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WEATHER

Monday's Maximum 40
High 32; low 20
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m.0.00
Season to date7.54
Normal precipitation5.54
Last year to date4.43



COLD

THREE BRITISH U-BOATS SUNK

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

FIRE ravages the Japanese city of Shizuoka, tea-shipping center not far from Tokyo. EIGHT THOUSAND homes and business buildings lie in smoking ruins. There are two known dead and 80,000 homeless.

Insurance companies estimate their loss at 25 million yen (around five million dollars). The catch is that only a part of the loss is covered by insurance. When you work for only a few cents a day, as the Japanese do, you can't spare much for insurance premiums.

CHINA'S war losses, Japanese-inflicted and so immense as to make the Shizuoka fire look like the mere scratching of a match, are not insured.

War can't be insured against.

TENSION on the Belgium-Holland border eases as Russian-Scandinavian tension tightens. (These developments are probably related. If Hitler has to help Stalin lick the Swedes and the Norwegians, along with the Finns, he won't be anxious to take on any more fighting fronts.)

THE soviet radio accuses Sweden of "forcing her unemployed to fight for Finland." That sounds almost as absurd as the soviet claim that little Finland deliberately attacked big Russia, but is interesting for this reason:

In these days of undeclared wars of conquest, we've come to associate the making of absurd claims with the desire to take somebody's shirt.

FORMER PREMIER PAUL VAN ZEELAND, of Belgium, speaking in Brussels, urges small Belgian manufacturers to seek markets in the United States, where, he says, there are "immense possibilities of development."

Quote that statement (which comes from a foreigner) to the next jolly American who tries to tell you that the great days of U. S. prosperity are over and that in the future we must pull in our belts and live on short rations as the Europeans do.

OREGON, in 1939, produced more gold than in any year since mining began in the state. Ask yourself this question:

If Oregon, in 1939, can produce more gold than in the bonanza days of the 1850's, why isn't it possible for the United States to PRODUCE MORE JOBS than in the bonanza days of the 1920's?

Then see if you can answer your own question.

Arrest Solves Robbery Of Dorris Postoffice Safe

Sheriff Ben Richardson of Shastacounty reports the solution of the Dorris postoffice robbery in the arrest at Watsonville of Raymond Joseph Alvino.

Sheriff Richardson had Alvino under suspicion since the robbery last November. Reading in a newspaper of Alvino's arrest at Watsonville, he wired a Watsonville officer to question Alvino about the Dorris "job."

Alvino readily admitted that he robbed the postoffice at Dorris and later stole a car belonging to Dr. M. D. Gray, which he abandoned later near Dorris. He said he pried a panel off the postoffice door to gain entrance.

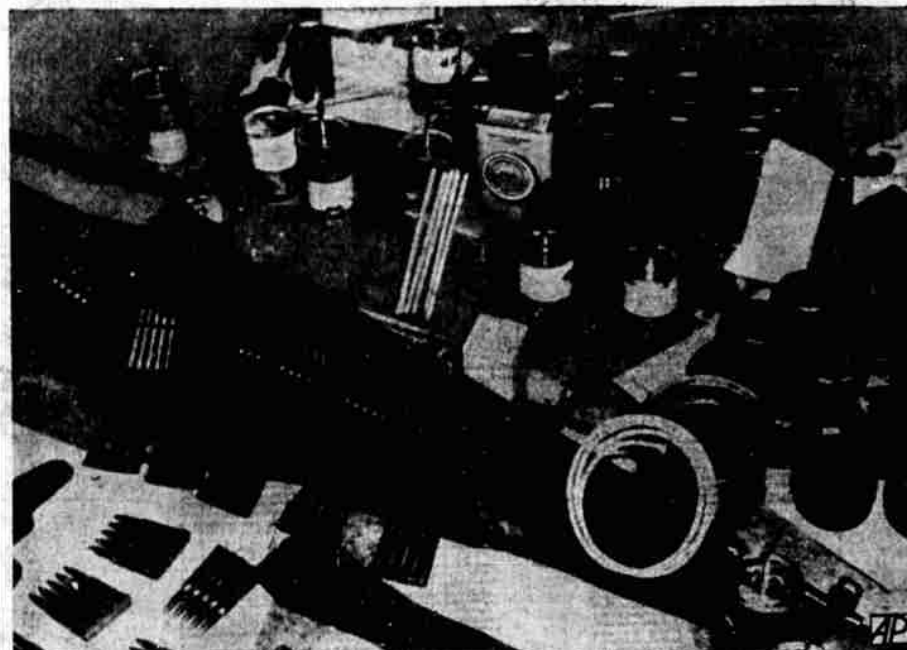
About \$200 was obtained from the postoffice safe in the Dorris robbery.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 16, 1915—Heavy pressure against Turkish armies in Caucasus.

Hoover Names Them Plot Leaders; 'Bomb Factory'



J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief named John F. Cassidy (upper left), and William Gerald Bishop (upper right), leaders of an alleged plot to overthrow the United States government. They are shown after their arraignment in New York. Seventeen men were arrested and all who were arraigned pleaded innocent. Lower picture shows what Hoover called the "bomb manufacturing plant in the basement of the John A. Viebrock home in Brooklyn" where bombs were made by members of the "Christian Front" for use in a revolution against the federal government.

CONGRESS SLASHES PRESIDENT'S BILL

Two Agencies Denied Appropriations; Later Action Probable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Completely denying funds for two agencies created by President Roosevelt, the house appropriations committee slashed budget estimates for the government's "independent offices" today by \$94,492,166.

In recommending that congress appropriate only \$1,100,212,397 of the \$1,194,704,473 asked by Mr. Roosevelt, the committee trimmed \$75,000,000 from the maritime commission's estimate of \$200,000,000 for the ship construction fund.

Because of contract authorizations, however, it appeared this saving was only temporary and would have to be restored later under the 10-year ship building program.

In line with this, the committee approved a \$150,000,000 increase in the commission's contract authorization raising it to a total of \$595,000,000. If approved by congress this would mean the commission could contract to spend that total sum of money in advance of appropriations.

The effect of the \$25,000,000 cut, therefore, would be to keep that amount off this year's treasury balance sheet, and that might help to hold the federal debt within the present \$45,000,000,000 limit.

The national resources planning board and the office of government reports—formerly the national emergency council—were the Roosevelt agencies denied funds by the committee. These offices were transferred to the White House under the reorganization plan last summer.

17 Remain in Jail as FBI Seeks Others

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (AP)—A wobegone group of 17 men accused of plotting to overthrow the United States government fretted in jail today, unable to raise \$50,000 bail each, as federal agents sought other alleged conspirators of the "revolutionary" syndicate.

While federal, state, national guard and New York City police authorities pressed investigations of the fantastic scheme to launch an anti-semitic program, assassinate a dozen congressmen and set up a Hitleresque dictatorship in this country, jail attendants described the 17 prisoners as greatly subdued.

All pleaded innocent yesterday when they were arraigned on a charge of seditious conspiracy, mumbling their pleas with the exception of blond, long-nosed William C. Bishop, alleged ring leader.

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10 Weeks Remain For Candidates to File For Primary

About 10 weeks remain for candidates to complete their filings if they want to run for office in the primaries. It was pointed out at the county clerk's office Tuesday, April 1 is the filing deadline.

Registration deadline for the May 17 primary is April 16.

The political mill turned out another candidate for circuit judge Tuesday, when A. C. Yaden made his formal announcement. Yaden filed his declaration with the state offices at Salem simultaneously with the release of his announcement statement, which appears elsewhere in today's paper.

NEW ADVANTAGE SEEN FOR FINNS

Russian Troop Supplies Strain Railroad Space as Cold Curbs War

By WADE WERNER WITH FINNISH FORCES ON THE KARELIAN Isthmus, Jan. 16 (AP)—Soviet Russia's difficulties in sending supplies to her forces of invasion on the Karelian front may prove as helpful to the Finns here as the paralyzing cold has on other fronts.

A Finnish colonel, who chatted with this correspondent in a snug dugout with the temperature outside 25 degrees below zero, attributed slackening of warfare on the Isthmus to Russian transport inadequacy and added there were indications some of the red troops were receiving short rations and these only frozen meat and bread.

The colonel said the Isthmus terrain was "overloaded" with red soldiers—he estimated the number at 400,000—and said: "A very heavy strain must have been placed on the railway lines to Leningrad which are needed now both for the population of the city itself and for (Continued on Page Seven)

Crowd Expected at Chamber Dinner

With Circuit Judge Arthur D. Hay as the speaker, a large crowd was expected at the annual banquet of the Klamath county junior chamber of commerce scheduled for Tuesday evening at the Elk hotel.

A highlight of the evening will be an announcement of the junior chamber award to the outstanding young man in civic activity in Klamath county in 1939.

F. R. Backs Finn Credits

NO DANGER TO U. S. SEEN IN AID PROPOSAL

Neutrality Act Not Yet Invoked Because War Undeclared, Claim

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt asserted today the neutrality act was not being invoked in the Finnish-Russian conflict because at present it is an undeclared war.

Talking to reporters at his press conference, the chief executive did not amplify the suggestion he dispatched to congress a few hours earlier than the export-import bank be authorized to finance non-military credits to Finland. In the letter in which he made that suggestion he also gave assurance that such action would not "threaten any so-called involvement" in European wars.

He told his press conference his remark about not invoking the neutrality act was the easiest answer to a question on whether he had anything to say on why the pact should not be invoked.

While making it plain that he considered the matter one in which congress should take the initiative, the chief executive wrote in identical letters to Vice President Garner and Speaker Bankhead:

"It seems to me that the most reasonable approach would be action by the congress authorizing an increase in the revolving credit fund of the export-import bank . . . to enable it to finance exportation of agricultural surpluses and manufactured products, not including implements of war."

He tied in with this suggestion the question of establishing policy covering other expected loan applications, saying that "this government will have early occasion to consider a number of applications for loans to citizens and small countries abroad, especially in Scandinavia and South America."

The chief executive declared that the matter of extending credit to Finland was wholly within the jurisdiction of congress.

On the question of granting assistance to the Finns, Mr. Roosevelt wrote:

"There is without doubt in the United States a great desire for some action to assist Finland to finance the purchase of agricultural products."

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Finnish Relief Program Stated On Pelican Stage

A "swell" movie, a side splitting act by the Gay Nineties orchestra, musical numbers and dancing skits, are included in the program to be presented tonight at the Pelican theatre for the Finnish relief fund.

All proceeds for afternoon and evening performances will go to the fund. It was announced by Mrs. Rose M. Poole, member of the Finnish relief committee and head of the Klamath theatres.

The picture, "Intermezzo," will star the lovely Swedish actress, Ingrid Bergman, already a favorite of Scandinavians in this country as well as abroad. Co-starring with Miss Bergman is Leslie Howard and from all reviews of the picture, it bids fair to be one of the finest of the year.

Incidentally the Finnish relief benefit is being given at the Pelican on the 11th anniversary of the theatre's opening.

Tickets will not be sold in advance, but an exceptionally good turnout is anticipated and patrons are advised to come early and enjoy the special program between the first and second shows of the evening performance.

In addition to the Gay Nineties orchestra skit, to be presented in costume, Mrs. S. Meade Badger will sing Scandinavian songs, and students of the Moldovan school will dance.

Final plans for the show, and the dance to be given at the armory Saturday, February 10, were made at a meeting of the Finnish relief committee Monday night called by C. E. Carlson, chairman.

War Against Polio?



Pretty little Elaine McClellan, 14-year-old high school student at Sacred Heart academy, smiles at Samuel P. Miller as he drops a coin in the little March of Dimes bank to start the drive for the infantile paralysis fund. Miller is chairman of the president's ball committee, the dance scheduled for January 27 at the armory. Elaine realizes the benefits of treatment for infantile paralysis as she was a victim of the disease in 1927. After many years of help from various agencies she is now able to walk. Miller stated the March of Dimes banks were installed throughout the county this weekend.

Chamberlain Denies Force Brought Dismissal of War Minister, Reviews Events

LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons today it was "pure invention" to suggest there had been pressure on him from the army to displace Leslie Hore-Belisha, dropped from the cabinet in the shakeup of January 5.

The prime minister spoke to a packed and frequently cheering house which had gathered to hear both sides explain the sensational dismissal of the war secretary.

The prime minister in reply to a question said, "I deny that I asked the secretary for war to take another office . . . on account of prejudice aroused by the fact that he was a Jew."

Previously Hore-Belisha declared he was "reluctant to believe" that high army officers would have made "representations" that led to Chamberlain's decision.

Making a "personal statement," Hore-Belisha professed a desire "to clear those who have worked with me of any aspersion" of knifing him in the back with the prime minister.

"It did not occur to me," he declared discussing his administration of the war secretaryship, "to consider that we were making an army too democratic to fight for a democracy."

An indication of the change had been contemplated before it was made, was seen in Chamberlain's statement he had been aware of difficulties, but "I thought the change could best be effected when I had to make other changes at the same time."

Reviewing the war, Chamberlain made the following points:

1. Export of war materials to Finland has been authorized and although it is not in the public interest to give particulars, the amounts involved are "substantial."

2. Economic and financial agreements among Turkey, France and England were signed in Paris January 8, including a 25,000,000 pound (\$100,000,000) loan to (Continued on Page Seven)

Former Husband Of Joan Bennett Poison Victim

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16 (AP)—Film Actress Joan Bennett's first husband, John Marion Fox, 33, lay gravely ill in a hospital today, a victim of poisoning from an overdose of sleeping tablets. Fox is a former Seattle broker.

"I didn't like the idea of Joan Bennett being married to that other guy," Fox was quoted as saying by Dr. A. D. Trotter, police surgeon.

Miss Bennett was married last week in Phoenix, Ariz., to Walter Wanger, motion picture producer.

Efforts to locate her were unsuccessful, but her sister, Barbara, appeared at the hospital and was admitted to Fox's room.

Attendants reported he coughed from his stupor momentarily and whispered "God Bless You, Barbara."

SMALL RAIDERS DESTROYED OFF GERMAN COAST

Admiralty Admits Worst Loss Since Sinking of Armed Liner

By HUGH WAGNON LONDON, Jan. 16 (AP)—The loss of three British submarines, the Seahorse, Starfish and Undine, was acknowledged today by the admiralty, marking Germany's first victories over Britain's undersea fleet.

An official statement said the three vessels "have been engaged on particularly hazardous service and the admiralty fears they must now be regarded as lost."

"The German wireless has announced that part of the crews of the Undine and Starfish have been rescued," the admiralty said. The three submarines normally carried a total of 107 men but total casualties were not known.

The Berlin communique covering yesterday's action said "The British U-boats Starfish and Undine were destroyed through German defense measures in German (Heligoland) Bight," but did not mention the Seahorse.

The loss of the three submarines was the greatest blow suffered by the British navy since the German pocket battleship Deutschland sank the armed British raider Rawalpindi with a loss of 280 lives last Nov. 25.

Each of the three submarines cost approximately \$1,000,000.

The Undine was a sister ship of the Ursula, which the British said a month ago sank a German cruiser of the Koeln class Dec. 14.

Apparently the Undine and Starfish were working as a team as did the Salmon and the Ursula.

The admiralty reported that the Salmon sank a German submarine Dec. 12, let the liner Bremen pass the same day rather than attack without warning and the next day struck the 6000-ton (Continued on Page Seven)

Candidate Held As Louisianans Mark Ballots

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16 (AP)—Police detention of one of the principal gubernatorial candidates was reported today as Louisiana voters decided the fate of the 12-year-old Huey P. Long political dynasty.

State Senator James A. Noe, the candidate, and two aides were taken to a police station by officers after they had made pictures of what Noe contended was a vote irregularity.

"They won't book me," Senator Noe said at the station, as he summoned attorneys. The police, however, had jailed Scott Wilson, Noe's publicity representative, and William Vann, a photographer, on charges of disturbing the peace. They were released an hour later on parole.

"There is a gallery overlooking the booths at that precinct," Noe said, "and our people had protested that persons were standing up there looking down and seeing how the voters were marking their ballots."

Voting was heavy before 7 a. m. in the New Orleans residential districts. Numerous irregularities were reported to the local arbitration committee before three hours had passed.

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