "parking lot" for airplanes in a field just across the road.

Now many southern Indiana plane owners stop at Paolini's and take on fuel and food.

NO EMERGENCY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Colonel F. C. Harrington, WPA administrator, told his press conference today the general relief picture was improving and he would not ask for an emergency appropriation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

INVASIONS OF SAFETY ZONE TO BE CITED

Germany Asks Release of Interned Crew of Graf Spee in Argentina

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 21 (AP)—The 21 American republics who signed the declaration of Panama, including the United States, will protest jointly to Europe's belligerent nations today or tomorrow against extension of warfare into the pan-American neutrality "safety zone," it was authoritatively reported here late today.

Informants usually reliable said the protest probably would be announced in Washington or Panama, the seat of the permanent organization created at the pan-American neutrality conference in October.

The protest, it was said, would be based on the running battle eight days ago off Uruguay's coast between the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee and three British cruisers.

This battle was well within the "safety zone" limit drawn by the American republics around the American continents, within which the European belligerents were asked not to carry their warfare.

BERLIN, Dec. 21 (AP)—Germany protested today to the Argentine government against internment of officers and crew of the scuttled pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

A communique by DNB, official German news agency, said Germany called Argentina's attention to the fact shipwrecked crews of belligerent states customarily are released after reaching neutral ports.

It cited as a precedent that The Netherlands government released survivors of the Aboukir, Crossay and Hogue, British ships which were torpedoed in one day in 1914 with loss of more than 1200 lives.

Germany contends the Admiral Graf Spee's men similarly should be classed as "shipwrecked."

There still was no official comment on the German liner Columbus, scuttled by her crew southeast of New York.

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 21 (AP)—Foreign office attaches said today that Argentina "naturally would receive and carefully study any protest of the German government" over internment of officers and men of the scuttled pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee.

They indicated, however, an exhaustive research of international law practices had been made before the internment decree was signed.

Status of Crew Of Scuttled Liner Study by Officers

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (AP)—Behind closed doors in a building on Ellis Island six inspectors today began questioning the survivors of the scuttled German liner Columbus to determine their status under the immigration laws.

The examination of the seamen was expected to require at least two days. Byron E. Uhl, New York district director of immigration, said the task was rendered more difficult because the usual crew list was not available, it presumably having gone down with the Columbus.

Agents of the federal bureau of investigation were sitting in on the inquiry to determine whether any of the survivors were members of the German naval or military intelligence service.

Uhl explained that "while we want to make things as pleasant as possible for the survivors they will not be permitted to receive mail or other communications or to have visitors until their status is determined."

A representative of the German consulate and officials of the Hamburg-American North German Lloyd line were at Ellis Island conferring with the master of the Columbus and other officers.

Maxwell Reward Distributed



It will be a merrier Christmas for at least two Klamath Falls families because of the distribution of reward money in the Sonny Maxwell disappearance case. Here Police Judge Carl Cook is handing Teddy Hamilton, 5, his part of the reward—\$75—for telling officers he saw Sonny fall into the hole from which his body was later recovered. At the right is Mrs. E. W. Tomlin, who gave further and highly important information that prompted an investigation of the deep bore. She received \$50.

FINLAND SEEKING LOAN IN AMERICA

McNary Inclined to Approve Grant for Governmental Uses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Reports Finland is seeking a \$50,000,000 loan from the United States government brought a statement from Senator McNary of Oregon, the republican leader, today that he would favor a substantial loan "for governmental purposes."

"In view of Finland's attitude in keeping her money covenants with this government, I think we could afford to lend that country a substantial sum of money for governmental purposes," McNary told reporters.

While he did not define the phrase "for governmental purposes," McNary indicated that he doubted the wisdom of making a loan which could be used to buy war materials for use against invading Russian armies.

Representatives of the Finnish government were said to have sounded out congressional leaders on the proposal after they were unsuccessful in obtaining Wall street financing for such a sum.

Although these representatives were described as restrained in their discussions, one member of congress who was approached said he gained the distinct impression the Finns felt they could not long hold out against Russia's overwhelming forces unless they were given more than moral support.

Netherlands Air Force in Battle

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 21 (AP)—Netherlands planes fought an air battle with aircraft of undetermined foreign nationality today in full view of hundreds of residents of Utrecht.

The engagement started about noon. The invaders were reported to have come from the east where The Netherlands borders Germany.

A smoke curtain was dropped by the foreign fighters, who equipped under this protection. Heavy firing was heard from anti-aircraft guns and plumes of smoke from shells were seen.

Russian Tanks Freeze up in Arctic Cold

By ALVIN J. STEINKOPF COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21 (AP)—Arctic cold ranging to 25 degrees below zero is congealing both the oil of soviet Russia's war machine in the far north and, in part, the 24-hour battle-schedule ordered apparently as a "birthday present" for Joseph Stalin.

Finnish circles welcomed the news from above the Arctic circle that violent storms had set in. One report from Norwegian quarters was that more than 200 Russian tanks in northern sectors were stalled by temperatures almost solidifying the oil in their crankcases.

The invaders were said to have been hardest hit south of Kirkenes, Norway, on the extreme northern Finnish frontier, paralyzed by cold in the flimsy portable shelters they brought with them on their drive to sever Arctic communications.

A Kirkenes dispatch said a wound sustained in what feeble combat there was in the far north virtually meant death because the wounded froze before they could be removed to proper shelter.

Advices from Svanvik were that a number of Spanish and Italian aviators had taken their places with the Finns for attempts to blast the Murmansk railway which parallels the eastern Finnish border and upon which the red forces in the far north were largely dependent for supplies.

The Svanvik dispatches said the Russians had been stopped 30 miles south of Saimijarvi. This would be in the region of the Finns' "Lapland Mannerheim" line on which they counted to defend northern Finland.

From the more active fronts, in the Karelian isthmus and in central Finland, Finnish officers reported that in dead and prisoners the Finns were inflicting 50 times as much damage on the Russians as the Finns were suffering.

Temperature Hits New Season Low

Mercury slipped to a new low of 23 degrees—a notch under the previous low record for this season—on the government thermometer here Thursday morning.

The forecast was for another chilly night, with bright skies and sunshine Friday.

BRITAIN ARMS TO DEFEND SHIPPING

German Aerial Attacks in North Sea Area Hit 35 Ships in Three Days

LONDON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Great Britain assembled ships and fighting planes today to protect her unarmed North Sea fishing fleet as a result of German aerial attacks in which 35 vessels have been bombed, torpedoed or machine-gunned in three days.

Defensive armoring also was considered for the fishermen, on whom insular Britain depends for an important supplement to her meat supply.

The crews of trawlers engaged in minesweeping and anti-submarine activities will be given a "hard-lying" bonus, retroactive to the outbreak of the war, it was disclosed by Geoffrey Shakespeare, parliamentary secretary, of the admiralty. Such bonuses are paid for exceptionally difficult, dangerous and uncomfortable work.

The admiralty called the enlistment of telegraph and wireless operators "until the end of the period of the present emergency."

The Evening News said it understood mysterious flares which lighted the sky for miles (Continued on Page Two)

Japs Near Defeat At Nanning, Claim

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (AP)—A Chinese army spokesman declared today that Japanese forces holding Nanning, strategic south China military center, had been isolated and that the Japanese army was on the eve of a major defeat in the Nanning area.

The spokesman said Japanese units attempting to advance north and northeast of Nanning had been driven back to within ten miles of the city and that communications between Nanning and the coast to the south had been cut.

The Japanese army captured Nanning, former capital of Kwangsi province, Nov. 24 in a drive from the south China coast. It intended to cut China's highway outlets to French Indo-China and British Burma.

HEAVY LOSSES INFLICTED ON REDS ON LAND

"Celebration" of Stalin's Birthday Marked by Gigantic Attack

By THOMAS F. HAWKINS HELSINKI, Dec. 21 (AP)—Russian fliers today bombed a hospital area of Helsinki, attacked towns and villages for 25 miles around and machine-gunned two trains in a day in which Finnish land forces were officially reported to have wiped out two battalions of Russians.

In the land fighting, an army communique said, the Finns either threw back the invaders with heavy losses or continued their own advances and captured or destroyed 20 tanks and a wide variety of arms, ammunition and equipment.

In the day's aerial operations, two Russian planes were reported shot down over Helsinki, where the invaders bombed a hospital dormitory, heavily damaged a school for the blind and struck seven out of 10 other hospital buildings.

Only two persons were injured and none was killed in the Helsinki hospital area, though more than 30 bombs rained upon it, but there were deaths in the attacks outside the capital.

Two persons, officials said, were killed aboard the Turko-Helsinki express, one of two trains machine-gunned, while several died in one city where ten bombs were dropped.

Summarizing the war on land in a communique tonight on yesterday's operations, the army said:

On the Karelian isthmus—The Russians suffered heavy losses and were stopped in their tracks in a daylong battle.

On the eastern front—An "enemy" battalion was destroyed completely between Lieksa and Repala. Lieksa is about 125 miles north of Lake Ladoga and 20 miles from the border with Russia.

On the upper eastern front—Russians were defeated in two different places; a battalion being "annihilated" in one and "a great loss" being sustained in the other. In the one, the communique said, "the enemy lost 600 killed on the battlefield."

In the Arctic—Finnish troops reached Hoybenjarvi, across the Jorandi river, a place near the Norwegian frontier about 60 miles south of Finland's Arctic coast.

(A London dispatch from Moscow said the Russian war communique for the second day in succession made no claim of gains in Finland and Norwegians reported seeing Russians moving northward in the far north from (Continued on Page Two)

Letter Returned 21 Years After Brother Killed

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Miss Emma Williams drew the mail from a box in an apartment house yesterday. Suddenly she stared at one envelope. Then she wept a little.

There was a letter she mailed 21 years ago to a brother, Oscar Birkland, who was serving in France with the 137th Infantry. He died of wounds, some months after returning to the United States from France.

Clues to its journeyings mostly were undecipherable or had been erased. There was a purple notation "wounded 10-18 Tours." Several illegible red ink marks and Miss Williams' present address.

"He must have been in a hospital when the letter got to France," she said, "and they didn't find him with it."

"I don't even remember what's in the letter. I'd like to know—in a way. But I'm never going to open it," she added.

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